



WEEKLY FISHING REPORTS

WATER Evergreen Lake



FISHING REPORT DATE: 4-30-04

WATER CONDITIONS: water temp is 55 to 60 degrees; lake level is at pool and stained

FISH: bass ... fair; using crankbaits in the coves

FISH: bluegill ... fair; most about 6 to 7 inches in size; using waxies near weeds or brush

FISH: crappie ... fair; most 7 to 10 inches in size; using jigs or minnows in 6 to 8 foot deep water and around the deeper brush piles in coves

FISH: muskie ... fair to slow; most about 33 to 36 inches in size; using natural colored twitched crankbaits off the deep water timbered shorelines

FISH: saugeye ... slow to fair; using jigs and minnows around the flats

FISH: yellow bass ... fair; using minnows near the pumphouse

NOTES: Larry Dozard invites everyone to stop by Larry's Fishing Hole and enjoy the fishing right here in central Illinois.

FISHING REPORT DATE: 4-23-04

WATER CONDITIONS:

FISH: bass ... fair to slow; using jigs and minnows in the coves

FISH: bluegill ... fair; sizes ranging from 6 to 7 inches; using waxies and catching them near weeds or brush

FISH: crappie ... fair; most are 7 to 10 inches; using jigs or minnows; best fishing is in 6 to 8 foot of water and around brush piles in western coves

FISH: muskie ... slow; using crank and twitchbaits in backs of coves

FISH: saugeye ... slow to fair; using jigs and minnows around flats

FISH: catfish ... acouple caught on cut baits around the swimming beach area

FISHING REPORT DATE: 4-16-04

WATER CONDITIONS:

FISH: crappie ... slow-fair; some found in 6 feet with others at 16 feet near brush

FISH: bluegill ... fair-slow; using waxies

FISH: saugeye ... slow-fair; using jigs and night crawlers or minnows in evenings near swim beach

FISH: bass ... slow

FISH: muskie ... slow-fair; using stickbaits in coves

FISHING REPORT DATE: 4/6/04

WATER CONDITIONS: lake level is at pool and stained with temps 47 degrees out in lake and 50 degrees in back of coves

FISH: bass ... slow; using jigs or stickbaits; best fishing in coves

FISH: bluegills ... fair to slow; around 6 inches; using waxies; best fishing near weeds or brush

FISH: crappie ... fair; most 7 to 8 inches; using jigs or minnows; best fishing in 6 feet of water around brush piles in western coves, but bigger fish 9 to 11 inches still out in 18 to 20 feet water on brush

FISH: muskie ... slow to fair; using crank and twitchbaits; best fishing in backs of coves

FISH: saugeye ... slow; using jigs and minnows; best fishing around flats

FISH: yellow bass ... very active near pumphouse using minnows

FISHING REPORT DATE: 03-31-04

WATER CONDITIONS: normal pool, stained, high 40 degrees

FISH: largemouth bass ... spotty, 12 to 15 inches; using jigs and deep cranks; boat/bank; best off points

FISH: crappie ... spotty to fair, 7 to 9 inches; using jigs and minnows; boat/bank; best around deeper timber and brush piles 18 to 20 feet deep

FISH: bluegill ... spotty to fair, 6 inches; using waxies; boat/bank; best near weeds or brush

FISHING REPORT DATE: 03-30-04

WATER CONDITIONS: Temp: mid to upper 40's; Level: 2-3" above normal pool; Clarity: 0-1' Upper End 1-2' Lower End

FISH: Some crappies are being caught in the western coves, (Mallard, White Pines, Two Cedars) on jig and minnow or plain jigs in 4-6' of water around brush piles.

FISH: Muskies are still fairly slow with some reports of follows, mostly on the lower end of the lake by the spillway.

NOTES: Last week the IDNR conducted their annual netting survey, and the results were very encouraging. A total of sixty-four muskies and fifty-nine saugeye were taken during the survey. Numbers were similar to previous years. Biggest muskie was around 27lbs./45 in. and biggest saugeye was 10 1/2 lbs./29in. There were a lot of muskies in the 10-12lb./35-37 in. range. We saw a lot of year classes represented in the saugeyes. Fish ranged from the 13-14 in. range all the way up to four fish that would have topped the current state record (see attached photo). Big saugeye came from the Big Flats, Campground Cove & east side of Swimming Beach. In year's past only about half of the nets would produce fish a lot of fish . This year it seemed like all of the nets produced at least some fish. All the fish netted looked very healthy. All in all the muskie and saugeye fishery looks to be doing just fine!
