



# Lake Le-Aqua-Na

## FISHERIES STATUS SUMMARY

**LOCATION** – Lake Le-Aqua-Na is located in Stephenson County three miles north of Lena on Lake Road.

**DESCRIPTION** – Lake Le-Aqua-Na is a 43 surface acre impoundment with a maximum depth of 25 feet and an average depth of 11.6 feet. The lake was built in 1955. It has a watershed of 2,300 acres and 1.4 miles of shoreline. Le-Aqua-Na first opened to fishing in 1957. It was rehabilitated and restocked in 1977 following a severe winter fish kill. Boating is allowed with electric trolling motors only. The lake has one paved boat ramp and parking lot.

**STATUS OF THE SPORT FISHERY** – Lake Le-Aqua-Na receives an annual stocking of Channel catfish and Northern Pike. Below is a description of the fishery.

**LARGEMOUTH BASS** – Largemouth bass were captured at a rate of 32 fish per hour of electrofishing. 24% of the Largemouth bass sampled were 14 inches or larger. Largemouth bass 11-14 inches long accounted for another 14% of the sample, these fish will provide for good fishing in the up-coming year.

**NORTHERN PIKE** – The Spring trap netting catch was 2 fish per net night. The largest fish sampled in 2015 was a 30.5 inch male that weighed 5.15 pounds. The average size Northern pike from spring trap nets in 2015 was 23 inches and weighed 2.4 pounds.

**CRAPPIE** – Black crappie are the only species of crappie found in Le-Aqua-Na. The crappie population at Le-Aqua-Na has been poor due to overpopulation of small 4-7 inch fish. In the summer of 2015 a crappie only die off occurred, killing mostly only fish in the 4-7 inch range. The die off was caused by a bacterial infection. The die off should provide more food availability for the remaining crappie, providing a better fishery in the future.

**FISHING REGULATIONS** – Statewide fishing regulations apply at this lake (see current Illinois Fishing Information booklet and IFISHILLINOIS website <http://www.ifishillinois.org/> for specific details).

Additional Site Specific fishing regulations:

- All Fish . . . . . 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only
- Large or Smallmouth Bass . . . . . 1 Fish Daily Creel Limit (14" Minimum Length Limit)
- Bluegill or Redear Sunfish . . . . . No Daily Creel Limit (No Minimum Length Limit)
- Channel Catfish . . . . . 6 Fish Daily Creel Limit (No Minimum Length Limit)
- Northern Pike . . . . . 3 Fish Daily creel Limit (24" Minimum Length Limit)
- White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie . . . . . 10 Fish Daily Creel Limit (No Minimum Length Limit)

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