



## PARIS TWIN LAKES 2016 FISHERIES FACT SHEET



**LOCATION:** The Paris Twin Lakes are located on the north edge of the City of Paris in Edgar County and consist of a separate east lake (163 acres) and west lake (57 acres).

**DESCRIPTION:** These two lakes combine to cover 220 surface acres with a maximum depth of 21 feet and average depth of 8.4 feet. Public boat launching facilities are available on each lake and the City of Paris (217-465-7601) collects a boating access fee. All tournaments must be scheduled through [ifishillinois.org](http://ifishillinois.org).

**CONCESSION:** trailer park (no tents), beach, city parks, restaurants, convenience stores, and hotels are available.

**MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES:** The fish populations of the Paris Twin Lakes are intensively surveyed every two years, primarily by electrofishing. The fish are measured, weighed, and scales collected for aging before releasing the fish alive. Hybrid striped bass and saugeye populations, stocked annually through the IDNR hatcheries, are surveyed annually.

**FISHERY STATUS:** **Largemouth bass** are abundant with bass from ½-3 lbs. common. Fish over 6 lbs. are caught on occasion. The number of bass collected was slightly higher in 2014 (231) compared to 2012 (194). The collection rate averaged 1.67 bass (age 1+ and older)/minute in 2014 with the largest bass collected, 21” and 6.4 lbs. Fishing quality is rated as excellent for both size structure and density for 2016!

**Crappie**, both white and black crappie are moderate in abundance. Anglers may catch crappie up to 13+ inches and 1+ pounds. Fishing prospects for 2016 are good.

**Saugeye** (sauger X walleye hybrids) were initially stocked in 2010. Saugeye are increasing in abundance with anglers reporting good catches of 14”+ saugeye. The 2014 and 2015 year classes look strong, with an average from both lakes of 39/hr. collected in 2015. Fishing quality is rated as good for 2016 as this population is developing well.

**Hybrid striped bass** were initially stocked in 2010. Numbers of hybrid striped bass have been caught in recent years by fishermen. Catch rates of hybrid striped bass have been low in recent surveys, but an 11.7 lbs. fish was collected from the west lake in 2015. Fishing quality is rated as fair-good for 2016.

**Channel catfish** are stocked by IDNR hatcheries and very abundant in these lakes. The average catch goes from 3/4 - 5 lbs., with the occasional fish over 10 pounds caught. Good numbers were collected in 2014. Fishing prospects are rated as excellent for 2016!

**Flathead catfish** are low in abundance. Fishermen catch a few large flatheads infrequently. Catch and release for flathead catfish is encouraged. Fishing quality is rated as poor-fair.

**Common carp** are abundant with fish exceeding 10 lbs. Fishing quality is rated as good. Bow fishing is allowed.

**Bluegill** fishing is fair. Few fish exceed 7.5 inches, but most have a heavy body weight.

**Yellow bass, longear sunfish, green sunfish, and yellow bullheads** are present, but are seldom harvested by fishermen due to the small size attained by most of these species. **Gizzard shad** and **golden shiners** are the primary forage.

**REGULATIONS:** All statewide regulations are in effect. The entire West Lake is always no wake. The East Lake is no wake before 10 a.m or after sunset with a speed limit of 35 m.p.h.

Species	Daily Harvest Limits	Length Limits
<b>All</b>	<b>2 pole and line only with no more than 2 hooks or lures per pole</b>	
<b>Largemouth</b> or Smallmouth Bass	6	14-inch minimum
<b>Saugeye</b> , walleye, sauger	6	14-inch minimum
<b>Hybrid striped bass</b>	No limit (less than 17 inches)	Only 3 fish 17 inches or larger
<b>Channel Catfish</b>	6	None
<b>Carp</b>	<b><u>bow and arrow, pitchforks, and gigs allowed</u></b>	

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