



GILLESPIE OLD CITY LAKE

2013 Lake Status Summary



Gillespie Old City Lake is owned by the City of Gillespie, and is cooperatively managed with the IDNR-Fisheries. The cooperative management agreement was solidified between the two groups on July 24, 1985. This small water body is predominantly used for recreational fishing only.

LOCATION – 3 miles northwest of Gillespie, IL. in Macoupin County.

AREA – 71 acres ; shoreline length 5 miles ; watershed 3,300 acres ; maximum depth 21 feet ; average depth 8.8 feet.

DESCRIPTION – This lake has a trolling motor only regulation. There is one concrete ramp on the north end of the impoundment. There is also camping available at this site.

STATUS OF THE SPORT FISHERY – Approximately 14 species occupy this fertile water body. Only Channel Catfish are stocked periodically via IDNR-Fisheries at this time. Below are species that do well in this fishery.

LARGEMOUTH BASS – The fall 2013 sample yielded 52 bass in one hour of shocking. These fish ranged from 4” to 21”, and weighed up to 5.1 lbs. 13 (25%) were 15”, 7 (14%) topped 18”, and 2 (4%) exceeded 20” in total length.

CRAPPIE – 62 crappie were found measuring from 6.5” to 13”, and topped the scale at .95 lbs. in total weight. 18 (29%) were at least 9”, 12 (19%) reached 10”, and 4 (7%) attained at least 12” in total length.

REDEAR SUNFISH – 33 “shell crackers” were boated from 6.5” to 9.75”, and weighed up to .75 lbs. in total weight. 25 (76%) reached 8”, and 9 (27%) attained at least 9” in total length.

BLUEGILL – 51 “gills” were collected even though we subsampled them due to higher densities in this water body. These individuals ranged from 2” to 7.5”, and tipped the scale at .28 lbs. 26 (51%) were 6”, and 6 (12%) were at a minimum of 7” in length.

CHANNEL CATFISH – We only captured 3 catfish in 2013. These cats measured from 17.5” to 27.5”, and weighed up to 10 lbs.

FISHING REGULATIONS :

- Site specific angling regulations only.
- All Fish – 2 pole and line fishing only.
- Channel Catfish – 6 fish daily creel limit.
- Largemouth Bass – 15” minimum length limit ; 3 fish daily creel limit.

CONTACT INFORMATION –

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