



Sparta New City Reservoir (North)

2017 FISHERIES FACT SHEET

LOCATION: Sparta New City Reservoir (North) is located in Randolph County. From Sparta head north on SR 4 for 0.4 miles, turn east on Mounds Street. The lake is located north of Mounds Street about 0.8 miles east of Sparta.

DESCRIPTION: Sparta New City Reservoir (North) is 27 acres in size. There is a single lane boat ramp. There are no concessions available.

STATUS OF THE SPORT FISHERY – The following is a brief summary of the major sport fish species based on annual fish population surveys conducted by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

Largemouth Bass – This lake has an excellent bass population. During the 2016 fall electrofishing sample, largemouth bass were collected at a rate of 82 fish per hour. Of the 59 bass collected, 27% were over 15 inches, 21% were over 16 inches, and 17% were over 18 inches.

Crappie – This lake has an average crappie population consisting of both black and white crappie. Of the 11 crappie collected in the 2016 survey, 5 were over nine inches.

Bluegill Sunfish – The bluegill population is good. There are plenty of 7 inch bluegill with a few over eight inches also present.

Redear Sunfish – The redear sunfish population is excellent. In the 2016 fisheries survey, redear sunfish were collected up to 10 inches in length.

Channel Catfish – Although not collected in the 2016 survey, channel catfish are stocked annually and have been collected in previous surveys.

Fishing regulations:

Species	Creel Limit	Minimum Length Limit
All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only	
Channel Catfish	6	None
Largemouth Bass	6	15"

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