



# TAYLOR LAKE (LCFPD)

## FISHERIES STATUS SUMMARY

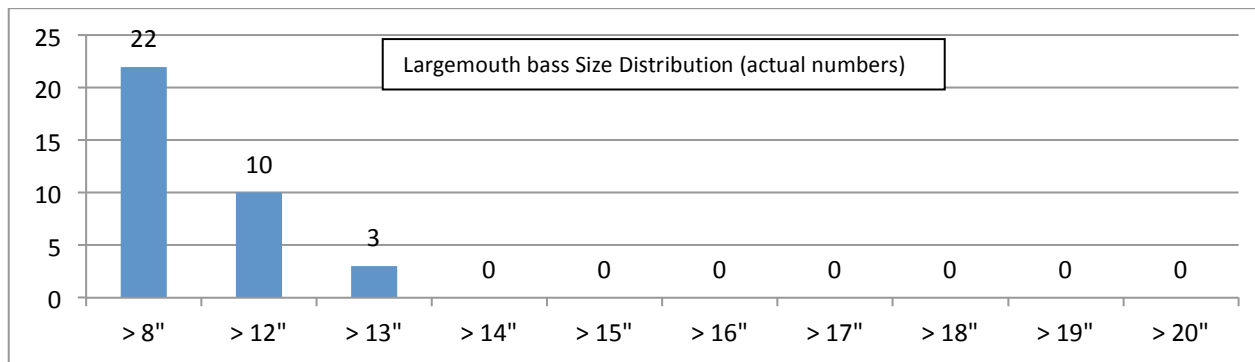
**LOCATION** – Located in south of Route 176 and west of Fairfield Road, in Lakewood Forest Preserve, near Wauconda, Illinois in Lake County.

**DESCRIPTION** – Taylor Lake is a manmade dug, wet land lake. It is near the top of the watershed and drains into Banana Lake just to the north. Taylor Lake is 6.0 acres; shoreline length 0.56 miles; watershed 42.2 acres (5 to 1); maximum depth 17 feet; average depth 8.5 feet. Shorefishing is allowed but boats are not. The lake has picnic facilities, tables, an abundance of limestone paths and plenty of parking. There are no concessions available on site.

**MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES:** Fish surveys are occasionally conducted, by IDNR staff, to evaluate the fishery. Little stocking and aquatic vegetation is not treated in this lake so can become near nuisance level by summer.

**STATUS OF THE SPORT FISHERY** – Most of the fish in this lake are maintained by natural reproduction, very little stocking occurs in Taylor Lake. Below is a brief description of catchable game species in this water body.

**LARGEMOUTH BASS** – In 2016, 25 bass were collected in 30 minutes of DC electrofishing. Fish ranged up to 13.5" long and weighed up to 1.8 lbs. 40% of the bass exceeded 12", 12% were > 13" and no fish exceeded 14". This size structure is allowed to "fair" fishing success with a reasonable number of adult bass present in the population.



**BLUEGILL** – In 2016, 68 Bluegill were collected during the survey. They ranged up to 6.8" long and weighed up to 0.2 lbs. 13% were > 6", 0% were longer than 7" long. Smaller bluegill are expected when vegetation is abundant and offers a lot of hiding cover from predators.

**BLACK CRAPPIE** – 10 Black crappie were collected, they were all about the same size and probably indicates a stunted population. Crappie are good reproducers so without a lot of diversity in the predator population, crappie can easily stunt in a small lake. Crappie stunt at about the size they first reach maturity which is around 7" to 7.5" long.

**ADDITIONAL FISH SPECIES:**

( 15 minutes DC electrofishing )

Species	Number	Relative Abundance (%)	Minimum (inches)	Average (inches)	Maximum (inches)
BLUEGILL	68	46.9	1.4	4	6.8
GOLDEN SHINER	38	26.2	4.5	6.4	8
LARGEMOUTH BASS	25	17.2	6.9	10.4	13.5
BLACK CRAPPIE	10	6.9	5.3	6.4	6.8
BLACK BULLHEAD	3	2.1	8.9	9.2	9.4
PUMPKINSEED SUNFISH	1	0.7		3.6	
<b>SPECIES= 6    TOTAL=</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>100.0</b>			

**FISHING REGULATIONS** – See Illinois Fishing Regulation Booklet and/or <http://www.ifishillinois.org>

Additional Site Specific fishing regulations: (always check posted limits near lake)

Boaters – no boats allowed

All fish species - Two pole and line fishing only.

Channel Catfish – 3 fish daily creel limit.

Largemouth Bass – 15” minimum length limit; 1 fish daily creel limit.

**CONTACT INFORMATION** – Lake County Forest Preserve District: 847/367-6640.  
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**Taylor Lake Map**

LAKE SURVEY MAP  
OF  
TAYLOR LAKE

COUNTY: Lake  
TOWNSHIP: Fremont  
T- 44N R-10E S- 30SE  
MAP SOURCE: A.S.C.S.  
AERIAL PHOTO: 1968

