



Little Cache #1 Lake

Fisheries Fact Sheet

Little Cache #1 Lake is a relatively shallow, 21-acre, U.S. Forest Service-owned water body located approximately five miles north-northeast of Vienna, IL in Johnson County. The lake was formed by impounding Little Cache Creek and has a large watershed for its size, so significant rains have the potential to quickly raise the water level and decrease transparency. Little Cache #1 Lake has a gravel access road and primitive boat ramp.

Largemouth bass: Largemouth bass were collected in Little Cache #1 Lake at a rate of 74 per hour in spring 2019, and 61% were larger than 12 inches, while 52% were longer than the 15-inch minimum size limit. Bass body condition was good and still improving.

Bluegill: Poor numbers of bluegill were collected from Little Cache #1 Lake during the 2018 survey, as evidenced by an electrofishing catch-per-unit-effort of 18 fish per hour. Fifty-six percent of these fish were larger than 6 inches, while 11% were over 7 inches in length. Bluegill body condition is rising and exceeding the management plan goal.

Redear: Redear were substantially less abundant in 2019, as evidenced by an electrofishing catch-per-unit-effort of 26 per hour. 53% of these fish were larger than 6 inches, and 6% exceeded the 8 inch mark. Redear body condition is rising, but at the lower end of the management plan goal range.

White crappie: in 2019, Little Cache #1 Lake white crappie were collected at a much lower rate of the previous year (8/hr). Crappie condition remained substandard.

Regulations in effect: Largemouth bass – 15 inch length limit, 6 per day creel. Channel catfish – 6 per day creel. . Ten horsepower outboard motor limit. Consult the Illinois Fishing Information booklet for additional regulation information.

Additional Fisheries Information can be obtained by calling IDNR District Biologist Luke Nelson at 618-364-5381, or by contacting the Shawnee National Forest office in Vienna at 618-658-2111.