



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 66 per hour in spring 2017, and 50% were larger than 12 inches, while 25% were longer than the 15-inch minimum size limit. Bass body condition was slightly substandard.

Bluegill: Fair to good numbers of bluegill were collected from Little Cache #1 Lake during the 2017 survey, as evidenced by an electrofishing catch-per-unit-effort of 132 fish per hour. Forty-two percent of these fish were larger than 6 inches, while 3% were over 7 inches in length. Bluegill body condition met the management plan goal.

Redear: Redear were less abundant than bluegill in 2017, as evidenced by an electrofishing catch-per-unit-effort of 36 per hour. Thirty-three percent of these fish were larger than 8 inches, but none exceeded the 9-inch mark. Redear body condition was at the lower end of the management plan goal range.

White crappie: Little Cache #1 Lake white crappie were collected at a rate of 16 per hour of electrofishing in spring 2017. Fifty percent of these fish were larger than 8 inches, and 25% were over 10 inches in length. Crappie condition was 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 Chris Bickers at 618-993-7094, or by contacting the Shawnee National Forest office in Vienna at 618-658-2111.