



Cloverdale Pond

FISHERIES STATUS SUMMARY

LOCATION – Cloverdale Pond is located in Mallard Lake Forest Preserve in Hanover Park, in Dupage County. Parking lot is off of Schick Road west of Gary Avenue.

DESCRIPTION – Cloverdale Pond is a 12.0-acre gravel and clay pit. The lake is generally shallow (average depth of 5 ft.), but it has sufficient deep areas to support fish during summer and winter temperature extremes (maximum depth 15 ft.). Several clearing along the shoreline are available for bank fishing. Cloverdale Pond is an open system due to its connection with the Keeneyville Ditch, and ultimately the West Branch of the DuPage River. The lake is managed under a cooperative management agreement between the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County (FPDDC) and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR).

MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES – **New fishing regulations went into effect on April 1, 2017 (see back of this summary).** This fish community is surveyed every four years. District staff may treat for aquatic vegetation if it becomes too thick. A 45 minute electrofishing survey took place on April 27, 2017.

STATUS OF THE SPORT FISHERY – The most recent survey shows Cloverdale Pond to be an all around good fishery. Since it is a short walk (0.6 miles) from the parking area, be prepared to hike in with your gear and don't be surprised if you catch the bass of a lifetime as our previous survey caught several fish over five pounds! Bluegill and crappie are available in good numbers too.

Largemouth Bass – While the most recent survey did not catch the numbers of large bass like we saw in 2013, bass were still abundant with a good proportion of fish over 15 inches. Bass were caught at a rate of 75 fish per hour which is just above the desired management goal of 60 fish per hour. Largemouth bass ranged in length from 3.5 to 18.9 inches, with the largest weighing 3.8 pounds. In a previous survey (2013), several fish over five pounds were caught. Size structure of the population still looks good with 31% of the bass measuring longer than 15 inches. Average length (12.6) in the survey was down an inch from the previous survey (13.6).

Bluegill – Bluegill were very abundant, so much that a ten minute sub-sample caught 87 bluegill. Bluegill ranged in size from 1.8 to 7.1 inches with the average length of 4.5 inches. Nine percent of the catch measured longer than six inches, slightly up from the previous survey when only 5.5% of the sample was longer than six inches.

Crappie – Black crappie numbers almost tripled the previous survey (28 compared to 10). Size structure was similar as they averaged 7.3 inches in 2013 compared to 7.0 inches in 2017. The majority (82%) of the black crappie measured between six and nine inches, but the two largest fish measured 12.8 and 14.2 inches!

Channel Catfish – Two large channel catfish were captured in the survey. They measured 21.7 and 26.2 inches, with the largest weighing 7.7 pounds. Channel catfish are difficult to catch in our spring time electrofishing numbers so this number probably doesn't reflect catfish abundance in Cloverdale Pond.

Other Species – Yellow bass are moderately abundant at Cloverdale Pond. Anglers are encouraged to harvest this species as they have been known to "take over" small ponds. A summary of the catch is provided on the following page.

2017 Electrofishing Survey of Cloverdale Pond - 45 minutes DC EF - April 27, 2017

	Number Collected	Length (Inches)			Weight (pounds)	
		Min	Max	Avg.	Min	Max
Bluegill	87	1.81	7.13	4.55	0.04	0.25
Largemouth bass	55	3.54	18.90	12.58	0.11	3.76
Black crappie	28	5.20	14.21	7.03	0.06	1.75
Yellow bass	11	6.30	8.15	7.14		
Gizzard shad	7	11.42	13.78	12.68		
Common carp	5	16.61	25.20	20.19		
Channel catfish	2	21.69	26.18	23.94	4.16	7.67
White sucker	2	10.83	13.39	12.11	0.53	0.53
Fathead minnow	1	3.62	3.62	3.62		
Johnny darter	1	2.83	2.83	2.83		
Pumpkinseed	1	5.59	5.59	5.59		
Walleye	1	17.13	17.13	17.13	1.89	1.89
Total # collected	201					

List of new regulations for all FPDDC lakes and ponds:

Two pole and line fishing only.

*Largemouth Bass – 14-18-inch protected slot limit; 4 fish daily creel limit with 3 fish that can be harvested under 14 inches and 1 fish 18 inches and larger.

*Bluegill – No minimum length limit; 25 fish daily creel limit

Channel Catfish – 12-inch minimum length limit; 3 fish daily creel limit.

*White and black crappie – No minimum length limit; 15 fish daily creel limit.

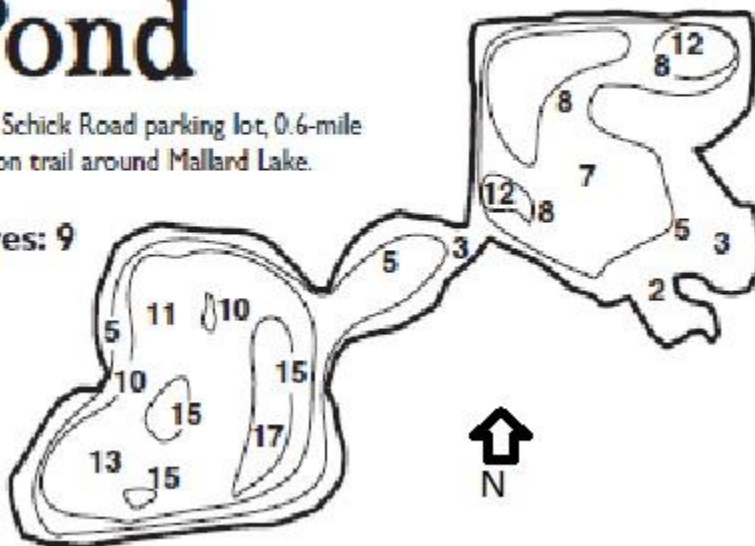
Northern pike – 24-inch minimum length limit; 3 fish daily creel limit (statewide regulation).

* indicates new for 2017

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From Schick Road parking lot, 0.6-mile walk on trail around Mallard Lake.

Acres: 9



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