



CARBONDALE CITY RESERVOIR

2020 FISHERIES FACT SHEET

LOCATION: Carbondale City Reservoir is located in Jackson County on the south side of Carbondale at Evergreen Park. **No gas motors** are allowed on Carbondale City Reservoir.

DESCRIPTION: Facilities at this 135 acre lake include a boat launch and bathroom. This lake is adjacent to Evergreen Park which includes playground, restroom, and picnic areas.

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 – The largemouth bass population in this lake is average. During the 2019 spring electrofishing sample, largemouth bass were collected at a rate of 82 fish per hour. The ten-year average is 52 fish/hour. Of the 41 bass collected, 27% were over 15 inches, 20% were over 16 inches, and 10% were over 18 inches. Although anglers will typically not catch large numbers of bass in this lake there are a few bigger bass present. The largest bass collected in the 2019 survey measured 20 inches and weighed just over 5 pounds.

Crappie – The crappie population is stunted but a few larger fish are present. Of the 36 crappie collected in the 2019 spring survey 10 (28%) were over nine inches, and 7 (19%) were over 10 inches. Both black and white crappie are present in the lake. Anglers are encouraged to harvest all crappie caught regardless of size to help thin out the population and increase the average size.

Bluegill Sunfish – The bluegill population is stunted and poor. No bluegill over 7 inches were collected in the 2019 spring survey.

Redear Sunfish – No redear sunfish were collected in the 2019 spring survey. Redear sunfish have only been in collected in one of the last 6 surveys.

Channel Catfish – The channel catfish population is average at best. No channel catfish were collected in the 2019 spring survey but channel catfish have been collected during 7 of the last 10 surveys. The 1700 (7-8 inch) channel catfish stocked in the summer of 2018 should reach 1 pound+ in 2020.

Fishing regulations:

Species	Creel Limit	Minimum Length Limit
Largemouth Bass	3	15"
All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only	

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