



# TIMBER LAKE (LCFPD)

## FISHERIES STATUS SUMMARY

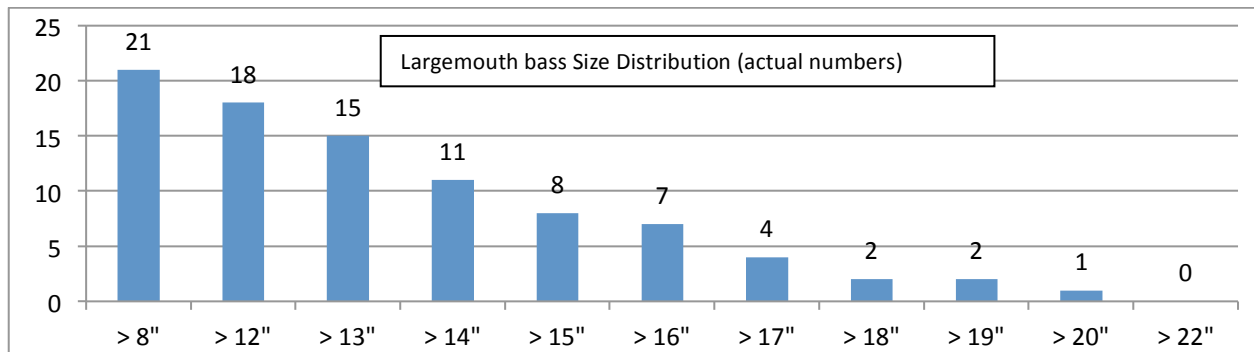
**LOCATION** – Located in Raven Glen Forest Preserve, west of Route 45, south of Route 173 and east of the Village of Antioch, IL., Lake County.

**DESCRIPTION** – Timber Lake (LCFPD) is a glacial origin lake. Timber Lake is 33.3 acres; shoreline length 1.0 miles; watershed 412 acres (12 to 1); maximum depth 33.3 feet; average depth 16.5 feet. A limestone trail system leads to the lake. A fishing pier is located on the north shore of the lake but no other facilities are available. No boats can be launched from Forest Preserve Property.

**MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES:** The IDNR occasionally conducts fish surveys to update the Status of the Fishery. The lake is relatively remote so little management occurs on this lake.

**STATUS OF THE SPORT FISHERY** – No stocking occurs in Timber Lake but because of its bathymetry and difficult access, the lake has a nice bass fishery. Below is a brief description of catchable game species in this water body.

**LARGEMOUTH BASS** – In 2016, 39 bass were collected in 30 minutes of DC electrofishing. Fish measured up to 20.0", and weighed up to 4.4 lbs. 46% were >12", 20% were >15" (legal length) and 5% exceeded 18" long. This size structure makes for some nice "catching" but access is difficult on this small glacial lake!



**BLUEGILL** – In 2016, 62 Bluegill were captured in 30 minutes DC electrofishing. The largest was 6.7", and weighed 0.2 lbs. 15% > 6", but none exceeded 7" long. The steep sides of this lake may have hurt our ability to detect larger bluegill because they were suspended off shore.

**BLACK CRAPPIE** – 4 Black crappie were collected along the outside weed edge but there is very little structure to hold fish so sampling for crappie is difficult. The largest black crappie collected measure 8.8" long.

**ADDITIONAL FISH SPECIES:**

( 30 minutes DC electrofishing )

Species	Number	Relative Abundance (%)	Minimum (inches)	Average (inches)	Maximum (inches)
LARGEMOUTH BASS	39	36.8	2.6	9.7	20
BLUEGILL	62	58.5	1.2	3.7	6.7
BLACK CRAPPIE	4	3.8	2.8	7	8.8
YELLOW BASS	1	0.9		10.9	
COMMMON CARP*	0	0.0			
<b>SPECIES= 5 TOTAL=</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>100.0</b>			

\* (observed 2 carp but they were too shallow to collect)

**FISHING REGULATIONS** – See current Illinois Fishing Regulation Booklet and/or <http://www.ifishillinois.org>  
 Additional Site Specific fishing regulations: Always check posted signs for local ordinance regulations.  
 Boats – No boats can be launched from LCFPD property  
 All fish species - Two pole and line fishing only.  
 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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**Timber Lake Map**

