



PYRAMID STATE PARK – DENMARK AREA – GREEN WING LAKE

2024 FISHERIES STATUS SUMMARY

LOCATION: Pyramid State Park is located south of Pinckneyville in Perry County. Green Wing Lake is a strip cut lake located on the Denmark Section of Pyramid State Park. From State Route 127 head west on Pyatt-Cutler Road. About 7 miles west of Pyramid State Park turn south into the Denmark Section.

DESCRIPTION: Facilities at this 40-acre lake include a concrete boat ramp, dock and bathrooms.

STATUS OF THE SPORT FISHERY – The following is a summary of the major sport fish species based on fish population surveys conducted by IDNR. During 2022, fisheries surveys consisted of a targeted nocturnal electrofishing survey for Walleye and Saugeye during November.

Largemouth Bass – Green Wing Lake harbors a quality bass fishery with good numbers of quality fish present. During the 2023 electrofishing survey, Largemouth Bass were captured at a rate of 93/hour, well above the management goal of 60/hour. Of the bass collected, 52% were over 15 inches and 26% were over 18 inches. Bass over 7 lbs. have been collected during prior surveys.

Crappie – Green Wing Lake possesses a quality Crappie fishery with both Black and White Crappie present. Several Crappie were collected during the 2023 electrofishing survey in the 9 to 10 inch range. During past years, targeted Crappie trap net surveys have yielded good numbers of eater-size crappie in the 8 to 12 inch range.

Bluegill – Although abundant, the bluegill population size structure is poor. The majority of Bluegill collected during surveys are between 4 and 6 inches.

Channel Catfish – A small number of Channel Catfish have been collected during past surveys.

Walleye/Saugeye – Saugeye have been stocked in Green Wing Lake since 2021, before which Walleye were stocked from 2002 to 2020. Saugeye and Walleye are generally captured in low numbers during electrofishing surveys. However, anglers have reported catches of several legal-size (>14") Saugeye and Walleye, suggesting that annual stockings are supporting a decent fishery.

Fishing regulations:

Species	Creel Limit	Size Limit
Largemouth Bass	6	None
Bluegill or Redear Sunfish	25	None
Crappie	25	None
Channel Catfish	6	None
Walleye/Saugeye	6	14-inch minimum length
All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only	

RECREATIONAL USE RESTRICTIONS – From November 1 through the end of February fishing is allowed in designated areas only, and fishing hours are from ½ hour before sunrise to 2 PM. There are no motor restrictions at this lake but the entire lake is a “NO WAKE ZONE” and all sizes of boat motors must operate at no-wake speed.

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