



# PYRAMID STATE PARK – DENMARK AREA – GREEN WING LAKE

## 2018 FISHERIES FACT SHEET

**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. The Denmark Section is accessed off Pyatt-Cutler Road. From State Route 127 head west on Pyatt-Cutler Road. About 7 miles west of Pyramid State Park turn south into the Denmark Area.

**DESCRIPTION:** Facilities at this 50 acre lake include a concrete boat launch, floating dock, and bathrooms.

**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. As a result of high water conductivity, electrofishing is not an effective sampling tool at this lake. All information is based on spring trap netting surveys.

**Largemouth Bass (LMB)** – An electrofishing survey is the best way to analyze the LMB population in a lake. Because electrofishing is not an option at this lake very little is known about the LMB population at this lake. One LMB (21 inches) was collected in 2017 spring trap netting.

**Walleye** – Walleye have been stocked annually at this lake since 2002. No walleye were stocked in 2017. One walleye (15 inches) was collected in spring 2017. At least one walleye has been collected in each of the last 6 surveys. The biggest walleye that IDNR has collected during a survey measured 27 inches and weighed 7.5 pounds.

**Crappie** – Green Wing Lake has an excellent crappie population consisting of both black and white crappie. Of the 26 crappie collected in 2017, 91% were over 9 inches, and 52% were over 10 inches in length.

**Bluegill Sunfish** – The bluegill population is poor. No bluegill were collected in 2017.

**Redear Sunfish** – No redear sunfish have been collected from this lake during IDNR surveys.

**Channel Catfish** – Six channel catfish (16-23 inches) were collected during the 2017 trap netting survey,

### **Fishing regulations:**

<b>Species</b>	<b>Creel Limit</b>	<b>Minimum Length Limit</b>
Largemouth Bass	5 under 14” and 1 over 18”	14-18 inch protected slot (no possession)
Bluegill or Redear Sunfish	25	None
Crappie	25	None
Channel Catfish	6	None
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 HP boat 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.

**MAPS/CONTACTS** – A map of the 23 lakes located on the Arch Portion of Pyramid State Park can be obtained via email by sending a request to [Shawn.Hirst@illinois.gov](mailto:Shawn.Hirst@illinois.gov).

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