

PYRAMID STATE PARK – CAPTAIN AREA - SUPER LAKE



2019 FISHERIES FACT SHEET

LOCATION: Pyramid State Park is located south of Pinckneyville in Perry County. Super Lake is a strip cut lake located on the Captain Section of the Pyramid State Park.

DESCRIPTION: At 230 acres Super Lake is the largest lake on the Arch Portion of Pyramid State Park. There is a concrete boat launch, floating docks and bathroom facilities at this lake.

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.

Muskellunge (MUE) Super Lake is stocked annually with MUE if available. IDNR collected 9 MUE from this lake in the spring of 2018 with the largest measuring 44.1 inches in length. This was the largest MUE collected from this lake by IDNR during fish sampling. If you catch a tagged MUE from Super Lake **DO NOT REMOVE THE TAG**. Please contact Shawn Hirst, IDNR Fisheries Biologist by phone at 618-687-4546 or email at Shawn.Hirst@illinois.gov with the following information: date of catch, length of MUE, and tag number (5 digits).

Largemouth Bass (LMB) – Because electrofishing is not an option at Super Lake, very little is known about the LMB population. One LMB (14 inches) was collected during 2018 netting survey.

Crappie – Super Lake has an excellent crappie population consisting of both black and white crappie. While not known for numbers of crappie caught, many of the crappie caught are over 10 inches in length.

Bluegill Sunfish – The bluegill population is average. Bluegill up to 7 inches were collected in 2018.

Redear Sunfish – Only 1 redear sunfish has been collected in 10 years of surveys. None were collected in 2018.

Channel Catfish – The channel catfish population appears to be very good.

Fishing regulations:

Species	Creel Limit	Minimum Length Limit
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	
Live Bait	All live bait in excess of 8” must	be rigged with a quick set rig.

RECREATIONAL USE RESTRICTIONS – Fishing is prohibited from November 1 through the end of February. 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.

FISH ATTRACTORS – Maps of 7 permanent Super Lake fish attractor locations can be obtained via email by sending a request to Shawn.Hirst@Illinois.gov.

MAPS/CONTACT INFO – 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. IDNR Fish Biologist – Shawn Hirst 618-687-4546. Pyramid State Park 618-357-2574.