



## PYRAMID STATE PARK – DENMARK AREA - MALLARD LAKE

### 2019 FISHERIES FACT SHEET

**LOCATION:** Pyramid State Park is located south of Pinckneyville in Perry County. Mallard Lake is located on the Denmark Section of Pyramid State Park. The Denmark Section is accessed off of 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 Section.

**DESCRIPTION:** Facilities include a 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. Electrofishing is not an option at this lake because of high water conductivities. Therefore, very little is known about the LMB population at this lake. No LMB were collected during the 2018 trap netting survey. Bass (18 inches) have been collected in previous netting surveys.

**Crappie** – Mallard Lake has an average crappie population consisting of both black and white crappie. Nine black crappie (9-15 inches) and four white crappie (9-14 inches) were collected in the 2018 survey. Although the number of fish collected during surveys is typically low, many of the crappie collected are >10 inches in length.

**Sunfish** – The bluegill population can only be described as average or less. None were collected in 2018. No redear sunfish have been collected in 12 years of sampling at Mallard Lake.

**Channel Catfish** – No channel catfish have been collected in 12 years of sampling at Mallard Lake. However, IDNR observed an angler catching a 14 pound catfish during the 2012 survey.

**White Bass** – Five white bass (9-13 inches) were collected in the 2018 survey.

#### **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** – 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** – 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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