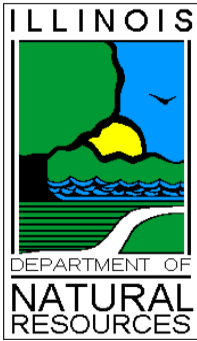


PYRAMID STATE PARK – DENMARK AREA - CANVASBACK LAKE

2019 FISHERIES FACT SHEET



LOCATION: Pyramid State Park is located south of Pinckneyville in Perry County. Canvasback Lake is a strip cut lake located on the Denmark Section of Pyramid State Park. The Denmark Section is accessed off of the 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 at this 60-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.

Muskellunge (MUE) – This Lake is stocked annually with MUE. IDNR collected one 31-inch MUE from this lake in the spring of 2018. If you catch a tagged MUE from Canvasback 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, 5-digit tag number.

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. No LMB were collected during 2018 spring trap netting. LMB up to 20 inches in length have been collected in previous surveys.

Crappie – Canvasback Lake has a good crappie population consisting of both black and white crappie. Of the 12 crappie collected in 2018, all were over 9 inches in length and eleven were over 10 inches in length. The largest black crappie collected was just over 18 inches in length and weighed 3.75 pounds.

Bluegill Sunfish – The bluegill population is average and no bluegill over 7 inches were collected in the 2018.

Redear Sunfish – Only 2 redear sunfish have been collected in 11 years of sampling at this lake.

Channel Catfish (CCF) – The CCF population is poor. No CCF were collected in 2018.

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.

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