## PYRAMID STATE PARK – SPRING LAKE



## **2024 FISHERIES STATUS SUMMARY**

**LOCATION:** Pyramid State Park is located south of Pinckneyville in Perry County. To reach Spring Lake, head west on Pyatt-Cutler Road from State Route 127, then turn north into the Spring Lake parking area, which is located just east of the main park entrance.

**DESCRIPTION:** Spring Lake is an 8-acre strip cut that has a gravel boat launch. There is no dock at this lake and parking space is limited.

**STATUS OF THE SPORT FISHERY** – The following is a summary of sport fish species based on a 2022 fish population assessment. The assessment consisted of a nocturnal spring electrofishing survey.

**Largemouth Bass** – All bass collected during the 2022 survey were under 12 inches. However, bass sample size was very low and may not adequately represent the population.

**Bluegill** – Several Bluegill over 7 inches were collected during the 2022 survey. However, the presence of Gizzard Shad in the lake will likely prevent many Bluegill from reaching 8 inches.

**Channel Catfish** – Channel Catfish have been stocked annually since 2020. No catfish were collected during the 2022 survey. However, electrofishing is not always effective for sampling catfish, especially in deeper lakes like strip cuts.

**Fishing regulations:** 

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| Species                    | Creel Limit                  | Size Limit |
| Largemouth Bass            | 6                            | None       |
| Channel Catfish            | 6                            | None       |
| Bluegill or Redear Sunfish | 25                           | None       |
| Crappie                    | 25                           | None       |
| All Fish                   | 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only |            |

**RECREATIONAL USE RESTRICTIONS** –There are no motor horsepower restrictions, but the entire lake is a no wake zone.

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