

Herrin #2 Lake

Fisheries Fact Sheet

Herrin #2 Lake is a 58-acre city-owned impoundment located approximately 9 miles south of Herrin, Illinois and just west of Route 148 in southern Williamson County. The lake is surrounded by forest and has a gravel access road and boat ramp.

Largemouth bass: Largemouth bass were collected at a rate of 90 per hour in spring 2019, which represented a decrease over the previous year but staying well above the management goal. Quality and condition of these fish increased getting near to the goal for these indices. Thirty-seven percent of bass were larger than 12 inches, and 21% were longer than the 15-inch minimum size limit. Bass body condition increased to a relative weight of 81 but remained substandard.

Bluegill: The catch-per-unit-effort for bluegill in Herrin #2 Lake was 98 per hour of electrofishing. Quality indices improved compared to 2018. The proportion of bluegill larger than 6 inches increased to 46%, which exceeded the upper level of the management plan goal. twenty percent were also larger than 7 inches. Bluegill condition dipped just below management goals.

Redear: Redear were much less abundant than bluegill, as usual, in spring 2018. 16 were collected per hour, and these fish range from 6 to 10 inches in length with excellent body condition.

Channel catfish: Generally few channel catfish are collected from Herrin #2 Lake during spring electrofishing surveys, and 2019 was no exception, as these fish were collected at a rate of 14 per hour. Size ranged from 16 to 22 inches, and condition was excellent. The channel catfish population in Herrin #2 Lake is maintained by IDNR stockings which occur every other year.

Crappie: Both white and black crappie exist in Herrin Lake #2, but these fish don't always show up in annual surveys. Only four black were included in the 2019 electrofishing sample. These fish were around 9 inches in length and displayed poor body condition.

Regulations in effect: Largemouth bass – 15 inch length limit and 3 per day creel limit. Channel catfish – 6 per day creel limit. Ten horsepower outboard motor limit. Consult the Illinois Fishing Information booklet for additional regulation information. A city permit is required for accessing Herrin #2 Lake. Contact the city clerk at 618-942-3175 for more information.

Additional Fisheries Information can be obtained by calling IDNR District Biologist Luke Nelson at 618-364-5381