

# LAKE MINGO

## LAKE STATUS SUMMARY



**LOCATION:** Lake Mingo is located 8 miles northwest of Danville in Kennekuk Cove County Park and is operated by the Vermilion County Conservation District. For more information about Lake Mingo and Kennekuk Cove County Park, visit the web page <https://vccd.org/kennekuk-county-park/>

**DESCRIPTION:** Lake Mingo is 170 acres and was built in 1980 and was renovated in 1983. The lake has a maximum depth of 38 feet and an average depth of 13.5 feet. There is a 9.9 horsepower limit and there is one boat launch.

**STATUS OF THE SPORT FISHERY:** The IDNR Division of Fisheries has been active in the management of the fisheries in Lake Mingo since the lake was constructed. The lake currently receives stockings of Channel Catfish and Saugeye. The following information is a summary of the major sport fisheries based on periodic fish population surveys.

**Largemouth Bass** – During the most recent electrofishing survey, the catch rate for bass was 92 per hour and the management objective is 100 per hour. Of the bass collected over 8 inches, 50% were longer than 12 inches, 21% were longer than 15 inches, and 6% were longer than 20 inches. Lake Mingo has a good bass fishery.

**Bluegill** - The Bluegill population is regulated by a length limit that protects the larger Bluegill from overharvest. Only 5 Bluegill over 8 inches can be kept, but a total of 20 Bluegill can be harvested. Approximately 38% of the Bluegill collected during the most recent survey were longer than 6 inches. No Bluegill were collected over 8 inches, but 7% of the Bluegill were longer than 7 inches. The Bluegill fishery has improved under the maximum size limit, but there is plenty of room for improvement. Lake Mingo has a good Bluegill fishery.

**Redear Sunfish** - The number of Redear Sunfish has fluctuated over the years and may be due to the amount of aquatic vegetation in Lake Mingo. Redear Sunfish are dependent upon having adequate amounts of aquatic vegetation. Even though the Redear Sunfish numbers change, there are always 7 to 9-inch Redear Sunfish in the fishery. On average, 70.5% of the Redear Sunfish collected are larger than 7 inches. Reproduction has been low the past few years and is resulting in a decline in Redear Sunfish numbers. Redear Sunfish were stocked in an effort to increase numbers to previous levels, but the stockings were terminated after the 2022 stockings.

**Channel Catfish** - The State Hatchery System stocks Channel Catfish each year to maintain a quality catfish fishery. The Channel Catfish fishery in Lake Mingo commonly produces catfish from 1 to 10 pounds. With the continued efforts from the hatchery, the Channel Catfish fishery will provide anglers a great fishing opportunity.

**Crappie** – In 2008, a 9” length limit and a 15 per day harvest limit was placed on crappie. No crappie were collected during the most recent survey but the crappie fishery is very cyclic and Lake Mingo is difficult to sample crappie.

**FISHING REGULATIONS:** 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only, except bowfishing is allowed from a boat.

<u>SPECIES</u>	<u>MINIMUM LENGTH LIMIT</u>	<u>DAILY CREEL LIMIT</u>
Largemouth Bass	2 <15" and 1 ≥15"	3
Channel Catfish	None	6
Bluegill/Redear Sunfish	Only 5 Over 8"	20
Crappie	9"	15

For other species, statewide regulations are in effect. For further regulation information, please consult the current Illinois Fishing Regulation Booklet.



























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# RECREATION MAP at Kennekuk County Park

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site

## Map legend

-  Water
-  Trails
-  Parking
-  Private
-  Restrooms
-  Roads
-  Ball diamonds
- Shelters/Buildings**
-  1 Visitor Center
-  2 Park residence
-  3 Nature Center
-  4 White Oak Barn (shelter)
-  5 Maintenance
-  6 Hickory Hollow (shelter)
-  7 Twin Points (shelter)
-  8 Herb garden
-  9 Vermilion Chapel
-  10 Hideaway
-  11 Red Oak School
-  12 Neff Grocery
-  13 Bunker Hill Historic Area
-  14 Boat ramp
-  15 Rotary Point (shelter)
-  16 Mallard Point (shelter)
-  17 Dining Car
-  18 Laury Barn
-  19 Gazebo

## Ponds

-  A Horseshoe
-  B Cedar Hill
-  C White Oak
-  D Twin Points

