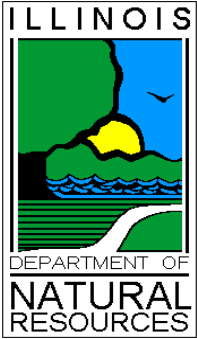


PYRAMID STATE PARK – GALUM AREA - REDHEAD LAKE

2024 FISHERIES STATUS SUMMARY



LOCATION: Redhead Lake is in the Galum Unit of Pyramid State Park, southwest of Pinckneyville in Perry County. From State Route 127, head about 6 miles west on Pyatt-Cutler Road and turn north on Panda Bear Rd. Turn east at the sign for the Galum Unit.

DESCRIPTION: The only facilities offered at this 55-acre lake is a gravel boat ramp. Parking is limited and anglers should check the condition of the ramp before attempting to launch.

STATUS OF THE SPORT FISHERY – The following is a summary of sport fish species based on fish population assessments. During 2023, population assessments consisted of a spring community electrofishing survey and netting survey.

Largemouth Bass – In general, Redhead Lake does not contain as many quality-size bass as other larger lakes in Pyramid, such as Super, Goldeneye, and Canvasback. However, the 2023 electrofishing survey still produced a respectable sample of bass, which were captured at a good rate of 135/hour. About 1/3 of bass were over 15 inches, while 9% were over 18 inches. The largest bass collected was 5.2 lbs.

Crappie – The majority of Crappie in Redhead Lake are White Crappie, with a smaller number of Black Crappie and hybrids present. White Crappie demonstrate excellent growth potential in Redhead Lake. During the 2023 survey, there were several Crappie over 12 inches collected, 2 of which were over 14 inches and about 1.7 lbs. Several brush piles have been sunk in the lake to provide structure for Crappie anglers to fish on.

Bluegill – Bluegill are abundant in Redhead Lake. The majority of Bluegill collected during surveys are between 4 and 7 inches. About 17% of Bluegill captured during the 2023 electrofishing survey were between 7 and 8 inches, but none were over 8 inches.

Channel Catfish – Redhead Lake is home to a quality Channel Catfish fishery. Big Channel Cats are frequently captured during surveys. The largest collected during the 2023 survey was 28 inches long and weighed 10.4 lbs.

Hybrid Striped Bass – Thanks to past stockings, Redhead Lake is known to provide good angling opportunities for Hybrid Striped Bass (Wipers). During the 2023 survey, a total of 35 Wipers were captured. Fish in the sample ranged from 13 to over 26 inches in length. The largest individual was 26.6 inches long and weighed 11.3 lbs. The most recent stocking was in 2021.

Fishing regulations:

Species	Creel Limit	Size Limit
Largemouth Bass	6	None
Bluegill or Redear Sunfish	25	None
Crappie	25	None
Channel Catfish	6	None
Hybrid Striped Bass	Unlimited under 17 inches, 3 fish 17 inches or longer	
All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only	

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.

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