

Illinois

FISHING

2024 REGULATION INFORMATION

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Message from the Director



Thank you for your interest in fishing in Illinois and for taking time to review the **2024 Illinois Fishing Information guide**.

This booklet offers a comprehensive look at Illinois fishing regulations and a lot of information on places to fish. While many fishing regulations apply statewide, this guide includes easy-to-reference details on site-specific regulations organized by the body of water or water area at which those regulations apply.

In keeping with tradition, the annual Illinois Free Fishing Days will take place the third weekend in June. For 2024, those dates are June 14-17. The Illinois Department of Natural Resources invites new anglers, women, families, and youngsters to go fishing that weekend, even if they have not purchased a fishing license.

While the **Illinois Fishing Information guide** is updated annually, some site-specific regulations may be changed in emergency situations during the year through the administrative rule process. In those cases, changes will be posted at the location where the rules apply, and the changes will also be posted online at ifishillinois.org.

Those of us who enjoy fishing are the guardians of Illinois' aquatic resources. The money we spend on fishing licenses and equipment helps fund the state's fisheries programs and helps protect the future of fishing in Illinois.

Thank you again for reviewing the **Illinois Fishing Information guide** and for supporting fishing in Illinois.

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Biologist Contact Information.....	https://www.ifishillinois.org/FAQS/biologists.html <i>(Record Fish, Fish Kills, Pond Management, Regulation Questions)</i>
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Southern Illinois – Little Grassy Fish Hatchery.....	(618) 529-4100
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T.I.P. Target Illinois Poachers Report Violations to: 1-877-2DNRLAW(236-7529) 24 hours/day, 7 days/week

2023 STATE RECORD FISH

Three new bowfishing state record fish were caught in 2023. We love big fish stories! Mention or tag us on Facebook using IFISHILLINOIS and we may share your story on our page or website.



Freshwater Drum
taken by
Phillip Albert
February 20, 2023
Sangchris Lake, Christian County
20 lbs. 4 oz.



Silver Carp
taken by
Scott Battin
June 1, 2023
Private Pond, Logan County
50 lbs



Bighead Carp
taken by
Scott Battin
June 2, 2023
Private Pond, Logan County
92 lbs. 1.6 oz.

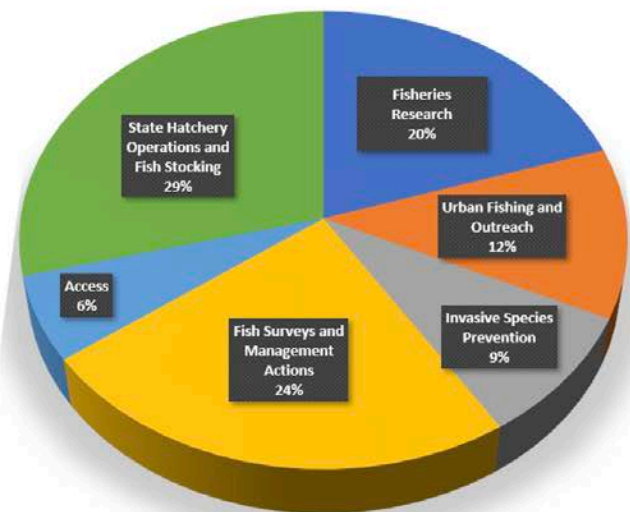
Illinois Fishing Licenses and the Sport Fish Restoration Program

Thank You for purchasing an Illinois fishing License! Your fishing license and outdoor gear purchases make a real difference in managing our aquatic resources. When you head out to fish, remember that you're also contributing to the well-being of nature.

THE DIVISION OF FISHERIES IS FUNDED THROUGH THE SALE OF FISHING LICENSES AND ASSOCIATED STAMPS AND DOES NOT INCLUDE GENERAL REVENUE (STATE TAX) DOLLARS. License and stamp purchases directly fund vital activities.

- Fishing Licenses fund fish management, research, and outreach
- Salmon Stamps fund Lake Michigan salmon management
- Inland Trout Stamps help fund the inland Catchable Trout Program
- Commercial and Aquaculture Licenses fund commercial fisheries management and aquaculture activities

License Dollars at Work



License dollars are deposited in the Game and Fish Fund by the Illinois Treasurer and monies from stamp sales are held in other special purpose funds mandated by Illinois law.

Did you know that federal law requires that funds be set aside for the conservation and management of fishery resources when you buy tackle or the equipment needed to fish?

Federal Partnership



The Federal government joins the natural resource management effort through the Sport Fish Restoration Act, sponsored by Rep. John Dingell (MI) and Sen. Edwin Johnson (CO) and enacted in 1950 (often referred to as Dingell-Johnson or "DJ"). The Act mandates a Federal excise tax on purchases of fishing equipment, motorboat fuel, and other outdoor accessories that is held in a special Federal fund for the conservation of fisheries resources.

The Sport Fish Restoration (SFR) Program, administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, was created to distribute these funds through grants to State and U.S. Territory natural resource management agencies. Funds are allocated annually based on a formula which includes land area and **number of paid license holders**. No state receives more than 5% or less than 1% of the available funds each year. In 1984, the Wallop-Breaux Amendment to the Act mandated that each state also must spend at least 10% of its apportionment for boat access projects and allowed each state to use up to 10% for aquatic resources education.

By law, the grants require a 25% match by state funds – Illinois uses money from license sales. States also must have Assent Legislation (law that prohibits the diversion of license fees paid by anglers for any other purpose than the administration of said State fish and game department) to be eligible to receive SFR funding. Illinois' Assent Legislation is found in the Illinois Compiled Statutes, (515 ILCS 5/) Fish and Aquatic Life Code, Article 30. Fish Restoration and Management Projects.

Future in Mind



While the land area of states doesn't change, the number of licensed anglers has been declining in Illinois over the last 30+ years, reducing our piece of the Federal DJ funding. What can you do? Become a steward of the resource. Take someone fishing and let others know that purchasing a fishing license is much more than paying a fee for the privilege to fish. License and stamp sales enhance the outdoor experience for everyone and ensure that future generations can enjoy our aquatic resources.

WHAT DOES YOUR ILLINOIS FISHING LICENSE PAY FOR?



The Illinois Department of Natural Resources receives Federal financial assistance from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Under Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, and Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972, and the U.S. Department of the Interior prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, sex, or disability. If you believe that you have been discriminated against in any program, activity, or facility, or if you need more information, please write to: Chief, Public Civil Rights Office of Civil Rights U.S. Department of the Interior 1849 C Street, NW Washington, D.C. 20240. This information may be provided in an alternative format if required. Contact the DNR Clearinghouse at 217/782 7498 for assistance.

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SPORT FISHING LICENSE

Anglers should have their Illinois Sport Fishing license in possession at all times while fishing. License sales for the year begin on March 1. Annual licenses expire on March 31 each year (i.e., a license purchased on or after March 1, 2024 will expire on March 31, 2025). 3-year licenses expire on March 31 of the 2nd year after the year in which the license was issued.

ILLINOIS RESIDENTS:

A resident Sport Fishing license may be obtained by anyone who has been a resident of Illinois 30 days prior to purchase. Residents under 16 years of age, and resident persons declared legally disabled or blind, may fish without a license.

Owners or tenants (if they reside on the land) may fish in waters wholly contained on their property or waters flowing over their lands, within the confines of the property, without a license. This exemption does not apply to club and organizational lakes or lake developments.

Persons on active duty in the Armed Forces are considered residents. A person on active duty in the Armed Forces, who entered the service from Illinois and is an Illinois resident, may fish without a license while on leave.

** Half-priced sport fishing and sportsman's licenses will be available to resident veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces after returning from service abroad, or mobilization by the President of the United States. Veterans must contact the Springfield office to obtain a half-priced license. Please call 217-782-6302.*

NON-RESIDENTS:

Non-Residents of Illinois may purchase sport fishing licenses to fish waters of the state. Non-residents under 16 years of age may fish without a license. All other Non-Resident anglers must purchase Sport Fishing licenses before fishing in Illinois (except on boundary rivers, if licensed in the bordering state). Non-residents in possession of a Sport Fishing license from a state bordering Illinois are not required to have an Illinois Sport Fishing license to fish on the Illinois side of rivers adjoining the state in which they are licensed (see BOUNDARY RIVERS section).

Resident or non-resident anglers who fish at fee fishing areas licensed by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources are not required to have a license or Inland Trout Stamp.

CURRENT FEES (Fees subject to change; additional transaction fee may apply) (INCLUDES AGENT'S FEES):

Resident

Annual Sport Fishing	\$15.00*
65 to 74 years old	\$7.75
75 years old and over	\$1.50
3-year Sport Fishing	\$44.00*
65 to 74 years old	\$22.25
75 years old and over	\$4.50
Sport fishing (24-hour license).....	\$5.50
First-Time Sport Fishing License	\$5.50**
Lifetime Sport Fishing	\$435.00

Annual Sportsmen's Combination Hunting/ Fishing License.....	\$26.50*
3-year Sportsmen's Combination Hunting/ Fishing License.....	\$77.25*
Annual Senior Sportsmen's Combination Hunting/ Fishing License (65 years old and over)	\$13.50
3-year Senior Sportsmen's Combination Hunting/ Fishing License (65 years old and over)	\$39.00
Lifetime Sportsmen's Combination Hunting/ Fishing License.....	\$765.

Non-Resident

Annual Non-Resident Sport Fishing	\$31.50
3-day Non-Resident Sport Fishing	\$15.50
Sport Fishing (24-hour license)	\$10.50

Trout and Salmon Stamps

Licensed Resident and Non-Resident anglers must have a Stamp to take salmon or trout in Illinois waters.

Lake Michigan Salmon Stamp (Licensed anglers only)	\$6.50
Resident; 75 years old and over	\$0.50
Inland Trout Stamp (all waters except Lake Michigan)(Licensed anglers only).....	\$6.50
Resident; 75 years old and over	\$0.50

** Half-priced licenses for qualifying resident veterans.*

*** Must be at least 26 years old and not have had a Resident Sport Fishing license in the past 10 years.*

LOST, STOLEN, DESTROYED LICENSE REPLACEMENT:

- Licenses purchased via the Internet can be reprinted at no charge by visiting <https://www.exploremoreil.com/>. Vendor transactions for replacement will incur a fee.
- Replacement licenses, permits and stamps are available for \$3 from the Chicago office and the Springfield Public Service area.
- Vendors can issue replacement licenses with a DNR Direct terminal. There is a \$3 replacement fee per item plus a small transaction fee.

DISABLED OR BLIND PERSONS::

In order for disabled or blind persons who are Illinois residents to fish without a license, the person must be able to show proof of disability in the form of one of the following:

- A State disabled person I.D. card** (available from the Secretary of State through the driver's license examining station) showing a Class 2 or Class 2A disability. Applies to Illinois residents only.
- Veterans disability card** - (available from the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs Office) Reside and Non-Resident veterans who are at least 10% disabled with service-related disabilities or in receipt of total disability pensions may fish with sport fishing devices during any open season without being required to have a license, on the condition that their respective disabilities do not prevent them from fishing in a manner which is safe to themselves and others.

TO PURCHASE AN ILLINOIS SPORT FISHING LICENSE:

Fishing and Combination Hunting/Fishing licenses and stamps can be purchased over the Internet or you can find a local vendor by visiting the Department's Licensing Page at:

<https://dnr.illinois.gov/lpr.html>

Boat renewals may also be done at this site.

WATERCRAFT REGISTRATION AND SAFETY

WATERCRAFT REGISTRATION

All watercraft operated on the waters within the jurisdiction of this State shall be registered and titled except for unpowered vessels, including canoes, kayaks and paddleboards. Illinois Boat Registration and Safety Act Information can be found at: <https://dnr.illinois.gov/content/dam/soi/en/web/dnr/boating/documents/boatdigest.pdf>

HOW TO REGISTER OR RENEW YOUR BOAT

To register your boat, you must submit a boat application; required documents; and the appropriate fee (see registration application requirements). Applications are available from Department of Natural Resources offices, boat dealers, or on-line at <https://www2.illinois.gov/dnr/boating/Pages/default.aspx>. If you have any questions regarding registration and titling

please call 217-557-0180 or 1-800-382-1696. To renew your registration by phone please call 1-866-867-3542.

BOATING SAFETY EDUCATION

Boat safety education is a positive move toward a safe and enjoyable boating future. **Beginning on January 1, 2016**, no person born on or after January 1, 1998 shall operate a motorboat with over 10 horse power unless that person has a valid Boating Safety Certificate issued by the Department of Natural Resources or an entity or organization recognized and approved by the Department. Enroll in a Boat Safety Course now. For information on class locations call: **1-800-832-2599**, or visit: <https://dnr.illinois.gov/boating/moreinformation.html>

RIVER CLOSURES

Illinois Department of Natural Resources routinely monitors river conditions throughout the state to ensure that river conditions are safe for recreational and commercial boat traffic. For information on river closures in Illinois please visit the following websites:

Illinois Department of Natural Resources:
<https://dnr.illinois.gov/closures/riverclosures.html>

United States Coast Guard:
<https://www.uscg.mil/home/>

SUMMARY OF FISHING REGULATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

The fisheries of Illinois are administered to assure conservation and enhancement of the fishery resource and the equity of the fishing public, while providing for maximum enjoyment. Statutes provide the framework by which fishing opportunities are administered. These opportunities, however, are sometimes subject to a variety of regulations, depending on local site conditions and situations unique to a particular fishery or waterbody. These detailed regulations are set forth in administrative rules. Such administrative rules are enforced in the same manner as are provisions of the statutes, and are subject to the same penalties. See TITLE 17: CONSERVATION for more details: <http://www.ilga.gov/commission/jcar/admincode/017/017parts.html>.

AGGREGATE (re: "singly or in the aggregate")

Aggregate means a combination of all species listed. A Daily Harvest Limit is the maximum number of fish that may be in possession and the number of fish is the sum of fish of each species listed for the regulation, whether the phrase "singly or in the aggregate" appears or not. For example, *Bluegill* or *Redear Sunfish* – 25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit means an angler may harvest 25 Bluegill or 25 Redear Sunfish, or 25 fish of the two species combined (e.g., 15 Bluegill and 10 Redear Sunfish).

AQUATIC LIFE

Aquatic life is statutorily defined as all fish, reptiles, amphibians, mollusks, crustaceans, algae, aquatic plants, aquatic invertebrates, and any other aquatic animals or plants that the Department identifies in Administrative Rules.

AQUATIC LIFE APPROVED SPECIES LIST

The Aquatic Life Approved Species List is created and maintained by the Department and is comprised of specific species of aquatic life, within the categories of fish, crustaceans, gastropods, mollusks, and plants. The listed aquatic life species are considered approved for aquaculture, transportation, stocking, importation and/or possession in the State of Illinois. A complete list of Aquatic Life Approved Species can be found at: <https://www.fishillinois.org/programs/aquaculture.html>.

BAIT FISHING

The following fish species may be taken by anglers with a valid sportfishing license with a legal size cast net or shad scoop and used for LIVE or DEAD bait on the body of water where they are collected: Mooneye *Hiodon tergisus*, Goldeye *Hiodon alosoides*, Skipjack Herring *Alosa chrysochloris*, and Common Carp *Cyprinus carpio*.

The following fish species may be taken by anglers with a valid sportfishing license with a cast net or shad scoop and used for DEAD bait on the body of water where they are collected: Bighead Carp *Hypophthalmichthys nobilis*, Black Carp *Mylopharyngodon piceus*, Grass Carp *Ctenopharyngodon idella*, and Silver Carp *Hypophthalmichthys molitrix*.

All cast nets shall be not larger than 24 feet in diameter or of a mesh size not larger than 1 inch

bar measurement. All shad scoops shall not be larger than 30 inches in diameter or of a mesh size not larger than 1/2 inch bar measurement or longer than 4 feet in length.

Minnows (any fish in the family Cyprinidae except Bighead Carp *Hypophthalmichthys nobilis*, Black Carp *Mylopharyngodon piceus*, Grass Carp *Ctenopharyngodon idella*, and Silver Carp *Hypophthalmichthys molitrix*) and crayfish may be taken by anglers with a valid sportfishing license and used as LIVE or DEAD bait on the body of water where they are collected using traps of metal screen or hardware cloth, plastic, or nylon mesh or netting or minnow seines. Such traps may not be more than 24 inches in width or diameter or more than 36 inches in length nor use a mesh of more than 1/2 inch bar measurement. Each entrance aperture may not exceed 1.5 inches in diameter. If unattended, such devices must be tagged with the name and mailing address of the person operating the device. Minnow seines shall not be longer than 20 feet, deeper than 6 feet or contain mesh size larger than 1/2 inch bar measurement. Minnows and crayfish collected in such devices may only be taken for personal use and may not be sold or bartered.

Aquatic life protected under 17 Ill. Adm. Code 1010 - Illinois List of Endangered and Threatened Fauna may not be taken for any purpose including bait fishing.

The use of LIVE injurious species (as described in 17 Ill. Adm. Code, Part 805) as bait is prohibited. Possession of live specimens, progeny thereof, viable eggs, or gametes is prohibited.

Collected LIVE bait fish must be used on the waterbody where taken. Bait fish collected in the tailwaters of a waterbody (i.e., below a dam or spillway) may not be used as LIVE or DEAD bait in the upstream waterbody. The taking of aquatic life with a dip net, casting net, or shad scoop shall not be permitted within 100 feet of the base of any dam.

BOWFISHING (ARCHERY/SPEAR METHODS)

a) Legal Methods of Taking

Aquatic life listed in subsection (b) may be taken by means of a pitchfork, underwater spear gun, bow and arrow or bow and arrow device, spear or gfg. A valid sport fishing license is required for taking aquatic life under this rule. Aquatic life taken by these means shall not be sold or bartered. No other aquatic life (e.g. fish, amphibian, or reptile species) may be taken in this State by these means. It is unlawful for any person to take or attempt to take aquatic life as provided in subsection (b) along, upon, across, or from any public right-of-way or highway in this State. [ILCS 5/10-110 (b)]

b) Species

Only fish, amphibian, and reptile species listed may be taken by bowfishing and other legal methods and in accordance with length limits and daily harvest limits identified for each. Fish, amphibian, and reptile species permitted to be taken by bowfishing and other archery/spear fishing legal methods in Illinois waters include:

Native fish

Alligator Gar - *Atractosteus spatula*

Bighorn Buffalo – *Ictiobus cyprinellus*
Black Buffalo – *Ictiobus niger*
Black Bullhead – *Ameiurus melas*
Black Redhorse – *Moxostoma duquesnei*
Blue Catfish – *Ictalurus furcatus*
Blue Sucker – *Cycleptus elongates*
Bowfin – *Amia calva*
Brown Bullhead – *Ameiurus nebulosus*
Channel Catfish – *Ictalurus punctatus*
Flathead Catfish – *Pylodictis olivaris*
Freshwater Drum – *Aplodinotus grunniens*
Gizzard Shad – *Dorosoma cepedianum*
Golden Redhorse – *Moxostoma erythrurum*
Highfin Carpsucker – *Carpionus velifer*
Longnose Gar – *Lepisosteus osseus*
Quillback Carpsucker – *Carpionus cyprinoides*
River Carpsucker – *Carpionus carpio*
Shorthead Redhorse – *Moxostoma macrolepidotum*
Shortnose Gar – *Lepisosteus platostomus*
Silver Redhorse – *Moxostoma anisurum*
Smallmouth Buffalo – *Ictiobus bubalus*
Spotted Gar – *Lepisosteus oculatus*
Spotted Sucker – *Minytrema melanops*
White Sucker – *Catostomus commersoni*
Yellow Bullhead – *Ameiurus natalis*

Non-Native fish

Bighead carp – *Hypophthalmichthys nobilis*
Black carp – *Mylopharyngodon piceus*
Common carp – *Cyprinus carpio*
Goldfish – *Carassius auratus*
Grass carp – *Ctenopharyngodon idella*
Northern snakehead – *Channa argus*
Oriental weatherfish – *Misgurnus anguillicaudatus*
Pacu – *Callisoma* spp.
Round goby – *Neogobius melanostomus*
Sea Lamprey – *Petromyzon marinus*
Silver carp – *Hypophthalmichthys molitrix*
Tilapia – *Tilapia* spp.
White catfish – *Ameiurus catus*

Native Reptiles and Amphibians

American Bullfrog – *Lithobates catesbeianus*
Common Snapping Turtle – *Chelydra serpentina*
c) No live possession of Non-Native Fish species listed in subsection (b) is permitted, with the exception of Common Carp and Goldfish.
d) Waters Open to Bowfishing and Other Legal Archery and Spear Fishing Methods
1) Illinois waters open to bowfishing and other legal methods include all public rivers and streams noted in 17 Ill. Adm. Code, Part 3704. Appendix A, except as restricted by subsections (d)(3) through (d)(15).
2) All public site specific waters as noted in this digest that are outlined in 17 Ill. Adm. Code, Section 810.45.
3) Catfish species may only be taken in rivers and connected public (wholly accessible by boat) backwaters as listed in 17 Ill. Adm. Code, Section 810.15 as noted in subsections (d)(4) through (d)(15).
4) Mississippi River and connected public (wholly accessible by boat) backwaters, including that portion of the Kaskaskia River below the navigation lock and dam, except:
A) Quincy Bay, including Quincy Bay Water-

fowl Management Area

- B) Spring Lake in the Upper Mississippi River Wildlife and Fish Refuge; and
- C) Mark Twain U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service National Wildlife Refuge Waters.
- 5) Illinois River and connected public (wholly accessible by boat) backwaters except for:
 - A) U.S. Fish and Wildlife National Wildlife Refuge Waters;
 - B) Donnelley/DePue State Fish and Wildlife Areas;
 - C) Rice Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area, including all of Big Lake;
 - D) Meredosia Lake in Cass and Morgan Counties during the central zone duck season; and
 - E) Clear Lake in Mason County 7 days prior to and during the central zone duck season.
- 6) Wabash River
- 7) Embarras River, except from Route 130 in Coles County upstream to the dam.
- 8) Sangamon River, downstream of Belt Route 48 southwest of Decatur to mouth in Cass County
- 9) Kaskaskia River south of Route U.S. 50 Bridge to mouth in Randolph County
- 10) Little Wabash River
- 11) Big Muddy River south of the State Route 14 highway bridge in Franklin County downstream to the confluence with the Mississippi River in Jackson County
- 12) Skillet Fork
- 13) Cache River from Route 51 downstream to the Mississippi River via Cache Diversion Channel, but not including that portion of the Cache River between the Cache Diversion Channel Levee and the Ohio River
- 14) Saline River in Gallatin and Saline Counties
- 15) Ohio River, except for:
 - A) Olmsted Locks and Dam downstream to a line perpendicular with the end of the longest lock wall, including the circular cell portion
 - B) Smithland Dam downstream to a line perpendicular to the end of the outer lock wall; and
 - C) Within 50 yards of the mouth of any tributary or stream.

CATCH AND RELEASE FISHING

Waterbodies may be listed as Catch and Release Fishing Only for all species, individual fish species, or may have special Catch and Release Only seasons. Catch and Release Fishing Only means no harvest of target fish species is permitted. Caught fish must be returned to the same water unharmed immediately.

CLEANING FISH ON THE WATER

No fish entrails or carcass may be disposed of into the waters of Illinois after cleaning. No fish species may be dressed (filleted or head and tail removed) on any waters for which length and harvest limits are applicable.

CLOSED SEASON

A closed season means that fish may not be taken between the specified dates. Waters receiving catchable rainbow trout have closed seasons (spring and/or fall). A closed season prohibiting harvest of rainbow trout is necessary in order for the State to have the trout stocked and permit all anglers to have an equal opportunity to harvest fish on the "opening day" of the season.

COMMERCIAL FISH

The minimum size limit on Channel Catfish, Flathead Catfish, Blue Catfish and White Catfish taken by commercial fishermen is 15 inches, except in the Wabash and Ohio Rivers. No Channel Catfish, Blue Catfish or Flathead Catfish less than 13 inches in total length may be taken from the Wabash and Ohio Rivers. Only one Channel Catfish per day equal to or greater than 28 inches may be harvested from the Wabash and Ohio Rivers. Only one Blue Catfish and one Flathead Catfish per day equal to or greater than 35 inches may be harvested from the Wabash or Ohio Rivers. No Paddlefish less than 28 inches in length may be taken by commercial fisherman from the Illinois or Mississippi Rivers. No Paddlefish less than 32 inches may be taken by commercial fisherman from the Ohio River. No Shovelnose sturgeon under 24 inches or over 32 inches in length may be taken by commercial fishermen from the Mississippi River or the Ohio River. No Shovelnose Sturgeon under 25 inches in length may be taken by com-

mercial fishermen from the Wabash River. There is no size limit on Carp, Drum, Bullhead, Buffalo, Sucker, Shortnose Gar, Longnose Gar, Spotted Gar, Bowfin, Yellow Perch, Chub, Mooneye, Goldeye, Carpsucker and Smelt. All other species may not be taken commercially, but if caught incidentally must be returned immediately to waters where taken. Additional information can be found at <https://www.ifishillinois.org/programs/commercialfish.html>

COMMERCIAL LICENSES

A commercial fishing license and sportfishing license is required for any person who uses a commercial device to harvest fish (including minnows) or crayfish. Any person assisting a licensed commercial fisherman in taking fish (including minnows) or crayfish must have a sportfishing license. A resident commercial fishing license can be issued only to persons who have resided in Illinois for at least a year. The commercial fishing license expires March 31 annually. In addition, the holder of this license must obtain a license for each commercial device fished. All commercial fishermen shall procure a commercial roe harvest permit in addition to their commercial fishing and sportfishing license before taking roe-bearing species (Bowfin, Paddlefish, and Shovelnose Sturgeon).

A commercial musseling license is required for any person who commercially harvests mussels. Any person assisting a licensed commercial musseler in taking mussels must have a commercial musseling license. Commercial licenses and information are available at the Department of Natural Resources, Commercial Permits Office, One Natural Resources Way, Springfield, IL 62702. 217-785-3423 and <https://www.ifishillinois.org/programs/commercialfish.html>

CRAYFISH

It is a violation of state law to import, possess, sell or use as bait LIVE Rusty Crayfish. The Rusty Crayfish may be distinguished by a dark rusty spot on both sides of the carapace (body) and a rust-colored band followed by a dark stripe on the large pincers (claws). Rusty Crayfish destroy aquatic vegetation and eat the eggs of various fishes, which negatively affects fish reproduction. DEAD Rusty Crayfish may be used as bait.

Endangered or threatened species may NOT be taken for use as bait, LIVE or DEAD.

The following crayfish species are listed on the Illinois Aquatic Life Approved Species List and shall be allowed for use as LIVE bait in Illinois: White River Crayfish *Procambarus acutus*, Papershell Crayfish *Faxonius immunitis*, Northern Crayfish *Faxonius virilis*, and Devil Crayfish *Lacunacambarus diogenes*. These approved crayfish may be captured using legal angling methods in Illinois including legal traps and cast nets, shad scoops, and minnow seines with a sportfishing license.

Those wild caught approved species (above) can be collected by any approved method but **may only be used as bait on the waters where collected**. Crayfish taken with a sportfishing license may only be taken for personal use, and may not be sold or bartered. DEAD crayfish of any species, including endangered or threatened species, may be used as bait.

Crayfish traps: traps of metal screen or hardware cloth, plastic, or nylon mesh or netting may be used to capture approved crayfish. Such traps may not be more than 24 inches in width or diameter or more than 36 inches in length nor use a mesh of more than 1/2 inch bar measurement. Each entrance aperture may not exceed 1 1/2 inches in diameter. If unattended, such devices must be tagged with the name, mailing address and phone number of the person operating the device. Crayfish collected in such devices may only be used on the waters where collected, may only be taken for personal use, and may not be sold or bartered.

Only persons possessing a valid commercial fishing license may harvest and sell crayfish from designated waters. Additional information can be found at <https://www.ifishillinois.org/programs/commercialfish.html>

CULLING

It is illegal to replace a smaller fish held in possession with a larger fish unless: the smaller fish is counted toward the daily limit or released within the confines of a bona fide catch, hold for weigh-in,

and release fishing tournament which requires the participants to have a boat live well with a pump constantly adding fresh or recirculating water.

DAILY HARVEST AND LENGTH LIMITS (STATEWIDE)

Statewide daily harvest and length limits are found on p. 10 of the Fishing Digest. These harvest and length limits apply to all Water of the State. Anglers should check daily harvest and length limits listed in Site-specific Regulations (beginning on p. 12) which may be more restrictive.

Length is measured from the tip of the snout to the end of the tail with the fish laid flat on a ruler, with the mouth of the fish closed and the tail lobes pressed together. No fish species may be dressed (filleted or head and tail removed) on any waters to which length and harvest limits are applicable. Regardless of where taken, no fish less than the specified minimum length or more than the daily harvest shall be possessed while taking from, or on the waters to which length limits and/or daily harvest limits apply.

If a daily harvest limit covers more than one fish species (e.g., White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie), the number of fish permitted to be taken includes all fish species covered by the regulation added together (in the aggregate).

DAILY FEE FISHING AREA

A sport fishing license and "Inland Trout Stamp" are not required to fish in a Department of Natural Resources licensed daily fee fishing area. Daily Fee Fishing Areas by administrative rule are defined as any privately owned water area that is controlled, operated or managed for fishing and utilized by persons who pay a daily fee, either directly or indirectly; water bodies that are controlled, operated or managed as private club lakes, organizational lakes or lake developments are not eligible to receive a daily fee fishing area license.

DIP NETS

A sport fishing license allows the holder to harvest Smelt in Lake Michigan with a dip net not exceeding 12 feet in diameter and having a mesh size not less than 1 inch diagonal stretch. In other waters Common Carp, Carpsucker, Buffalo and Gizzard Shad may be taken with a dip net up to 15 feet in diameter and with a mesh size no less than 1 1/2 inches bar measure. Such equipment may not be used within 100 feet of a dam or to harvest game fish.

DISABLED OUTDOOR OPPORTUNITIES

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources is committed to providing greater access and more programs for persons with disabilities. We want to make it easier for disabled individuals to hunt, fish, and pursue other outdoor activities. DNR's intention is to expand these opportunities so more individuals may take part. For more information, contact IDNR at 618-435-8138 ext. 130.

DRESSED FISH

No fish species may be dressed (filleted or head and tail removed) on any waters to which length or harvest limits are applicable.

ENDANGERED AND THREATENED AQUATIC LIFE

There are more than 80 species of aquatic life in Illinois currently on the State Endangered and Threatened (E&T) Species List which may not be taken for any purpose. For more information or to obtain a listing of these species of aquatic life, please go to <https://naturalheritage.illinois.gov/speciesconservation/endangeredandthreatenedspeciesprogram.html> and click on the link **List of Endangered and Threatened Species in Illinois**.

Species on the E&T list most likely taken by sport fishing methods include the River Redhorse, Greater Redhorse, Lake Sturgeon, and Mudpuppy. Accidental catches of E&T Species should be released immediately.

FISHING

Fishing shall be defined as taking or attempting to take aquatic life in any waters of the State, by any method, and all other acts such as placing, setting, drawing or using any device commonly used for the taking of aquatic life, whether resulting in taking or not. This also applies to the removal of dead and decaying aquatic life.

FISH ATTRACTORS

Sport fishermen may wish to add habitat or 'fish attractors' to their favorite fishing location, however fish attractors can only be put in public lakes with permission from your IDNR District Fish Biologist. Fish attractors may be put in private ponds and lakes.

FISH DISPOSAL / WANTON WASTE – AQUATIC LIFE ABANDONMENT

Except as provided in 17 Ill. Adm. Code, Section 810.14, it is unlawful for any person at any time to take or possess any fish, reptiles, amphibians, mollusks and crustaceans in Illinois waters by sportfishing methods and then intentionally leave or abandon such aquatic life or portions thereof resulting in wanton or needless waste.

"Wanton or needless waste" means to place, leave, dump or abandon any aquatic life or aquatic life parts protected by 17 Ill. Adm. Code, Section 810 along or upon any public right-of-way or highway, waterway or stream, or on any public or private property without the permission of the owner or tenant. No disposal of aquatic life or aquatic life portions shall be allowed on State owned or leased properties except at designated fish cleaning stations, where available.

Section 810.14 does not exclude fish or fish parts used for the purposes of bait or other lawful purposes or apply to injurious species of fish that accidentally jump into a watercraft and are immediately returned to the water.

FISH PRESERVES

All waters under state jurisdiction are statutorily fish preserves, open only to sport fishing. However, certain waters are open to commercial fishing by administrative rule. Contact the Department of Natural Resources for more information.

FISHING GUIDES

Fishing guides are required to possess a passenger for hire license. More information can be found by visiting the IDNR website at: <https://dnr.illinois.gov/boating/passengerrentalboatlicense.html>

FREE FISHING DAYS

During the period of June 14, 15, 16, and 17, 2024, it shall be legal for any person to fish in waters wholly or in part within the jurisdiction of the State, including the Illinois portion of Lake Michigan, without possessing a sport fishing license, salmon stamp or inland trout stamp

GROUP FISHING PERMITS

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources may issue at no cost group fishing permits for hospital patients, nursing home residents, or handicapped people in connection with supervised fishing for therapy. The IDNR reserves the right to determine if the group falls within the definitions listed above.

For more information or an application form, contact the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

HARVEST

Any aquatic life taken into possession from any waters of the State by any method. Harvested fish from more than one angler may be kept on the same stringer or in the same basket or livewell, assuming all daily harvest and length limits are followed.

HARVESTING FISH ON PRIVATE PROPERTY

Statewide daily harvest and length limits do not apply to a person fishing in waters wholly within his or her private property.

ICE FISHING

A sport fishing license is required for ice fishing. The ice angler may use a maximum of three poles or tip-ups with no more than two hooks on each line. Anglers at sites with a Two Pole and Line Fishing Only restriction may use a maximum of two poles or tip-ups. Holes cut in the ice are limited to 12-inch diameter or less. Shelter structures are limited to portable construction of metal or wood framework, covered with canvas, paper, plastic material or similar fabric. Each shelter shall have the name and address of the owner attached, and after March 1 the shelter must be removed when not in use, and not left unattended at any time. All poles and tip-ups shall be constantly attended and kept under observation by the angler.

ILLEGAL DEVICES

Use of the following devices in the taking of aquatic life is prohibited: electricity or electrical devices, except lights; lime; acid; medical, chemical or mechanical compounds; dope; drugs; fishberry; dynamite; nitroglycerine or other explosive; snare; treated grain; firearms of any kind; air gun; gas gun; blow gun; wire basket; wire seine; wire net; wire trotline or limb lines of any kind.

INJURIOUS SPECIES

To prevent the introduction and spread of aquatic nuisance species, Illinois has implemented an Injurious Species regulation (17 Ill. Adm. Code, Part 805). Of special note to sport fishermen, this rule **prohibits the possession of LIVE species deemed to be harmful to our lakes and rivers, and to the fish and wildlife that inhabit them.** These harmful species include, but are not limited to:

Bighead Carp	Black Carp	Eurasian Ruffe
Rudd	Round Goby	Rusty Crayfish
Silver Carp	Snakehead	Tubenose Goby
Walking Catfish	Zebra Mussel	Brazilian Elodea
Hydrilla	Eurasian Watermilfoil	Quagga Mussel

The injurious aquatic life species listed above may be immediately returned unharmed. For example, a Round Goby caught on pole and line can be immediately returned to the waters where taken. A Silver Carp that jumps into a boat can be immediately returned to the waters where taken.

To view the complete list of regulated species and full text of Part 805, please visit <https://www.ilga.gov/commission/jcar/admin-code/017/01700805sections.html>.

For more information on aquatic nuisance species, contact the IDNR Aquatic Nuisance Species Program by phone at 217-785-8772 or by email at dnr.ans@illinois.gov.

INLAND TROUT STAMP - ALL WATERS (except Lake Michigan)

Sport fishermen are required to purchase an "Inland Trout Stamp" prior to taking of trout from all waters except Lake Michigan. Fees are (including agent's fees): Resident and Non-resident; annual \$6.50 Resident; 65 years old and over \$6.50 Resident; 75 years old and over \$0.50 Resident and non-resident under 16 years of age NONE Resident; disabled, blind NONE
The 24-hour license does not include trout fishing privileges.

SALMON STAMP - LAKE MICHIGAN

Sport fishermen are required to purchase a "Lake Michigan Salmon Stamp" prior to taking of salmon and trout from Lake Michigan. Fees are (including agent's fee): Resident and non-resident; annual \$6.50 Resident; 65 years old and over \$6.50 Resident; 75 years old and over \$0.50 Resident and non-resident under 16 years of age NONE Resident; disabled, blind NONE
The 24-hour license does not include salmonid fishing privileges in Lake Michigan.

MEASURING FISH

Fish length is measured from the tip of the snout to the end of the tail while the fish is laid flat on a ruler, with the mouth of the fish closed and the tail lobes pressed together, except for Paddlefish and Sturgeon. Paddlefish length is measured from the eye to the fork of the tail. Sturgeon length is measured from the tip of the snout to the fork of the tail. Regardless of where taken, no fish less than the specified minimum length limit shall be possessed while taking from, or on, any waters to which length limits apply.

MINIMUM LENGTH LIMIT

Fish less than a designated length must be released immediately.

MINNOWS

A minnow is statutorily defined as any fish in the minnow family (Cyprinidae) except Carp and Goldfish.

Persons possessing a valid sport fishing license may harvest minnows with cast nets (not larger than 24 feet in diameter and having a mesh size not larger than 1 inch bar measurement), shad scoops (not larger than 30 inches in diameter or longer than 4 feet in length and having a bar mesh size not larger than 1/2 inch), a minnow seine (no longer than 20 feet in length, deeper than 6 feet or having a mesh size larger than 1/2 inch bar measurement), or a trap not more than 36 inches in length, 24 inches in width, and with mesh no larger than 1/2 inch bar measurement.

Collected minnows must be used on the water body where taken whether LIVE or DEAD. Minnows collected in the tailwaters of a waterbody (i.e., below a dam or spillway) may not be used as LIVE or DEAD bait in the upstream waterbody.

MUSSELS

Only persons possessing a valid commercial mussel license may harvest and sell mussels from designated waters. Additional information can be found at <https://www.ifishillinois.org/programs/commercialfish.html>

Persons possessing a sportfishing license may possess up to 50 relic mussel shells for personal collection. A relic mussel shell is defined as one which died of natural causes within the water and contains no meat or soft parts; it readily exhibits noticeable sediment, vegetation, algal or mineral stains, discolorations, soiling, weathering or other visual evidence on its interior surface which clearly and unambiguously shows the mussel shell has not been cooked-out or freshly cleaned.

POLLUTION

The Department of Natural Resources cooperates with the Environmental Protection Agency in conducting pollution investigations. Anglers are often the first to observe water pollution and their assistance is invited in reporting these instances to District and Regional Fisheries Biologists (see inside cover for contact information), to a Conservation Police Officer, or to the Division of Fisheries in Springfield.

It is unlawful for waste or sewage to be discharged into waters so as to kill aquatic life. It is also unlawful to abandon or deposit wire, cans, bottles, glass, paper, trash, rubbish, cardboard, wood cartons, boxes, trees, brush or other insoluble materials into the water or on the ice, or at any place on the bank where such debris is liable to be washed into the water. Strict penalties are provided for violation of the Fish and Aquatic Life Code.

PROPERTY

Consideration for others is a philosophy of the sportsman. Consent of the landowner or occupant of the premises shall be obtained before fishing or attempting to harvest aquatic life on another's property or within waters other than public waters of the state. Care should be taken not to cause damage to the property.

PROTECTED SLOT LENGTH LIMIT

Fish within a designated length range must be released immediately.

PUBLIC WATERS

Public Waters are defined in 17 Ill. Adm. Code, Section 3704 as all lakes, rivers, streams and waterways which are or were navigable and are open or dedicated to public use including all bayous, sloughs, backwaters and submerged lands connected by water to the main channel or body of water during normal flows or stages. A listing of Public Waters can be found in 17 Ill. Adm. Code, Section 3704, Appendix A or at <https://dnr.illinois.gov/waterresources/publicwaters.html>

PURPLE PAINT LAW

The State of Illinois has implemented the Purple Paint Law providing landowners or lessees the option to use purple paint in conjunction with no trespassing signs to mark property boundaries.

SALE OF AQUATIC LIFE

No fish, amphibians, reptiles, crayfish, or parts thereof (including eggs or resulting offspring) taken by sport fishing license methods (including snagging) may be bought, sold or bartered.

SEASONS

Sport fishing is open year-round (except as noted in the Site Specific Regulations section and for turtle and frog season).

SMELT

The sport fishing season for Smelt is from March 1 through April 30 (check local seasonal regulations for Smelt fishing from Chicago Park District properties). A sport fishing license entitles the angler to harvest Smelt. Waters of Lake Michigan comprise Illinois' Smelt fishery. Smelt may be taken with a seine or gill net not more than 12 feet long, 6 feet deep and with mesh size not more than 1 inch diagonal stretch, or by dip net not more than 12 feet in diameter with mesh size not less than 1 inch diagonal stretch. Trolley or power lines may also be used by sport fishermen in taking Smelt (see Trot and Trolley Line section). No person shall operate more than one smelt net device at any one time. All fish taken other than Smelt must be released immediately.

SNAGGING

- a) Sport fishermen are permitted only one pole and line device to which can be attached no more than two hooks. On the Mississippi River between Illinois and Iowa, the maximum treble hook size is 5/0; gaffs may not be used to land Paddlefish.
- b) Species of Fish and Snagging Harvest Limit.
 - 1) Only the following species of fish and harvest limit may be taken by snagging:
 - Bighead Carp (no live possession) – no harvest limit
 - Black Carp (no live possession) – no harvest limit
 - Bowfin – no harvest limit
 - Buffalo – no harvest limit
 - Carp suckers – no harvest limit
 - Common Carp – no harvest limit
 - Freshwater Drum – no harvest limit
 - Gizzard Shad – no harvest limit
 - Grass Carp (no live possession) – no harvest limit
 - Longnose Gar – no harvest limit
 - Paddlefish – 2 Fish Daily Harvest Limit; the maximum length limit for Paddlefish taken from the Mississippi River between Illinois and Iowa is 33-inch eye-fork length (EFL) (all Paddlefish greater than or equal to 33-inch EFL must be immediately released back to the Mississippi River); the minimum length limit for Paddlefish taken from the Mississippi River between Illinois and Missouri is 24-inch EFL (all Paddlefish less than 24-inch EFL must be immediately released back to the Mississippi River).
 - Salmon (Coho and Chinook only) – 5 Fish, in the aggregate, Daily Harvest Limit
 - Shortnose Gar – no harvest limit
 - Silver Carp (no live possession) – no harvest limit
 - Suckers – no harvest limit
 - 2) No sorting (i.e., catching more fish than is allowed and putting back some in order to keep larger ones) of snagged Salmon and Paddlefish is permitted, except for Paddlefish taken from the Mississippi River between Illinois and Missouri where sorting is permitted. Every Paddlefish snagged must be included in the daily harvest limit. Every Salmon 10 inches in total length or longer snagged must be taken into immediate possession and included in the daily harvest limit. Once the daily harvest limit of Salmon or Paddlefish has been reached, snagging must cease.
- c) Waters Open to Snagging and Snagging Season.
 - 1) Snagging for fish is permitted from September 15 through December 15 and from March 15 through May 15 within a 300 yard downstream limit below all locks and dams of the Illinois River, except for the area below the Peoria Lock and Dam where snagging is permitted year round.
 - 2) Snagging for fish is permitted from September 15 through December 15 and from March 15 through May 15 within a 300 yard downstream limit below all locks and dams of the Mississippi River between Illinois and Missouri, except for the Chain of Rocks low water dam at Chou-

teau Island – Madison County, also known as Dam 27 at the Chain of Rocks – Madison County where no snagging is permitted. Snagging is permitted from 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset daily, March 1 through April 15 within a 500 yard downstream limit below locks and dams on the Mississippi River between Illinois and Iowa.

- 3) Snagging for fish is permitted year-round within a 100 yard limit upstream or downstream of the dam at Horseshoe Lake in Alexander County.
 - 4) Snagging for Chinook and Coho Salmon only is permitted from the following Lake Michigan shoreline areas from October 1 through December 31; however, no snagging is allowed at any time within 200 feet of a moored watercraft or as posted:
 - A) Lincoln Park Lagoon from the Fullerton Avenue Bridge to the southern end of the Lagoon.
 - B) Waukegan Harbor (in North Harbor basin only).
 - C) Winnetka Power Plant discharge area.
 - D) Jackson Harbor (Inner and Outer Harbors).
- d) Disposition of Snagged Salmon and Paddlefish. All snagged Salmon and Paddlefish must be removed from the area from which they are taken and disposed of properly, in accordance with 17 Ill. Adm. Code, Section 810.14 of the Fish and Aquatic Life Code.

SPORTFISH

Principal sport fish are the Muskellunge, Tiger Muskie, Northern Pike, Walleye, Sauger, Saugeye, Largemouth Bass, Smallmouth Bass, Spotted Bass, Striped Bass, hybrid Striped Bass, White Bass, Yellow Bass, Bluegill, Redear Sunfish, Rock Bass, White Crappie, Black Crappie, Trout and Salmon. These may be taken only with sport fishing devices by sport fishermen having sport fishing licenses. Other species such as Paddlefish, Catfish, Yellow Perch, Freshwater Drum and Carp are considered both sport and commercial fish, and the means of taking and purposes for which they are taken prescribe the type of license required. Still other species are considered commercial fish, though when taken on sport fishing devices an angler must have a sport fishing license. A fourth category is endangered and threatened aquatic life. (See Endangered and Threatened Aquatic Life).

SPORTFISHING (HOOK AND LINE METHODS UNDER A SPORTFISHING LICENSE)

Any individual possessing a valid sport fishing license may take aquatic life by hand, or may use pole and line, bank pole and line, throw line, trotline, buoyed ganging devices, or other legal devices not exceeding 50 hooks in the aggregate, however, any individual at any one time is allowed to use under his or her immediate control only 2 untagged sport fishing devices and any additional devices up to the aggregate of 50 hooks must be tagged with his or her name and mailing address. If attached to a tree, the device must be attached only to the main trunk below the water line. All untagged devices must be marked with the angler's name and address.

Also permitted are legal-sized cast nets, shad scoops and minnow seines (see Bait Fishing, Crayfish, and Minnows). Smelt may be taken in Lake Michigan with legal size dip nets, gill nets, and seines.

Special fishing regulations at certain waterbodies prohibit the use of some devices or restrict the number of devices; please check the Site-Specific Regulations which are contained in this regulation booklet and are posted at various locations at the sites (boat ramps and site offices) where applicable.

While taking from areas designated as "Catch and Release Fishing Only", all catch and release species must be immediately released unharmed back into the waters from which taken.

SPORTFISHING LICENSE

A sport fishing license entitles an angler to harvest fish, crayfish, turtles or Bullfrogs, except for endangered and threatened aquatic life, within limits denoted in the Statewide Harvest and Size Limits Table and Site Specific Regulations. It is unlawful to sell any aquatic life, or parts thereof, taken by a sport fishing license.

STOCKING

Fish may be immediately released back into the waters from which they were taken, but permission from the Department of Natural Resources must be secured before releasing fish in other waters, except for private water owners. An owner of a body of water may release aquatic life found on the Aquatic Life Approved Species List into waters wholly upon his or her property so long as the aquatic life is purchased from a licensed Aquatic Life Dealer or Illinois Aquaculturist. Transporting aquatic life or natural water from a public water to private waters is prohibited. It is illegal to import, stock, or possess live diploid Grass Carp, Silver Carp, Bighead Carp or hybrid Grass Carp or any species not found on the Aquatic Life Approved Species List. A Restricted Species Transportation Permit must be secured from the Department of Natural Resources before importing or stocking triploid Grass Carp.

SUNFISH AS BAIT

There is nothing in the Illinois Fish and Aquatic Life Code which prohibits the use of legally taken Sunfish as bait for another species of fish, but Sunfish can only be used in the body of water from which they were taken. The Sunfish must have been taken by a properly licensed sport fisherman using legal sport-fishing devices. You must also observe all length limits and daily harvest limits both where the Sunfish were taken and where they are being used as bait. Also, it is illegal to cut up or dress or be in possession of cut up or dressed fish on any body of water where there is a size limit for that particular species of fish. Examples of Sunfish species legal for use as bait include Bluegill, Redear Sunfish, Green Sunfish, Longear Sunfish, Pumpkinseed Sunfish, Warmouth and their hybrids.

TAGGED OR MARKED FISH

Fisheries biologists attach tags to many fish for research purposes. Please report all tags found. If the fish is kept, return the tag to the address printed on the tag or the local fisheries office in your area. If a tagged fish is released, the tag should be reported but left in the fish in good condition. Information regarding the species of fish caught, the length and the weight of the fish, location captured, and the tag number, if present, should also be reported.

Sport fishermen are strongly advised to not tag or fin clip fish caught on state and/or public waters.

TAKE

To lure, kill, destroy, capture, gig or spear, trap or ensnare, or attempt to do so.

TRANSPORTING WATER, FISH, OR OTHER AQUATIC LIFE

It is unlawful to:

- 1) import or move live aquatic life without securing permission from the Department (bait purchased from a licensed bait shop may be transported);
- 2) remove natural water from waters of the State via bait bucket, livewell, baitwell, bilge, etc.;
- 3) remove any watercraft, boat, boat trailer or other equipment from waters of the State without emptying and draining any bait bucket, livewell, baitwell, bilge, etc., or any other compartment capable of holding natural waters; and
- 4) use aquatic life (fish, crayfish, or amphibians) as bait within the State of Illinois other than in the waters where they were legally taken.

TROLLING

Trolling is permissible, provided the angler has not more than three poles and lines with not more than two hooks or lures on each. In waters where there is a 2 Pole and Line Only designation, no more than two poles and lines with not more than two hooks or lures on each may be used.

TROT AND TROLLEY LINES

Hooks on trot lines, throw lines and similar devices shall be spaced not less than 24 inches apart, except on trolley or power lines used in Lake Michigan. Trot, throw lines and similar devices are unlawful on Two Pole and Line Fishing Only areas unless specifically authorized in the Site Specific Regulations section of this booklet. Fish taken by these methods must not exceed the statewide regulations (harvest limits and length limits). Trotlines

and other legal hook and line devices shall not have more than a combined total of 50 hooks and must be checked at least every 24 hours. Trotlines and other sportfishing devices left unattended must be tagged with the name and mailing address of the operator. All required tags shall be in a position to be at all times exposed to public view.

TWO POLE AND LINE FISHING ONLY

Sport fishermen must not use more than 2 poles and each pole must not have more than 2 hooks or lures attached (Alabama rigs not allowed) while fishing on waters designated as Two Pole and Line Fishing Only in the Site Specific Regulations,

except that legal size cast nets, shad scoops, and minnow seines may be used to obtain baitfish, minnows and crayfish to use as bait, provided that they are not sold, and except that Bullfrogs may be taken by hand, gig, pitchfork, spear, landing net and hook and line during Bullfrog season.

UNATTENDED DEVICES

Any unattended device used to catch aquatic life or to hold aquatic life is required to have the angler's name and address clearly displayed on the device. Bank poles and jug lines must be individually labeled, while a single trotline with up to 50 hooks only requires one label. Unattended devices must be checked at least once every 24 hours.

WATER OF THE STATE

Any water within the jurisdiction of the State of Illinois that is adapted for the purposes of navigation or public access.

WATERFOWL BLINDS

It is unlawful to fish within 250 yards of an occupied duck or goose blind on Department-owned or -managed sites during the migratory waterfowl season. This includes all sites listed and not listed in this regulations booklet.

FROGS AND TURTLES

A sport fishing license is required to harvest reptiles and amphibians. No person shall harvest or possess any species of reptile or amphibian listed as endangered or threatened in Illinois (17 Ill. Adm. Code, Section 1010, except as provided by 17 Ill. Adm. Code, Section 1070). Alligator Snapping Turtle *Macrochelys temminckii* is protected and may not be taken by any sport fishing method.

Any captured reptiles or amphibians which are not to be retained in the possession of the captor should be immediately released at the site of capture, unless taken with a lethal method (such as bow and arrow, gig, spear, pitchfork) which does not permit "release with no harm". All such taken Bullfrogs and Common Snapping Turtles must be kept and counted in the daily harvest. No culling of such taken species is permitted.

	Bullfrog <i>Lithobates catesbeianus</i>	Common Snapping Turtle <i>Chelydra serpentina</i>
Method of Taking and Capture	Bullfrogs may be taken only by hook and line, gig, pitchfork, spear, bow and arrow, hand, or landing net.	Common Snapping Turtles may be taken only by hand, hook and line, or bow and arrow except in the following Illinois counties where bowfishing for common snapping turtles is not permitted: Randolph, Pery, Franklin, Hamilton, White, Gallatin, Saline, Williamson, Jackson, Union, Johnson, Pope, Hardin, Massac, Pulaski, and Alexander.
Season	June 15 through October 15, both dates inclusive	June 15 through October 15, both dates inclusive
Daily Harvest and Possession Limits	Daily Harvest Limit is 8; possession limit is 16	Daily Harvest Limit is 2; possession limit is 4

Bullfrogs and Common Snapping Turtles may not be taken by bowfishing tournament participants.

All other species of unprotected reptiles and amphibians (excluding Bullfrogs and Common Snapping Turtles) may only be taken by hand. This shall not restrict the use of legally taken reptiles or amphibians as bait by sport fishermen. For indigenous amphibian and reptile taxon (excluding Bullfrogs and Common Snapping Turtles) the possession limit is 8 collectively with no more than 4 per taxa.

DON'T TAKE AN ALLIGATOR SNAPPING TURTLE! ALLIGATOR SNAPPING TURTLES ARE A STATE ENDANGERED SPECIES AND FULLY PROTECTED BY LAW

The State of Illinois is reintroducing the native alligator snapping turtle to strategic watersheds in Illinois.

You can help recover this unique reptile by:

- Learning the difference between common snapping turtles and alligator snappers.
- Protecting river corridors and associated wetland habitat.
- Reporting any illegal capture, harvest or possession of alligator snapping turtles.
1-877-2DNRLAW(236-7529)



Alligator: 3 rows of prominent, pyramid-shaped projections on shell; large head; pronounced beak; worm-like lure on tongue. May NOT be taken in Illinois.



Common: Smooth shell with moderate projections; long neck and tail with sawtooth projections. These turtles may legally be taken with an Illinois fishing license. The daily harvest limit is 2 turtles and possession limit is 4.

STATEWIDE SPORTFISHING REGULATIONS

AQUATIC LIFE	STATEWIDE CREEL AND SIZE LIMITS*
ALLIGATOR GAR	Harvest limit is 1 Alligator Gar per 24 hours.
BLUE, CHANNEL, AND FLATHEAD CATFISH	There are no harvest or size limits except in those waters listed under Site Specific Regulations.
BLUEGILL, REDEAR SUNFISH, OTHER SUNFISH	There are no harvest or size limits except in those waters listed under Site Specific Regulations.
COMMON SNAPPING TURTLES AND BULLFROGS	Season: June 15 to October 15, both dates inclusive. The daily harvest limit for Common Snapping Turtles is 2 with a possession limit of 4. The daily harvest limit for Bullfrogs is 8 with a possession limit of 16. Indigenous Amphibian and Reptile taxa (excluding Common Snapping Turtles and Bullfrogs) possession limit is 8 collectively with no more than 4 per taxa.
CRAPPIE (WHITE, BLACK OR HYBRID CRAPPIE)	There are no harvest or size limits except in those waters listed under Site Specific Regulations.
INJURIOUS SPECIES	For injurious species, as described in 17 Ill. Adm. Code 805, there are no harvest or size limits. Possession of live specimens, progeny thereof, viable eggs, or gametes is prohibited.
LAKE STURGEON	Protected; No possession.
LARGEMOUTH BASS, SMALLMOUTH BASS, SPOTTED BASS	Daily harvest limit is 6 Bass, either singly or in the aggregate, except as specified under Site Specific Regulations. In rivers and streams and their tributaries statewide, except for the Mississippi, Ohio (including Golconda Marina), and Wabash Rivers, the daily harvest can contain no more than 3 Smallmouth Bass. In rivers and streams and their tributaries statewide, except for the Mississippi, Ohio (including the Golconda Marina), Wabash and Illinois Rivers, Calumet River, Lake Calumet Connecting Channel, Calumet Sag Channel and navigable portions of the Grand Calumet River and Little Calumet River, all Smallmouth Bass must be immediately released between April 1 and June 15. There is no statewide size limit.
MUSKELLUNGE, NORTHERN PIKE AND THEIR HYBRIDS	All Muskellunge and Muskellunge hybrids (Tiger Muskie) taken must be 36" in total length or longer, except as specified under Site Specific Regulations. No more than 1 Muskellunge or Muskellunge hybrid (Tiger Muskie) may be taken per day, except as specified under Site Specific Regulations. All Northern Pike taken must be 24" in total length or longer, except in the Mississippi River where there is no size limit. No more than 3 Northern Pike may be taken per day, except as specified under Site Specific Regulations.
PADDLEFISH	Daily harvest limit is 2 Paddlefish. Please refer to Site Specific Regulations for the Mississippi River between Illinois and Iowa and the Mississippi River between Illinois and Missouri.
STRIPED BASS (OCEAN ROCKFISH), WHITE BASS, YELLOW BASS AND HYBRIDS	There are no daily harvest limits or minimum size limits for Striped Bass (Ocean Rockfish), White Bass, Yellow Bass and their hybrids, which are less than 17" in total length, except in those waters listed under Site Specific Regulations. For these fish 17" in total length or longer, the daily limit is 3 fish, either singly or in the aggregate, except in the Mississippi River between Illinois and Missouri where there is a 30 fish daily harvest limit for all Striped, White, Yellow or hybrid Striped Bass. In the Mississippi River between Illinois and Iowa, there is a 25 fish daily harvest limit on Striped Bass, White Bass, Yellow Bass and their hybrids, either singly or in the aggregate.
TROUT AND SALMON	Daily harvest limit is 5 trout or salmon, either singly or in the aggregate.
WALLEYE, SAUGER OR THEIR HYBRID	All Walleye, Sauger, or their hybrid (Saugeye) taken must be 14" in total length or longer, except in the Mississippi River, Wabash River, or as specified under Site Specific Regulations. Daily harvest limit is 6 Walleye, Sauger or their hybrid, either singly or in the aggregate, except in those waters listed under Site Specific Regulations.

*The above are statewide sportfish regulations. Specific water areas may have sportfish regulations which differ and are more restrictive. Please check the Site Specific Sportfish Regulations which follow and are posted (at boat launches and at site offices) at each water area where applicable. **State Endangered and Threatened Species may not be taken for any purpose.**

SITE SPECIFIC SPORTFISHING REGULATIONS

SITE SPECIFIC REGULATIONS are listed by water area affected. The coverage of the regulation is dictated by the extent of the water area(s) listed and not by the county. In some cases, regulations for a given water area or site may extend beyond the counties listed. The listed counties refer to the location of the dam or outfall for impoundments or mouths of small streams. Since large rivers or streams usually flow through many counties, the term "Multiple" is used rather than listing all counties where the large stream or river flows. If a water area is not listed, or if a specific species is not listed, then statewide regulations apply. Check the bulletin boards at the specific site for any emergency changes to regulations.

Various special regulations are used by fisheries managers to protect the fishery. A **MINIMUM LENGTH LIMIT** means that fish less than a designated length must be released immediately. A **PROTECTED SLOT LENGTH LIMIT** means that fish within a designated length range must be released immediately. A **DAILY HARVEST LIMIT** means that no more than the designated limit of fish may be taken daily.

The **Daily Harvest Limit** applies to all species listed for the regulation added together (i.e., in the aggregate). For example, **Large or Smallmouth Bass - 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit** means that only 3 Largemouth Bass, or 3 Smallmouth Bass, or a 3 fish combination of the two species (e.g., 2 Largemouth Bass and 1 Smallmouth Bass) may be taken.



SITE SPECIFIC REGULATION CODE DEFINITIONS provide clarification regarding additional restrictions or special provisions listed in numbered parentheses [e.g., (2)] within the Site-Specific Regulations water areas.

- (1) Sport fishermen must not use more than 2 poles and each pole must not have more than 2 hooks or lures attached (Alabama rigs not allowed) while fishing, except that legal size cast nets (in accordance with Section 810.50(a)(2)), shad scoops, and minnow seines may be used to obtain shad, minnows and crayfish to use as bait, provided that they are not sold, and except that bullfrogs may be taken by hand, gig, pitchfork, spear, landing net and hook and line during bullfrog season.
- (2) Sport fishermen may not use a minnow seine, minnow trap, cast net or shad scoop for bait collecting in the following water areas:

Charleston Lower Channel Lake tailwaters from that portion of the Embarras River from the Charleston Lower Channel Lake Dam downstream to the Route 130 Bridge.

Clinton Lake tailwaters from that portion of Salt Creek from the Clinton Dam downstream to the Route 10 Bridge

Cook County Forest Preserve District Waters (except in the Des Plaines River)

Lake Decatur tailwaters from that portion of the Sangamon River from the Lake Decatur Dam downstream to the Route 48 Bridge.

- (3) All jugs set in a body of water shall be under the immediate supervision of the fisherman. Immediate supervision shall be defined as the fisherman being on the water where the jugs are set and readily available to identify jugs to law enforcement officers.
- (4) When using live bait, all live bait in excess of 8" in total length shall be rigged with a quick set rig. The hook shall be immediately set upon the strike. A quick set rig is defined as follows: a live bait rig with up to 2 treble hooks attached anywhere on the live bait; single hooks are prohibited. This subsection does not apply to trotlines, jug lines, etc., if allowed on the lake.
- (5) Sport fishermen may take carp, carpsuckers, buffalo, gar, bowfin and suckers by pitchfork, gigs, bow and arrow or bow and arrow devices.
- (6) The daily harvest limit for yellow perch shall not exceed 15 fish in the combined waters of Lake Michigan, Calumet River, and Chicago River including its North Branch, South Branch and the North Shore Channel.
- (7) It shall be illegal to possess trout during the period of October 1 to 5 a.m. on the third Saturday in October (both dates inclusive) that were caught during that period.
- (8) It shall be illegal to possess trout during the period of March 15 to 5 a.m. on the 1st Saturday in April (both dates inclusive) that were caught during that period.

- (9) Catch and Release Fishing Only means that fish (all or listed species) caught must be immediately released alive and in good condition back into the water from which they came.
- (10) The 48 inch total length limit on pure muskellunge applies to that body of water listed as well as any tailwaters as defined below:

Evergreen Lake (McLean County) – including the portion of Six Mile Creek below the Evergreen Lake Dam downstream to its confluence with the Mackinaw River.

Fox Chain O' Lakes (Lake/McHenry Counties) – including the Fox River south of the Wisconsin-Illinois boundary to the Algonquin Dam and the Nippersink Creek upstream to the Wilmot Road Bridge.

Kinkaid Lake (Jackson County) – including the portion of Kinkaid Creek below the Kinkaid Lake Dam downstream to the Route 149 Bridge.

Lake Shelbyville (Moultrie/Shelby Counties) – including the portion of the Kaskaskia River below the Lake Shelbyville Dam downstream to the State Route 128 Road Bridge near Cowden.

Otter Lake (Macoupin County) – including the portion of Otter Creek below Otter Lake Dam downstream to its confluence with East Otter Creek.

Pierce Lake (Winnebago County) – including the portion of Willow Creek below the Pierce Lake Dam downstream to Forest Hills Road.

- (11) It shall be unlawful to enter upon a designated duck hunting area between sunset of the Sunday immediately preceding opening day of regular duck season through the day before regular duck season and Canada goose season as posted at the site, or to fish on such areas during the regular duck season except in areas posted as open to fishing. It shall be unlawful to enter upon areas designated as waterfowl rest areas or refuges from two weeks prior to the start of the regular duck season through the end of duck and Canada goose season.
- (12) It shall be unlawful to trespass upon a designated waterfowl hunting area during the 7 days prior to the regular duck season, or to fish on such areas during the regular duck and Canada goose season except in areas posted as open to fishing. It shall be unlawful to trespass upon areas designated as waterfowl rest areas or refuges from 2 weeks prior to the start of the regular duck season through the end of duck and Canada goose season.
- (13) It shall be unlawful to enter upon areas designated as waterfowl hunting areas during the 10 days prior to the start of the regular duck season, or to fish on such areas during the regular duck season except in areas posted as open to fishing. It shall be unlawful to enter upon areas designated as waterfowl rest areas or refuges from 10 days prior to the start of the regular duck season through the end of duck and Canada goose season.

SITE SPECIFIC SPORTFISHING REGULATIONS

Statewide Sportfishing Regulations are enforced in addition to each area's Site Specific Regulations

ALEDO CITY LAKE

City of Aledo • Mercer

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Bluegill or Redear Sunfish	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	Protected Slot Length Limit with no possession of Fish greater than or equal to 12 inches and less than 18 inches; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

ALTAMONT NEW CITY RESERVOIR

City of Altamont • Effingham

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit; 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

ANDERSON LAKE STATE FISH AND WILDLIFE AREA

State of Illinois • Fulton

Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (12)
Large or Smallmouth Bass	12 inch Minimum Length Limit

ANDOVER LAKE

Village of Andover • Henry

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

ANNA CITY LAKE

City of Anna • Union

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Bluegill or Redear Sunfish	8 inch Minimum Length Limit; 10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

APPLE RIVER

State of Illinois • Jo Daviess

(WITHIN APPLE RIVER CANYON STATE PARK AND SATELLITE BOUNDARIES)

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Smallmouth Bass	Catch and Release Fishing Only (9)
Trout	Fall Closed Season (7); Early season Catch and Release Fishing is permitted (9) Spring Closed Season (8); Early season Catch and Release Fishing is permitted (9)

ARGYLE LAKE

Argyle Lake State Park • McDonough

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1). All live bait greater than 8 inches must be rigged with a quick set rig (4)
Bluegill or Redear Sunfish	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Hybrid Walleye	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	Protected Slot Length Limit with no possession of Fish greater than or equal to 14 inches and less than 18 inches; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Pure Muskellunge	42 inch Minimum Length Limit
Trout	Fall Closed Season (7)
White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 10 Fish greater than or equal to 10 inches

ARROWHEAD HEIGHTS LAKE

Village of Camp Point • Adams

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

ARROWHEAD LAKE

City of Johnston City • Williamson

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	Protected Slot Length Limit with no possession of Fish greater than or equal to 12 inches and less than 15 inches; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 1 Fish greater than or equal to 15 inches and 2 fish less than 12 inches
White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

ASHLAND OLD RESERVOIR

City of Ashland • Morgan

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

SITE SPECIFIC SPORTFISHING REGULATIONS

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ASHLAND NEW RESERVOIR

City of Ashland • Morgan

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Bluegill or Redear Sunfish	10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

AUBURN PARK LAGOON

Chicago Park District • Cook

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish	4 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

AXEHEAD LAKE

Cook County Forest Preserve District • Cook

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (2)
Bluegill, Redear, or Pumpkinseed Sunfish	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit; 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Trout	Fall Closed Season (7), Spring Closed Season (8)
White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

BAKERS LAKE

City of Peru • LaSalle

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit; 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

BALDWIN LAKE

Baldwin Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area • Randolph

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5)
Large or Smallmouth Bass	18 inch Minimum Length Limit; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Striped, White, or Hybrid Striped Bass	17 inch Minimum Length Limit; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	9 inch Minimum Length Limit; 25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

BANANA LAKE

Lake County Forest Preserve District • Lake

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit; 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Trout	Fall Closed Season (7), Spring Closed Season (8)

BANNER MARSH LAKES & PONDS

Banner Marsh State Fish & Wildlife Area • Peoria/Fulton

Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (12)
All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1). Sport fishermen may harvest carp, buffalo, suckers and gar by bow and arrow or bow and arrow devices, gigs or spears from May 1 through August 31. All live bait greater than 8 inches must be rigged with a quick set rig (4)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	Protected Slot Length Limit with no possession of Fish greater than or equal to 12 inches and less than 18 inches; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Pure Muskellunge	42 inch Minimum Length Limit
White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 10 Fish greater than or equal to 10 inches

BATCHTOWN WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

State of Illinois • Calhoun

Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (11)
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BAUMANN PARK LAKE

City of Cherry Valley • Winnebago

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit; 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Trout	Fall Closed Season (7), Spring Closed Season (8)

BEALL WOODS LAKE

Beall Woods State Park • Wabash

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit
Trout	Fall Closed Season (7), Spring Closed Season (8)

NOTE: EXPLANATIONS FOR NUMBERS CONTAINED IN PARENTHESIS ARE FOUND ON PAGE 12

SITE SPECIFIC SPORTFISHING REGULATIONS

Statewide Sportfishing Regulations are enforced in addition to each area's Site Specific Regulations

BEAVER DAM LAKE

Beaver Dam State Park • Macoupin

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Bluegill or Redear Sunfish	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Trout	Fall Closed Season (7)
White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	9 inch Minimum Length Limit; 10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

BECK LAKE

Cook County Forest Preserve District • Cook

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (2)
Bluegill, Redear, or Pumpkinseed Sunfish	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit; 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Walleye, Sauger, or Hybrid Walleye	18 inch Minimum Length Limit; 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

BELK PARK POND

City of Wood River • Madison

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Bluegill or Redear Sunfish	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Trout	Fall Closed Season (7), Spring Closed Season (8)

BELLEAU LAKE

Cook County Forest Preserve District • Cook

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (2)
Bluegill, Redear, or Pumpkinseed Sunfish	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit; 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Trout	Fall Closed Season (7), Spring Closed Season (8)
White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

BELVIDERE PONDS

City of Belvidere • Boone

Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit; 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
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BEVIER PARK LAGOON

Waukegan Park District • Lake

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

BIRD PARK QUARRY

City of Kankakee • Kankakee

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Trout	Fall Closed Season (7), Spring Closed Season (8)

BLANDINSVILLE NORTH AND SOUTH LAKES

Village of Blandinsville • McDonough

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	Protected Slot Length Limit with no possession of Fish greater than or equal to 12 inches and less than 15 inches; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 1 Fish greater than or equal to 15 inches and 2 Fish less than 12 inches

BLOOMINGTON PARK DISTRICT LAKES

City of Bloomington • McLean

(ANGLERS LAKE, HOLIDAY LAKE, TIPTON LAKE AND WHITE OAKS LAKE; EXCEPT SEE MILLER PARK LAKE)

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

BLUE POND

Boone County Conservation District • Boone

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit; 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

SITE SPECIFIC SPORTFISHING REGULATIONS

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BONFIELD PONDS

Village of Bonfield • Kankakee

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	Protected Slot Length Limit with no possession of Fish greater than or equal to 12 inches and less than 15 inches; 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 1 Fish greater than or equal to 15 inches

BORAH LAKE

City of Olney • Richland

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Bluegill or Redear Sunfish	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit

BOWEN LAKE

City of Washington • Tazewell

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	Protected Slot Length Limit with no possession of Fish greater than or equal to 12 inches and less than 15 inches; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

BOYD-WESLEY PARK POND

Village of Towanda • McLean

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Bluegill or Redear Sunfish	10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Channel Catfish	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit; 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

BRAIDWOOD LAKE

Braidwood State Fish and Wildlife Area • Will

Recreational Use Restrictions	Braidwood Lake is closed to all fishing and boat traffic, except for legal waterfowl hunters, from 10 days prior to duck season through the day before duck season and is closed to all fishing during waterfowl season commencing with regular duck season through the close of the Canada goose and regular duck season (13). Fishing tournaments prohibited from July 1 through August 31 (both dates inclusive)
All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Striped, White, or Hybrid Striped Bass	10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 3 Fish greater than or equal to 17 inches

BREESE JAYCEE PARK POND

City of Breese • Clinton

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

BROCK LAKE

City of Mackinaw • Tazewell

Bluegill or Redear Sunfish	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Channel Catfish	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	Protected Slot Length Limit with no possession of Fish greater than or equal to 12 inches and less than 15 inches; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 1 Fish greater than or equal to 15 inches and 2 Fish less than 12 inches

BUCKNER CITY RESERVOIR

City of Buckner • Franklin

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit

BUFFALO PRAIRIE PHEASANT HABITAT AREA LAKES & PONDS

State of Illinois • Knox

(BUFFALO LAKE SOUTH, BUFFALO LAKE NORTH, BUFFALO POND NORTHWEST, BUFFALO WETLAND)

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Bluegill or Redear Sunfish	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	Protected Slot Length Limit with no possession of Fish greater than or equal to 14 inches and less than 18 inches; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Pure Muskellunge	Protected Slot Length Limit with 1 Fish greater than or equal to 36 inches and less than 42 inches or 1 Fish greater than or equal to 48 inches
Walleye, Sauger, or Hybrid Walleye	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 10 Fish greater than or equal to 10 inches

SITE SPECIFIC SPORTFISHING REGULATIONS

Statewide Sportfishing Regulations are enforced in addition to each area's Site Specific Regulations

BULLFROG LAKE

Cook County Forest Preserve District • Cook

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (2)
Bluegill, Redear, or Pumpkinseed Sunfish	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit; 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

BUNKER HILL LAKE

City of Bunker Hill • Macoupin

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

BURNING STAR STATE FISH AND WILDLIFE AREA, ALL LAKES AND PONDS

State of Illinois • Jackson

Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (all use other than waterfowl hunting prohibited from November 1 through last day in February)
All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5)
Bluegill or Redear Sunfish	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	Protected Slot Length Limit with no possession of Fish greater than or equal to 14 inches and less than 18 inches; 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 1 Fish greater than or equal to 18 inches and 5 Fish less than 14 inches
White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

BURRELL WOODS PARK POND

City of Carmi • White

Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
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BUSSE LAKE

Cook County Forest Preserve District • Cook

(INCLUDING BUSSE LAKE SPILLWAY AND SALT CREEK DOWNSTREAM TO ARLINGTON HEIGHTS ROAD)

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (2). All live bait greater than 8 inches must be rigged with a quick set rig (4)
Bluegill, Redear, or Pumpkinseed Sunfish	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit; 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Pure Muskellunge	42 inch Minimum Length Limit
Trout	Fall Closed Season (7)
Walleye, Sauger, or Hybrid Walleye	18 inch Minimum Length Limit; 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

CACHE RIVER STATE NATURAL AREA

State of Illinois • Pulaski/Johnson

Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (12). No fishing in Nature Preserves – Section 8 Woods, Heron Pond, Little Black Slough
All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5). No seines

CALHOUN POINT STATE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

State of Illinois • Calhoun

Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (11)
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CALUMET RIVER

State of Illinois • Cook

Yellow Perch	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit (6); Closed May 1 through June 15
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CAMPBELL POND STATE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

State of Illinois • Jackson

Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (11)
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CAMPUS LAKE - SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

State of Illinois • Jackson

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

CAMPUS POND - EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

State of Illinois • Coles

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Trout	Fall Closed Season (7), Spring Closed Season (8)

SITE SPECIFIC SPORTFISHING REGULATIONS

Statewide Sportfishing Regulations are enforced in addition to each area's Site Specific Regulations

CANTON LAKE

City of Canton • Fulton

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1). All live bait greater than 8 inches must be rigged with a quick set rig (4)
Blue or Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Pure Muskellunge	42 inch Minimum Length Limit

CARBONDALE CITY RESERVOIR

City of Carbondale • Jackson

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

CARLINVILLE LAKE #1

City of Carlinville • Macoupin

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

CARLINVILLE LAKE #2

City of Carlinville • Macoupin

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

CARLYLE LAKE

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers • Clinton/Bond/Fayette

(INCLUDING ITS TRIBUTARY STREAMS AND THOSE PORTIONS OF THE KASKASKIA RIVER AND HURRICANE CREEK UP TO THE U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS CARLYLE LAKE PROJECT BOUNDARIES). DOES NOT INCLUDE THE TAILWATERS.

Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (12)
Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit
White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	10 inch Minimum Length Limit; 15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

CARLYLE LAKE TAILWATERS

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers • Clinton

(KASKASKIA RIVER BETWEEN U.S. ROUTE 50 AND THE CARLYLE LAKE DAM AND SPILLWAY)

All Fish	Sport fishermen may not use a minnow seine, cast net or shad scoop for bait collecting between U.S. Route 50 and the Carlyle Lake dam and spillway
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CARTHAGE LAKE

City of Carthage • Hancock

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

CASEY PARK POND

City of Casey • Clark

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Bluegill or Redear Sunfish	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 5 fish greater than or equal to 8 inches
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	18 inch Minimum Length Limit; 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Trout	Fall Closed Season (7), Spring Closed Season (8)

CEDAR LAKE & LITTLE CEDAR LAKE

U.S. Forest Service and City of Carbondale • Jackson

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5)
Large or Smallmouth Bass	Protected Slot Length Limit with no possession of Fish greater than or equal to 14 inches and less than 18 inches; 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 1 Fish greater than or equal to 18 inches and 5 Fish less than 14 inches
Striped, White, or Hybrid Striped Bass	17 inch Minimum Length Limit; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

CENTENNIAL PARK POND

Coloma Township Park District • Whiteside

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Trout	Fall Closed Season (7), Spring Closed Season (8)

CENTRALIA FOUNDATION PARK CATFISH POND

Centralia Foundation • Marion

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

SITE SPECIFIC SPORTFISHING REGULATIONS

Statewide Sportfishing Regulations are enforced in addition to each area's Site Specific Regulations

CENTRALIA LAKE

City of Centralia • Marion

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit

CERMACK QUARRY

Cook County Forest Preserve District • Cook

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (2)
Bluegill, Redear, or Pumpkinseed Sunfish	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit; 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Trout	Spring Closed Season (8)
White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

CHAMPAIGN PARK DISTRICT LAKES

Champaign Park District • Champaign

(KAUFMAN LAKE, HERITAGE PARK POND, MATTIS LAKE AND PORTER LAKE)

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Bluegill or Redear Sunfish	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Channel Catfish	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit; 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Trout (Kaufman Lake)	Fall Closed Season (7), Spring Closed Season (8)

CHARLESTON LOWER CHANNEL LAKE

City of Charleston • Coles

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (2) (5)
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CHARLESTON SIDE CHANNEL LAKE

City of Charleston • Coles

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit
Striped, White, or Hybrid Striped Bass	17 inch Minimum Length Limit; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit for Fish less than 10 inches and 10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit for Fish greater than or equal to 10 inches

CHARLIE BROWN LAKE & POND

City of Flora • Clay

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit

CHARTER OAK NORTH - PEORIA PARK DISTRICT LAKE

Peoria Park District • Peoria

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit; 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

CHARTER OAK SOUTH - PEORIA PARK DISTRICT POND

Peoria Park District • Peoria

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit; 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

CHAUTAUQUA LAKE NORTH & SOUTH POOLS

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service • Mason

Recreational Use Restrictions	Lake Chautauqua North and South Pools will be closed to boat fishing from October 6 through January 31. Bank fishing will be allowed in selected areas only. Ice fishing will be allowed following the February 1 reopening
Largemouth Bass	12 inch Minimum Length Limit

CHENOA CITY LAKE

City of Chenoa • McLean

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

CHICAGO RIVER

State of Illinois • Cook

(INCLUDING ITS NORTH BRANCH, SOUTH BRANCH, AND THE NORTH SHORE CHANNEL)

Yellow Perch	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit (6); Closed May 1 through June 15
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SITE SPECIFIC SPORTFISHING REGULATIONS

Statewide Sportfishing Regulations are enforced in addition to each area's Site Specific Regulations

CHILlicothe PARK DISTRICT PONDS

Chillicothe Park District • Peoria

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Bluegill or Redear Sunfish	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	18 inch Minimum Length Limit; 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

CHRISTOPHER OLD CITY LAKE

City of Christopher • Franklin

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

CITIZEN'S LAKE

City of Monmouth • Warren

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Bluegill or Redear Sunfish	10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	Protected Slot Length Limit with no possession of Fish greater than or equal to 12 inches and less than 15 inches; 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 1 Fish greater than or equal to 15 inches and 5 Fish less than 12 inches
Trout	Fall Closed Season (7)

CLEAR LAKE

Kickapoo State Recreation Area • Vermilion

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Bluegill or Redear Sunfish	10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 1 Fish greater than or equal to 15 inches and 2 Fish less than 15 inches
Trout	Fall Closed Season (7), Spring Closed Season (8)

CLINTON LAKE

Clinton Lake State Recreation Area • DeWitt

(INCLUDING THE CLINTON LAKE SPILLWAY AND SALT CREEK DOWNSTREAM TO THE ROUTE 10 BRIDGE)

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (2). Sport fishermen shall be allowed to use trotlines, jugs, and bank poles in the portions of the lake that lie north of the Route 54 Railroad Bridge and northeast of the Route 48 Bridge. All jugs must be attended at all times (3). Sport fishermen may take carp, carpsuckers and buffalo by bow and arrow, bow and arrow devices, gigs and spears on the entire lake, but not within 150 feet of any boat ramp, dock, beach or other developed recreation areas
Blue or Channel Catfish	10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	16 inch Minimum Length Limit; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Striped, White, or Hybrid Striped Bass	10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 3 Fish greater than or equal to 17 inches
Walleye	18 inch Minimum Length Limit; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 10 Fish greater than or equal to 10 inches and 5 Fish less than 10 inches

COAL MINER'S PARK POND

City of Spring Valley • Bureau

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit; 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

COFFEEN LAKE

Coffeen Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area • Montgomery

All Fish	All jugs must be attended at all times (3)
Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	10 inch Minimum Length Limit; 10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

COFFEEN UPLAND MANAGEMENT POND

Coffeen Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area • Montgomery

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Bluegill or Redear Sunfish	10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Channel Catfish	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	18 inch Minimum Length Limit; 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

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SITE SPECIFIC SPORTFISHING REGULATIONS

Statewide Sportfishing Regulations are enforced in addition to each area's Site Specific Regulations

COLES COUNTY AIRPORT LAKE

Coles County Airport • Coles

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	Protected Slot Length Limit with no possession of Fish greater than or equal to 14 inches and less than 18 inches; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 1 Fish greater than or equal to 18 inches and 2 Fish less than 14 inches

COLUMBUS PARK LAGOON

Chicago Park District • Cook

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish	4 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

COMMISSIONERS PARK POND

Alsip Park District • Cook

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

CONSERVATION WORLD PONDS

Illinois State Fairgrounds • Sangamon

Recreational Use Restrictions Fishing by special permit only for senior groups, children's groups or group guests of the Director. Apply for permit by writing to: Department of Natural Resources, Division of Fisheries, One Natural Resources Way, Springfield IL 62702

COOK CO. FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT LAKES

Cook County Forest Preserve District • Cook

(EXCEPT SEE AXEHEAD, BECK, BELLEAU, BULLFROG, BUSSE, CERMAK, FLATFOOT, GREEN, HORSETAIL, SAG QUARRY EAST, SCHILLER POND, SKOKIE LAGOONS, TAMPPIER, AND WAMPUM LAKES)

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (2)
Bluegill, Redear, or Pumpkinseed Sunfish	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit; 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Walleye, Sauger, or Hybrid Walleye	18 inch Minimum Length Limit; 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

COULTERVILLE RESERVOIR

Village of Coulterville • Randolph

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

CRAB ORCHARD NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE-CRAB ORCHARD LAKE *U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service • Williamson*

Recreational Use Restrictions West of Wolf Creek Road, fishing from boats is permitted all year. East of Wolf Creek Road, fishing from boats is permitted from March 15 through September 30. Fishing from the bank is permitted all year only at the Wolf Creek and Route 148 causeways

All Fish 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1). Sport fishermen shall be allowed to use trotlines, jugs, and by hand, except that sport fishermen may not submerge any pole or similar object to take or locate any fish and the use and aid of underwater breathing devices is prohibited. Trotlines and jugs must be removed from sunrise until sunset from Memorial Day through Labor Day. On the entire lake, jugs and trotlines must be checked daily and must be removed on the last day they are used. It is illegal to use stakes to anchor any trotlines; they must be anchored only with portable weights and must be removed on the last day they are used. The taking of carp, carpsuckers, shad, drum, buffalo, gar, bowfin and suckers with spear, gig, bow and arrow or archery device is permissible.

Large or Smallmouth Bass 16 inch Minimum Length Limit; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

CRAB ORCHARD NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE-DEVIL'S KITCHEN LAKE *U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service • Williamson*

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Bluegill or Redear Sunfish	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

CRAB ORCHARD NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE-HONKER'S POND *U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service • Williamson*

Recreational Use Restrictions Fishing is permitted year-round from sunrise to sunset only

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Bluegill or Redear Sunfish	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	16 inch Minimum Length Limit; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

SITE SPECIFIC SPORTFISHING REGULATIONS

Statewide Sportfishing Regulations are enforced in addition to each area's Site Specific Regulations

CRAB ORCHARD NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE-LITTLE GRASSY LAKE *U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service • Williamson*

All Fish 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5)
Channel Catfish 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass Protected Slot Length Limit with no possession of Fish greater than or equal to 12 inches and less than 15 inches

CRAB ORCHARD NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE-RESTRICTED USE AREA PONDS

(EXCEPT SEE HONKER'S AND VISITOR'S PONDS) U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service • Williamson

Recreational Use Restrictions Fishing is permitted from March 1 through October 15, both dates inclusive, from sunrise to sunset only
All Fish 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Bluegill or Redear Sunfish 25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Channel Catfish 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass 16 inch Minimum Length Limit; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

CRAB ORCHARD NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE-VISITOR'S POND *U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service • Williamson*

Recreational Use Restrictions Fishing is permitted year-round from sunrise to sunset only
All Fish 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Bluegill or Redear Sunfish 25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Channel Catfish 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass 18 inch Minimum Length Limit; 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

CRAB ORCHARD NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE-ALL OTHER PONDS *U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service • Williamson*

All Fish 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Bluegill or Redear Sunfish 25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

CRAWFORD COUNTY STATE FISH & WILDLIFE AREA PONDS *Crawford County State Fish & Wildlife Area • Crawford*

All Fish 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Bluegill or Redear Sunfish 15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 5 Fish greater than or equal to 8 inches
Channel Catfish 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass 1 5 inch Minimum Length Limit; 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Trout (Picnic Pond) Fall Closed Season (7)

CRULL IMPOUNDMENT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

State of Illinois • Jersey

Recreational Use Restrictions Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (12)

CRYSTAL LAKE

Urbana Park District • Champaign

All Fish 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Bluegill or Redear Sunfish 10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Channel Catfish 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass 14 inch Minimum Length Limit

CYPRESS CREEK NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE-ALL PONDS *U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service • Johnson/Pulaski/Union*

All Fish 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass 15 inch Minimum Length Limit

CYPRESS CREEK NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE-CACHE RIVER *U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service • Johnson/Pulaski/Union*

FROM RT. 37 TO RT. 51 IN ULLIN

All Fish 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1). No seines

SITE SPECIFIC SPORTFISHING REGULATIONS

Statewide Sportfishing Regulations are enforced in addition to each area's Site Specific Regulations

DAWSON LAKE & PARK PONDS

Moraine View State Recreation Area • McLean

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1). Sport fishermen may take carp from boat by bow and arrow and bow and arrow devices, but not within 150 feet of any developed recreation areas
Bluegill or Redear Sunfish	20 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 5 Fish greater than or equal to 8 inches
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 1 Fish greater than or equal to 15 inches and 2 Fish less than 15 inches
Walleye, Sauger, or Hybrid Walleye	15 inch Minimum Length Limit; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 1 Fish greater than or equal to 20 inches
White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

DECATUR PARK DISTRICT PONDS

Decatur Park District • Macon

(EXCEPT SEE FAIRVIEW PARK -DREAMLAND POND AND SPORTSMANS CLUB POND)

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit; 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

DEFIANCE LAKE

Moraine Hills State Park • McHenry

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

DES PLAINES RIVER BASIN

State of Illinois • Cook

(FORMER HOFFMAN DAM SITE TO 47TH STREET BRIDGE, INCLUDING TRIBUTARIES)

Channel Catfish	15 inch Minimum Length Limit; 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	Catch and Release Fishing Only (9)
Northern Pike	30 inch Minimum Length Limit; 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Walleye, Sauger, or Hybrid Walleye	18 inch Minimum Length Limit; 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

DIAMOND LAKE

Mundelein Park District • Lake

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Pure Muskellunge	48 inch Minimum Length Limit

DIETERICH PARK POND

Village of Dieterich • Effingham

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit; 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

DOLAN LAKE

Hamilton County State Fish & Wildlife Area • Hamilton

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Bluegill or Redear Sunfish	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	18 inch Minimum Length Limit; 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

DONGOLA CITY RESERVOIR

Village of Dongola • Union

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Largemouth Bass	18 inch Minimum Length Limit; 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

DONNELLEY STATE FISH AND WILDLIFE AREA

State of Illinois • Bureau

Recreational Use Restrictions Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (12)

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SITE SPECIFIC SPORTFISHING REGULATIONS

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DOUBLE "T" STATE FISH AND WILDLIFE AREA

State of Illinois • Fulton

Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (all use other than waterfowl hunting is prohibited from October 1 through the end of the central zone Canada goose season)
All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1). All live bait greater than 8 inches must be rigged with a quick set rig (4)
Blue or Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Bluegill or Redear Sunfish	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	21 inch Minimum Length Limit; 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Pure Muskellunge	42 inch Minimum Length Limit
White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	10 inch Minimum Length Limit; 25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

DOUGLAS PARK LAGOON

Chicago Park District • Cook

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish	4 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

DUPAGE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT LAKES & PONDS *Forest Preserve District of DuPage County • DuPage*

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Bluegill or Redear Sunfish	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Channel Catfish	12 inch Minimum Length Limit; 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	Protected Slot Length Limit with no possession of Fish greater than or equal to 14 inches and less than 18 inches; 4 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 1 Fish greater than or equal to 18 inches and 3 Fish less than 14 inches
Pure Muskellunge	48 inch Minimum Length Limit
Trout (Silver Lake)	Fall Closed Season (7), Spring Closed Season (8)
Walleye, Sauger, or Hybrid Walleye	16 inch Minimum Length Limit; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Yellow Perch	9 inch Minimum Length Limit; 5 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

DUPAGE RIVER - WEST BRANCH

Forest Preserve District of DuPage County • DuPage

(BETWEEN THE FORMER DAM SITES LOCATED IN THE MCDOWELL GROVE FOREST PRESERVE AND THE WARRENVILLE GROVE FOREST PRESERVE)

Large or Smallmouth Bass	Catch and Release Fishing Only (9)
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DUQUOIN CITY LAKE

City of DuQuoin • Perry

Bluegill or Redear Sunfish	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

DUQUOIN STATE FAIR GROUNDS - ALL LAKES AND PONDS

State of Illinois • Perry

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Bluegill or Redear Sunfish	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

EAST FORK LAKE

City of Olney • Richland

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Bluegill or Redear Sunfish	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit
White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

ED MADIGAN STATE PARK POND

State of Illinois • Logan

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Bluegill or Redear Sunfish	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Channel Catfish	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	18 inch Minimum Length Limit; 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

ELDON HAZLET STATE PARK

State of Illinois • Clinton

(SEE ALSO CARLYLE LAKE)

Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (12)
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SITE SPECIFIC SPORTFISHING REGULATIONS

Statewide Sportfishing Regulations are enforced in addition to each area's Site Specific Regulations

ELLIOTT LAKE

Wheaton Park District • DuPage

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit

EMBARRAS RIVER BOTTOMS STATE NATURAL AREA

State of Illinois • Lawrence

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5)
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EMIQUON PRESERVE - THOMPSON LAKE

The Nature Conservancy • Fulton

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Bluegill, Redear, Pumpkinseed, Green, Orangespotted Sunfish, or Hybrid Sunfish	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	18 inch Minimum Length Limit; 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	9 inch Minimum Length Limit; 25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

EVERGREEN LAKE

City of Bloomington • McLean

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5). All live bait greater than 8 inches must be rigged with a quick set rig (4)
Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Pure Muskellunge	48 inch Minimum Length Limit (10)
Walleye, Sauger, or Hybrid Walleye	18 inch Minimum Length Limit; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 5 Fish greater than or equal to 10 inches

FAIRGROUNDS POND - FORT MASSAC STATE PARK

State of Illinois • Massac

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Large or Smallmouth Bass	18 inch Minimum Length Limit; 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Trout	Fall Closed Season (7), Spring Closed Season (8)

FAIRVIEW PARK - DREAMLAND POND

Decatur Park District • Macon

Recreational Use Restrictions	Only youth under 16 years of age permitted to fish, or persons participating in a Decatur Park District or Illinois Department of Natural Resources sponsored fishing program
All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit; 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

FERNE CLYFFE LAKE

Ferne Clyffe State Park • Johnson

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Trout	Fall Closed Season (7), Spring Closed Season (8)

FLATFOOT LAKE

Cook County Forest Preserve District • Cook

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (2)
Bluegill, Redear, or Pumpkinseed Sunfish	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit; 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

FLETCHER PARK POND

City of Mt. Zion • Macon

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Bluegill or Redear Sunfish	5 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Channel Catfish	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	18 inch Minimum Length Limit; 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

FOLI PARK POND

Village of Plano • Kendall

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

SITE SPECIFIC SPORTFISHING REGULATIONS

Statewide Sportfishing Regulations are enforced in addition to each area's Site Specific Regulations

FORBES LAKE

Stephen A. Forbes State Recreation Area • Marion

(INCLUDING FORBES LAKE TAILWATERS AND THAT PORTION OF LOST FORK CREEK WITHIN STEPHEN A. FORBES STATE RECREATION AREA)

Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (12)
All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit
Striped, White, or Hybrid Striped Bass	17 inch Minimum Length Limit; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	No Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 10 Fish greater than or equal to 8 inches

FORBES STATE RECREATION AREA PONDS

Stephen A. Forbes State Recreation Area • Marion

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit
Trout (Boston Pond)	Fall Closed Season (7), Spring Closed Season (8)

FOREST PARK LAGOON

City of Shelbyville • Shelby

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Trout	Fall Closed Season (7), Spring Closed Season (8)

FOUR LAKES

Forest Preserves of Winnebago County • Winnebago

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit; 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Trout	Fall Closed Season (7), Spring Closed Season (8)

FOX CHAIN O'LAKES

State of Illinois • Lake/McHenry

(INCLUDING THE FOX RIVER SOUTH OF THE WISCONSIN-ILLINOIS BOUNDARY TO THE ALGONQUIN DAM AND THE NIPPERSINK CREEK UPSTREAM TO THE WILMOT ROAD BRIDGE)

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) on State Park property bordering the Fox River and Grass Lake. All live bait greater than 8 inches must be rigged with a quick set rig (4)
Flathead Catfish	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 1 Fish greater than or equal to 28 inches and 2 Fish less than 28 inches
Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit (applies to Grass Lake and Nippersink Lake State Managed Blind Areas Only); 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit of which no more than 3 can be Smallmouth Bass
Pure Muskellunge	48 inch Minimum Length Limit (10)
Smallmouth Bass	All Fish must be immediately released between April 1 and June 15
Walleye, Sauger, or Hybrid Walleye	14 inch Minimum Length Limit; Protected Slot Length Limit with no possession of Fish greater than or equal to 18 inches and less than 24 inches; 4 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 1 Fish greater than or equal to 24 inches

FOX CREEK STATE FISH & WILDLIFE AREA

State of Illinois • Richland/Wayne

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5)
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FOX RIDGE STATE PARK

State of Illinois • Coles

(SEE ALSO HURRICANE POND, WILDERNESS POND AND RIDGE LAKE)

Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Hunting or Refuge Area
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FOX RIVER

State of Illinois • Multiple

(ALGONQUIN DAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE ILLINOIS RIVER, INCLUDING TRIBUTARIES)

Flathead Catfish	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 1 Fish greater than or equal to 28 inches and 2 Fish less than 28 inches
Smallmouth Bass	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 1 Fish greater than or equal to 12 inches and 2 Fish less than 12 inches; All Smallmouth Bass must be immediately released between April 1 and June 15

FOX RIVER

State of Illinois • McHenry

(AT MORAIN HILLS STATE PARK AND DAM AND ON BOLGER LOCK AND DAM PROPERTIES)

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
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SITE SPECIFIC SPORTFISHING REGULATIONS

Statewide Sportfishing Regulations are enforced in addition to each area's Site Specific Regulations

FOX RIVER MARINA

Lake County Forest Preserve District • Lake

Recreational Use Restrictions Bank Fishing Only (in areas designated by Lake County Forest Preserve District)
All Fish 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1). Bullfrogs may not be taken by hand, gig, pitchfork, spear, landing net or hook and line

FOX VALLEY PARK DISTRICT LAKES & PONDS

Fox Valley Park District • Kane/DuPage

(EXCEPT SEE JERICHO LAKE AND EXCLUDING LAKE GREGORY)

All Fish 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass 15 inch Minimum Length Limit; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

FRANK HOLTEN LAKES

Frank Holten State Park • St. Clair

All Fish 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5)
Channel Catfish 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass 14 inch Minimum Length Limit
Trout Fall Closed Season (7), Spring Closed Season (8)

FRANKLIN CREEK

State of Illinois • Lee

(WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF FRANKLIN CREEK STATE NATURAL AREA)

All Fish 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)

FRANKLIN CREEK MILL POND

Franklin Creek State Park • Lee

All Fish 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Large or Smallmouth Bass 15 inch Minimum Length Limit; 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

FULLER LAKE

State of Illinois • Calhoun

Recreational Use Restrictions Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (11)

FULTON COUNTY CAMPING AND RECREATION AREA WATERS

Fulton County Board • Fulton

All Fish 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1). All live bait greater than 8 inches must be rigged with a quick set rig (4)
Bluegill or Redear Sunfish 25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Channel Catfish 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass Protected Slot Length Limit with no possession of Fish greater than or equal to 12 inches and less than 15 inches; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Pure Muskellunge 42 inch Minimum Length Limit

GAGES LAKE

Wildwood Park District • Lake

Large or Smallmouth Bass 15 inch Minimum Length Limit; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Walleye, Sauger, or Hybrid Walleye 16 inch Minimum Length Limit; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

GARFIELD PARK LAGOON

Chicago Park District • Cook

All Fish 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish 4 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

GERMANTOWN LAKE

Village of Germantown • Clinton

All Fish 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Bluegill or Redear Sunfish 15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Channel Catfish 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass 18 inch Minimum Length Limit; 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

GIANT CITY STATE PARK PONDS

Giant City State Park • Jackson/Union

All Fish 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Bluegill or Redear Sunfish 15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Channel Catfish 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Largemouth Bass 15 inch Minimum Length Limit

SITE SPECIFIC SPORTFISHING REGULATIONS

Statewide Sportfishing Regulations are enforced in addition to each area's Site Specific Regulations

GILLESPIE NEW CITY LAKE

City of Gillespie • Macoupin

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	Protected Slot Length Limit with no possession of Fish greater than or equal to 12 inches and less than 15 inches; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

GILLESPIE OLD CITY LAKE

City of Gillespie • Macoupin

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

GLADES

12 Mile Island Wildlife Management Area • Jersey

Recreational Use Restrictions Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (11)

GLADSTONE LAKE

Henderson County Conservation Area • Henderson

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Bluegill or Redear Sunfish	10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Blue or Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	Protected Slot Length Limit with no possession of Fish greater than or equal to 12 inches and less than 15 inches; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 1 Fish greater than or equal to 15 inches and 2 Fish less than 12 inches
Pure Muskellunge	48 inch Minimum Length Limit

GLEN O JONES STATE LAKE

Saline County State Fish and Wildlife Area • Saline

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	Protected Slot Length Limit with no possession of Fish greater than or equal to 14 inches and less than 18 inches; 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 1 Fish greater than or equal to 18 inches and 5 Fish less than 14 inches

GLEN O JONES TROUT POND

Saline County State Fish and Wildlife Area • Saline

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Trout	Fall Closed Season (7)

GLEN OAK LAGOON

Peoria Park District • Peoria

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

GLEN SHOALS LAKE

City of Hillsboro • Montgomery

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Striped, White, or Hybrid Striped Bass	17 inch Minimum Length Limit; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

GODAR-DIAMOND/HURRICANE ISLAND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

State of Illinois • Calhoun

Recreational Use Restrictions Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (11)

GOMPERS PARK LAGOON

Chicago Park District • Cook

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish	4 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

GORDON F. MOORE PARK LAKE

City of Alton • Madison

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Bluegill or Redear Sunfish	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

SITE SPECIFIC SPORTFISHING REGULATIONS

Statewide Sportfishing Regulations are enforced in addition to each area's Site Specific Regulations

GOVERNOR BOND LAKE

City of Greenville • Bond

All Fish	All jugs must be attended at all times (3)
Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Striped, White, or Hybrid Striped Bass	17 inch Minimum Length Limit; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

GRAYSLAKE PARK DISTRICT

City of Grayslake • Lake

(GRAYSLAKE AND PARK PONDS)

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

GREEN LAKE

Cook County Forest Preserve District • Cook

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (2)
Trout	Fall Closed Season (7), Spring Closed Season (8)

GREENFIELD CITY LAKE

City of Greenfield • Greene

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Bluegill or Redear Sunfish	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	Protected Slot Length Limit with no possession of Fish greater than or equal to 12 inches and less than 15 inches; 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 1 Fish greater than or equal to 15 inches and 5 Fish less than 12 inches

HANOVER LAKE

Apple River Canyon State Park • Jo Daviess

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Bluegill or Redear Sunfish	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit; 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

HARRISBURG NEW CITY RESERVOIR

City of Harrisburg • Saline

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Striped, White, or Hybrid Striped Bass	17 inch Minimum Length Limit; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

HEIDECHE LAKE

Heidecke Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area • Grundy

Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (13)
All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1). All live bait greater than 8 inches must be rigged with a quick set rig (4)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	Protected Slot Length Limit with no possession of Fish greater than or equal to 12 inches and less than 18 inches; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 1 Fish greater than or equal to 18 inches and 2 Fish less than 12 inches
Pure Muskellunge	48 inch Minimum Length Limit
Striped, White, or Hybrid Striped Bass	10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 3 Fish greater than or equal to 17 inches
Walleye, Sauger, or Hybrid Walleye	16 inch Minimum Length Limit; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

HEILAND LAKES

Kankakee River Valley Forest Preserve District • Kankakee

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Bluegill or Redear Sunfish	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Channel Catfish	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	Protected Slot Length Limit with no possession of Fish greater than or equal to 12 inches and less than 15 inches; 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 1 Fish greater than or equal to 15 inches

HELMBOLD SLOUGH

State of Illinois • Calhoun

Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (11)
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HENDERSON CREEK STATE FISH AND WILDLIFE AREA

State of Illinois • Henderson

Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (12)
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SITE SPECIFIC SPORTFISHING REGULATIONS

Statewide Sportfishing Regulations are enforced in addition to each area's Site Specific Regulations

HENNEPIN CANAL - MAINLINE & FEEDER

Hennepin Canal Parkway State Park • Multiple

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1). Jug fishing is permitted from sunset to sunrise and carp and buffalo may be taken by bow and arrow devices from May 1 through September 30; All jugs must have owner's/ user's name and complete address affixed
Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit
Trout	Fall Closed Season (7), Spring Closed Season (8)

HENNEPIN-HOPPER LAKES

The Wetlands Initiative • Putnam

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1). All live bait greater than 8 inches must be rigged with a quick set rig (4)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Pure Muskellunge	42 inch Minimum Length Limit
Walleye, Sauger, or Hybrid Walleye	18 inch Minimum Length Limit; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	9 inch Minimum Length Limit; 25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

HERITAGE QUARRIES

City of Lemont • Cook

(GREAT LAKES QUARRY AND CONSUMERS QUARRY)

Bluegill or Redear Sunfish	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

HERRIN LAKE #1

City of Herrin • Williamson

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

HEYWORTH CENTENNIAL LAKE

City of Heyworth • McLean

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	16 inch Minimum Length Limit; 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

HIDDEN SPRINGS STATE FOREST PONDS

Hidden Springs State Forest • Shelby

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Bluegill or Redear Sunfish	10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	18 inch Minimum Length Limit; 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

HIGHLAND OLD CITY LAKE

City of Highland • Madison

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Trout	Fall Closed Season (7)

HILLSBORO OLD CITY LAKE

City of Hillsboro • Montgomery

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	Protected Slot Length Limit with no possession of Fish greater than or equal to 12 inches and less than 15 inches; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

HOMER GUTHRIE POND

Eldon Hazlet State Park • Clinton

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Bluegill or Redear Sunfish	10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	18 inch Minimum Length Limit; 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

HOMER LAKE

Champaign County Forest Preserve District • Champaign

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit

SITE SPECIFIC SPORTFISHING REGULATIONS

Statewide Sportfishing Regulations are enforced in addition to each area's Site Specific Regulations

HORMEL POND

Donnelley/DePue State Fish and Wildlife Area • Bureau

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit

HORSESHOE LAKE - ALEXANDER COUNTY

Horseshoe Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area • Alexander

Recreational Use Restrictions	Only trolling motors in refuge from October 15 through March 1
All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5)

HORSESHOE LAKE - MADISON COUNTY

Horseshoe Lake State Park • Madison

Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (11)
All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5). Trotlines must be set within 300 feet from shore
Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

HORSETAIL LAKE

Cook County Forest Preserve District • Cook

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (2)
Bluegill, Redear, or Pumpkinseed Sunfish	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit; 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Trout	Fall Closed Season (7), Spring Closed Season (8)
White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

HORTON LAKE

Nauvoo State Park • Hancock

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	18 inch Minimum Length Limit; 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Trout	Fall Closed Season (7); Early season Catch and Release Fishing is permitted (9) Spring Closed Season (8); Early season Catch and Release Fishing is permitted (9)

HUMBOLT PARK LAGOON

Chicago Park District • Cook

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish	4 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

HURRICANE POND

Fox Ridge State Park • Coles

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Bluegill or Redear Sunfish	5 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	18 inch Minimum Length Limit; 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

ILLINOIS & MICHIGAN CANAL

State of Illinois • Grundy/LaSalle/Will

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit
Trout	Fall Closed Season (7), Spring Closed Season (8)

ILLINOIS BEACH STATE PARK PONDS

Adeline Jay Geo-Karis Illinois Beach State Park • Lake

(EXCEPT SEE SAND POND)

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION LAKE

State of Illinois • Sangamon

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit
Trout	Fall Closed Season (7); Early season Catch and Release Fishing is permitted (9) Spring Closed Season (8); Early season Catch and Release Fishing is permitted (9)

SITE SPECIFIC SPORTFISHING REGULATIONS

Statewide Sportfishing Regulations are enforced in addition to each area's Site Specific Regulations

ILLINOIS RIVER

State of Illinois • Multiple

Large or Smallmouth Bass 12 inch Minimum Length Limit

ILLINOIS RIVER - POOL 26

State of Illinois • Calhoun

Recreational Use Restrictions Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (11)

ILLINOIS RIVER - STARVED ROCK POOL

State of Illinois • LaSalle

Large or Smallmouth Bass 18 inch Minimum Length Limit; 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie 10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

INDIAN BOUNDARY SOUTH POND

Frankfort Square Park District • Will

All Fish 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

IROQUOIS & KANKAKEE RIVERS AND THEIR TRIBUTARIES

State of Illinois • Multiple

Walleye, Sauger, or Hybrid Walleye 14 inch Minimum Length Limit; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 1 Fish greater than or equal to 18 inches

ISLAND POND

Boone County Conservation District • Boone

All Fish 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass 14 inch Minimum Length Limit; 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

JACKSON PARK LAGOON/COLUMBIA BASIN

Chicago Park District • Cook

All Fish 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish 4 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

JERICHO LAKE

Fox Valley Park District • Kane

All Fish 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass 15 inch Minimum Length Limit; 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie 9 inch Minimum Length Limit; 15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

JIM EDGAR/PANTHER CREEK STATE FISH AND WILDLIFE AREA - ALL LAKES AND PONDS

Jim Edgar/Panther Creek State Fish and Wildlife Area • Cass

(EXCEPT SEE DRAKE LAKE AND GRIDLEY ROAD LAKE)

All Fish 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1). All live bait greater than 8 inches must be rigged with a quick set rig (4)
Channel Catfish 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass 15 inch Minimum Length Limit; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Pure Muskellunge 48 inch Minimum Length Limit

JIM EDGAR/PANTHER CREEK STATE FISH AND WILDLIFE AREA - DRAKE LAKE

Jim Edgar/Panther Creek State Fish and Wildlife Area • Cass

All Fish 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Bluegill or Redear Sunfish 10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Channel Catfish 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass 15 inch Minimum Length Limit; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

JIM EDGAR/PANTHER CREEK STATE FISH AND WILDLIFE AREA - GRIDLEY ROAD LAKE

Jim Edgar/Panther Creek State Fish and Wildlife Area • Cass

All Fish 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass 15 inch Minimum Length Limit; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Trout Fall Closed Season (7); Early season Catch and Release Fishing is permitted (9)
Spring Closed Season (8); Early season Catch and Release Fishing is permitted (9)

SITE SPECIFIC SPORTFISHING REGULATIONS

Statewide Sportfishing Regulations are enforced in addition to each area's Site Specific Regulations

JOHNSON-SAUK TRAIL LAKE & POND

Johnson-Sauk Trail State Recreation Area • Henry

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1). All live bait greater than 8 inches must be rigged with a quick set rig (4)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit

JONES PARK LAKE

City of East St. Louis • St. Clair

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Trout	Fall Closed Season (7), Spring Closed Season (8)

JUBILEE COLLEGE STATE PARK POND

Jubilee College State Park • Peoria

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit; 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

KANE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT LAKES AND PONDS

Kane County Forest Preserve District • Kane

Bluegill	10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Channel Catfish	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Largemouth Bass	Protected Slot Length Limit with no possession of Fish greater than or equal to 14 inches and less than 18 inches; 4 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 1 Fish greater than or equal to 18 inches and 3 Fish less than 14 inches
Northern Pike	24 inch Minimum Length Limit; 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Smallmouth Bass	Catch and Release Fishing Only (9)
White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

KANKAKEE-IROQUOIS RIVERS AND THEIR TRIBUTARIES

State of Illinois • Multiple

Walleye, Sauger, or Hybrid Walleye	14 inch Minimum Length Limit; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 1 Fish greater than or equal to 18 inches
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KANKAKEE RIVER

State of Illinois • Multiple

(FROM THE KANKAKEE DAM TO THE WILMINGTON DAM ON THE KANKAKEE RIVER, INCLUDING TRIBUTARIES)

Smallmouth Bass	Protected Slot Length Limit with no possession of Fish greater than or equal to 12 inches and less than 18 inches; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 1 Fish greater than or equal to 18 inches and 2 Fish less than 12 inches
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KASKASKIA RIVER STATE FISH AND WILDLIFE AREA - DOZA CREEK

State of Illinois • St. Clair

Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (12)
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KENDALL CO. LAKE #1

Kendall County Forest Preserve District • Kendall

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Bluegill or Redear Sunfish	10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

KENT CREEK

State of Illinois • Winnebago

Trout	Catch and Release Fishing Only (9)
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KICKAPOO STATE PARK LAKES & PONDS

Kickapoo State Recreational Area • Vermilion

(EXCEPT SEE CLEAR LAKE)

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Bluegill or Redear Sunfish	10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 1 Fish greater than or equal to 15 inches and 2 Fish less than 15 inches

KINCAID CITY LAKE

City of Kincaid • Christian

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit

SITE SPECIFIC SPORTFISHING REGULATIONS

Statewide Sportfishing Regulations are enforced in addition to each area's Site Specific Regulations

KING PARK LAGOON

City of Pittsfield • Pike

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Trout	Spring Closed Season (8)

KINKAID LAKE

Kinkaid Lake State Fish and Wildlife Are • Jackson

All Fish	All live bait greater than 8 inches must be rigged with a quick set rig (4)
Large or Smallmouth Bass	16 inch Minimum Length Limit; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Pure Muskellunge	48 inch Minimum Length Limit (10)
White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 10 Fish greater than or equal to 10 inches

KINMUNDY CITY LAKE

City of Kinmundy • Marion

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit

KINMUNDY RESERVOIR

City of Kinmundy • Marion

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Largemouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit

KISHWAUKEE RIVER AND SOUTH BRANCH OF KISHWAUKEE RIVER AND TRIBUTARIES

State of Illinois • Multiple

Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit
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LAKE ATWOOD

McHenry County Conservation District • McHenry

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit; 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Trout	Spring Closed Season (8)

LAKE BLOOMINGTON

City of Bloomington • McLean

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Bluegill or Redear Sunfish	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Striped, White, or Hybrid Striped Bass	10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 3 Fish greater than or equal to 17 inches
Walleye	18 inch Minimum Length Limit; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 5 Fish greater than or equal to 10 inches

LAKE CARLTON

Morrison-Rockwood State Park • Whiteside

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1). All live bait greater than 8 inches must be rigged with a quick set rig (4)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit; 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

LAKE CARLTON SILT BASIN

State of Illinois • Whiteside

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Bluegill or Redear Sunfish	8 inch Minimum Length Limit; 10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	Catch and Release Fishing Only (9)

LAKE CHAMINWOOD

Will County Forest Preserve District • Will

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Bluegill or Redear Sunfish	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Channel Catfish	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	18 inch Minimum Length Limit; 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

SITE SPECIFIC SPORTFISHING REGULATIONS

Statewide Sportfishing Regulations are enforced in addition to each area's Site Specific Regulations

LAKE CO. FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT LAKES

Lake County Forest Preserve District • Lake

(EXCLUDING INDEPENDENCE GROVE LAKE; EXCEPT SEE BANANA LAKE AND STERLING LAKE)

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit; 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Walleye, Sauger, or Hybrid Walleye	16 inch Minimum Length Limit; 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

LAKE DECATUR

City of Decatur • Macon

INCLUDING ALL BOUNDARIES WITHIN THE CITY OF DECATUR FROM THE DAM TO THE SANGAMON RIVER AT MACON CO. HIGHWAY 25 (NORTH OAKLEY ROAD) AND THE AREA WEST OF BALTIMORE AVE. DOES NOT INCLUDE THE TAILWATER

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (2). Bullfrogs may not be taken by spear. Carp, buffalo, suckers and carpsuckers may be taken by means of pitchfork and gigs (no bow and arrow devices)
Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit
White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	10 inch Minimum Length Limit; 10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

LAKE DEPUE FISH AND WILDLIFE AREA

State of Illinois • Bureau

Recreational Use Restrictions Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (12)

LAKE EUREKA

City of Eureka • Woodford

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Bluegill or Redear Sunfish	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	18 inch Minimum Length Limit; 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

LAKE GEORGE

Loud Thunder Forest Preserve • Rock Island

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1). All live bait greater than 8 inches must be rigged with a quick set rig (4)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit
Striped, White, or Hybrid Striped Bass	17 inch Minimum Length Limit; 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

LAKE JACKSONVILLE

City of Jacksonville • Morgan

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1). Carp, buffalo, suckers and carpsuckers may be taken by means of pitchfork and gigs (no bow and arrow devices)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	Protected Slot Length Limit with no possession of Fish greater than or equal to 14 inches and less than 18 inches; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Striped, White, or Hybrid Striped Bass	17 inch Minimum Length Limit; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 10 Fish greater than or equal to 10 inches

LAKE KA-HO (LAKES 1, 2, AND 3)

Village of Lake Ka-Ho • Macoupin

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Bluegill or Redear Sunfish	10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

LAKE KAKUSHA

City of Mendota • LaSalle

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

LAKE LE-AQUA-NA

Lake Le-Aqua-Na State Recreation Area • Stephenson

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit; 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

SITE SPECIFIC SPORTFISHING REGULATIONS

Statewide Sportfishing Regulations are enforced in addition to each area's Site Specific Regulations

LAKE LE-AQUA-NA KIDS ONLY FISHING POND

Lake Le-Aqua-Na State Recreation Area • Stephenson

Recreational Use Restrictions	Only youth under 16 years of age permitted to fish
All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Bluegill, Redear, or Hybrid Sunfish	5 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Channel Catfish	1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

LAKE LOAMI

City of Loami • Sangamon

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit

LAKE LOU YAEGER

City of Litchfield • Montgomery

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

LAKE MATTOON

City of Mattoon • Coles/Cumberland/Shelby

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit
White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 10 Fish greater than or equal to 10 inches

LAKE MENDOTA

City of Mendota • LaSalle

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	Protected Slot Length Limit with no possession of Fish greater than or equal to 12 inches and less than 15 inches; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 1 Fish greater than or equal to 15 inches and 2 Fish less than 12 inches
Trout	Spring Closed Season (8)

LAKE MICHIGAN (ILLINOIS PORTION)

State of Illinois • Lake/Cook

All Fish	All devices used for sport fishing on Lake Michigan must be attended at all times
Lake Trout	2 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Lake Whitefish or Round Whitefish	12 Fish Daily Harvest Limit, singly or in the aggregate
Large or Smallmouth Bass	21 inch Minimum Length Limit; 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Trout and Salmon	10 inch Minimum Length Limit; 5 Fish Daily Harvest Limit, singly or in the aggregate, except for Lake Trout
Yellow Perch	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit (6); Closed May 1 through June 15

LAKE MILLIKEN

Des Plaines State Fish and Wildlife Area • Will

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit
Trout	Spring Closed Season (8)

LAKE MINGO & KENNEKUK COVE PARK PONDS

Vermilion County Conservation District • Vermilion

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1). Sport fishermen may take carp from boat by bow and arrow and bow and arrow devices, but not within 150 feet of any developed recreation areas
Bluegill or Redear Sunfish	20 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 5 Fish greater than or equal to 8 inches
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 1 Fish greater than or equal to 15 inches and 2 Fish less than 15 inches
White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	9 inch Minimum Length Limit; 15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

LAKE MURPHYSBORO

Lake Murphysboro State Park • Jackson

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

SITE SPECIFIC SPORTFISHING REGULATIONS

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LAKE NELLIE

City of St. Elmo • Fayette

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

LAKE OF THE WOODS & ELK'S POND

Champaign County Forest Preserve District • Champaign

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1). All live bait greater than 8 inches must be rigged with a quick set rig (4)
Bluegill or Redear Sunfish	No Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 5 Fish greater than or equal to 7 inches
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit; 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Trout	Spring Closed Season (8)

LAKE OWEN

Hazek Crest Park District • Cook

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

LAKE PARADISE

City of Mattoon • Coles

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Bluegill or Redear Sunfish	20 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 3 Fish greater than or equal to 8 inches
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit

LAKE SARA

City of Effingham • Effingham

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5)
Large or Smallmouth Bass	Protected Slot Length Limit with no possession of Fish greater than or equal to 15 inches and less than 18 inches
White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

LAKE SHELBYVILLE

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers • Moultrie/Shelby

(INCLUDING ITS TRIBUTARY STREAMS AND THOSE PORTIONS OF THE WEST OKAW AND KASKASKIA RIVERS TO THE EXTENT OF THE LAKE SHELBYVILLE PROJECT BOUNDARIES - INCLUDING PARTS OF THE LAKE SHELBYVILLE STATE FISH AND WILDLIFE AREA, EXCEPT SEE PROJECT PONDS)

Recreational Use Restrictions	During the regular waterfowl season, no bank or boat fishing shall be permitted on the Kaskaskia River from the Strickland Boat Access north to the Illinois Central Railroad Bridge from one half hour before sunrise to 1 p.m.
All Fish	All live bait greater than 8 inches must be rigged with a quick set rig (4)
Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit
Pure Muskellunge	48 inch Minimum Length Limit (10)
Striped Bass	32 inch Minimum Length Limit; 2 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 10 Fish greater than or equal to 10 inches and 5 Fish less than 10 inches

LAKE SHELBYVILLE PROJECT PONDS

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers • Moultrie/Shelby

(EXCEPT SEE WOODS LAKE), AND LAKE SHELBYVILLE STATE FISH AND WILDLIFE AREA PONDS

Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (12)
All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit
White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 10 Fish greater than or equal to 10 inches and 5 Fish less than 10 inches

LAKE SHERMERVILLE

Northbrook Park District • Cook

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Bluegill or Redear Sunfish	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Channel Catfish	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit; 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

LAKE SINNISSIPPI

State of Illinois • Whiteside

Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (12)
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SITE SPECIFIC SPORTFISHING REGULATIONS

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LAKE SPRINGFIELD

City of Springfield • Sangamon

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5)
Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit
White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	10 inch Minimum Length Limit; 10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

LAKE STOREY

City of Galesburg • Knox

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5). All live bait greater than 8 inches must be rigged with a quick set rig (4)
Blue or Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Bluegill or Redear Sunfish	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	Protected Slot Length Limit with no possession of Fish greater than or equal to 12 inches and less than 18 inches; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Pure Muskellunge	42 inch Minimum Length Limit
Walleye, Sauger, or Hybrid Walleye	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

LAKE STRINI

Village of Romeoville • Will

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Trout	Fall Closed Season (7)

LAKE SULE

Flagg-Rochelle Park District • Ogle

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1). All live bait greater than 8 inches must be rigged with a quick set rig (4)
Bluegill or Redear Sunfish	5 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit; 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Pure Muskellunge	36 inch Minimum Length Limit
White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

LAKE TAYLORVILLE

City of Taylorville • Christian

Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit
White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 10 Fish greater than or equal to 10 inches

LAKE VERMILION

Vermilion County Conservation District • Vermilion

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1). Sport fishermen may harvest carp, carpsuckers, buffalo, gar, bowfin, and suckers by pitchfork, gigs, bow and arrow or bow and arrow devices north of Boiling Springs Road, but not within 300 feet around wetland boardwalk. Trotline and jug fishing allowed north of Boiling Springs Road
Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit
White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	9 inch Minimum Length Limit; 15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

LAKE VICTORIA

City of South Beloit • Winnebago

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit; 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

LAKE WILLIAMSVILLE

Village of Williamsville • Sangamon

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

LAKWOOD PARK

Morton Park District • Tazewell

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Bluegill or Redear Sunfish	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Channel Catfish	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	18 inch Minimum Length Limit; 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

LASALLE COOLING LAKE

LaSalle Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area • LaSalle

Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl refuge or hunting area; site regulations apply
All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Large or Smallmouth Bass	18 inch Minimum Length Limit; 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Striped, White, or Hybrid Striped Bass	10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 3 Fish greater than or equal to 17 inches

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LEVINGS LAKE

Rockford Park District • Winnebago

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit; 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

LINCOLN LOG CABIN POND

Lincoln Log Cabin Historical Site • Coles

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit; 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

LINCOLN PARK NORTH LAGOON

Chicago Park District • Cook

Recreational Use Restrictions Closed to Fishing

LINCOLN PARK SOUTH LAGOON

Chicago Park District • Cook

Recreational Use Restrictions Closed to Fishing

LINCOLN TRAIL LAKE

Lincoln Trail State Park • Clark

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Bluegill or Redear Sunfish	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 5 Fish greater than or equal to 9 inches
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	Protected Slot Length Limit with no possession of Fish greater than or equal to 14 inches and less than 18 inches; 4 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 1 Fish greater than or equal to 18 inches
White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

LITCHFIELD CITY LAKE

City of Litchfield • Montgomery

Large or Smallmouth Bass	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 1 Fish greater than or equal to 15 inches and 2 Fish less than 15 inches
White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

LITTLE CASTERS POND

Boone County Conservation District • Boone

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit; 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

MACKINAW PONDS 1 & 2

Mackinaw River State Fish and Wildlife Area • Tazewell

Bluegill or Redear Sunfish	5 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit; 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

MACON COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT PONDS

Macon County Conservation District • Macon

(EXCEPT SEE ROCK SPRINGS POND AND ROCK SPRINGS BIKE TRAIL POND)

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
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MAPLE LAKE

Cook County Forest Preserve District • Cook

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (2)
Bluegill, Redear, or Pumpkinseed Sunfish	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit; 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

MARINE HERITAGE LAKE

Village of Marine • Madison

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Bluegill or Redear Sunfish	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

MARISSA CITY LAKE

City of Marissa • St. Clair

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

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MARQUETTE PARK LAGOON

Chicago Park District • Cook

All Fish 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish 4 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

MARSHALL COUNTY STATE FISH AND WILDLIFE AREA

Marshall County State Fish and Wildlife Area • Marshall

(FISHING DITCH)

Recreational Use Restrictions Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (12)
All Fish 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Large or Smallmouth Bass 12 inch Minimum Length Limit

MARSHALL COUNTY STATE FISH AND WILDLIFE AREA - SPARLAND UNIT

Marshall County State Fish and Wildlife Area • Marshall

Recreational Use Restrictions Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (12)

MASCOUTAH RESERVOIR

City of Mascoutah • St. Clair

All Fish 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass 15 inch Minimum Length Limit; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

MATTHIESSEN LAKE

Matthiessen State Park • LaSalle

All Fish 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Bluegill or Redear Sunfish 10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Channel Catfish 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass 14 inch Minimum Length Limit

MAUTINO STATE FISH AND WILDLIFE AREA

State of Illinois • Bureau

All Fish 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1). Sport fishermen may harvest carp, buffalo, suckers and gar by bow and arrow or bow and arrow devices, gigs or spears from May 1 through August 31
Bluegill or Redear Sunfish 10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Channel Catfish 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass 14 inch Minimum Length Limit; 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

MAUVAISE TERRE/MORGAN LAKE

City of Jacksonville • Morgan

All Fish 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5)
Large or Smallmouth Bass 15 inch Minimum Length Limit
Trout Fall Closed Season (7); Early season Catch and Release Fishing is Permitted (9)
Spring Closed Season (8); Early season Catch and Release Fishing is Permitted (9)

MAZONIA LAKES & PONDS

Mazonia State Fish and Wildlife Area • Grundy/Kankakee/Will

(EXCEPT SEE MONSTER LAKE AND PONDEROSA LAKE)

Recreational Use Restrictions Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (12)
All Fish 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass 15 inch Minimum Length Limit; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie 10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

MCCULLOM LAKE

City of McHenry • McHenry

All Fish 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Bluegill or Redear Sunfish 25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Channel Catfish 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass 15 inch Minimum Length Limit; 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

MCKINLEY PARK LAGOON

Chicago Park District • Cook

All Fish 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish 4 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

SITE SPECIFIC SPORTFISHING REGULATIONS

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MCLEANSBORO CITY LAKES

City of McLeansboro • Hamilton

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit

MECHANICSBURG PARK POND

City of Mechanicsburg • Sangamon

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

MEREDOSIA LAKE - CASS COUNTY PORTION ONLY

State of Illinois • Cass

(MEANDERED WATERS ONLY)

Recreational Use Restrictions Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (12). All boat traffic is prohibited from operating on meandered waters (except non motorized boats may be used to assist in the retrieval of waterfowl shot from private land) from the period from one week before waterfowl season opens until the season closes; hunting and/or any other activity is prohibited during the period from one week before waterfowl season opens until the season closes.

MERMET STATE LAKE

Mermet Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area • Massac

Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (12)
All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	16 inch Minimum Length Limit; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

MIDDLE FORK FOREST PRESERVE PONDS

Champaign County Forest Preserve District • Champaign

(EMERALD POND, CYPRESS POND, AND WILLOW POND)

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Bluegill or Redear Sunfish	10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Channel Catfish	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit; 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

MIDDLE FORK OF THE VERMILION RIVER *Kickapoo State Recreation Area & Middle Fork State Fish & Wildlife Area • Vermilion*

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
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MILL CREEK LAKE

Clark County Park District • Clark

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1). All live bait greater than 8 inches must be rigged with a quick set rig (4)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	5 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 1 Fish greater than or equal to 15 inches and 4 Fish less than 15 inches
Pure Muskellunge	42 inch Minimum Length Limit
White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 2 Fish greater than or equal to 12 inches

MILL RACE PONDS

Belvidere Park District • Boone

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Trout	Spring Closed Season (8)

MILLER PARK LAKE

Bloomington Park District • McLean

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Trout	Spring Closed Season (8)

MINERAL SPRINGS PARK LAGOON

City of Pekin • Tazewell

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Trout	Fall Closed Season (7)

SITE SPECIFIC SPORTFISHING REGULATIONS

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MISSISSIPPI RIVER (BETWEEN IL & IA)

State of Illinois • Multiple

Recreational Use Restrictions	Spring Lake in Carroll County is closed to fishing during the 7 days prior to the regular duck season and during the regular duck and Canada goose season except in areas posted as open to fishing.
All Fish	While Trolling, sport fisherman must not use more than 2 poles and each pole must not have more than 2 hooks or lures
Bluegill or Pumpkinseed Sunfish	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit, singly or in aggregate
Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit; 5 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Northern Pike	5 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Paddlefish	33 inch (Eye to Fork) Maximum Length Limit (all Paddlefish greater than or equal to 33 inches must be immediately released back to the Mississippi River); 2 Fish Daily Harvest Limit. Snagging for Paddlefish is permitted from one half hour before sunrise to one half hour after sunset daily, March 1 through April 15 within a 500 yard downstream limit below locks and dams on the Mississippi River between Illinois and Iowa. No sorting allowed. Once the Daily Harvest Limit of Paddlefish has been reached, snagging must cease. Paddlefish may be released at the angler's discretion once they are included in the Daily Harvest Limit. Gaffs may not be used to land Paddlefish
Rock Bass	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Striped, White, Yellow, or Hybrid Striped Bass	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit; Statewide regulation limiting daily harvest to 3 Fish greater than or equal to 17 inches is not in effect on the Mississippi River between Illinois and Iowa
Walleye	15 inch Minimum Length Limit; Protected Slot Length Limit with no possession of Fish greater than or equal to 20 inches and less than 27 inches
Walleye or Sauger	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 1 Fish greater than or equal to 27 inches
White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Yellow Perch	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

MISSISSIPPI RIVER (BETWEEN IL & MO)

State of Illinois • Multiple

All Nongame Species Combined	100 Total Fish Daily Harvest Limit (Excludes endangered and threatened species and the following game species: Crappie, Channel/Blue/Flathead Catfish, Rock Bass, Warmouth, White/Yellow/Striped/Hybrid Striped Bass, Trout, Largemouth/Smallmouth/Spotted Bass, Muskellunge, Northern Pike, Chain/Grass Pickerel, Walleye, Sauger, Paddlefish)
Recreational Use Restrictions	Boating prohibited on refuge area (Ellis Bay) immediately upstream of Melvin Price Lock and Dam 26 overflow dike from October 15-April 15
Blue or Channel Catfish	20 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Flathead Catfish	10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Largemouth, Smallmouth, or Spotted Bass	12 inch Minimum Length Limit; 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Northern Pike	1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Paddlefish	24 inch (Eye to Fork) Minimum Length Limit; 2 Fish Daily Harvest Limit Snagging for Paddlefish is permitted from September 15 through December 15 and March 15 through May 15 within a 300 yard downstream limit below locks and dams on the Mississippi River between Illinois and Missouri except for the Chain of Rocks low water dam at Chouteau Island, also known as Dam 27 at the Chain of Rocks (Madison County) where no snagging is permitted Sorting is permitted; every Paddlefish greater than or equal to 24 inches eye to fork length must be taken into immediate possession and included in the Daily Harvest Limit; Paddlefish less than 24 inches eye to fork length must be returned immediately to the water; once the Daily Harvest Limit of Paddlefish has been reached, snagging must cease. Gaffs may not be used to land Paddlefish
Striped, White, Yellow, or Hybrid Striped Bass	30 Fish Daily Harvest Limit; Statewide regulation limiting daily harvest to 3 Fish greater than or equal to 17 inches is not in effect on the Mississippi River between Illinois and Iowa
Walleye or Sauger	14 inch Minimum Length Limit; 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	30 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

MISSISSIPPI RIVER POOLS 16, 17, 18, 21, 22, 24

State of Illinois • Multiple

Recreational Use Restrictions Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (12)

MISSISSIPPI RIVER POOLS 25 AND 26

State of Illinois • Multiple

Recreational Use Restrictions Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (11)

MONEE RESERVOIR

Will County Forest Preserve District • Will

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit; 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

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MONSTER LAKE

Mazonia State Fish and Wildlife Area • Kankakee

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Walleye, Sauger, or Hybrid Walleye	14 inch Minimum Length Limit; Protected Slot Length Limit with no possession of Fish greater than or equal to 18 inches and less than 24 inches; 4 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 1 Fish greater than or equal to 24 inches
White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

MONTROSE LAKE

City of Montrose • Cumberland

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Bluegill or Redear Sunfish	20 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 3 Fish greater than or equal to 8 inches
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit

MORGAN LAKE/MAUVAISE TERRE

City of Jacksonville • Morgan

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5)
Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit
Trout	Fall Closed Season (7); Early season Catch and Release Fishing is permitted (9) Spring Closed Season (8); Early season Catch and Release Fishing is permitted (9)

MT. OLIVE CITY LAKES (OLD and NEW)

City of Mt. Olive • Macoupin

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

MT. PULASKI PARK DISTRICT LAKE

Mt. Pulaski Park District • Logan

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	18 inch Minimum Length Limit; 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

MT. STERLING LAKE

City of Mt. Sterling • Brown

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	Protected Slot Length Limit with no possession of Fish greater than or equal to 12 inches and less than 15 inches

MT. VERNON CITY PARK LAKE

City of Mt. Vernon • Jefferson

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

MT. VERNON GAME FARM POND

Mt. Vernon Game Farm • Jefferson

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Trout	Fall Closed Season (7), Spring Closed Season (8)

MUNDELEIN PARK DISTRICT PONDS

City of Mundelein • Lake

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

NASHVILLE CITY RESERVOIR

City of Nashville • Washington

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	18 inch Minimum Length Limit; 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

SITE SPECIFIC SPORTFISHING REGULATIONS

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NEWTON LAKE

Newton Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area • Jasper

Recreational Use Restrictions The cold water (East) arm of Newton Lake shall be closed daily from one half hour before sunrise until 1:00 p.m. to all fishing and boat traffic except for legal waterfowl hunters during waterfowl season commencing with regular duck season through the close of the Canada goose and regular duck season. Lake closed to fishing during First and Second Firearm Deer Seasons. Fishing tournaments prohibited from June 1 through August 31 (both dates inclusive)

All Fish 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5)
Large or Smallmouth Bass 18 inch Minimum Length Limit; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie 10 inch Minimum Length Limit; 10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

NORRIS CITY RESERVOIR

City of Norris City • White

All Fish 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass 15 inch Minimum Length Limit

OAKLAND CITY LAKE

City of Oakland • Coles

All Fish 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass 14 inch Minimum Length Limit

OBLONG LAKE

Village of Oblong • Crawford

All Fish 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass 15 inch Minimum Length Limit; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

OHIO RIVER (BETWEEN IL & KY)

State of Illinois • Multiple

Large or Smallmouth Bass 12 inch Minimum Length Limit
Northern Pike 24 inch Minimum Length Limit; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Pure Muskellunge or Tiger Muskie 36 inch Minimum Length Limit; 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Striped, White, Yellow, or Hybrid Striped Bass 30 Fish Daily Harvest Limit, singly or in the aggregate, with no more than 4 Fish greater than or equal to 15 inches
Walleye, Sauger, or Hybrid Walleye 14 inch Minimum Length Limit; 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie 30 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

OHIO RIVER (BETWEEN IL & KY) & WABASH RIVER (BETWEEN IL & IN)

State of Illinois • Multiple

Blue or Flathead Catfish 13 inch Minimum Length Limit; No Daily Harvest Limit for Fish greater than or equal to 13 inches and less than 35 inches; 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit for Fish greater than or equal to 35 inches
Channel Catfish 13 inch Minimum Length Limit; No Daily Harvest Limit for Fish greater than or equal to 13 inches and less than 28 inches; 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit for Fish greater than or equal to 28 inches

OHIO RIVER - SMITHLAND POOL TRIBUTARY STREAMS

State of Illinois • Multiple

(IN POPE/HARDIN/GALLATIN COUNTIES, EXCLUDING WABASH RIVER AND SALINE RIVER ABOVE ROUTE 1 BRIDGE)

Large or Smallmouth Bass 12 inch Minimum Length Limit

OLSON LAKE

Rock Cut State Park • Winnebago

All Fish 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass 14 inch Minimum Length Limit; 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

OMAHA CITY RESERVOIR

Village of Omaha • Gallatin

All Fish 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass 14 inch Minimum Length Limit

OMAHA TOWNSHIP RESERVOIR

Omaha Township • Gallatin

All Fish 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass 14 inch Minimum Length Limit

SITE SPECIFIC SPORTFISHING REGULATIONS

Statewide Sportfishing Regulations are enforced in addition to each area's Site Specific Regulations

OPEKA LAKE

Des Plaines Park District • Cook

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Bluegill, Pumpkinseed, or Hybrid Sunfish	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit; 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

OTTER LAKE

Otter Lake Water Commission • Macoupin

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5). All live bait greater than 8 inches must be rigged with a quick set rig (4)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Pure Muskellunge	48 inch Minimum Length Limit (10)
Striped, White, or Hybrid Striped Bass	10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 3 Fish greater than or equal to 17 inches

PALMISANO POND/STEARNS PARK QUARRY

Chicago Park District • Cook

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1). Catch and Release Fishing Only (9)
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PALMYRA - MODESTO WATER COMMISSION LAKE

Palmyra/Modesto Water Commission • Macoupin

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

PANA LAKE

City of Pana • Shelby/Christian

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1). All live bait greater than 8 inches must be rigged with a quick set rig (4)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit
Pure Muskellunge	48 inch Minimum Length Limit

PARIS EAST & WEST LAKES

City of Paris • Edgar

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit

PATRIOT'S PARK LAKE

Kingsbury Park District • Bond

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Trout	Fall Closed Season (7)

PEABODY RIVER KING, PIT #3 LAKES AND PONDS

Peabody River King State Fish and Wildlife Area • St. Clair

(EXCEPT SEE WILLOW LAKE)

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	9 inch Minimum Length Limit; 25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

PECATONICA RIVER AND TRIBUTARIES

State of Illinois • Winnebago/Stephenson

Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit
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PERRY FARM POND

Bourbonnais Park District • Kankakee

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

PIASA

State of Illinois • Madison/Jersey

Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (11)
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SITE SPECIFIC SPORTFISHING REGULATIONS

Statewide Sportfishing Regulations are enforced in addition to each area's Site Specific Regulations

PIERCE LAKE

Rock Cut State Park • Winnebago

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1). All live bait greater than 8 inches must be rigged with a quick set rig (4). Sport fishermen may take carp, buffalo, suckers and gar by bow and arrow or bow and arrow devices, gigs or spears during May and June
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit; 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Pure Muskellunge	48 inch Minimum Length Limit (10)
White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

PINCKNEYVILLE CITY LAKE

City of Pinckneyville • Perry

Large or Smallmouth Bass	18 inch Minimum Length Limit; 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
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PINE CREEK

State of Illinois • Ogle

(WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF WHITE PINES FOREST STATE PARK)

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit
Trout	Fall Closed Season (7); Early season Catch and Release Fishing is permitted (9) Spring Closed Season (8); Early season Catch and Release Fishing is permitted (9)

PINE LAKE

Village of University Park • Will

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Largemouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit

PISCASAW CREEK

State of Illinois • McHenry

Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit
Trout	Spring Closed Season (8)

PITTSFIELD LAKE

City of Pittsfield • Pike

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1). Sport fishermen may take carp, buffalo, suckers and gar by bow and arrow or bow and arrow devices, gigs or spears during May and June
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit
Striped, White, or Hybrid Striped Bass	17 inch Minimum Length Limit; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

PITTSFIELD LAKE BALL PARK POND

City of Pittsfield • Pike

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Bluegill or Redear Sunfish	10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Channel Catfish	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Largemouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

POCAHONTAS PARK PONDS

City of Pocahontas • Bond

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Largemouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

PONDEROSA LAKE

Mazonia State Fish and Wildlife Area • Kankakee

Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (12)
All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Bluegill or Redear Sunfish	10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

POWERTON LAKE

Powerton Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area • Tazewell

Recreational Use Restrictions	Powerton Lake shall be closed to boat traffic except for legal waterfowl hunters from one week prior to regular waterfowl season to February 15, and closed to all unauthorized entry during regular Canada goose and duck season.
All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Blue, Channel, or Flathead Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 1 Fish greater than or equal to 35 inches
Large or Smallmouth Bass	18 inch Minimum Length Limit; 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Striped, White, or Hybrid Striped Bass	10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 3 Fish greater than or equal to 17 inches
Walleye, Sauger, or Hybrid Walleye	18 inch Minimum Length Limit; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

SITE SPECIFIC SPORTFISHING REGULATIONS

Statewide Sportfishing Regulations are enforced in addition to each area's Site Specific Regulations

PROSPECT PARK POND

City of Moline • Rock Island

- All Fish 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
- Trout Fall Closed Season (7), Spring Closed Season (8)

PYRAMID STATE PARK LAKES & PONDS

Pyramid State Park • Perry

(EXCLUDING CAPTAIN, DENMARK, GALUM AND EAST CONANT AREAS)

- All Fish 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5)
- Bluegill or Redear Sunfish 25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
- Channel Catfish 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
- White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie 25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

PYRAMID STATE RECREATION AREA

State of Illinois • Perry

BLUE WING LAKE, GREEN WING LAKE, GOLDENEYE LAKE AND MALLARD LAKE

- Recreational Use Restrictions Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (from November 1 through February 28/29 fishing is permitted in designated areas only, and fishing hours are from one half hour before sunrise to 2 p.m.).
- All Fish 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5). All live bait greater than 8 inches must be rigged with a quick set rig (4)
- Bluegill or Redear Sunfish 25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
- Channel Catfish 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
- Pure Muskellunge 48 inch Minimum Length Limit
- White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie 25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

PYRAMID STATE RECREATION AREA

State of Illinois • Perry

CAPTAIN, DENMARK, GALUM, AND EAST CONANT AREAS (EXCEPT BLUE WING, GREEN WING, GOLDENEYE, AND MALLARD LAKES)

- Recreational Use Restrictions Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (all use other than waterfowl hunting prohibited from November 1 through February 28/29)
- All Fish 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5). All live bait greater than 8 inches must be rigged with a quick set rig (4)
- Bluegill or Redear Sunfish 25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
- Channel Catfish 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
- Pure Muskellunge 48 inch Minimum Length Limit
- White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie 25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

RACCOON LAKE

City of Centralia • Marion

- All Fish 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
- Channel Catfish 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
- Large or Smallmouth Bass 15 inch Minimum Length Limit

RAMSEY LAKE

Ramsey Lake State Recreational Area • Fayette

- All Fish 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
- Bluegill or Redear Sunfish 25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
- Channel Catfish 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
- Large or Smallmouth Bass 14 inch Minimum Length Limit
- White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie 9 inch Minimum Length Limit; 10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

RAMSEY LAKE STATE RECREATIONAL AREA PONDS

Ramsey Lake State Recreational Area • Fayette

- All Fish 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
- Channel Catfish 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
- Large or Smallmouth Bass 14 inch Minimum Length Limit

RANDOLPH COUNTY LAKE

Randolph County State Recreation Area • Randolph

- All Fish 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
- Channel Catfish 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
- Large or Smallmouth Bass 14 inch Minimum Length Limit; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
- Trout Fall Closed Season (7)

RED HILLS LAKE

Red Hills State Park • Lawrence

- All Fish 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
- Channel Catfish 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
- Large or Smallmouth Bass 15 inch Minimum Length Limit

SITE SPECIFIC SPORTFISHING REGULATIONS

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RED'S LANDING WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

State of Illinois • Calhoun

Recreational Use Restrictions Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (11) (Access to walk-in area closed 7 days prior to duck season)

REDWING SLOUGH/DEER LAKE

State of Illinois • Lake

Recreational Use Restrictions Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (12)

REND LAKE

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers • Franklin/Jefferson

INCLUDING ITS TRIBUTARY STREAMS AND THOSE PORTIONS OF THE BIG MUDDY AND CASEY FORK RIVERS UP TO THE REND LAKE PROJECT BOUNDARIES, DOES NOT INCLUDE TAILWATERS (EXCEPT SEE REND LAKE PROJECT PONDS AND REND LAKE TAILWATERS)

Recreational Use Restrictions Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (12)
Channel Catfish All jugs must be attended at all times (3)
Large or Smallmouth Bass 14 inch Minimum Length Limit
Striped, White, Yellow, or Hybrid Striped Bass 20 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 3 Fish greater than or equal to 17 inches
White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie 25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 10 Fish greater than or equal to 10 inches

REND LAKE PROJECT PONDS

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers • Franklin/Jefferson

JACKIE BRANCH POND, INA N. BORROW PIT, GREEN HERON POND, NORTH MARCUM CAMPGROUND POND, AND CATFISH COVE POND

All Fish 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Bluegill or Redear Sunfish 10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Channel Catfish 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass 14 inch Minimum Length Limit; 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

REND LAKE TAILWATERS

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers • Franklin

(BIG MUDDY RIVER WITHIN 1000 YARDS DOWNSTREAM OF THE REND LAKE DAM AND SPILLWAY)

All Fish Sport fishermen may not use a minnow seine, cast net, or shad scoop for bait collecting

RICE LAKE STATE FISH AND WILDLIFE AREA

State of Illinois • Fulton

Recreational Use Restrictions Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (12)
All Fish Sport fishermen may harvest carp, buffalo, suckers and gar by bow and arrow or bow and arrow devices, gigs or spears from May 1 through August 31
Large or Smallmouth Bass 12 inch Minimum Length Limit

RIDGE LAKE

Fox Ridge State Park • Coles

Recreational Use Restrictions Bank fishing is prohibited. Boat fishing is permitted May 1 through August 31 during the hours of 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. See site for additional regulations and exact opening and closing dates
All Fish 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish 14 inch Minimum Length Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass 14 inch Minimum Length Limit

RIIS PARK LAGOON

Chicago Park District • Cook

All Fish 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish 4 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

RIPRAP LANDING

State of Illinois • Calhoun

Recreational Use Restrictions Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (11)

RIVER BEND FOREST PRESERVE LAKES

Champaign County Forest Preserve District • Champaign

(SUNSET LAKE AND SHADOW LAKE)

All Fish 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Bluegill or Redear Sunfish 15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Channel Catfish 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 1 Fish greater than or equal to 15 inches and 2 Fish less than 15 inches
White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie 9 inch Minimum Length Limit; 10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

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SITE SPECIFIC SPORTFISHING REGULATIONS

Statewide Sportfishing Regulations are enforced in addition to each area's Site Specific Regulations

RIVERSIDE PARK LAGOON

Moline Park District • Rock Island

All Fish 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

ROCHESTER PARK POND

City of Rochester • Sangamon

All Fish 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Bluegill or Redear Sunfish 10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Channel Catfish 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass 15 inch Minimum Length Limit; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

ROCK CREEK

State of Illinois • Kankakee

All Fish 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Trout Fall Closed Season (7); Early season Catch and Release Fishing is permitted (9)
Spring Closed Season (8); Early season Catch and Release Fishing is permitted (9)

ROCK CUT KIDS FISHING POND

Rock Cut State Park • Winnebago

Recreational Use Restrictions Only youth under 16 years of age permitted to fish
All Fish 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Bluegill, Redear, or Hybrid Sunfish 5 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Channel Catfish 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

ROCK RIVER

State of Illinois • Rock Island

(FROM THE SEARS AND STEEL DAM DOWNSTREAM TO CONFLUENCE OF THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER)

Walleye 15 inch Minimum Length Limit; Protected Slot Length Limit with no possession of Fish greater than or equal to 20 inches and less than 27 inches
Walleye or Sauger 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 1 Walleye greater than or equal to 27 inches

ROCK RIVER

State of Illinois • Multiple

(WISCONSIN STATE LINE DOWNSTREAM TO CONFLUENCE OF THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER, INCLUDING TRIBUTARIES)

Smallmouth Bass 14 inch Minimum Length Limit

ROCK SPRINGS BIKE TRAIL POND

Macon County Conservation District • Macon

All Fish 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass 15 inch Minimum Length Limit; 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

ROCK SPRINGS POND

Macon County Conservation District • Macon

All Fish 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass 15 inch Minimum Length Limit; 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Trout Fall Closed Season (7), Spring Closed Season (8)

ROODHOUSE PARK LAKE

City of Roodhouse • Greene

All Fish 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

ROSS LAKE

Walnut Park District • Bureau

All Fish 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Bluegill 10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Channel Catfish 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass 18 inch Minimum Length Limit; 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

ROUTE 154 DAY USE POND

State of Illinois • Randolph

All Fish 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass 15 inch Minimum Length Limit; 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

SITE SPECIFIC SPORTFISHING REGULATIONS

Statewide Sportfishing Regulations are enforced in addition to each area's Site Specific Regulations

ROUTE 6 QUARRIES (EAST AND WEST)

Will County Forest Preserve District • Will

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Bluegill or Redear Sunfish	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Channel Catfish	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	18 inch Minimum Length Limit; 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

SAG QUARRY EAST

Cook County Forest Preserve District • Cook

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (2)
Bluegill, Redear, or Pumpkinseed Sunfish	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit; 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Trout	Fall Closed Season (7), Spring Closed Season (8)
White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

SAHARA WOODS STATE RECREATION AREA

State of Illinois • Saline

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Bluegill or Redear Sunfish	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	18 inch Minimum Length Limit; 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

SALEM RESERVOIR

City of Salem • Marion

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit

SAM DALE LAKE

Sam Dale State Fish and Wildlife Area • Wayne

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5). All live bait greater than 8 inches must be rigged with a quick set rig (4)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit
Pure Muskellunge	48 inch Minimum Length Limit

SAM DALE TROUT POND

Sam Dale State Fish and Wildlife Area • Wayne

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit
Trout	Fall Closed Season (7), Spring Closed Season (8)

SAM PARR LAKE

Sam Parr State Fish and Wildlife Area • Jasper

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit

SAND POND

Adeline Jay Geo-Karis Illinois Beach State Park • Lake

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit; 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Trout	Fall Closed Season (7), Spring Closed Season (8)

SANGANOIS STATE FISH AND WILDLIFE AREA

State of Illinois • Mason/Cass/Schuyler/Menard

Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (12). Walk-in only access for fishing from the bank is permitted after 1:00 pm during duck season
Large or Smallmouth Bass	12 inch Minimum Length Limit

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SITE SPECIFIC SPORTFISHING REGULATIONS

Statewide Sportfishing Regulations are enforced in addition to each area's Site Specific Regulations

SANGCHRIS LAKE

Sangchris Lake State Park • Christian/Sangamon

- Recreational Use Restrictions** Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (13). Bank fishing along the dam shall be permitted. Fishing shall be prohibited in the east and west arms of the lake during the period from 10 days prior to the duck season through the end of the duck season. Fishing shall be prohibited in the west arm of the lake and the east arm of the lake south of the power lines during that portion of the Canada goose season that follows the duck season.
- All Fish** 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1). Sport fishermen may take carp, buffalo, suckers and gar by bow and arrow devices, gigs or spears (except during waterfowl season) but not within 200 yards of any developed recreational areas
- Large or Smallmouth Bass** 15 inch Minimum Length Limit; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
- White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie** 10 inch Minimum Length Limit; 10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

SCHILLER POND

Cook County Forest Preserve District • Cook

- All Fish** 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (2)
- Bluegill, Redear, or Pumpkinseed Sunfish** 15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
- Channel Catfish** 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
- Large or Smallmouth Bass** 14 inch Minimum Length Limit; 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
- Trout** Spring Closed Season (8)
- White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie** 15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

SCHUY-RUSH LAKE

City of Rushville • Schuyler

- All Fish** 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
- Channel Catfish** 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
- White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie** 25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 10 Fish greater than or equal to 10 inches

SESSER CITY LAKE

City of Sesser • Franklin

- All Fish** 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
- Channel Catfish** 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
- Large or Smallmouth Bass** 18 inch Minimum Length Limit; 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

SHABBONA LAKE

Shabbona Lake State Recreation Area • DeKalb

- Recreational Use Restrictions** No sport fishing below dam to fence
- All Fish** 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1). All live bait greater than 8 inches must be rigged with a quick set rig (4). Sport fishermen may take carp, buffalo, suckers and gar by bow and arrow or bow and arrow devices, gigs or spears, except when closed under site regulations and posted on site
- Bluegill or Redear Sunfish** 10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
- Channel Catfish** 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
- Large or Smallmouth Bass** 14 inch Minimum Length Limit; 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
- Pure Muskellunge** 48 inch Minimum Length Limit
- Striped, White, or Hybrid Striped Bass** 17 inch Minimum Length Limit; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
- Walleye, Sauger, or Hybrid Walleye** 18 inch Minimum Length Limit
- White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie** 10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

SHAWNEE NATIONAL FOREST - LAKES AND PONDS LESS THAN 10 ACRES

U.S. Forest Service • Multiple

- All Fish** 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5)
- Channel Catfish** 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
- Largemouth, Smallmouth, or Spotted Bass** 15 inch Minimum Length Limit

SHAWNEE NATIONAL FOREST - BAY CREEK LAKE #5 AND #8

U.S. Forest Service • Pope

(SUGAR CREEK LAKE)

- All Fish** 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
- Channel Catfish** 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
- Largemouth, Smallmouth, or Spotted Bass** 15 inch Minimum Length Limit

SHAWNEE NATIONAL FOREST - DUTCHMAN LAKE

U.S. Forest Service • Johnson

- All Fish** 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
- Channel Catfish** 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
- Largemouth, Smallmouth, or Spotted Bass** 15 inch Minimum Length Limit

SITE SPECIFIC SPORTFISHING REGULATIONS

Statewide Sportfishing Regulations are enforced in addition to each area's Site Specific Regulations

SHAWNEE NATIONAL FOREST - LAKE GLENDALE

U.S. Forest Service • Pope

All Fish 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Largemouth, Smallmouth, or Spotted Bass 15 inch Minimum Length Limit

SHAWNEE NATIONAL FOREST - LITTLE CACHE #1

U.S. Forest Service • Johnson

All Fish 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass 15 inch Minimum Length Limit

SHAWNEE NATIONAL FOREST - ONE HORSE GAP LAKE

U.S. Forest Service • Pope

All Fish 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Largemouth, Smallmouth, or Spotted Bass 15 inch Minimum Length Limit

SHAWNEE NATIONAL FOREST - POUNDS HOLLOW LAKE

U.S. Forest Service • Gallatin

All Fish 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Largemouth, Smallmouth, or Spotted Bass 15 inch Minimum Length Limit

SHAWNEE NATIONAL FOREST - TECUMSEH LAKE

U.S. Forest Service • Hardin

All Fish 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Largemouth, Smallmouth, or Spotted Bass 15 inch Minimum Length Limit

SHAWNEE NATIONAL FOREST - TURKEY BAYOU

U.S. Forest Service • Jackson

All Fish 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Largemouth, Smallmouth, or Spotted Bass 15 inch Minimum Length Limit

SHAWNEE NATIONAL FOREST - WHOOPIE CAT LAKE

U.S. Forest Service • Hardin

All Fish 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Largemouth, Smallmouth, or Spotted Bass 15 inch Minimum Length Limit

SHERMAN PARK LAGOON

Chicago Park District • Cook

All Fish 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish 4 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

SILOAM SPRINGS FAMILY FISHING POND

Siloam Springs State Park • Adams

All Fish 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Bluegill or Redear Sunfish 10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Channel Catfish 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Largemouth Bass 15 inch Minimum Length Limit; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

SILOAM SPRINGS LAKE

Siloam Springs State Park • Adams

All Fish 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1). Sport fishermen may take carp, buffalo, suckers and gar by bow and arrow or bow and arrow devices, gigs or spears during May and June
Channel Catfish 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass Protected Slot Length Limit with no possession of Fish greater than or equal to 12 inches and less than 15 inches
Trout Fall Closed Season (7); Early season Catch and Release Fishing is permitted (9)
Spring Closed Season (8); Early season Catch and Release Fishing is permitted (9)

SITE SPECIFIC SPORTFISHING REGULATIONS

Statewide Sportfishing Regulations are enforced in addition to each area's Site Specific Regulations

SILOAM SPRINGS STATE PARK - BUCKHORN UNIT WATERS

Siloam Springs State Park • Brown

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Bluegill or Redear Sunfish	8 inch Minimum Length Limit; 10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	18 inch Minimum Length Limit; 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

SILVER LAKE

City of Highland • Madison

Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
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SILVER SPRINGS STATE FISH AND WILDLIFE AREA - BIG LAKE AND AREA PONDS

State of Illinois • Kendall

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit
Trout	Fall Closed Season (7) Spring Closed Season (8)

SKOKIE LAGOONS

Cook County Forest Preserve District • Cook

(INCLUDING SKOKIE LAGOONS SPILLWAY AND SKOKIE RIVER DOWNSTREAM TO WILLOW ROAD)

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (2)
Bluegill, Redear, or Pumpkinseed Sunfish	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Walleye, Sauger, or Hybrid Walleye	18 inch Minimum Length Limit; 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

SNAKEDEN HOLLOW STATE FISH AND WILDLIFE AREA - MCMASTER LAKE & OTHER SITE WATERS

State of Illinois • Knox

Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (all use other than waterfowl hunting prohibited from 14 days prior to duck season through the end of the central zone Canada goose season)
All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1). All live bait greater than 8 inches must be rigged with a quick set rig (4)
Bluegill or Redear Sunfish	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	Protected Slot Length Limit with no possession of Fish greater than or equal to 14 inches and less than 18 inches; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Pure Muskellunge	Protected Slot Length Limit with 1 Fish greater than or equal to 36 inches and less than 42 inches or 1 Fish greater than or equal to 48 inches
Walleye, Sauger, or Hybrid Walleye	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 10 Fish greater than or equal to 10 inches

SOUTHWIND PARK POND

Springfield Park District • Sangamon

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Trout	Fall Closed Season (7), Spring Closed Season (8)

SPARTA NEW CITY RESERVOIR (NORTH)

City of Sparta • Randolph

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit

SPARTA OLD CITY RESERVOIR (SOUTH)

City of Sparta • Randolph

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Bluegill or Redear Sunfish	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit

SPARTA "T" LAKE

City of Sparta • Randolph

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Bluegill or Redear Sunfish	8 inch Minimum Length Limit; 15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	9 inch Minimum Length Limit; 10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

SITE SPECIFIC SPORTFISHING REGULATIONS

Statewide Sportfishing Regulations are enforced in addition to each area's Site Specific Regulations

SPARTA WORLD SHOOTING AND RECREATIONAL COMPLEX LAKES

State of Illinois • Randolph

(EXCEPT SEE DERBY LAKE)

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5)
Bluegill or Redear Sunfish	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	18 inch Minimum Length Limit; 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	10 inch Minimum Length Limit; 10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

SPARTA WORLD SHOOTING AND RECREATIONAL COMPLEX - DERBY LAKE

State of Illinois • Randolph

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5)
Bluegill or Redear Sunfish	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	18 inch Minimum Length Limit; 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Trout	Fall Closed Season (7), Spring Closed Season (8)
White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	10 inch Minimum Length Limit; 10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

SPORTSMANS CLUB POND

Decatur Park District • Macon

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit; 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Trout	Spring Closed Season (8)

SPRING GROVE HATCHERY POND

City of Spring Grove • McHenry

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Trout	Fall Closed Season (7)

SPRING LAKE

City of Macomb • McDonough

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5). All live bait greater than 8 inches must be rigged with a quick set rig (4)
Blue or Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Pure Muskellunge	42 inch Minimum Length Limit
Striped, White, or Hybrid Striped Bass	17 inch Minimum Length Limit; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Walleye	18 inch Minimum Length Limit; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

SPRING LAKES (NORTH AND SOUTH)

Spring State Lake Fish and Wildlife Area • Tazewell

Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (12)
All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5). All live bait greater than 8 inches must be rigged with a quick set rig (4)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	Protected Slot Length Limit with no possession of Fish greater than or equal to 12 inches and less than 18 inches; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Pure Muskellunge	42 inch Minimum Length Limit
White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 10 Fish greater than or equal to 10 inches

SPRING POND

Flagg-Rochelle Park District • Ogle

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit; 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

ST. ANNE VILLAGE POND

Village of St. Anne • Kankakee

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Largemouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit

STARVED ROCK STATE PARK

State of Illinois • LaSalle

Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (12)
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SITE SPECIFIC SPORTFISHING REGULATIONS

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STAUNTON CITY LAKE

City of Staunton • Macoupin

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1). All live bait greater than 8 inches must be rigged with a quick set rig (4)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

STERLING LAKE

Lake County Forest Preserve District • Lake

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1). All live bait greater than 8 inches must be rigged with a quick set rig (4)
Channel Catfish	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit; 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Pure Muskellunge	48 inch Minimum Length Limit
Walleye, Sauger, or Hybrid Walleye	16 inch Minimum Length Limit; 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

STORM LAKE

DeKalb Park District • DeKalb

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit; 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

STUMP LAKE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

State of Illinois • Jersey

Recreational Use Restrictions Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (11)

TAMPIER LAKE

Cook County Forest Preserve District • Cook

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (2)
Bluegill, Redear, or Pumpkinseed Sunfish	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit; 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Walleye, Sauger, or Hybrid Walleye	18 inch Minimum Length Limit; 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

TAYLORVILLE PARK DISTRICT POND

Taylorville Park District • Christian

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Trout	Fall Closed Season (7), Spring Closed Season (8)

TEN MILE CREEK LAKES

Ten Mile Creek State Fish and Wildlife Area • Hamilton/Jefferson

Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (Areas designated as waterfowl rest areas are closed to all access during the Canada goose season only)
All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

THREE OAKS NORTH LAKE

City of Crystal Lake • McHenry

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1). Catch and Release Fishing Only (9)
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THREE OAKS SOUTH LAKE

City of Crystal Lake • McHenry

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1). Catch and Release Fishing Only (9)
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TILTON CITY LAKE

City of Tilton • Vermilion

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Bluegill or Redear Sunfish	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Channel Catfish	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit; 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

TOLEDO RESERVOIR

City of Toledo • Cumberland

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	Protected Slot Length Limit with no possession of Fish greater than or equal to 12 inches and less than 15 inches; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 1 Fish greater than or equal to 15 inches and 2 Fish less than 12 inches

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SITE SPECIFIC SPORTFISHING REGULATIONS

Statewide Sportfishing Regulations are enforced in addition to each area's Site Specific Regulations

TOWER LAKE/ST. ELMO SOUTH LAKE

City of St. Elmo • Fayette

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit

TRI-TOWNSHIP PARK POND

City of Troy • Madison

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Bluegill or Redear Sunfish	10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

TURKEY BLUFF PONDS

Turkey Bluffs State Fish and Wildlife Area • Randolph

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit; 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

TURNER LAKE

Chain O'Lakes State Park • Lake

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit; 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

TURTLE LAKE/EAST LAKE RENWICK

Will County Forest Preserve District • Will

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Bluegill or Redear Sunfish	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Channel Catfish	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	18 inch Minimum Length Limit; 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

TUSCOLA CITY LAKE

City of Tuscola • Douglas

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit

UNION COUNTY STATE FISH AND WILDLIFE AREA - ALL LAKES AND PONDS

State of Illinois • Union

Recreational Use Restrictions	All fishing and boat traffic prohibited from October 15 through the last day of February
All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5)

VALLEY LAKE

Wildwood Park District • Lake

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

VALMEYER LAKE

Village of Valmeyer • Monroe

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

VANDALIA LAKE

City of Vandalia • Fayette

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit
Striped, White, or Hybrid Striped Bass	17 inch Minimum Length Limit; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

VAN HORN WOODS POND

Plainfield Park District • Will

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit; 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Trout	Fall Closed Season (7)

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VERNOR LAKE

City of Olney • Richland

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit

VILLA GROVE EAST LAKE

City of Villa Grove • Douglas

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit

VILLA GROVE WEST LAKE

City of Villa Grove • Douglas

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	18 inch Minimum Length Limit; 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Striped, White, or Hybrid Striped Bass	17 inch Minimum Length Limit; 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Trout	Fall Closed Season (7)

WABASH RIVER (BETWEEN IL & IN) and OHIO RIVER (BETWEEN IL & KY)

State of Illinois • Multiple

Blue or Flathead Catfish	13 inch Minimum Length Limit; No Daily Harvest Limit for Fish greater than or equal to 13 inches and less than 35 inches; 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit for Fish greater than or equal to 35 inches
Channel Catfish	13 inch Minimum Length Limit; No Daily Harvest Limit for Fish greater than or equal to 13 inches and less than 28 inches; 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit for Fish greater than or equal to 28 inches

WADDAMS CREEK

State of Illinois • Stephenson

Trout	Spring Closed Season (8)
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WALNUT POINT LAKE

Walnut Point State Park • Douglas

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Bluegill or Redear Sunfish	20 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 5 Fish greater than or equal to 8 inches
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	Protected Slot Length Limit with no possession of Fish greater than or equal to 12 inches and less than 15 inches

WALTON PARK LAKE

City of Litchfield • Montgomery

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

WAMPUM LAKE

Cook County Forest Preserve District • Cook

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (2)
Bluegill, Redear, or Pumpkinseed Sunfish	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit; 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

WASHINGTON COUNTY LAKE

Washington County State Recreation Area • Washington

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	Protected Slot Length Limit with no possession of Fish greater than or equal to 14 inches and less than 18 inches; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 1 Fish greater than or equal to 18 inches and 2 Fish less than 14 inches
Striped, White, or Hybrid Striped Bass	17 inch Minimum Length Limit; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

WASHINGTON PARK LAGOON

Chicago Park District • Cook

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish	4 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

WASHINGTON PARK POND

Springfield Park District • Sangamon

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Trout	Fall Closed Season (7), Spring Closed Season (8)

SITE SPECIFIC SPORTFISHING REGULATIONS

Statewide Sportfishing Regulations are enforced in addition to each area's Site Specific Regulations

WATSEKA CITY PONDS

City of Watseka • Iroquois

(CLEMENTS POND, KAPERS POND, AND MUNICIPAL CENTER POND)

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	9 inch Minimum Length Limit; 10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

WAVERLY LAKE

City of Waverly • Morgan

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

WEINBERG-KING PONDS

Weinberg-King State Recreation Area • Schuyler

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

WELDON SPRINGS LAKE

Weldon Springs State Park • DeWitt

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Bluegill or Redear Sunfish	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 5 Fish greater than or equal to 7 inches
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit; 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Trout	Fall Closed Season (7), Spring Closed Season (8)
Walleye, Sauger, or Hybrid Walleye	15 inch Minimum Length Limit; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 1 Fish greater than or equal to 20 inches

WEST FRANKFORT NEW CITY LAKE

City of West Frankfort • Franklin

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

WEST FRANKFORT OLD CITY LAKE

City of West Frankfort • Franklin

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

WEST SALEM RESERVOIR

Village of West Salem • Edwards

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit

WHALON LAKE

Forest Preserve District of Will County • Will

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Bluegill or Redear Sunfish	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Channel Catfish	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	18 inch Minimum Length Limit; 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Walleye, Sauger, or Hybrid Walleye	16 inch Minimum Length Limit; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

WHITE HALL CITY LAKE

City of White Hall • Greene

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

WILDERNESS POND

Fox Ridge State Park • Coles

All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Bluegill or Redear Sunfish	5 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	18 inch Minimum Length Limit; 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

SITE SPECIFIC SPORTFISHING REGULATIONS

Statewide Sportfishing Regulations are enforced in addition to each area's Site Specific Regulations

WILLIAM W. POWERS STATE RECREATION AREA

State of Illinois • Cook

(SEE ALSO WOLF LAKE)

Recreational Use Restrictions Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (12)
Trout Fall Closed Season (7), Spring Closed Season (8)

WILLOW LAKE

Peabody River King State Fish and Wildlife Area • St. Clair

All Fish 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass 15 inch Minimum Length Limit; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Trout Fall Closed Season (7); Early season Catch and Release Fishing is permitted (9)
Spring Closed Season (8); Early season Catch and Release Fishing is permitted (9)
White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie 9 inch Minimum Length Limit; 25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

WOLF LAKE

William W. Powers State Recreation Area • Cook

Recreational Use Restrictions Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (12)
All Fish 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass 14 inch Minimum Length Limit; 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Trout Fall Closed Season (7), Spring Closed Season (8)

WOODFORD STATE FISH AND WILDLIFE AREA - FISHING DITCH

Woodford State Fish and Wildlife Area • Woodford

Recreational Use Restrictions Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (12)
All Fish 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Large or Smallmouth Bass 12 inch Minimum Length Limit

WOODLAWN POND

Frankfort Square Park District • Will

All Fish 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass 15 inch Minimum Length Limit; 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

WOODS LAKE

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers • Moultrie

All Fish 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Bluegill or Redear Sunfish 15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 5 Fish greater than or equal to 8 inches
Channel Catfish 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass Protected Slot Length Limit with no possession of Fish greater than or equal to 14 inches and less than 18 inches; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 1 Fish greater than or equal to 18 inches and 2 Fish less than 14 inches
Striped, White, or Hybrid Striped Bass Catch and Release Fishing Only (9)
White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie 15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 10 Fish greater than or equal to 10 inches and 5 Fish less than 10 inches

WYMAN LAKE

City of Sullivan • Moultrie

All Fish 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass 15 inch Minimum Length Limit; 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Trout Spring Closed Season (8)

YELLOW CREEK

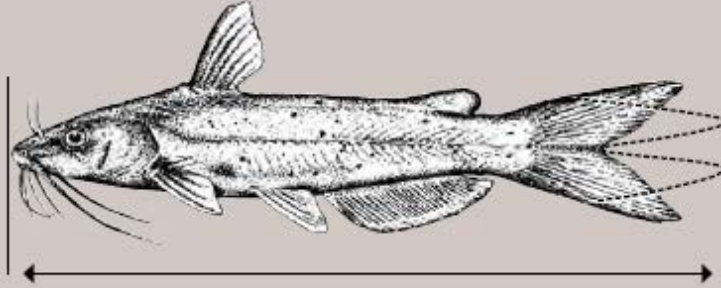
State of Illinois • Stephenson

Trout Spring Closed Season (8)

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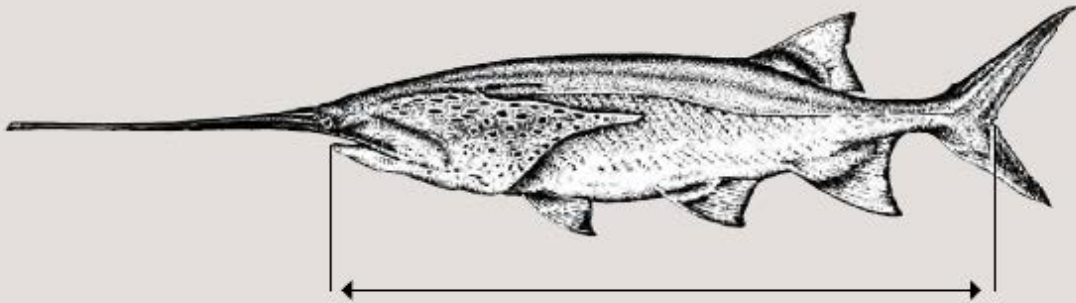
HOW TO MEASURE A FISH

How to Measure a Fish (Total Length)



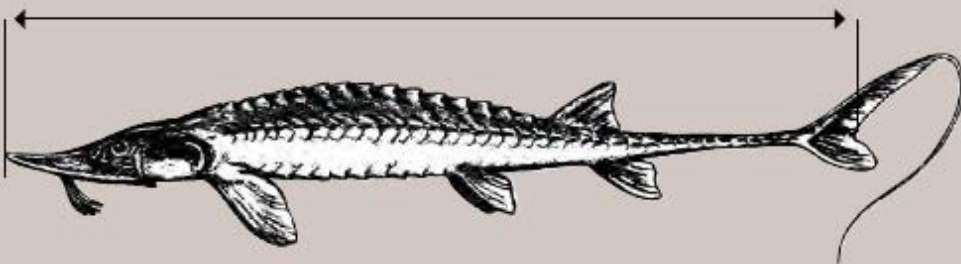
Total length is measured from the tip of the snout to the end of the tail, with the fish laid flat on a ruler, its mouth closed, and its tail lobes pressed together.

How to Measure a Paddlefish



Paddlefish are measured from the eye to the fork of the tail.

How to Measure a Sturgeon



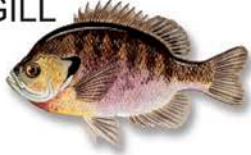
Sturgeon are measured from the tip of the snout to the fork of the tail. Only shovelnose sturgeon are legal to keep.

COMMON ILLINOIS SPORT FISH

GREEN SUNFISH



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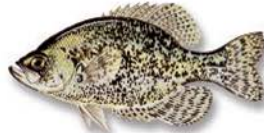
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BLACK BULLHEAD



BLUE CATFISH



CHANNEL CATFISH



BOWFIN

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PADDLEFISH



SHOVELNOSE STURGEON



LONGNOSE GAR



COMMON ILLINOIS SPORT FISH

MUSKELLENGE



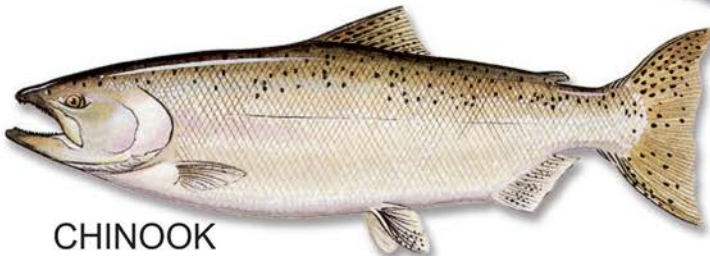
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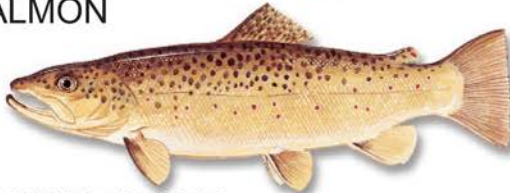
HYBRID STRIPED BASS



CHINOOK SALMON



BROWN TROUT



COHO SALMON



RAINBOW TROUT



LAKE TROUT



SAUGER



STRIPED BASS



YELLOW PERCH



WALLEYE



WHITE BASS



TOURNAMENT FISHING PERMIT

A Fishing Tournament Permit issued by the Department of Natural Resources is required for any fishing tournament event. This includes Hook and Line Fishing Tournaments and Bowfishing Tournaments that are held in any of the waters listed in Section 810.45, Section 810.15(d); and in any public owned or Department managed lake, river, or stream in Illinois. Failure to obtain a Fishing Tournament Permit or comply with the following rules is a violation of Section 20-35 of the Fish and Aquatic Life Code.

Fishing Tournament – an organized event, other than a fishing derby, where:

- 1) the event is sponsored or promoted by an individual or organization;
- 2) participants compete for trophies, cash, prizes, citation or other recognition for participation in the event;
- 3) the event is conducted during a specified time; and
- 4) twenty or more individuals participate in the event OR an exemption to Statewide or Site-Specific Regulations is requested.

Fishing Derby – an organized event conducted for children under the age of 16 who are attending primary school, senior citizens (65 years old and older), sport fishermen with disabilities, or other school-sanctioned groups when the principal purpose is education or enjoyment, rather than competition among sport fishermen. Fishing Tournament Permits are not required for a fishing derby.

The Fishing Tournament Permit received by the applicant serves as the IDNR Site Activity Permit for tournaments held at IDNR sites.

For events held at State sites, the tournament director or organizer must submit a signed Release, Waiver, and Indemnification form, available from the Department, to the Site Superintendent prior to the event. In addition, the tournament director or organizer prior to the event must:

- 1) provide proof of liability insurance of \$1,000,000; or
- 2) require each participant to sign a liability waiver, attached to the issued permit, and submit the waiver(s) to the Department site office.

A copy of the Fishing Tournament Permit must be in the possession of the director or organizer at all times during the event.

Special Length Limit and/or Daily Harvest Limit exemptions are allowed when requested on the Fishing Tournament Permit application, approved by the Department, and stated on the Fishing Tournament Permit.

Exemptions to Site-Specific Regulations will only be approved for:

- 1) catch, hold for weigh-in, and release Black Bass Fishing Tournaments in Lake Michigan (Illinois Portion) for which the Special Minimum Length Limit will be 14 inches and the Daily Harvest Limit will be 3 fish daily;
- 2) Youth-only catch, hold for weigh-in, and release Black Bass Fishing Tournaments, for which the Special Minimum Length Limit will be 12 inches and the Daily Harvest Limit will be 5 fish per boat. Youth-only is defined as 18 years old and younger;
- 3) catch, hold for weigh-in, and release Muskie Fishing Tournaments (all waters), provided all fish are released unharmed immediately after a quick weigh-in; and
- 4) catch, hold for weigh-in, and release Black Bass Fishing Tournaments in the Mississippi River (between Illinois and Iowa) and which are permitted by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, for which the special Minimum Length Limit will be 12 inches and the Daily Harvest Limit will be 5 fish per boat.

Exemptions to the Statewide Daily Harvest Limit will only be approved for fish held onboard a common release boat utilized immediately following a catch, hold for weigh-in, and release tournament.

The application for a Fishing Tournament Permit is available online at <https://www.ifishillinois.org>. Applications will be accepted beginning November 1st for the following calendar year. Applications must be fully completed with all requested information and received by the Department at least 30 days prior to the tournament.

The issuance or denial of a Fishing Tournament Permit by the Department shall be based on the following criteria:

- 1) The capability of the fishery resource to absorb the tournament with minimal impact to its well-being.
- 2) The need for emergency protective procedures to protect the sport fisheries resources of the State and the general health, safety and welfare of the general public as provided for in Section 810.80.

- 3) The criteria and evaluation required for approval of a Site Activity Permit, described in 17 Ill. Adm. Code 110.4.

Appeals of denied permits must be made in writing to the Department within 10 days after receipt of the denial. Any supplemental information requested must be included in the appeal.

Required provisions for holding, handling, and releasing fish to protect fish health in catch, hold for weigh-in, and release Hook and Line Fishing Tournaments:

- 1) Tournament officials must be able to certify that all boats will be required to possess a livewell (except Muskie Fishing Tournaments) fitted with a functioning aerator and water pump.
- 2) Individual boats and sport fishermen returning their catches of fish back to a release site must adhere to Daily Harvest Limits for the waterbody or the Special Daily Harvest Limit listed in the Fishing Tournament Permit.
- 3) For catch, hold for weigh-in, and release Muskie Fishing Tournaments, all boats must have a fish cradle (made from netting) to temporarily hold the muskie in the water while an official determines the length or weight of the fish prior to release. Muskies may not be transported to a weigh-in site.
- 4) **During the months of July and August, all catch, hold for weigh-in, and release Black Bass Fishing Tournaments must be off the water between 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.**

Bowfishing tournaments may be held in any of the public waters open to bowfishing listed in Section 810.45 or public waters listed in 810.15. Bowfishing tournaments are subject to the following additional rules:

- 1) All non-native species legal to take with bowfishing methods from waters listed in Sections 810.15 and 810.45 have an unlimited daily harvest limit however no possession of LIVE Bighead Carp, Black Carp, Grass Carp, or Silver Carp is permitted.
- 2) No exemptions will be granted for the wanton waste and fish abandonment provisions in Section 810.14.

Special note for Fishing Tournaments held on the Mississippi River between Illinois and Iowa – an Iowa Fishing Tournament Permit is required if also fishing Iowa waters.

For a complete listing of rules for Fishing Tournaments see <https://dnr.illinois.gov/content/dam/soi/en/web/dnr/adrules/documents/17-810.pdf>

ILLINOIS SPORT FISHING AWARDS PROGRAMS (HOOK AND LINE OR BOW AND ARROW)

The Division of Fisheries offers several angler recognition awards for fish caught in Illinois waters either by hook and line or by bow and arrow.

First Fish, Big Fish, and Master Angler Awards are available at <https://www.ifishillinois.org>. They may be downloaded and printed from a personal computer.

Completed applications for either Hook and Line or Bow and Arrow State Record Fish awards must be sent to DNR Havana Field Headquarters, Attn: Record Fish, 700 S. 10th Street, Havana, IL 62644. State Record Fish Awards are sent to anglers at the end of the fishing season.

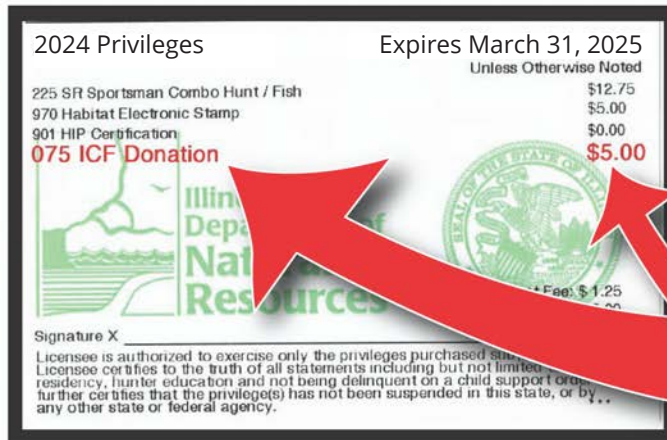
ILLINOIS BOW AND ARROW RECORD FISH

ELIGIBLE FISH	STATE RECORD (LBS)	WATER BODY	COUNTY	DATE SHOT
Common Carp	38 lbs 2 oz.	Crab Orchard Lake	Williamson	4/5/2013
Grass Carp (White Amur)	78 lbs 8oz	Lake Minear	Lake	6/5/2014
Bighead Carp	92 lbs 1.6 oz	Private	Logan	6/2/2023
Silver Carp	50 lbs 0 oz	Private Pond	Logan	6/2/2023
Buffalo (Bigmouth)	49 lbs 15 oz	Mermet Lake	Massac	3/20/2010
Buffalo (Smallmouth)	51 lbs	Ohio River	Pope	12/19/2013
Buffalo (Black)	59 lbs 12 oz	Mermet Lake	Massac	2/19/2014
Shortnose Gar	9 lbs. 6.2 oz.	Carlyle Lake	Clinton	5/22/2016
Longnose Gar	32 lb 3.2 oz	Kaskaskia River	St. Clair	9/14/2017
Spotted Gar	10 lbs 13.6 oz	Kaskaskia River	Clinton	5/22/2021
Bowfin (Dogfish)	14 lbs 1.1 oz	Bluford Lake	Jefferson	5/21/2021
Freshwater Drum	20 lbs 4 oz	Sangchris Lake	Christian	2/20/2023
Gizzard Shad	3 lb 2.2 oz	Mississippi River Pool 13	JoDaviess	5/5/2016
Goldfish/Hybrid	4 lbs 6 oz	Fox Chain of Lakes	Lake	6/6/2015
Blue Catfish	31 lbs 14.4 oz	Kaskaskia River	Randolph	5/30/2019
Flathead Catfish	30 lbs 0 oz	Illinois River	Fulton	5/24/2018

SUPPORT THE FUTURE OF HUNTING AND FISHING IN ILLINOIS

DONATE to the Illinois Conservation Foundation (ICF)
when you renew your hunting and fishing license

Proceeds go to support youth hunting and fishing programs, wing shooting clinics, conservation field trips and other important projects that benefit our outdoor heritage.



ILLINOIS AND NORTH AMERICAN HOOK & LINE RECORD FISH

As of December 2023*

COMMON NAME	WEIGHT	DATE CAUGHT	PLACE CAUGHT	COUNTY	COMMON NAME	WEIGHT	DATE CAUGHT	PLACE CAUGHT	COUNTY
BASS, Largemouth	(IL) 13 lb./1 oz. (NA) 22 lb./4 oz.	2/15/76 6/2/32	Stone Quarry Lk. Montgomery Lk., GA	LAKE	GAR, Spotted	(IL) 8 lb./ 6.4 oz. (NA) 28 lb./8 oz.	8/13/20 3/4/87	Kidd Lake Canal Lake Seminole, FL	MONROE
BASS, Rock	(IL) 1 lb./10 oz. (NA) 3 lb./0 oz. (NA) 3 lb./0 oz.	5/5/87 8/1/74 6/13/69	Aux Sable Creek York River, Ontario, SuGar Creek, IN	GRUNDY CAN.	GOLDEYE	(IL) 2 lb./1 oz. (NA) 3 lb./13 oz.	7/26/98 8/9/87	Embarras River Oahe Tailwater, SD	CUMBERLAND
BASS, Smallmouth	(IL) 7 lb./3 oz. (NA) 11 lb./15 oz.	10/14/19 7/9/55	Lake Michigan Dale Hollow Lake, TN	COOK	LAKE WHITEFISH	(IL) 8 lb./4.0 oz. (NA) 15 lb./6 oz.	6/29/18 5/21/83	Lake Michigan Webster Clear Lake, Ontario, CAN	COOK
BASS, Spotted	(IL) 7 lb./3.12 oz. (NA) 11 lb./3 oz.	3/15/92 2/21/15	Strip Mine New Bullards Bar Res, CA	FULTON	MUSKELLUNGE	(IL) 38 lb./8 oz. (NA) 69 lb./11 oz.	4/20/02 10/20/49	Kaskaskia River Chippewa Flowage, WI	SHELBY
BASS, Striped	(IL) 31 lb./7oz. (NA) 69 lb./9 oz.	5/23/94 2/28/13	Sangchris Lake Black Warrior River, AL	CHRISTIAN	MUSKIE, Tiger	(IL) 31 lb./3 oz. (NA) 51 lb./3 oz.	8/6/04 7/1919	Lake Will Lake Vieux Desert, WI/MI	WILL
BASS, Hybrid Striped	(IL) 21lb./7.2oz. (NA) 27 lb./5 oz.	6/12/17 4/24/97	Lake Bloomington Greer's Ferry Lake, AR	MCCLEAN	NORTHERN HOGSUCKER	(IL) 1 lb./12.3 oz. (NA) 1 lb./12 oz.	3/22/12 3/17/04	Little Vermillion River Fox River, WI	LA SALLE
BASS, White	(IL) 4 lb./14 oz. (NA) 6 lb./7 oz.	10/7/81 9/19/89	Kaskaskia River Saginaw Bay, MI	CLINTON	NORTHERN PIKE	(IL) 26 lb./15 oz. (NA) 46 lb./2 oz.	11/9/89 9/15/40	Strip Mine Lake Sacandaga Rsvr., NY	KANKAKEE
BASS, Yellow	(IL) 2 lb./0 oz. (NA) 2 lb./8 oz.	5/5/94 4/12/00	Farm Pond Tennessee River, AL	MADISON	PERCH, Yellow	(IL) 2 lb./8.75 oz. (NA) 4 lb./3 oz.	1/5/74 5/1865	Arrowhead Club Lake Bordentown, NJ	WILL
BASS, Yellow Hybrid	(IL) 2 lb./ .96 oz. (NA) 2 lb./ .11 oz.	11/3/08 3/10/97	Rend Lake Sabine River, TX	FRANKLIN	SALMON, Atlantic (Inland)	(IL) 18 lb./11.25 oz. (NA) 22 lb./14 oz.	5/26/79 4/5/05	Lake Michigan Jamaica Pond, MA	COOK
BLUEGILL	(IL) 3 lb./8 oz. (NA) 4 lb./12 oz.	5/10/87 4/9/50	Farm Pond Ketona Lake, AL	JASPER	SALMON, Chinook (Inland)	(IL) 37 lb./0 oz. (NA) 44 lb./14 oz.	8/7/76 7/19/94	Lake Michigan Lake Michigan, WI	LAKE
BOWFIN	(IL) 16 lb./6 oz. (IL) 16 lb./6 oz. (NA) 21 lb./8 oz.	9/23/84 9/14/92 1/29/80	Rend Lake Bay Creek Forest Lake, SC	JEFFERSON POPE	SALMON, Coho (Inland)	(IL) 20 lb./9 oz. (NA) 33 lb./4 oz.	5/24/72 9/27/89	Lake Michigan Salmon River, NY	LAKE
BUFFALO (Bigmouth) (Smallmouth)	(IL) 48 lb./0 oz. (NA) 76 lb./8 oz. (NA) 88 lb./0 oz.	1936 6/21/13 11/14/93	Mississippi River Wisconsin River, WI Lake Wylie, NC	ADAMS	SALMON, Pink (Inland)	(IL) 4 lbs./14.4 oz. (NA) 4 lb./0 oz.	8/4/2022 8/28/01	Lake Michigan Garden River, Ontario, CAN.	LAKE
BUFFALO, Black	(IL) 23 lb./12 oz. (NA) 63 lb./6 oz.	7/27/84 8/14/99	Rock River Mississippi River, IA	LEE	SAUGER	(IL) 5 lb./12.5 oz. (NA) 8 lb./12 oz.	7/30/67 10/6/71	Mississippi River Lake Sakakawea, ND	JO DAVIESS
BULLHEAD, Black	(IL) 5 lb./6 oz. (NA) 8 lb./15 oz.	4/24/88 8/19/87	Strip Mine Sturgis Pond, MI	FULTON	SAUGER-WALLEYE, Hybrid	(IL) 9 lb./10.88 oz. (NA) 15 lb./10 oz.	12/7/01 1/11/95	Evergreen Lake Ft. Peck Rsvr., MT	MCLEAN
BULLHEAD, Brown	(IL) 3 lb./4.8oz. (NA) 7 lb./6 oz.	5/8/17 8/1/09	Emiquon Lake Mahopac Lake, NY	FULTON	SHORTHEAD REDHORSE	(IL) 4 lbs./12.8 oz. (NA) 11 lb./5 oz.	4/9/21 5/21/83	Big Rock Creek Brunet River, WI	KENDALL
BULLHEAD, Yellow	(IL) 5 lb./4 oz. (NA) 6 lb./4 oz.	1955 5/25/08	Fox River Forest Lake, MA	KANE	SILVER REDHORSE	(IL) 6 lb./11.4 oz. (NA) 14 lb./ 14 oz.	4/24/08 4/2/95	Fox River Pickwick Lake, AL	KANE
BURBOT	(IL) 11 lb./12.5 oz. (NA) 25 lb./2 oz.	12/7/20 3/27/10	Lake Michigan Diefenbaker Lake, Saskatchewan, CAN	COOK	SKIPJACK HERRING	(IL) 2 lb./8 oz. (NA) 3 lb./ 12 oz.	12/28/13 2/14/82	Des Plaines River Goddard Watts Bar Lake, TN	WILL
CARP, Bighead	(IL) 72 lbs/ 9 oz.. (NA) 90 lb./0 oz.	11/6/21 7/22/00	Humble Park Lagoon Kirby Lake, TX	COOK	STURGEON, Shovelnose	(IL) 10 lbs./8.2 oz. (NA) 8 lb./5.76 oz.	12/12/21 11/4/03	Rock River Rock River, IL	WHITESIDE
CARP, Common	(IL) 51 lb./0 oz. (NA) 57 lb./13 oz.	5/1/94 6/19/83	Lake Hillcrest Tidal Basin Washington, D.C.	MADISON	SUNFISH, Green	(IL) 2 lb./1 oz. (NA) 2 lb./2 oz. (NA) 2 lb./2 oz.	6/28/81 6/18/71 5/28/61	Farm Pond Stockton Lake, MO Cherokee Co. Pit, KS	DE WITT
CARP, Grass	(IL) 74 lb./0 oz. (NA) 79 lb./0 oz.	5/22/15 4/12/11	Lake Galena Crescent Lake, IL	JO DAVIESS	SUNFISH, Hybrid	(IL) 2 lb./9.4 oz. (NA) 2 lb./10 oz.	9/20/05 5/17/99	Farm Pond Farm Pond, KS	HENRY
CATFISH, Blue	(IL) 124 lb./0 oz. (NA) 124 lb./0 oz.	5/21/05 5/21/05	Mississippi River Mississippi River, IL	MADISON	SUNFISH, Pumpkinseed	(IL) 1.12 lb. (NA) 2 lb./4 oz.	6/19/20 5/26/97	Hennepin Hooper North Saluda River, SC	PUTMAN
CATFISH, Channel	(IL) 45 lb./4 oz. (NA) 58 lb./0 oz.	2/7/87 7/7/64	Baldwin Lake Santee Cooper Rsv., SC	ST. CLAIR	SUNFISH, Redear	(IL) 3 lb./1.1 oz. (NA) 5 lb./7.5 oz.	5/19/18 11/6/98	Beaver Lake Diversion Canal, SC	GRUNDY
CATFISH, Flathead	(IL) 81 lb./6.4 oz. (NA) 123 lb./0 oz.	8/29/15 5/14/98	Sangchris Lake Elk City Rsvr., KS	CHRISTIAN	TROUT, Brook	(IL) 7 lb./5 oz. (NA) 14 lb./8 oz.	11/3/98 7/1916	Lake Michigan Nipigon River, Ontario, CAN	LAKE
CRAPPIE, Black	(IL) 4 lb./8 oz. (NA) 6 lb./0 oz.	5/15/76 11/28/69	Rend Lake Westwego Canal, LA	FRANKLIN	TROUT, Brown	(IL) 36 lb./11.5 oz. (NA) 41 lb./8 oz.	6/22/97 7/16/10	Lake Michigan Lake Michigan, WI	COOK
CRAPPIE, Hybrid	(IL) 4 lb./8.8 oz. (NA) 2 lb./11 oz.	3/28/17 1/28/05	Kinkaid Lake Shabbona Lake	JACKSON DEKALB	TROUT, Lake	(IL) 39 lb./2.6 oz. (NA) 72 lb./4 oz.	5/31/21 8/19/95	Lake Michigan Great Bear Lake, N.W.T. Canada	COOK
CRAPPIE, White	(IL) 4 lb./7 oz. (NA) 5 lb./3 oz.	4/8/73 7/31/57	Farm Pond Enid Dam, MS	MORGAN	TROUT, Rainbow (Inland)	(IL) 31 lb./6.72 oz. (NA) 48 lb./0 oz.	7/10/93 9/5/09	Lake Michigan Lake Diefenbaker, Saskatchewan, CAN	LAKE
DRUM, Freshwater	(IL) 38 lb./4 oz. (NA) 54 lb./8 oz.	5/24/18 4/20/72	Clinton Lake Nickajack Lake, TN	DEWITT	TROUT, Tiger	(IL) 8 lb./12.5 oz. (NA) 20 lb./13 oz.	6/26/77 8/12/78	Lake Michigan Lake Michigan, WI	COOK
GAR, Longnose	(IL) 22 lb./1 oz.	5/6/06	Ohio River	MASSAC	WALLEYE	(IL) 15 lb./1 oz. (NA) 25 lb./0 oz.	3/11/12 8/1/60	Pecatonica River Old Hickory Lake, TN	WINNEBAGO
GAR, Shortnose	(NA) 50 lb./5 oz. (IL) 6 lb./15.2 oz.	7/30/54 5/27/18	Trinity River, TX Horseshoe Lake	MADISON	WARMOUTH	(IL) 1 lb./13 oz. (NA) 2 lb./7 oz.	5/22/71 10/19/85	Farm Pond Yellow River, FL	CUMBERLAND

Note: Illinois Record Fish are updated as new records are set. North American Records are updated once a year when the new edition of the NFWFHOF is published.

*North American Records from the 2019-20 Edition National Fresh Water Fishing Hall of Fame (NFWFHOF)

STURGEON IN ILLINOIS WATERS

Did you know there are three species of sturgeon in waters of Illinois? With a maximum age of 150 years, the **state-endangered Lake Sturgeon** is the largest of the three species growing as large as 8 feet long and 300 pounds! Lake Sturgeon are being caught more frequently by Illinois' anglers as a result of state and federal recovery efforts. Lake Sturgeon are a protected species and **MUST BE RELEASED IMMEDIATELY**.



The **state and federally-endangered Pallid Sturgeon** can live over 40 years and reach a size of 5 feet long and 65 pounds. Pallid Sturgeon are a protected species and **MUST BE RELEASED IMMEDIATELY**.

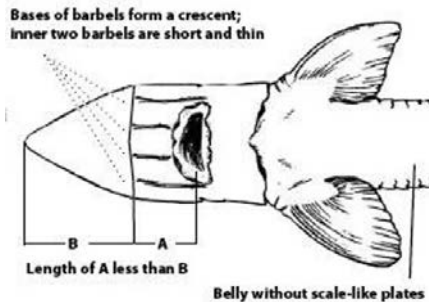


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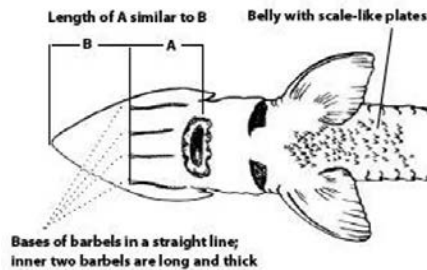
Shovelnose Sturgeon is the smallest of the three species, living over 20 years and rarely reach sizes over 30 inches and 5 pounds. Shovelnose Sturgeon support sport fisheries and a regulated commercial fishery in designated waters of Illinois.



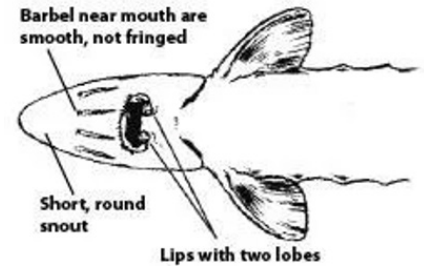
Pallid Sturgeon, Shovelnose Sturgeon and their hybrids can be difficult to identify.



Pallid Sturgeon



Shovelnose Sturgeon



Lake Sturgeon



ILLINOIS LAKE STURGEON RECOVERY PROGRAM

Lake Sturgeon are a State-endangered fish species native to the Mississippi River and its tributaries. Lake Sturgeon are currently under review for potential federal listing by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS). The Lake Sturgeon is endangered in Illinois mainly due to the inability of the fish to reach upstream spawning areas because of the construction of dams and the destruction of spawning areas through channelization, siltation, impoundment and pollution. Excessive fishing in the late 1800s and early 1900s also contributed to the problem. Recovery and management of Lake Sturgeon is a complex, long-term effort, requiring basin-wide support from resource managers, hatchery staff, researchers, anglers, and conservation leaders; however, with committed efforts this resource may be able to flourish for future generations. In June 2023, the Missouri Department of Conservation offered the Illinois Department of Natural Resources - Division of Fisheries a unique opportunity to acquire 11,000 Mississippi-strain juvenile Lake Sturgeon from the USFWS Neosho National Fish Hatchery with the purpose to stock Lake Sturgeon in Illinois to aid in this basin-wide recovery program. For more information about the Lake Sturgeon Recovery Program in Illinois, visit IFISHILLINOIS.org.

CATCHABLE TROUT PROGRAM

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources reinstated its Catchable Trout Program in 1994. Various lakes and streams are annually stocked with catchable size (10-11 inches) trout in the spring or fall. To legally harvest rainbow and/or brown trout from the Catchable Trout Program sites or any inland waters of the state, licensed anglers also must have an Inland Trout Stamp. The statewide Daily Harvest Limit is five trout per angler.

At Catchable Trout Program sites, spring catchable trout opens at 5 a.m. on the first Saturday of April and fall catchable trout opens at 5 a.m. on the 3rd Saturday of October. Anglers may not harvest trout during the closed periods of March 15 until the spring opener or during October 1 until the fall opener. Anglers may utilize these waters for other species during the closed periods. The closed periods have been established to accommodate the stockings and let stocked fish acclimate prior to the opening dates. The stocked trout can overwinter at some sites and anglers may have the opportunity to harvest trout throughout the year, except for during the closed periods.

Select Catchable Trout Program locations are stocked early to provide an early catch and release trout season that begins 2 weeks prior to the regular opening dates (see www.ifishillinois.org for locations). The early catch and release season is also listed for these select waters in the Site Specific Sportfishing Regulations portion of this regulation digest. Anglers must immediately release any trout caught during the early catch and release trout seasons.

Individuals wanting more information about the catchable trout program can contact the Department of Natural Resources, Division of Fisheries, One Natural Resources Way, Springfield, IL 62702-1271; phone 217/782-6424, TDD 217/782-9175. **Anglers wanting more information about site regulations, access areas or boat rentals should contact individual sites or visit the "I Fish Illinois" website: www.ifishillinois.org.**



FISH KILLS IN ILLINOIS LAKES AND PONDS

The sudden appearance of dead fish causes considerable concern for lake or pond owners. The first reaction to the discovery of dead fish is to suspect pollution or poisoning of the water body. However, most fish kills result from natural occurrences, although the frequency and severity are occasionally influenced by humans. Few fish kill calls reported to IDNR are caused from spills or illegal dumping of toxic substances. Most fish kills occur when oxygen in the water drops to low levels that are not suitable for fish survival. Weather patterns, water temperature, depth, density of

aquatic plants and algae, naturally occurring viruses or bacteria or a combination can influence a fish kill. Prolonged cloudy weather, drought conditions, overcrowded fish populations, excessive algal or other plant growths and high water temperatures are the most common factors that trigger fish kills. Contact your local District Fisheries Biologist (<https://www.ifishillinois.org/FAQS/biologists.html>) to discuss what steps to take after a fish kill in your pond or lake and to learn what you can do help your lake or pond avoid fish kills in the future.

BUY ILLINOIS FISHING LICENSES

Special Muskie Creel Survey

The Department of Natural Resources and the Illini Muskie Alliance are co-sponsoring a Muskie Creel Survey for sport fishermen catching any size Muskie. Sport fishermen can report their Muskie catch at the following web address:

https://www.ifishillinois.org/science/muskie_survey.php



AQUATIC NUISANCE SPECIES

Help Protect Your Fishing!

Many aquatic nuisance species (ANS), such as zebra mussels and Asian Carp, have invaded lakes and rivers in Illinois. These non-native species can negatively impact fishing and other types of water recreation.



FIGHT THE SPREAD OF AQUATIC INVADERS

REMOVE PLANTS, ANIMALS AND MUD FROM ALL EQUIPMENT.
DRAIN ALL WATER FROM YOUR BOAT AND GEAR.
DRY EVERYTHING THOROUGHLY WITH A TOWEL.



For More Information...

TRANSPORTZERO.ORG

On ANS: contact Illinois-Indiana Sea Grant at (217) 333-6444 or visit www.iiseagrant.org

On harvesting, cleaning, and cooking Asian Carp: <https://iiseagrant.org/new-iisg-publication-asian-Carp-cuisine/>

On recognizing and identifying Asian Carp: <https://iiseagrant.org/help-identify-invasive-species-with-iisgs-new-asian-carp-watch-card/>

On recognizing and identifying Hydrilla: <https://iiseagrant.org/species-spotlight-hydrilla/>

Effective January 1, 2013, the Illinois Boat Registration and Safety Act has been amended to prevent the spread of invasive aquatic plants and animals by boats, trailers and vehicles. It is now illegal to enter *OR* leave a waterbody with aquatic plants and animals attached to your boat or trailer. Travel on Illinois highways with aquatic plants or animals attached is also prohibited. Always **Remove, Drain, and Dry** to comply with the new law!

Bighead and Silver Carp Watch

Bighead and Silver Carp (Asian Carp) are invasive fish spreading within the Mississippi River and Great Lakes regions causing harm to humans, native fish and wildlife. Both species have low-set eyes and a large, upturned mouth, and may grow to be more than 60 lbs. and 4 ft.



Bighead Carp



Silver Carp

Juvenile Asian Carp may be difficult to distinguish from local baitfish species such as gizzard shad.



Bighead Carp



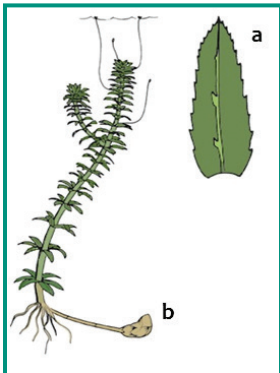
Gizzard Shad (native)



Silver Carp

You can help!

- **Report new sightings** – note exact location, take a photo, freeze specimen in a sealed plastic bag and call 1-877-STOP-ANS (1-877-786-7267).
- **Harvest bait only** from uninfested waters.
- **Dispose** of bait in the trash.
- **Know the rules** – release of live Asian Carp is prohibited in Illinois.
- **Harvest and eat** these tasty fish to help reduce their numbers.



Hydrilla WATCH

Hydrilla is a non-native plant invading and causing harm to waters in nearby states. It forms thick, submersed mats that hinder fishing and boating, and harm fish and wildlife. Hydrilla looks similar to native elodea, which is found in many Illinois lakes and rivers. However, Hydrilla has whorls of 4 or more spear-shaped^a leaves around the stem (native = 2-3), leaves with coarse teeth^a along the edges (native = no teeth), and bulb-like tubers^b in the soil (native = no tubers).

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You can help!

Early detection of new populations of Hydrilla may limit the spread and allow for its removal. Report new sightings of this plant – call 1-877-STOP-ANS (1-877-786-7267).

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The National Great Rivers Research & Education Center

URBAN FISHING PROGRAM

WHO?

For children primarily but sport fishermen of all ages can join in the fun.

WHAT?

Conservation oriented educational fishing clinics free of charge.

WHERE?

Clinics are held at various sites in Chicago, Peoria, Alton, Bloomington, Champaign, East St. Louis, Carbondale, Mt. Vernon, Springfield, Centralia, Decatur, and Urbana.

WHEN?

Fishing clinics are held Monday through Friday, twice daily from the 1st week of June through August.

WHY?

The purpose of these clinics is to teach sport fishing ethics, fish ecology, fish identification, fishing techniques, and the proper care/preparation of caught fish.

For more information call:

Chicago & Northeastern Illinois - (847) 294-4137
 Northwestern Illinois - (815) 625-2903
 Central Illinois - (217) 784-4730
 Southern Illinois - (618) 786-3323

The Illinois Urban Fishing Program was launched in 1985 in Chicago, Illinois. The program's multiple objectives were (1) teach the sport of fishing to all age demographics, (2) enhance fishing opportunities in densely populated

urban landscapes, and (3) seek to instill an appreciation and understanding of natural resources. In 1994, the program was expanded state-wide and now consists of the following three components:

1. Free summer fishing clinics that include fishing at nearby stocked ponds or lagoons
2. School fishing and non-fishing education programs
3. Fishing and education programs at Scout and 4-H camps, city and state parks, church camps, etc.

To enhance the fishing experience, channel catfish and hybrid sunfish are stocked at approximately 45 sites where fishing clinics occur. Summer fishing clinics are held by DNR staff and trained volunteers. Our network of volunteers plays a pivotal role in the success of the program and as they typically conduct over 250 fishing clinics for close to 10,000 children and adults. Fishing events outside of the summer clinics are hosted by DNR staff in addition to non-fishing Education Programs at schools and other settings during the year to teach environmental education and an appreciation for natural resources, and to promote summer fishing programs. Collectively, around 2,000 fishing and non-fishing events are conducted each year, involving nearly 100,000 participants.

The popular "Access to Fishing" rod and reel loaner program was established in 1997 under the umbrella of the Urban Fishing Program. There are over 140 "Access to Fishing" loaner sites throughout Illinois, including libraries, park district offices, state parks, and even bait shops. The rods and reels are typically borrowed roughly 14,000 times statewide by beginning anglers that may not have fishing gear. A list of Access to Fishing tackle loaner program locations can be found here: <https://www.ifishillinois.org/programs/loaner.html>.

ILLINOIS FISH AND YOUR HEALTH

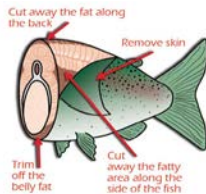
Locally caught fish are a good source of lean protein and are often rich in other nutrients such as omega-3 fatty acids, which may reduce your risk for cardiovascular disease and are essential for childhood development. Pregnant and nursing mothers can also pass omega-3s to their infants in-utero and through breastmilk. In some Illinois waters, chemicals such as polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) and methylmercury can build up in fish and can cause harm to people who eat them over extended periods of time.

Illinois issues fish advisories for these waters to help you plan what sport fish to eat and how often they can be eaten. Advisories are not intended to discourage you from eating fish but should be used as a guide to eating fish low in contaminants. You can access meal specific advice for Illinois water bodies through the interactive [fish advisory map here](#) or by using your phone to scan the QR code provided.

In addition to these advisories, a statewide methylmercury advisory is in place for women who are or could someday become pregnant, nursing mothers, and children younger than 15 years of age. The groups included in the advisory may eat up to one meal per week of predatory fish from any Illinois water body, unless special mercury advisories have been issued. Special mercury advisories are based on site-specific sampling data so they can be more restrictive than the statewide advisory. In some cases, special mercury advisories also apply to men and women beyond childbearing age.

You can reduce your exposure to chemicals in fish by varying the type of fish you eat, opting for younger, smaller fish, and following advisory recommendations for Illinois waters. You can also prepare fish in ways that reduce your exposure to PCBs and other contaminants that build up in fatty tissues of fish, such as by removing skin and fatty areas and broiling, baking, or grilling to allow fat to drip away.

These preparation methods will not reduce your exposure to methylmercury or other contaminants stored in the muscle tissue of fish. For these contaminants, the only way to reduce your exposure is by limiting the amount of contaminated fish eaten.



Illinois Water Body	Do Not Eat
Galumet River, including Cal Sag Channel, and Little Calumet River from Cal Sag Channel to the Calumet River (PCBs)	Carp, Longer than 12"
Chicago River, North and South Branches, North Shore Channel, and Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal (PCBs)	Carp, Longer than 12"
Des Plaines River, Lockport to Kankakee (PCBs)	Carp, Longer than 18"
Galena River (PCBs)	Carp, Longer than 24"
Herrin Lake #1 (PCBs)	Carp, all sizes
Lake DePue (PCBs)	Channel Catfish, Longer than 24"
Lake Michigan (PCBs)	Channel Catfish, All sizes Lake Trout, Longer than 30"
Lincoln Trail Lake (Hg)	Largemouth Bass, 14" or Longer
Midlothian Reservoir (PCBs)	Carp, Longer than 20"
Mill Creek Lake (Hg)	Largemouth Bass, 19" or Longer

Though contaminant concentrations in Illinois fish have declined in recent decades, there are some Illinois water bodies in which certain fish should not be eaten. For a list of these water bodies, please consult the table above.

For more information, contact the Illinois Department of Public Health at 217-782-5830 or DPH.Tox@illinois.gov, or visit the [IDPH's Fish Advisories page](#) to view the current fish advisories.

POINT SYSTEM FOR REVOCATIONS/SUSPENSIONS



POINT SYSTEM

APPLICATION WITHIN ACTS	POINTS	GROUPS
<p>The point system applies to revocations/suspensions authorized under the following conservation laws:</p> <p>Fish and Aquatic Life Code (515 ILCS 5) Wildlife Code (520 ILCS 5) Endangered Species Protection Act (520 ILCS 10) Timber Buyers Licensing Act (225 ILCS 735) Ginseng Harvesting Act (525 ILCS 20) or any similar federal statutes or rules.</p>	<p>Each time a person is found guilty by a circuit court of the State of Illinois (including supervision or conditional discharge) or by a U.S. District Court in an Illinois District, the specific number of points assigned to such violation shall be charged against that person.</p> <p>Petty Offense = 3 points Class C Misdemeanor = 6 points Class B Misdemeanor = 9 points Class A Misdemeanor = 12 points Class 4 Felony = 24 points Class 3 Felony or higher = 60 points Any violation committed during a period of suspension = 60 points.</p>	<p>Group A Wildlife Code, Endangered Species Protection Act (Wildlife) and Federal Offenses (Wildlife)</p> <p>Group B Fish and Aquatic Life Code, Endangered Species Protection Act (Aquatic Life) and Federal Offenses (Aquatic Life)</p> <p>Group C Timber Buyers Licensing Act</p> <p>Group D Ginseng Harvesting Act, Endangered Species Protection Act (Plants) and Federal Offenses (Plants)</p>

TYPES OF OFFENSES

<p>Type I Offenses = those offenses related to commercial/business activities covered under the Timber Buyer, Taxidermist, Aquaculture, Fish Dealer, Minnow Dealer, Mussel Dealer, Game and Game Bird Breeder, Wild Game Food Dealer, Fur Bearing Animal Breeder, Fur Tanner or Migratory Waterfowl Hunting Area licenses and permits</p>	<p>Type II Offenses = All other offenses related to activities covered under licenses and permits. (Example: hunting, trapping, fishing, etc.)</p>
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COMPUTATION OF SUSPENSION PERIODS

<p>For Type I Offenses, any person who, within an 18 month period, accumulates 13 or more points in a single group shall have all licenses, permits and stamps relevant to engage in the activity revoked, and the person's privilege to engage in the activity shall be suspended for a period of time that equals one month for each point accumulated. All accumulated points shall remain in effect for 18 months from the date of arrest that resulted in the point accumulation and shall not be removed or reduced by a period of suspension. Any second or subsequent suspension imposed shall be served consecutively to any earlier suspension.</p>	<p>For Type II Offenses, any person who, within a 36 month period accumulates 13 or more points in a single group shall have all licenses, permits and stamps relevant to that type and group revoked, and the person's privilege to engage in the activity covered by the type and group shall be suspended for a period of time that equals one month for each point accumulated. All accumulated points shall remain in effect for 36 months from the date of arrest that resulted in the point accumulation and shall not be removed or reduced by a period of suspension. Any second or subsequent suspension imposed shall be served consecutively to any earlier suspension.</p>
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SINGLE INCIDENT RULE

<p>The Single Incident Rule shall not be applied in any cases where the highest level violation is a Class A Misdemeanor or higher (12 points or greater) or in cases where violations occurred while the individual was suspended.</p>	<p>In the event that multiple findings of guilt are entered against an individual arising out of a single incident or act, full points shall be assessed only for the finding of guilt with the highest point level with additional points being assessed for the remaining findings of guilt as follows:</p>	<p>Petty Offense = 1 point Class C Misdemeanor = 2 points Class B Misdemeanor = 3 points</p>
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POINT SYSTEM FOR REVOCATIONS/SUSPENSIONS

EXAMPLES:

A) Type I - Findings of Guilt for Separate Incidents: A person found guilty of violations of no taxidermy license and failure to keep proper records (both Class B Misdemeanors, 9 points each) occurring on different dates is assessed the full 18 points, and revocation of taxidermy license and suspension of taxidermy privileges only is imposed for a period of 18 months.

B) Type I - Findings of Guilt for a Single Incident: A person found guilty of the same violations as A) above (2 Class B Misdemeanors) arising out of a single incident has no revocation/suspension imposed, with 12 points assessed (9+3).

C) Type II - Findings of Guilt for Separate Incidents: A person found guilty of unlawful possession of freshly killed Whitetail deer during closed season (Class A Misdemeanor - 12 points) and taking an over limit of quail (Petty Offense - 3 points) has his/her hunting license, trapping license, migratory waterfowl stamp, habitat stamp, deer/turkey permits, etc. revoked, and Type II privileges suspended in Group A for a period of 15 months.

D) Type II - Findings of Guilt for a Single Incident

1) A person found guilty of violations of taking game birds with a rifle and no hunting license (Class A Misdemeanor and Petty Offense) arising out of a single incident is assessed 15 points and suspension imposed as described in C) above. **The Single Incident Rule does not apply to cases where the highest level violation is a Class A Misdemeanor or higher.**

2) A person found guilty of violations of taking deer without a permit and no hunting license (Class B Misdemeanor and Petty Offense) arising out of a single incident has no revocation/suspension imposed, with 10 points assessed (9 + 1).

E) Imposition of Subsequent Suspensions

1) The person in C) above completes the 15 month suspension, and two months later (less than 36 months from the date of the first violation) again unlawfully possesses a freshly killed Whitetail deer during closed season and is found guilty (12 points). This person's licenses are again revoked and privileges suspended for a period of 27 months (15 + 12).

2) The person in C) above is found guilty of a violation under the Wildlife Code that occurred during the time that his/her privileges were suspended - 60 additional points are assessed and a second suspension is imposed, to run consecutively after the first suspension (15 + 60 = 75 months total).

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS AND ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS

The Department of Natural Resources may also hold an administrative hearing to revoke licenses/suspend privileges in certain egregious cases, wherein a person has had a finding of guilt (including supervision or conditional discharge) in a circuit court of the State of Illinois or by a U.S. District Court in an Illinois District, regardless of whether or not sufficient points for suspension have been reached.

In addition, the Illinois Fish and Aquatic Life Code and Wildlife Code provisions regarding the revocation of licenses/permits and suspension of privileges also include the following: Any person whose license or permit has been revoked or his/her privileges suspended may not, during the period of revocation/suspension 1) be in the company of any person engaged in the activity covered by the revocation/suspension, or; 2) serve as a guide, outfitter or facilitator for any person who is engaged or prepared to engage in the activity covered by the revocation/suspension, until such time as the period of revocation/suspension is completed and the appropriate licenses/permits have been obtained.

REVOCATIONS/SUSPENSIONS IN OTHER STATES AND CANADA

It shall be unlawful for any person to be issued or obtain an Illinois license or permit or while in Illinois, engaged in any activity regulated by the Illinois Fish and Aquatic Life Code or Wildlife Code during the time that person's privileges to engage in the same or similar activities are suspended or revoked by another state, by a federal agency or by a province of Canada.

PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF REVOCATIONS/SUSPENSIONS/DENIAL OF PRIVILEGE

Persons who violate the prohibitions of their revocation/suspension/denial of privileges shall be guilty of a Class A Misdemeanor with penalties of up to 364 days jail time and up to \$2500.00 in fines.



For more information, contact the Department of Natural Resources - Office of Law Enforcement at (217) 782-6431, or visit www.dnr.illinois.gov

BOUNDARY RIVERS SPORT FISHING

Illinois-Iowa

Officers of Illinois and Iowa will recognize and accept valid sport fishing licenses of either state when legally possessed and used by hook-and-line sport fishermen on the Mississippi River proper forming a common boundary between Illinois and Iowa, including its backwater lakes and sloughs **contiguous with the flow of waters in the main channel; provided that you do not fish from or attach any device or equipment to the main bank of the Mississippi under the jurisdiction of the state where you are not licensed to fish.** You can not fish in any tributaries of the opposite state. You must conform to the regulations of the state in which you are fishing unless the regulations of your licensing state are more restrictive, then you must conform with the more restrictive regulations. The center of the navigation channel is the boundary between Illinois and Iowa. **Tournaments fishing Iowa waters must have an Iowa fishing tournament permit, even if launching from the Illinois side of the river.**

Illinois-Missouri

Officers of Illinois and Missouri will recognize and accept valid sport fishing licenses of either state when legally possessed and used in the Mississippi River and its backwaters within the boundary of Missouri adjacent to the state of Illinois. **Persons licensed in only one state may also fish in the other state's portion of any oxbow lakes through which the Illinois-Missouri boundary passes, and may fish from or attach any device or equipment to land under the jurisdiction of the other state.** Persons licensed in only one state may not fish in tributaries of the Mississippi in the other state. Sport fishermen shall comply with the regulations of the state in whose waters they are fishing unless the regulations of their licensing state are more restrictive, then must comply with the more restrictive regulations. The center of the navigation channel is considered the boundary between Illinois and Missouri, except in situations where it is clearly shown to be elsewhere.

Illinois-Kentucky

Each state will recognize the sport fishing licenses and appropriate permits of the other state on the main stem and from the banks of the Ohio River, excluding embayments and tributaries where the Ohio River forms the state boundary. Embayments and tributaries shall be defined as a straight line between opposite points where the tributary or embayment connects with the main body of the Ohio River.

The fishing regulations adopted by the state issuing a sport fishing license apply to the licenses when fishing each state's respective waters, except that, all fishermen shall conform with the regulations of the state in which they are fishing, unless the regulations of the fishermen's licensing state are more restrictive, then the fishermen must conform with the more restrictive regulations. The regulations of the state where the sport fishing is occurring apply, if the licensee is fishing from the bank.

Wildlife law enforcement officials of either state shall have the right to inspect the licenses, harvest limits, creel limits, and equipment of any person on the Ohio River subject to the laws of either state.

Officers of Illinois and Kentucky will recognize and accept valid sport fishing licenses of either state when legally possessed and used on the main stem of the Ohio River, **excluding embayments and tributaries.**

Illinois-Indiana

Officers of Illinois and Indiana will recognize and accept valid sport fishing licenses of either state when legally possessed and used on the Wabash River forming a common boundary between Illinois and Indiana. **Sport fishermen shall not fish on water beyond the natural and ordinary river banks of the state in which they are not licensed to fish. Sport fishermen shall not fish from land attached to or taxed by the state in which they are not licensed or fish in tributaries, bayous, or backwaters of the state. Sport fishermen must abide by the laws of the state in which they are fishing.**

I FISH ILLINOIS WEBSITE

IFishIllinois.org is the one-stop, go-to website for all sport fishermen fishing in Illinois waters!

From fishing reports to lake profile summaries to IDNR press releases and opening notices, ifishillinois.org has everything you need for a successful day out fishing on Illinois many waterbodies, including:

- Fishing Reports
- Individual Lake Maps
- Information for over 250 lakes, streams and rivers in Illinois
- Fishing Regulations
- Angling Tips

- Illinois Sportfish Species Information
- Taking Kids Fishing
- Tournaments Application Information
- Locate your county biologist
- Tips for stocking your pond
- Angling awards and Fishing Records
- Catch-and-release guidelines
- Opening Day Notices
- IDNR Press Releases

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VHS REGULATIONS

Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia (VHS) is a disease of fish caused by a virus previously unidentified in the Midwest. While it does not affect humans, VHS can kill a substantial number of fish and has been spreading throughout the Great Lakes states.

Regulations have been implemented to slow the spread of this dangerous aquatic virus in Illinois. Sport fishing and boating are both very popular and important to the Illinois economy. The cooperation of anglers and boaters is essential in combating VHS.

The new regulations being implemented by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) regarding VHS that affect recreational sport fishermen and boaters include:

- Eliminating natural water from all equipment when leaving a body of water.
- Emptying and draining all bait buckets, livewells, baitwells, bilges, etc. or any other compartment capable of holding natural waters when leaving a body of water.
- Live VHS-susceptible species (see below) must not be transported away from any waterbody. Anglers may harvest VHS-susceptible species but may not transport those fish live from the waters where caught.
- Use of wild-trapped or caught fishes from within the state as bait will be restricted to the waters where legally captured.

Fish Species Known to be Susceptible to VHS

Black Crappie	Burbot	Gizzard Shad	Shorthead Redhorse	Round Goby	Walleye
Bluegill	Channel Catfish	Hybrid (Tiger) Muskie	Northern Pike	Silver Redhorse	White Bass
Bluntnose Minnow	Chinook Salmon	Lake Whitefish	Pumpkinseed	Smallmouth Bass	White Perch
Brown Bullhead	Emerald Shiner	Largemouth Bass	Rainbow Trout	Spottail Shiner	Yellow Perch
Brown Trout	Freshwater Drum	Muskellunge	Rock Bass	Trout-Perch	

While VHS is not known to be a threat to human health, sport fishermen are still advised to wash their hands after handling fish and to cook thoroughly any fish they plan to eat. If handling dead fish or fish that appear to be diseased, protective gloves should be worn.

LEAD TACKLE ADVISORY

The tackle industry, recognizing a growing awareness and concern about lead in the environment, has begun to create steel, tin, bismuth, or plastic sinkers. Consider using non-lead tackle when you go fishing.

Here's what you can do to help:

- Ask local sporting good stores to stock non-lead fishing tackle.
- Spread the word by telling other sport fishermen about the problem.
- Dispose of old lead sinkers and jigs properly by locating a drop-off location.



MONOFILAMENT ADVISORY

Monofilament Can Kill *if not used or disposed of properly!*

The Illinois DNR would like to remind all sport fishermen that the improper use and disposal of fishing line (a.k.a. monofilament) can have a dramatic impact on our wildlife. In addition to being an eyesore along our waterways, many shore birds, migratory birds, waterfowl, and raptors have become entangled in monofilament and died.

HOW ANIMALS COME IN CONTACT WITH MONOFILAMENT

There are a variety of ways animals encounter monofilament. Shore birds and waterfowl have been entangled in the litter while wading or swimming. Raptors and fish-eating waterfowl have ingested hooks and monofilament from fish that broke the line. Some migratory birds have used it as nesting material.

Starvation is the most common demise for animals encountering monofilament. The line wraps around the neck or accumulates in the stomach, preventing the ingestion of food. It can also immobilize the animals by wrapping around the legs, or securing them to stationary objects.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Help from all anglers is needed to reduce the amount of fishing line in the environment. By using common sense and respecting our waterways, we can all help to reduce the risk of wildlife related mortalities due to monofilament.

- Properly dispose of unused monofilament in trash containers.
- Use the appropriate test line for the desired fish and fishing technique.
- Replace monofilament yearly. Replacing your monofilament annually can reduce the chance of breaking the line.
- Take the initiative while enjoying Illinois' waters. Help keep Illinois' waterways clean by picking-up discarded monofilament and tackle along the shores. An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

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