



Glen O. Jones Lake Saline County, Illinois

Fisheries Fact Sheet

Glen O. Jones Lake is located in the Saline County Fish and Wildlife Area about 5 miles southeast of Equality in southeastern Illinois. The site contains 1,248 acres including the lake which is approximately 105 acres. Jones Lake has a shoreline distance of 2.7 miles and a maximum depth of 33 feet. Anglers can fish from shore or boat as the site has two fishing piers, ample shoreline access, and a boat ramp. Sportfish found in Jones Lake include largemouth bass, black crappie, channel catfish, bluegill and redear sunfish. Jones Lake has a 10 horsepower or less outboard motor restriction.

Largemouth bass (LMB) – In the late 1990s a protected slot limit of 14 to 18 inches was implemented to address an over abundance of bass less than 14 inches in total length. The slot limit regulation requires all bass between 14 and 18 inches to be released immediately. Anglers may harvest 5 fish under 14 inches and only one fish greater than 18 inches. Catch per unit of effort (CPUE) of electrofishing for bass in 2024 was 202 fish/hr. This was almost double the CPUE of previous surveys. Forty-eight percent of the LMB collected were age 0 bass (3-6 inches). Survey results indicate largemouth bass range in size from 3 to 17 inches. Most bass in Jones Lake still remain under 14 inches, and anglers are encouraged to harvest fish under 14 inches to help improve largemouth bass growth rates. Fishing for largemouth bass less than 14 inches is expected to be excellent. Fishing for bass greater than 14 inches may be poor as only 4% of the fish surveyed were longer than 14 inches.

Bluegill (BLG) – Bluegill fishing in 2025 will be average. No BLG over 8 inches were collected. There are no size or harvest limits for sunfish.

Black crappie – Although present in the lake, black crappie were not collected in the 2024 survey. There are no size or creel limits for crappie.

Channel catfish – Catfish collected during population surveys range in size from 13 to 20 inches. The channel catfish population is enhanced by frequent stocking of non-vulnerable channel catfish. As a result excellent fishing opportunities are expected at Jones Lake. Channel catfish (2460 fish averaging 5.5 inches) were stocked in 2024. There is a daily harvest limit of 6 fish per day.

Additional information can be obtained on the I Fish Illinois web site: <http://www.ifishillinois.org>

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