



Harrisburg New City Reservoir

Saline County, Illinois

Fisheries Fact Sheet

Harrisburg New City Reservoir has a surface area of 209 acres and maximum depth of 30 feet. Shoreline areas are shallow and the reservoir has a shoreline length of 6.5 miles with a watershed of approximately 2000 acres. Harrisburg New City Reservoir was impounded in 1955 to create the reservoir and provide a public water source. Currently the City of Harrisburg receives well water, eliminating the reservoir as a primary or secondary water source. The reservoir is located in wooded rolling terrain in Saline County and is located approximately one mile East of Galatia. Recent survey data suggests Harrisburg New City Reservoir is currently supporting a balanced fishery. Catchable populations of largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish, crappie and redear sunfish are present in the reservoir.

Largemouth bass – Bass were collected at a rate of 100 fish/hr in the 2024 survey. Of the bass collected, 42% were over 14 inches and 2% were over 18 inches. The largest bass collected was 3.5 pounds. There are no size restrictions for bass. There is a daily harvest limit of 6 fish per day.

Bluegill – Bluegill fishing at Harrisburg New City Reservoir is expected to be fair. Bluegill size structure remains constant as most catchable fish are between 6-7 inches. No bluegill over 8 inches were collected. There are no size or harvest limits for sunfish.

Redear Sunfish – Redear sunfish don't appear to be abundant in this lake but 8-9 inch redear were collected in the 2024 survey. There are no size or harvest limits for sunfish.

Crappie – Black crappie were collected at a rate of 48 fish/hr in the 2024 survey. Only 4% of the black crappie collected were over 9 inches in length and no black crappie over 10 inches were collected. This lake contains white crappie but none were collected in the 2024 survey. There are no size or harvest limits for crappie.

Channel catfish – Three channel catfish (16-28 inches) were collected in the 2024 survey. Fishing prospects for channel catfish should be good in 2025. Channel catfish (5910 fish averaging 8 inches) were stocked in 2024. There is a daily harvest limit of 6 fish per day.

Striped Bass Hybrids – One striped bass hybrid (10 inches) was collected in the 2024 survey. Striped bass hybrids are stocked annually when available. No striped bass hybrids were stocked in 2024.

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

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