



White Pine Pond

FISHERIES STATUS SUMMARY

LOCATION – White Pine Pond is located in Blackwell Forest Preserve on Butterfield Road (Route 56) 0.5 miles west of Winfield Road in Warrenville. From the first parking lot off of Butterfield, White Pine Pond is a 50 yard walk (White Pine Pond is the larger of the two adjacent ponds). Parking is also available north of the ponds.

DESCRIPTION – White Pine Pond is a 9 acre dug pond with a maximum depth of 15 feet and an average depth of 9.5 feet. White Pine Pond is one of 30 lakes and ponds owned and maintained for sport fishing by the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County (FPDDC). There is good shoreline fishing access available via a mowed trail around the two ponds. No watercraft allowed. The FPDDC has installed several fish attracting structures in this pond (see locations on bathymetric map on the reverse side of this summary).

MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES: These waters have been under management by the FPDDC Fishery Ecologist to provide quality sport fishing opportunities. In 1984, the FPDDC entered into a cooperative management agreement with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources to facilitate management activities. Largemouth bass are stocked to supplement natural reproduction as needed. Channel catfish are stocked regularly.

STATUS OF THE SPORT FISHERY – Good numbers of sunfish (bluegills and redear) at this pond should offer fast action on light tackle. Largemouth bass abundance was down from previous surveys but quality size fish are available. Great shore fishing access makes this pond a great family fishing destination. White Pine Pond is difficult to electrofish based on its steep drop offs and clear water. A fall survey was conducted due to extremely low catch during the spring survey.

LARGEMOUTH BASS – Largemouth Bass – During the fall survey bass were caught at a rate of 47 fish per hour. While this is lower than the management goal, gear bias based on the pond morphology is most likely to blame. The bass ranged in length from 3.1 to 20.5 inches, with largest bass weighing 4.2 pounds. Forty percent of the bass were longer than 16 inches.

BLUEGILL – Bluegill were abundant in the fall survey. Bluegill were caught at a rate 135 fish per hour. Of the 57 bluegill sampled only one fish measured longer than six inches.

REDEAR SUNFISH – Redear sunfish are present in White Pine Pond. They are not as abundant but redears over seven inches were sampled in the recent surveys. Redear sunfish tend use deeper water than their bluegill cousins which makes them a little more difficult to sample or catch.

CHANNEL CATFISH – No channel catfish were captured in the 2018 survey. Channel catfish are stocked regularly in White Pine Pond but are notoriously difficult to sample in deep clear ponds.

ADDITIONAL FISH SPECIES: Hybrid sunfish and yellow perch were also present. Black crappie and pumpkinseed have occurred in previous samples at Sand Pond.

District Wide Sportfishing Regulations - *new in 2017

Two pole and line fishing only.

***Largemouth bass** – 14-18-inch protected slot limit; 4 fish daily creel limit with 3 fish that can be harvested under 14 inches and 1 fish longer than 18 inches.

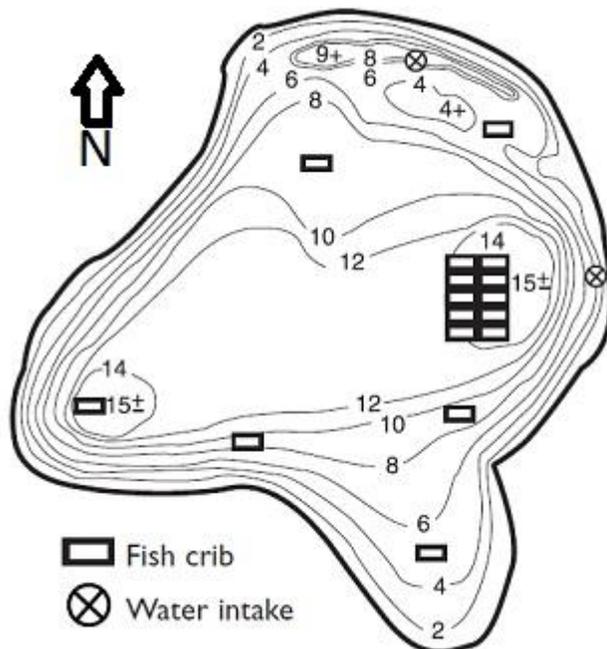
***Bluegill and Redear Sunfish**– No minimum length limit; 25 fish daily creel limit.

***White and black crappie** – No minimum length limit; 15 fish daily creel limit.

***Yellow perch** – 9-inch minimum length limit; 5 fish daily creel limit.

Northern pike – 24-inch minimum length limit; 3 fish daily creel limit (statewide regulation).

Channel catfish – 12-inch minimum length limit; 3 fish daily creel limit.



This map courtesy of the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County - "Fishing in Dupage County"

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