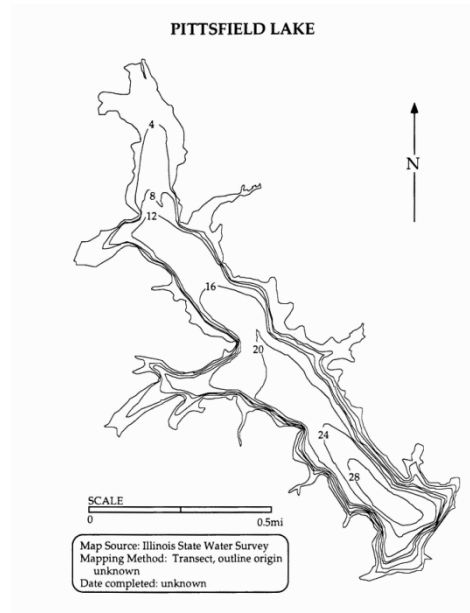




# PITTSFIELD LAKE

## 2014 Lake Status Summary

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### Location:

- Pike County, West Central Illinois
- Between Pittsfield and Griggsville
- South of Interstate 72 and east of Route 107

### Description:

TYPE	SIZE	MAX. DEPTH	AVG. DEPTH	SHORELINE LENGTH	STORAGE CAPACITY
Impoundment	240 acres	34 feet	12.3 feet	5.2 miles	964,308,000 gallons

- Western shoreline steep-sided
- Eastern shoreline shallow flats, rip-rap shoreline and excellent aquatic vegetation beds
- Fallen trees and submerged stumps throughout

### History:

- Completed in 1960 as part of a PL 566 flood control project
- Currently is the water supply for the City of Pittsfield

### Fishing Access and Amenities:

- 2 boat launches – east side of lake off of County Road 3275E and north side of lake off of County Road 1700N
- Basic camping and picnicking on site
- Nearby bait shop- Neff's Bait Shop (217) 833-2178

### Boating Regulations:

- Boat permit and launch fee required
- 25 horsepower limit – all propellers must be removed from motors larger than 25 hp
- No wake regulation
- For additional information, call Pittsfield City Hall at (217) 285-4484

### Fishing Regulations:

SPECIES	DAILY CREEL LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH LIMIT
All Fish	2 pole and line fishing only	
Largemouth Bass	6	14"
Striped/White/Hybrid Striped Bass	3	17"
Walleye/Sauger/Hybrid Walleye	6	none

## Status of the Sport Fishery:

### Largemouth Bass

- Stable population dominated by 1 to 3 pound fish; many larger fish still present
- Recent population survey had a good catch rate of fish in good condition
- Largest bass in last survey was 21 inches, 6.1 pounds
- Best fishing for bass is in April and October along rip rap and in and around fallen trees

### Walleye

- Stocked yearly since 1987 (nearly 10,000 fingerlings annually)
- Under fished species
- 10 pounders caught yearly
- Recent population survey found walleye between 18.5 and 22 inches, weighing 1.9 to 3.7 pounds
- Best fishing March through October along points on the west bank
- Average weight between 1 to 5 pounds

### Crappie

- Last survey indicates a small, stunted population with a few big ones

### Hybrid Striped Bass

- Stocked regularly since 1982
- Under fished species
- Best fishing March through October trolling open water near the dam
- When successful shad spawns occur, hybrids can be seen breaking the surface while chasing shad schools
- Average weight between 5 to 10 pounds
- Most recent population survey collected individuals between 11.9 and 28.9 inches long and weighing between 0.7 and 11.9 pounds

### Channel Catfish

- Channel catfish have a fair population with little reproduction
- Individuals between 16.7 and 27.6 inches, weighing between 1.5 to 10.4 pounds were collected in the last survey

### Flathead Catfish

- Flathead population not as strong
- No individuals collected in the last survey
- Reports of a couple of 50 to 60 pound fish each year by anglers

## RECENT STOCKING HISTORY FOR LAKE PITTSFIELD

YEAR	HYBRID STRIPED BASS	THREADFIN SHAD	WALLEYE	GRAND TOTAL
1993	2,410	1,000	9,460	12,870
1994	2,410		9,640	12,050
1995	3,170	500	20,000	23,670
1996	1,205	1,000	10,000	12,205
1997	8,743		9,640	18,383
1998	2,410		10,845	13,255
1999	2,410	1,600	10,845	14,855
2000		1,300	9,641	10,941
2001	2,650		9,640	12,290
2002	2,411		9,640	12,051
2003	2,655		9,640	12,295
2004	2,128		9,640	11,768
2005	2,410		9,945	12,355
2006	2,410		9,640	12,050
2007	4,820		9,975	14,795
2008	2,410		12,357	14,767
2009	4,820		9,640	14,460
2010	4,820		9,640	14,460
2011	2,410			2,410
2012	2,522		10,240	12,762
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>59,224</b>	<b>5,400</b>	<b>200,068</b>	<b>264,692</b>

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