



WASHINGTON COUNTY LAKE FISHERIES FACT SHEET

LOCATION: Washington County Conservation Area is located 4 miles south of Nashville on Route 127.

DESCRIPTION: This scenic 248 acre lake contains a good percentage of woody habitats which is great for attracting and holding fish. There is a concrete boat ramp and plenty of parking in the blacktopped parking lot. There is also a gravel boat ramp for small watercraft. Shore angler access is available at many areas around the lake and there is a 10 hp. limit for boat motors.

CONCESSION: Offers boat rental, bait and tackle.

HISTORY AND STATUS OF THE SPORT FISHERY: The IDNR Division of Fisheries has been active in the management of Washington County Lake since it opened in 1962. The lake receives annual stockings of largemouth bass and channel catfish.

LARGEMOUTH BASS - A very nice population of bass is present. Fish are abundant, well fed, and grow to large sizes. Three, four, and five pound fish are common, with six pound fish present. Less common, seven and eight pound bass occur in the lake as well.

BLUEGILL - Bluegill sunfish are very abundant but average on the small side. Three to five inch fish are common, while fish between 6 and 7 inches in length make up about 20% of the population.

CHANNEL CATFISH - The channel catfish population is excellent. Fish are abundant, very plump, and grow to weigh 12 lbs. and more. The average catch weighs around 2.7 lbs.

FISHING REGULATIONS:

2 Pole and Line fishing Only

Largemouth or Smallmouth Bass - 14" Minimum Length Limit

Channel Catfish - 6 Fish Daily Creel Limit

*Swimming, wading, and waterskiing are prohibited

For more information, contact Washington County Conservation Area: 618 327-3137 or the fisheries biologist at 618 295-2877.