



Beall Woods Lake Wabash County, Illinois.

Fisheries Fact Sheet

Beall Woods Lake is a borrow lake constructed in 1972 in Beall Woods State Park. The lake is located near the Wabash River, five miles south of Mt. Carmel. Beall Woods Lake has a surface area of 14 acres, a maximum depth of 13 feet, and an average depth of 3.5 feet. The lake has 1,500 feet of shoreline and a watershed of 150 acres. Beall Woods Lake is a small fertile lake that tends to get dense stands of submerged aquatic vegetation during warmer months. Recent survey data suggests Beall Woods Lake is currently supporting a balanced fishery. Fish most commonly sought after by anglers include largemouth bass, bluegill, redear sunfish, channel catfish and crappie.

Largemouth bass - Largemouth bass population indices are near recommended ranges and a good representation of size structure exists. Bass abundance is good, as measured by catch per unit of effort of electro fishing, as the average number of bass caught in recent surveys is 88 bass per hour. Many fish between 0.5 to 1.5 pounds are present with larger bass sampled and reportedly being caught by anglers. Bass fishing is expected to be good. Currently, there is a 15 inch minimum size limit for bass and the creel limit is 6 fish per day.

Bluegill – Bluegill numbers at Beall Woods Lake are good. Abundance as measured by the average catch per unit of effort of electro fishing, in recent samples, is 140 fish per hour. Bluegill size structure remains constant as most catchable fish are between 6 and 7.5 inches. Bluegill fishing at Beall Woods Lake is expected to be fair to good. Currently there are no size or creel limits for sunfish at Beall Woods Lake.

Crappie – Black and white crappie are present in Beall Woods Lake and fishing as reported from anglers has been fair. Anglers should target crappie around structure using minnows and jigs. Currently there are no size or creel limits for crappie at Beall Woods Lake.

Channel catfish – Anglers continue to report good catches of channel catfish. Many fish reported and collected during electro fishing surveys are 16 inches or better. Fishing prospects for channel catfish are expected to be good. A daily catch limit of six fish applies.

Additional fisheries information can be obtained on the I Fish Illinois web site, <http://www.ifishillinois.org> or by consulting the Illinois Fishing Information booklet or by calling IDNR District Biologist Kurt Daine at 618-949-3432.