



RANDOLPH COUNTY LAKE FISHERIES FACT SHEET

LOCATION: Randolph County Conservation Area is located 5 miles north east of Chester.

DESCRIPTION: This scenic 65 acre lake is located in a steep, wooded valley. Some years, aquatic plant beds ring the entire shoreline, while in other years plants are absent. There is a concrete boat ramp and plenty of parking in the blacktopped parking lots. Shore angler access is available at many different places around the lake and there is a 10 h.p. limit for boat motors.

CONCESSION STAND: Boat rental available.

HISTORY AND STATUS OF THE SPORT FISHERY: The IDNR Division of Fisheries has been active in the management of Randolph County Lake since it opened to the public in 1961. The lake receives annual stockings of hybrid walleye and rainbow trout. Channel catfish are also stocked as needed.

LARGEMOUTH BASS – The bass population is fairly well balanced. Although smaller bass are very numerous in the 8 to 12 inch length range, a decent percentage of fish exist in the 12 to 20 inch length range. There are trophy bass as well, topping 7 lbs. in weight.

BLUEGILL - Bluegill sunfish are very numerous and offer good fishing due to an improved population size structure. The percentage of 7 inch fish has increased in the last three years and 6 inch fish are common.

REDEAR SUNFISH - The redear sunfish population is superb. A large percentage of fish are over 8 inches in length and are typically in excellent condition. Many fish weigh ½ to 1 pound.

CHANNEL CATFISH - Channel catfish were so numerous in this lake that stocking was discontinued for a while. Currently, a nice population exists with the average catch weighing three pounds.

SAUGEYE - This hybrid, between a walleye and a sauger, does very well in this lake. Fish up to 7 lbs. in weight have been caught, with the average fish from our latest survey weighing 3.2 lbs.

FISHING REGULATIONS - 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only.

Largemouth or Smallmouth Bass - 14" Minimum Length Limit/3 Fish Per Day.

Channel Catfish - 6 Fish Daily Creel Limit.

Saugeye - 14 " Minimum Length Limit/6 Fish Per Day.

Rainbow Trout - 5 Fish Daily Creel Limit* *see fishing info booklet for details.

Swimming, wading, and waterskiing are prohibited.

For more information, contact Randolph County Conservation Area: 618 826-2706 or the fisheries biologist at 618 295-2877.

