



SCHUY-RUSH LAKE

2014 Lake Status Summary

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Location:

- Located in Schuyler County in west-central Illinois
- Just off U.S. Rt. 67 between Rushville and Beardstown

Description:

TYPE	SIZE	MAX. DEPTH	AVG. DEPTH	SHORELINE LENGTH
Impoundment	225 acres	40 feet	14.0 feet	9.3 miles

- Schuy-Rush is a 225-acre artificial impoundment
- Currently used for recreation and a supplemental water supply

History:

- The lake was constructed in 1975 as part of a PL 566 project
- Receives supplemental stockings of pure muskellunge

Fishing Access:

- One boat ramp halfway up the western shore
- Some shoreline fishing

Boating Regulations:

- No horsepower restriction

Amenities:

- Camping
- Picnic and Playground Areas
- Ball diamond
- Toilets

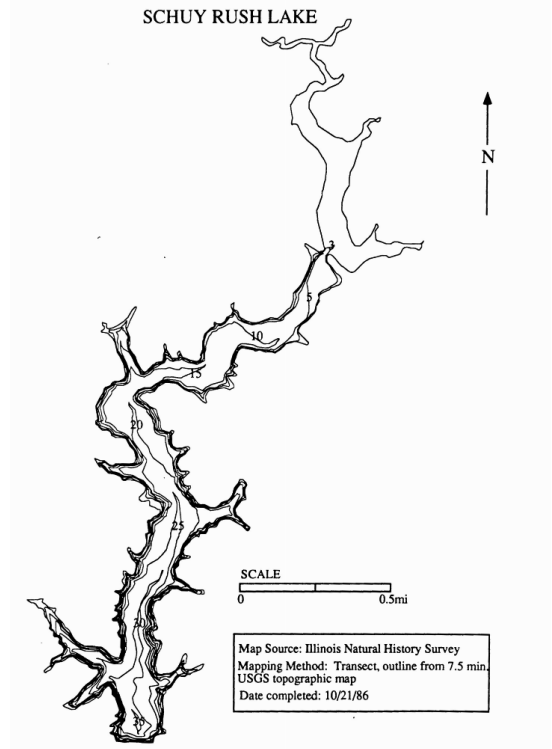
Fishing Regulations:

SPECIES	DAILY CREEL LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH LIMIT
All Fish	2 pole and line fishing only	-
Channel Catfish	6	None
Largemouth Bass	6	None
Tiger and Pure Muskies	3	24"
White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	15	None

Status of the Sport Fishery:

Largemouth Bass

- Population dominated by fish under 2.5 pounds
- Recent population survey shows fish in good condition
- Largest bass in last survey was 20 inches, 5.3 pounds
- Best fishing for bass around structure; local bait shop recommends spinner baits and plastic worms



Channel Catfish

- Channel catfish have a fair population with little reproduction
- Largest catfish collected in the last survey was nearly 21 inches and weighed 3.4 pounds
- Nightcrawlers and prepared baits fish on the bottom are effective

Bluegill

- Stunted population with most bluegill between 4 and 6 inches
- Fish near cover such as brush piles, stumps, or weed beds and drop your bait as close as possible to the cover. Use a small bobber to keep the bait off the bottom. The most popular bait is a nightcrawler on a small hook, but crickets and grasshoppers work well during summer.

Crappie

- Last survey indicates a small, stunted population under 8 inches with a few big ones
- Fish near stumps, brush piles or other such cover. Small minnows are the most common bait and these should be hooked high in the back on a small hook with a bobber 2 to 3 feet above the hook. Nightcrawlers can also be used effectively in early spring. When crappie start schooling before spawning (April and May) leadhead jigs and spinners become productive and may be used in combination with a lip-hooked minnow. Usually the best months are March, April and May; then fishing picks up again in the fall.

Muskellunge

- Receives hatchery stockings of muskies

RECENT STOCKING HISTORY FOR SCHUY-RUSH LAKE

YEAR	CHANNEL CATFISH	LARGEMOUTH BASS	PURE MUSKELLUNGE	THREADFIN SHAD	WALLEYE	GRAND TOTAL
1993				600	9,000	9,600
1994		13,500			9,000	22,500
1995		4,791			27,000	31,791
1996				1,200	9,000	10,200
1997		22,550			9,000	31,550
1998				1,000	10,125	11,125
1999				2,000	10,125	12,125
2000	5,858	5,659			9,000	20,517
2001	7,117	5,660			9,640	22,417
2002	7,939	11,901			9,000	28,840
2003		5,652				5,652
2004		9,652				9,652
2005		6,250				6,250
2006			185			185
2007			370			370
2010			370			370
2011			185			185
2012			185			185
TOTAL	20,914	85,615	1,295	4,800	110,890	223,514