

BUNKER HILL CITY LAKE

FISHERIES FACT SHEET

Bunker Hill City Lake is under a cooperative management agreement between The Illinois Department of Natural Resources, and the City of Bunker Hill. This agreement was forged on May 7, 1987 to improve fishing opportunities for the angling public.

LOCATION – Resides in south-central Macoupin County, 2 miles northwest of Bunker Hill, Illinois.

AREA – 11.0 acres ; shoreline length 0.7 miles ; watershed 430 acres ; maximum depth 28 feet ; average depth 12 feet.

DESCRIPTION – Bunker Hill City Lake has a trolling motor only motor size limit. There is one gravel ramp on the north end of the impoundment. Bait and tackle can be acquired in Bunker Hill. The Lake resides within James Bertagenolli Park.

STATUS OF THE SPORT FISHERY – Approximately 9 species have been collected in this body of water. Bunker Hill City Lake get periodic stocking of 8" to 10" Channel Catfish via The Illinois Department of Natural Resources. Below are the fish groups that thrive in this lake.

LARGEMOUTH BASS – Bunker Hill City Lake has a good population of this common predator. In 2014, 49 Largemouth Bass were boated via 42 minutes of daytime electrofishing effort. These bass measured from 2.5" to 18" in total length, and weighed up to 2.7 lbs. 19 (39%) topped 12", 6 (12%) attained 15", and 1 (2%) reached at least 18" in size.

BLUEGILL – During our spring 2014 survey, we collected 207 Bluegill in 42 minutes of effort. These Bluegill ranged from 2.5" to 7.25" in length, and topped the scale at .33 lbs. 104 (50%) reached at least 6", and 13 (6.3%) attained 7", or more in total length.

CHANNEL CATFISH – In 2014, IDNR-Fisheries boated 5 Channel Catfish which measured from 15" to 23", and maxed the scale out at 5.6 lbs. in total weight. 3 (60%) were at least 2 lbs. in size, and 2 (50%) topped the 4 lb. mark. As mention previously, IDNR-Fisheries stock this species in order to maintain a solid population.

FLATHEAD CATFISH – As a side note, 2 Flathead Catfish were found measuring 34" and 36". These individuals weighed 23 and 25 lbs., respectively.

FISHING REGULATIONS – Below are site specific angling regulations. All other statewide regulations apply at this impoundment.

All Fish – 2 pole and line fishing only.

Channel Catfish – 6 fish daily creel limit.

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