



WORLD SHOOTING COMPLEX LAKES FISHERIES FACT SHEET

LOCATION: The World Shooting Complex is located approximately 5 miles north of Sparta in Randolph County.

DESCRIPTION: The site contains three lakes totaling 170 acres, East Lake, 134 acres, Derby Lake, 21 acres, and RV Lake, 15 acres. Derby and East Lakes have concrete boat ramps and ample parking, while RV Lake has no boat ramp but plenty of shoreline access for anglers. There is a 10 hp. boat motor limit for the largest lake (East Lake) while the other lakes are trolling motors only.

CONCESSION: None.

HISTORY AND STATUS OF THE SPORT FISHERY: The IDNR Division of Fisheries has been active in the management of the shooting complex lakes since they opened to public fishing in 2008. Rainbow trout are stocked in the spring and fall at Derby Lake. East and Derby Lakes contain a diverse fishery comprising over 20 species of fish, while RV Lake contains principally sport fishes.

LARGEMOUTH BASS: East Lake has a nice population of mid-size to larger bass, 12 to 17 inches in length and topping out at 23 inches and 6 lbs. Derby Lake has an abundant population of smaller to mid-size bass. Most are less than 15 inches in length, with a few larger bass in the mix. RV Lake is small and clear, but holds bass of all sizes.

BLUEGILL: RV Lake has some decent bluegill, 6 to 8 inches in length. The other lakes contain mainly smaller fish, with Derby Lake having at least some 6 and 7 inch fish while East Lake has very few quality sized bluegill. Most fall into the 3 to 5 inch length range.

CHANNEL CATFISH: East Lake has some nice catfish averaging around 3 lbs.

CRAPPIE: All three lakes have very good to excellent crappie populations. Many are 10" or more in length and average ½ to ¾ lb.

FISHING REGULATIONS:

2 Line and Pole Fishing Only

Largemouth or Smallmouth Bass - 18" Minimum Length Limit/1Fish Per Day.

Channel Catfish - 6 Fish Daily Creel Limit.

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

Bluegill or Redear Sunfish - 15 Fish Daily Creel Limit.

White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie - 10" Minimum Length Limit/10 Fish Per Day.

Swimming, wading, and waterskiing are prohibited.

For more information, contact the fisheries biologist at 618 295-2877.