



DONGOLA CITY RESERVOIR

2013 Lake Status Summary



LOCATION: Dongola City Reservoir is located in Union County west of Dongola. From Dongola, head west on Mill Street and turn north onto Mill Creek Road.

DESCRIPTION: Dongola City Reservoir is 58 acres in size. There is a single lane boat ramp with dock. There are no restrooms or concessions available.

STATUS OF THE SPORT FISHERY – The following is a brief summary of the major sport fish species based on annual fish population surveys conducted by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

Largemouth Bass – Dongola City Reservoir has an excellent bass population. During the 2013 spring electrofishing sample, largemouth bass were collected at a rate of 90 fish per hour. Of the 45 bass collected, 42% were over 15 inches, 33% were over 16 inches, and 22% were over 18 inches.

Crappie – Dongola City Reservoir has a poor crappie population consisting of both black and white crappie. Very few crappie over 8 inches have been observed during sampling in the past. Of the 4 crappie collected in the 2013 survey, none were over 7 inches. Anglers are encouraged to harvest all crappie caught regardless of size to alleviate the overabundance of smaller crappie in the lake.

Bluegill Sunfish – The bluegill population is stunted and poor. Of the 126 bluegill collected in the 2013 spring survey, none were over seven inches.

Redear Sunfish – The redear population is average. All 8 of the redear collected in 2013 were between 7-8 inches.

Channel Catfish - The channel catfish population is average. Five catfish were collected in 2013 ranging in size from 16-23 inches. Channel catfish have been collected during the last 7 surveys.

Fishing regulations: For further information consult the 2013-2015 Illinois Fishing Regulation Booklet or the www.ifishillinois.org website.

Species	Creel Limit	Minimum Length Limit
Largemouth Bass	3	15"

FISH ATTRACTORS – Maps of 6 Dongola Lake fish attractor locations can be obtained via email by sending a request to Shawn.Hirst@Illinois.gov.

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