



PYRAMID STATE PARK – GALUM AREA - GOLDENEYE LAKE

2014 FISHERIES FACT SHEET

LOCATION: Pyramid State Park is located south of Pinckneyville in Perry County. Goldeneye Lake is a strip cut lake located on the Galum Section of Pyramid State Park. The Galum Section is accessed off Panda Bear Road. From State Route 127 head west on Pyatt-Cutler Road. About 6 miles west of Pyramid State Park turn north onto Panda Bear Road. Goldeneye Lake has a 10 HP motor limit.

DESCRIPTION: Facilities at this 125 acre lake include a boat launch, floating docks, and bathrooms.

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. As a result of high water conductivity, electrofishing is not an effective sampling tool at this lake. All information is based on spring trap netting surveys. From October 28 through February 28 fishing is allowed in designated areas only, and fishing hours are from ½ hour before sunrise to 2 PM.

Muskellunge (MUE) - Goldeneye Lake has received six MUE stockings beginning in 2002. Although no MUE were stocked during 2013, Goldeneye Lake will be stocked annually with 50 ten inch MUE if available. No MUE were collected in the spring of 2013. The largest known MUE documented from this lake was a 39 inch fish collected by IDNR in 2008. If you catch a tagged MUE from Goldeneye Lake **DO NOT REMOVE THE TAG**. Please contact Shawn Hirst, IDNR Fish Biologist by phone at 618-687-4546 or email at Shawn.Hirst@illinois.gov with the following information: date of catch, length of MUE, tag number (If number is covered with algae simply scrap the algae away with your fingernail or a knife). Anyone providing a tag number will receive the history of that particular fish.

Largemouth Bass (LMB) – An electrofishing survey is the best way to analyze the LMB population in a lake. Because electrofishing is not an option at Goldeneye Lake very little is known about the LMB population. No LMB were collected in 2013 spring trap netting. The largest bass collected in previous surveys was 17 inches.

Crappie – Goldeneye Lake has a poor crappie population consisting of only black crappie. No white crappie have ever been collected from this lake. The black crappie only started showing up in the last three years. Of the 3 crappie collected in the 2013 spring trap netting survey, 2 were over 9 inches and 1 was over 10 inches.

Bluegill Sunfish – The bluegill population is good. Although no bluegill were collected in the 2013 spring trap netting survey, fish over 8 inches have been collected in previous surveys.

Redear Sunfish – The redear population is excellent. Three redear sunfish (6-9 inches) were collected in the 2013 survey. Redear sunfish have been collected in 7 of the 8 previous surveys.

Channel Catfish – Although no catfish were collected in the 2013 spring trap netting survey, catfish have been collected in 4 of the 8 surveys at this lake. The largest channel catfish collected during previous surveys was 26 inches.

Fishing regulations: For further information on Goldeneye Lake site specific fishing regulations please see page 27 of the 2013-2015 Illinois Fishing Information guide.

Species	Creel Limit	Minimum Length Limit
Largemouth Bass	5 under 14" and 1 over 18"	14-18 inch protected slot (no possession)
Bluegill or Redear Sunfish	25	None
Crappie	25	None
Channel Catfish	6	None
All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only	
Live Bait	All live bait in excess of 8" must be rigged with a quick set rig.	

RECREATIONAL USE RESTRICTIONS – From October 28 through February 28 fishing is allowed in designated areas only, and fishing hours are from ½ hour before sunrise to 2 PM.

MAPS - Maps of 23 lakes located on the Arch Portion of Pyramid State Park can be obtained via email by sending a request to Shawn.Hirst@illinois.gov.

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