PYRAMID STATE PARK – DENMARK AREA – BLUE WING LAKE

2014 FISHERIES FACT SHEET

LOCATION: Pyramid State Park is located south of Pinckneyville in Perry County. Blue Wing Lake is a strip cut lake located on the Denmark Section of Pyramid State Park. From State Route 127 head west on Pyatt-Cutler Road. About 7 miles west of Pyramid State Park turn south into the Denmark Section. Blue Wing Lake has a 10 HP motor limit.

DESCRIPTION: Facilities at this 35 acre lake include a concrete boat launch, floating dock 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.

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 this lake very little is known about the LMB population at this lake. Four LMB up to 16 inches were collected in the 2013 spring trap netting survey at this lake.

Crappie – Green Wing Lake has an excellent crappie population consisting of both black and white crappie. Of the 63 crappie collected in the 2013 spring trap netting survey, 46% were over 9 inches, and 17% were over 10 inches in length.

Bluegill Sunfish – The bluegill population is poor. No bluegill over 8 inches have ever been collected from this lake. In 2013 the largest bluegill collected was 6 inches.

Redear Sunfish – No redear sunfish have been collected from this lake during trap netting surveys.

Channel Catfish – The channel catfish population is average. One catfish (17 inches) was collected during the 2013 spring trap netting survey. Catfish have been collected in 4 of 8 previous surveys. The largest catfish collected during previous surveys was 27 inches.

Fishing regulations: For further information on Canvasback 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	

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/CONTACS - 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. IDNR Fish Biologist – Shawn Hirst 618-687-4546. Pyramid State Park 618-357-2574.