



## PYRAMID STATE PARK – DENMARK AREA - MALLARD LAKE

### 2014 FISHERIES FACT SHEET

**LOCATION:** Pyramid State Park is located south of Pinckneyville in Perry County. Mallard Lake is located on the Denmark Section of Pyramid State Park. The Denmark Section is accessed off of Pyatt-Cutler Road. From State Route 127 head west on Pyatt-Cutler Road. About 7 miles west of Pyramid State Park turn south into the Denmark Section. Mallard Lake has a 10 HP motor limit.

**DESCRIPTION:** Facilities at this 75 acre strip cut lake include a 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. Please note that fishing is prohibited from October 28 through February 28.

**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. No LMB were collected during the 2013 survey. Bass (18 inches) have been collected in previous surveys.

**Crappie** – Mallard Lake has an average crappie population consisting of both black and white crappie. Only 1 crappie (9 inches) was collected in the 2013 spring trap netting survey. Although the number of fish collected at this lake during surveys is typically low, many of the crappie collected are over 9 inches in length.

**Bluegill Sunfish** – The bluegill population structure can only be described as average. Of the 21 bluegill collected in 2013 none were over 8 inches.

**Redear Sunfish** – No redear sunfish have been collected in 7 years of sampling.

**Channel Catfish** – No channel catfish have been collected in 7 years of sampling. However, IDNR observed an angler catching a 14 pound catfish during the 2012 survey.

**Fishing regulations:** For further information on Mallard 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** – Fishing is prohibited from October 28 through February 28.

**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](mailto:Shawn.Hirst@illinois.gov).

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