common fish of DuPage County

- Black Bullhead
- Bluegill
- Black Crappie
- Grass Carp
- Green Sunfish
- Largemouth Bass
- Channel Catfish
- Common Carp
- Flathead Catfish
- Rainbow Trout
- Smallmouth Bass
- Walleye
- Yellow Bullhead
- Muskie
- Northern Pike

Graphics courtesy of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources Division of Fisheries.
Accessibility
The Forest Preserve District of DuPage County is committed to making its facilities accessible to all visitors. Individuals with accessibility needs or concerns should contact the District’s ADA coordinator at 630-933-7683 or TTY 800-526-0857 at least 48 hours before their visit.

EMERGENCIES: CALL 911
For nonemergency public-safety issues, call Law Enforcement at 630-933-7240. Help us keep the forest preserves safe, and report any emergencies or violations.

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The information in this guide is subject to change.
Unless posted, you can fish in all Forest Preserve District of DuPage County lakes and ponds and along both branches of the DuPage River, Salt Creek and any tributaries. Forest Preserve District rules are generally similar to Illinois’ but may be more restrictive to sustain certain species at certain locations.

1. If you’re 16 or older you must carry a valid Illinois fishing license in most cases. If you’re fishing for trout you must also carry a valid inland trout stamp. U.S. military personnel with “active” or “active duty” service IDs, U.S. veterans with qualifying disabilities, and Illinois residents with class 2O or 2A disability IDs do not need either.

2. Fishing hours are the same as regular forest preserve hours: one hour after sunrise to one hour after sunset. Night fishing is only allowed at Deep Quarry Lake at West Branch Forest Preserve and you must be out of the preserve by 11 p.m.

3. Fishing is not allowed in designated Illinois nature preserves.

4. You can fish from shorelines and piers unless posted. You can wade in rivers and streams but cannot wade in lakes or ponds. You also cannot swim or use inflatable rafts, foam noodles or similar flotation devices. (Certain multichambered inflatable watercraft with foot wells are allowed for boating on select lakes with a Forest Preserve District private boating permit, but please visit dupageforest.org or call Visitor Services weekdays at 630-933-7248 for details and locations.)

5. You cannot fish with more than two poles or tip-ups at one time, and you cannot have more than two hooks or lures attached to each. You must observe and attend to your poles and tip-ups at all times.

6. You cannot fish with nets, seines, traps, bows and arrows, spears, slingshots, pitchforks, or gigs.

7. You must release a fish if it is shorter than the required minimum length for that species or is within the species’ protected slot limit. You cannot possess more of a species per day than the species’ daily creel limit allows, and you must have your creel possessions clearly separated.

8. You cannot fillet a fish or remove its head or tail in a forest preserve if that species has a required minimum length or protected slot limit for waters in that preserve.

9. You cannot dump fish entrails or carcasses in any DuPage forest preserve waters.

10. You must release fish in the same waters in which you caught them.

11. You can use minnows, worms, insects, lures, stink bait, wet flies, blood bait or dough balls as bait but must dispose of all bait and bait water in the trash or on the ground far from shore.

12. You can use legally caught bluegill, redear sunfish, green sunfish, longear sunfish, pumpkinseeds, warmouths, and their hybrids for bait but only in the same waters in which you caught them. You cannot use a fish if it’s shorter than the required minimum length for the species or is within the species’ protected slot limit. You also cannot possess more of a species than its daily creel limit allows. If there is a required minimum length or protected slot limit, the fish cannot be cut up or dressed.

13. You cannot use amphibians, reptiles or crayfish as bait.

14. With the exception of the legally caught fish described in 12 above, you cannot collect bait in the forest preserves.

15. Although state regulations may allow it, in DuPage forest preserves you cannot fish for or collect crayfish, mussels, or any amphibians or reptiles, such as frogs and turtles.

16. You must remove all aquatic plants and animals from all equipment before moving the equipment away from any body of water.

17. You can ice fish on most forest preserve waters unless posted. Due to fluctuating water levels, you can never ice fish at Spring Creek Reservoir Forest Preserve. Holes must be less than 10 inches in diameter. You can only use portable shelters and must remove them when not in use. Forest Preserve District employees do not monitor ice; all ice-related activities are done at the user’s own risk. As a guideline, not a guarantee, a minimum of 4 inches is recommended. Ice may be safe in one spot yet very thin only a few feet away; river currents, underwater springs, animal activity or runoff from local roads can all create hard-to-detect areas of thin ice. You should carry ropes and floatation devices on the ice for emergencies.

18. If you catch a tagged fish and release it, please report the date, location, tag number, type of fish, length and weight to the Forest Preserve District’s Natural Resources department at 630-933-7200. If you keep the fish, mail the tag with the same information to Forest Preserve District of DuPage County, Natural Resources, 35580 Naperville Road, Wheaton, IL 60189.

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**HOW TO MEASURE A FISH**

Place the fish on a flat board, close the mouth and compress the tail to get the maximum length. Then, measure from the tip of the snout to the tip of the tail fin.
# Lakes and Ponds

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Smallmouth are catch-and-release year-round in the West Branch DuPage River between the canoe launch at Warrenville Grove Forest Preserve and Fawell Dam at McDowell Grove Forest Preserve.

## KNOW THE DIFFERENCE

With muskie and northern pike at Mallard Lake and large- and smallmouth bass at other locations — and each with different creel limits — it’s important to know how to identify these species.

### Muskie (Esox masquinongy)

- **48” minimum catchable length**
- Scales on upper part of cheek
- Dark, vertical markings on light background
- Pointed paired fin
- Light hues on sides with dark vertical bars
- Dorsal fin sections nearly separated
- Brownish to bronze cast on back with shading to lighter hues on sides

### Largemouth Bass (Micropterus salmoides)

- **14” – 18” protected slot**
- Bright to olive green head and back, sides lighter green
- Upper jaw extended beyond back edge of eye
- Dorsal fin sections nearly separated
- Broad black stripe or line of broken splotches running along sides from head to tail

### Northern Pike (Esox lucius)

- **24” minimum catchable length**
- Scales on entire cheek
- Light, horizontal, round or oval-shaped spots on dark background
- Rounded paired fin
- Light hues on sides with dark vertical bars
- Dorsal fin sections separated by shallow notch
- Brownish to bronze cast on back with shading to lighter hues on sides

### Smallmouth Bass (Micropterus dolomieu)

- Catch and release only (lakes and ponds)
- Scales on entire cheek
- Light hues on sides with dark vertical bars
- Dorsal fin sections separated by shallow notch
- Brownish to bronze cast on back with shading to lighter hues on sides
- Upper jaw not extended beyond back edge of eye
fish stocking report

LAKES
As part of its fisheries-management program, the Forest Preserve District stocks select lakes with various species. The report below shows the species, quantities and stocking dates for each lake listed. Lakes are stocked by the District and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. For more information call 630-933-7668.

Silver, Pickerel and Grove lakes are stocked every year in spring and fall with rainbow trout.

FISH LENGTHS
Bluegill 2" – 5*
Channel catfish 3" – 4**
6" – 10*
Crappie 4" – 6*
Hybrid bluegill 5" – 7*
Largemouth bass 5" – 7*
over 6**
Muskie 10" – 16*
Northern pike 10" – 16*
Perch 5" – 7*
Smallmouth bass 4" – 8**
17" – 22†
Walleye 6" – 10*

Blackwell in Warrenville
Silver Lake
Fathead Minnow 300 lbs. 04/15
Channel Catfish 240 07/15
Rainbow Trout 3200 10/15
Rainbow Trout 4500 03/16
Channel Catfish 240 07/16
Rainbow Trout 3250 10/16
Yellow Perch 1500 10/16
Walleye 600 10/16
Rainbow Trout 3200 03/17
Rainbow Trout 3250 10/17
Rainbow Trout 5000 03/18
Rainbow Trout 4988 10/18
Yellow Perch 1500 10/18
Rainbow Trout 3250 03/19

Largemouth Bass 190 03/17
Largemouth Bass 95 06/18
Largemouth Bass 46 10/18

Sand Pond
Channel Catfish* 1200 09/13
Smallmouth Bass 10 11/13
Hybrid Bluegill 800 10/15
Channel Catfish 120 04/16
Largemouth Bass 77 10/18
Largemouth bass 50 03/19
Channel catfish 175 04/19

Hidden Lake in Downers Grove
Eagle Lake
Channel Catfish 400 05/13
Fathead Minnow 100 lbs. 10/15
Bluegill 800 10/15
Redear Sunfish 1600 05/16
Fathead Minnow 160 lbs. 10/16

Rainbow Trout
Channel Catfish 750 05/13
Largemouth Bass* 150 01/15
Fathead Minnow 300 lbs. 05/16
Bluegill 800 10/16
Golden Shiners 150 lbs. 04/17

Round Meadow Lake

Cricket Creek in Addison

Green Lake
Channel catfish 450 5/13
Largemouth bass 250 4/17

Riverbend Pond
Largemouth bass 50 10/14
Bluegill 500 10/16

Stonewort Pond
Channel catfish 200 5/12

Danada in Wheaton

Rice Lake
Channel Catfish 1800 05/13
Largemouth Bass 400 04/16
Largemouth Bass 70 08/16
Fathead minnow 400 lbs. 05/19
Bluegill 1000 05/19

East Branch in Glendale Heights

Rush Lake
Largemouth Bass 375 04/13
Channel Catfish 500 05/13
Channel Catfish* 4500 09/13
Largemouth Bass 225 04/15
Largemouth Bass* 152 05/17
Channel Catfish 160 04/18

Sunfish Pond
Largemouth Bass 185 04/12
Channel Catfish 300 05/12

Mayslake in Oak Brook
Gulf
Largemouth Bass 147 08/15
Channel Catfish 150 04/16
Largemouth Bass 100 04/16

Mayslake
Channel Catfish 200 05/13
Largemouth Bass 120 08/15
Largemouth Bass 100 04/16
Channel Catfish 150 04/17

Mcdowell Groove in Naperville

Muskrat Pond
Largemouth Bass 135 04/12
Channel Catfish 225 05/12
Golden Shiner 75 lbs. 05/18
Fathead Minnow 90 lbs. 05/18

Herrick Lake in Wheaton

Herrick Lake
Hybrid Bluegill 3000 10/15
Fathead Minnow 150 lbs. 10/15
Bluegill 1500 10/15
Fathead Minnow 300 lbs. 05/16
Channel Catfish 520 07/16
Bluegill 500 10/16
Golden Shiner 150 lbs. 04/17
Northern Pike 100 10/18

Meacham Grove in Bloomingdale
Maple Lake
Largemouth Bass* 188 04/16
Channel Catfish 900 04/17
Fathead Minnow 200 lbs. 10/17
Golden Shiner 200 lbs. 11/17
Channel Catfish 935 04/18
Bluegill 1900 05/18
Pratt's Wayne Woods in Wayne

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Pickeral Lake

| Yellow Perch | 500 | 10/16 |
| Rainbow Trout | 2000 | 03/17 |
| Largemouth Bass* | 44 | 06/17 |
| Largemouth Bass* | 110 | 10/17 |
| Rainbow Trout | 2000 | 10/17 |
| Rainbow Trout | 2000 | 03/18 |
| Rainbow Trout | 2000 | 10/18 |
| Rainbow Trout | 2000 | 03/19 |

Horsetail Pond

| Northern Pike | 450 | 05/13 |
| Channel Catfish* | 900 | 09/13 |
| Bluegill | 565 | 10/15 |
| Fathead Minnow | 75 lbs. | 10/15 |
| Largemouth Bass | 355 | 04/16 |
| Largemouth Bass | 85 | 10/16 |

Harrier Lake

| Smallmouth Bass† | 50 | 04/15 |
| Fathead Minnow | 500 lbs. | 10/15 |
| Yellow Perch | 500 | 10/15 |
| Fathead Minnow | 500 lbs. | 05/16 |
| Golden Shiner | 500 lbs. | 09/16 |
| Walleye | 750 | 10/16 |
| Smallmouth Bass* | 2200 | 11/16 |
| Yellow Perch | 520 | 11/17 |
| Smallmouth Bass* | 1200 | 11/17 |
| Golden Shiner | 520 lbs. | 11/17 |
| Walleye | 750 | 10/18 |
| Smallmouth Bass* | 1050 | 10/18 |

Songbird Slough in Itasca

| Songbird Lake | Bluegill | 2000 | 04/15 |
| Northern Pike | 50 | 10/15 |
| Largemouth Bass* | 60 | 10/15 |
| Fathead Minnow | 150 lbs. | 05/16 |
| Bluegill | 1000 | 05/16 |
| Largemouth Bass | 400 | 04/17 |
| Largemouth Bass* | 139 | 05/17 |
| Golden Shiner | 15 lbs. | 05/18 |
| Bluegill | 1000 | 05/18 |
| Largemouth Bass | 20 | 10/18 |
| Golden Shiner | 200 lbs. | 10/18 |
| Northern Pike | 80 | 10/18 |
| Channel catfish | 200 | 04/19 |
| Fathead minnow | 250 lbs. | 05/19 |
| Bluegill | 2000 | 05/19 |

Spring Creek Reservoir in Bloomingdale

| Spring Creek Reservoir | Channel Catfish | 2400 | 05/11 |
| Fathead Minnow | 250 lbs. | 04/15 |
| Largemouth Bass | 200 | 04/15 |
| Bluegill | 2000 | 04/15 |
| Fathead minnow | 500 lbs. | 05/19 |
| Bluegill | 2000 | 05/19 |

Timber Ridge in West Chicago

| Largemouth Bass | 610 | 04/12 |
| Channel Catfish | 800 | 05/13 |

West Branch in Bartlett

| Deep Quarry Lake | Redear Sunfish | 4000 | 10/15 |
| Northern Pike | 80 | 09/16 |
| Walleye | 450 | 10/16 |
| Yellow Perch | 1000 | 10/16 |
| Redear Sunfish | 4000 | 04/17 |
| Fathead Minnow | 200 lbs. | 10/17 |
| Channel Catfish | 770 | 04/18 |
| Yellow Perch | 1000 | 10/18 |
| Walleye | 450 | 10/18 |
| Northern Pike | 100 | 10/18 |

Bass Lake

| Channel Catfish | 800 | 05/12 |
| Redear Sunfish | 1000 | 10/12 |
| Largemouth Bass | 450 | 04/13 |
| Northern Pike | 100 | 11/14 |
| Redear Sunfish | 2000 | 04/15 |
| Redear Sunfish | 2000 | 10/15 |
| Redear Sunfish | 2000 | 05/18 |
| Golden Shiner | 15 lbs. | 05/18 |

Wood Dale Grove in Wood Dale

| Grove Lake | Rainbow Trout | 500 | 10/14 |
| Rainbow Trout | 1000 | 03/15 |
| Rainbow Trout | 500 | 10/15 |
| Fathead Minnow | 100 lbs. | 10/15 |
| Bluegill | 500 | 10/15 |
| Rainbow Trout | 1000 | 03/16 |
| Rainbow Trout | 500 | 10/16 |
| Rainbow Trout | 1000 | 03/17 |
| Rainbow Trout | 500 | 10/17 |
| Golden Shiner | 100 lbs. | 11/17 |
| Rainbow Trout | 1000 | 03/18 |
| Golden Shiner | 160 lbs. | 05/18 |
| Rainbow Trout | 500 | 10/18 |
| Rainbow Trout | 1000 | 03/19 |
| Fathead Minnow | 260 lbs. | 05/19 |

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WATERWAYS

Stocked by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

West Branch DuPage River

| Smallmouth bass | 27,000 | 8/96 |
| Northern pike | 700 at 6" – 8" | 7/96 |
| Smallmouth bass | 26,000 fingerlings | 7/97 |
| Smallmouth bass | 18,000 fingerlings | 8/97 |
| Northern pike | 700 at 6" – 8" | 8/97 |
| Smallmouth bass | 100 at 18" – 22" | 5/12 |
| Northern pike | 2,400 at 6" – 8" | 7/12 |

East Branch DuPage River

| Smallmouth bass | 480 breeders 8" – 15" | 9/97 |

Salt Creek

| Smallmouth bass | 15,000 fingerlings | 8/96 |
| Smallmouth bass | 26,000 fingerlings | 7/97 |
| Smallmouth bass | 115 breeders | 11/12 |

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KEEP OR RELEASE?
A lot of research goes into setting creel limits. Fisheries ecologists survey individual lakes and rivers to get an idea of the types, sizes and numbers of game fish that live there. They then compare the data with previous studies and the habits of local anglers.

If they determine there aren’t enough fish of certain sizes to allow anglers to keep everything they catch without harming the natural population, they may set creel limits with minimum lengths or protected slot limits to ensure anglers don’t overfish an area or take fish that are too small.

But creel limits do more than prevent anglers from taking too many fish: They let anglers know how many fish they can take to help prevent overcrowding.

It may sound as if it goes against the idea of “conservation,” but keeping the fish you catch (within legal limits, of course) can help natural fisheries. Too many fish in a body of water can mean less food and space to grow for all fish. Fisheries ecologists rely on anglers to help keep things in balance (and to take home some tasty meals to boot!)

BOATING
You can rent canoes, kayaks and rowboats at Blackwell starting the first weekend in April or at Herrick Lake starting the first weekend in May. The rental buildings are open weekends through the end of September and daily Memorial Day through Labor Day. Both sell bait and accept cash or credit cards.

If you have a valid Forest Preserve District permit you can use certain types of private watercraft on Silver Lake at Blackwell, Round Meadow Lake at Hidden Lake, Mallard Lake at Mallard Lake or Deep Quarry Lake at West Branch. You do not need a Forest Preserve District permit to boat on rivers.

For permits, regulations and rental fees visit dupageforest.org or call Visitor Services weekdays 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. at 630-933-7248.

HEALTH ADVISORIES
Fish are a delicious, lean, low-calorie source of protein, but some may contain chemicals that could affect your health if you eat too many. To help you plan what fish to keep and how often and how many to eat, the state tests fish and provides advisories if necessary. For updates, call the Illinois Department of Public Health at 217-782-5830 or visit idph.state.il.us and type “fish advisory” in the search box.

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AQUATIC INVADERS
Most plants and animals that call DuPage County lakes and rivers home have been growing and living in this area for centuries, but a few are more recent arrivals. Some were illegally dumped from ponds and aquariums. Some hitchhiked on boats or in bait buckets. All have spread into forest preserves and other natural areas, where they take food and space away from native species and create headaches for boaters and anglers alike.

Once an aquatic invader arrives it can be impossible to evict, so the best way to fight these plants and animals is to make sure you don’t bring them into new waters in the first place. Visit dupageforest.org for additional information on these and other invaders.

Zebra mussels multiply quickly, forming colonies that can filter all of the microscopic plants and animals out of an entire body of water.

Round goby are aggressive and drive away native nongame fish. They have a voracious appetite and eat any and all fish eggs.

Common carp look for food by grubbing up the bottom, uprooting plants and clouding the water, making it less-suitable for other fish.

Goldfish and koi multiply quickly, even in poor water conditions, and eat just about anything.

Rusty crayfish bully native crayfish out of sheltered areas and eat large amounts of aquatic organisms.

Curly leaf pondweed grows even under the ice and creates dense mats.

Eurasian water milfoil creates dense mats that clog propellers, tangle fishing line and keep sunlight from reaching plants and animals below.
DUPage County Rivers

There are three main river systems in DuPage County: the West Branch DuPage River, the East Branch DuPage River and Salt Creek. All three contain large- and smallmouth bass, channel catfish, bluegill, green sunfish, crappie, yellow and black bullhead, carp, white sucker, and northern pike. Anglers can also fish for flathead catfish and pumpkinseed in both branches of the DuPage River and for walleye in Salt Creek.

### East Branch DuPage River
- **Churchill Woods**
  St. Charles Road 0.25 mile west of Route 53 in Glen Ellyn. Moderate 75-yard walk on gravel trail.

- **Hidden Lake**
  Route 53 0.5 mile south of Butterfield Road (Route 56) in Downers Grove. Moderate 50-yard walk.

- **Salt Creek**

- **Cricket Creek**
  Fullerton Avenue 0.25 mile east of Villa Avenue in Addison. Moderate 25-yard walk on gravel trail.

- **Fullersburg Woods**
  Spring Avenue 1 mile north of York Road in Oak Brook. Moderate 25-yard walk.

- **Salt Creek Park**
  Elizabeth Road at Addison Road in Wood Dale. Moderate 65-yard walk on gravel trail.

### West Branch DuPage River
- **West Branch**
  Army Trail Road at Gerber Road in Bartlett. Moderate 125-yard walk west on gravel trail.

- **Blackwell**
  Mack Road 0.25 mile east of Route 59 in West Chicago at end of parking lot.

- **Warrenville Grove**
  Batavia Road 1 mile south of Butterfield Road (Route 56) in Warrenville. Moderate 25-yard walk on paved trail.

- **Mcdowell Grove**
  Raymond Road 1 mile south of Diehl Road in Naperville next to parking lot.

- **Pioneer Park**
  Washington Avenue 0.25 mile north of Hobson Road in Naperville. Moderate 50-yard walk on turf trail.

**NOTICE:** Zebra Mussels May Live in These Waters
Take Action to Prevent Their Spread

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**Get Your Kids Hooked on Fishing**

Bring your anglers 15 and younger to these popular annual events. Registration isn’t required, but only kids can fish. Call Visitor Services at 630-933-7248 for details.

**Trout Fishing for Kids**
Last Saturday in March at Wood Dale Grove
Go after one of the most popular sport fishes before opening day.

**Just for Kids Fishing Derby**
Second Sunday in June at Blackwell
Add to the fun of fishing with contests, raffles and games.

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**Litter Hurts**

Each year Willowbrook Wildlife Center treats hundreds of wild animals injured by fishing tackle. Help lower these numbers by putting unwanted hooks, lures and bobbers in the trash. Take fishing line to a business that offers recycling, place it in a forest preserve monofilament recycling bin, or cut it into 6-inch pieces and place it in the garbage.

**Go Fish**

with the Access to Fishing loanable rod and reel program.

**Same-Day Loans**
Blackwell & Herrick Lake
Call 630-933-7248 for details.

Loans are free and are limited to one rod and reel per person. A valid driver’s license is required for each individual or group rental.

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**Hard Water Classic Ice Fishing Tournament**

Friendly Competition and Great Prizes!
For more details, visit dupageforest.org.
big woods

POSS LAKE | Acres: 9
Bilter Road near the Batavia Spur of the Illinois Prairie Path in Warrenville. No parking.

Fish largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, green sunfish, carp
SILVER LAKE | Acres: 60
Butterfield Road (Route 56) 0.5 mile west of Winfield Road in Warrenville. Parking around lake. Moderate walk on gravel or turf trails.

Fish largemouth bass, bluegill, channel and flathead catfish, crappie, green sunfish, carp, black bullhead, northern pike, walleye, perch, rainbow trout
blackwell

**SAND POND | Acres: 4**
From first parking lot off Butterfield Road, 0.3-mile walk around White Pine Pond.

**Fish** largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish, green sunfish

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**WHITE PINE POND | Acres: 9**
From first parking lot off Butterfield Road, moderate 50-yard walk west on gravel trail.

**Fish** largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, green sunfish, carp, grass carp, redear sunfish
GREEN LAKE | Acres: 9
Fullerton Avenue 0.25 mile east of Villa Avenue. Moderate 50-yard walk on gravel trail south of Fullerton.

Fish largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, green sunfish, carp, black bullhead
**STONENWORT POND** | **Acres: 3**
Parking at model-boating area on Route 83 Frontage Road. Moderate 30-yard walk north. Frontage Road lot open March 1 – Nov. 30 only. Use Fullerton Avenue lot Dec. 1 – Feb. 28 and walk south.

**Fish** largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, green sunfish, carp, black bullhead

**RIVERBEND POND** | **Acres: 5**
Parking at model-boating area on Route 83 Frontage Road. Moderate 50-yard walk east. Frontage Road lot open March 1 – Nov. 30 only. Use Fullerton Avenue lot Dec. 1 – Feb. 28 and walk south.

**Fish** largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, green sunfish, carp, black bullhead

Riverbend Pond is a radio-controlled model-boating area. If model boats are in use, please fish Stonewort Pond to the north.
RICE LAKE | Acres: 36

Parking at Danada Equestrian Center on Naperville Road 1 mile south of Butterfield Road (Route 56) in Wheaton. Moderate 0.7-mile walk on gravel trail northeast past stables.

Fish largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, green sunfish, carp, brown bullhead
east branch

**RUSH LAKE | Acres: 15**
Glen Ellyn Road 0.25 mile south of Army Trail Road in Glendale Heights. Moderate 50-yard walk downhill on gravel trail.

**Fish** largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, green sunfish, carp, black bullhead

**SUNFISH POND | Acres: 5**
From Glen Ellyn Road parking lot, turf trail south of Rush Lake to hilly 125-yard walk.

**Fish** largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, green sunfish, carp, black bullhead
hawk hollow

MUSKRAT POND | Acres: 4
Army Trail Road at Klein Road in Bartlett. No parking.

Fish largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, green sunfish
HERRICK LAKE | Acres: 22
Butterfield Road (Route 56) 0.25 mile east of Herrick Road in Wheaton. 25-yard walk on turf or gravel trail.
Fish largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, green sunfish, carp, grass carp, black bullhead

WEST LAGOON
Herrick Road 0.25 mile south of Butterfield Road (Route 56). Short walk on turf trail north.
Fish largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, green sunfish, carp, grass carp, black bullhead
hidden lake

ROUND MEADOW LAKE | Acres: 15
Route 53 0.25 mile south of Butterfield Road (Route 56) in Downers Grove. Moderate walk on turf trail.

Fish largemouth and smallmouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, green sunfish, carp
hidden lake

EAGLE LAKE | Acres: 10
From Route 53 parking lot, moderate 200-yard walk on gravel trail south over bridge.

Fish largemouth and smallmouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, green sunfish, carp, black bullhead
mallard lake

MALLARD LAKE | Acres: 85
Schick Road 0.4 mile west of Gary Avenue in Hanover Park. Moderate 50-yard walk on gravel trail. Fishing not allowed on bridges.

Fish largemouth bass, bluegill, channel and flathead catfish, crappie, green sunfish, carp, northern pike, walleye, muskie, perch

CLOVERDALE POND | Acres: 9
From Schick Road parking lot, 0.6-mile walk on trail around Mallard Lake.

Fish largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, green sunfish, carp, black bullhead
mayslake

MAYSLAKE | Acres Owned by District: 3
St. Paschal’s Drive 0.5 mile south of 31st Street in Oak Brook. Moderate 150-yard walk on gravel and turf trail. Parking also at Mayslake Hall on 31st Street 0.4 mile west of Route 83.

Fish largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, green sunfish, carp, grass carp, black bullhead

GULF | Acres Owned by District: 8
From St. Paschal’s Drive parking lot, moderate 75-yard walk on gravel trail.

Fish largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, green sunfish, carp, grass carp, black bullhead
mcdowell grove

MUD LAKE | Acres: 22
Raymond Drive 0.5 mile south of Diehl Road in Naperville. Strenuous 1-mile walk on gravel trail north.

Fish largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, green sunfish, carp, black bullhead
MAPLE LAKE | Acres: 32
Circle Avenue 0.25 mile north of Lake Street (Route 20) in Bloomingdale. Moderate to steep 100-yard walk on gravel trail and turf.

Fish largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, green sunfish, carp
pratt’s wayne woods

**PICKEREL LAKE | Acres: 22**
Powis Road 1 mile north of Army Trail Road in Wayne. 25-yard walk on paved trail from central or back parking area.

**Fish** largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, green sunfish, rainbow trout, carp, black bullhead, northern pike

**CATFISH POND | Acres: 5**
From back of Powis Road parking lot, moderate 50-yard walk on gravel trail.

**Fish** largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish, green sunfish, carp, grass carp, northern pike

**HORSETAIL POND | Acres: 3**
From back of Powis Road parking lot, moderate 150-yard walk on gravel trail.

**Fish** largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish, green sunfish, carp, grass carp, northern pike
pratt’s wayne woods

HARRIER LAKE | Acres: 20
Stearns Road 0.3 mile east of Powis Road. Moderate 50-yard walk.

Fish largemouth and smallmouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish, green sunfish, black bullhead, walleye, perch
SONGBIRD LAKE
Acres Open to Fishing: 15

Mill Road 2 miles north of Lake Street (Route 20) in Itasca. Moderate 50-yard walk on turf trail.

Fish largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, green sunfish, carp, northern pike
SPRING CREEK RESERVOIR | Acres: 17
Lake Street (Route 20) 0.25 mile east of Glen Ellyn Road in Bloomingdale. Steep 175-yard walk on paved trail. Due to fluctuating water levels, ice fishing is not permitted on Spring Creek Reservoir.

Fish largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, green sunfish, carp, black bullhead
TIMBER LAKE | Acres: 17
County Farm Road 0.7 mile south of North Avenue (Route 64) in West Chicago. Moderate 0.5-mile walk south of Kline Creek Farm parking lot on gravel trail.

Fish largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, green sunfish, carp, black bullhead
BASS LAKE | Acres: 15
Army Trail Road at Gerber Road in Bartlett. Moderate 0.75-mile walk on gravel and turf trail.

Fish largemouth bass, bluegill, channel and flathead catfish, crappie, green sunfish, carp, northern pike, walleye, perch

DEEP QUARRY LAKE | Acres: 40
From Army Trail Road parking lot, moderate, steep 75-yard walk on gravel trail.

Fish largemouth bass, bluegill, channel and flathead catfish, crappie, green sunfish, carp, northern pike, walleye, perch
wood dale grove

GROVE LAKE | Acres: 9
Wood Dale Road 2 miles north of Lake Street (Route 20) in Wood Dale. 25-yard walk on gravel trail.

Fish largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, green sunfish, rainbow trout, carp, grass carp
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