

2023 Stocking Report



| Species | Channel Catfish | Bluegill | Hybrid Sunfish | Largemouth Bass | Muskellunge | Northern Pike | Rainbow Trout* | Walleye |
|--------------------|-----------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------|-------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|
| Lake | | | | | | | | |
| Axehead Lake | - | 32,264 | - | - | - | - | 3,079 S&F | - |
| Beck Lake | - | - | - | - | - | 153 | - | 4,000 |
| Belleau Lake | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2,645 S&F | - |
| Beverly Lake | - | - | - | 106 | - | - | - | - |
| Busse Main-Pool | 6,250 | - | - | - | 409 | - | - | 9,503 |
| Busse North-Pool | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3,977 F | - |
| Busse South-Pool | 6,250 | - | - | - | - | 460 | - | 9,502 |
| Cermak Quarry | - | - | 825 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Flatfoot Lake | - | - | 6,120 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Green Lake | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2,122 S&F | - |
| Horsetail Lake | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3,960 S&F | - |
| Maple Lake | 1,375 | - | - | - | - | 240 | - | - |
| Pogie Pond | - | 27,265 | - | 4,050 | - | - | - | - |
| Saganashkee Slough | - | - | - | - | - | 650 | - | - |
| Sag Quarry-East | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2,445 S&F | - |
| Schiller Pond | - | 13,937 | 2,445 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Skokie Lagoons | 4,750 | - | - | - | - | 968 | - | 10,003 |
| Tampier Lake | 3,000 | - | - | - | - | 481 | - | 14,003 |
| Wampum Lake | - | - | - | - | - | 140 | - | - |
| Totals | 21,625 | 73,466 | 9,390 | 4,156 | 409 | 2,939 | 18,228 | 47,011 |

A total of 177,224 fish representing 8 different species were stocked in 2023.

Size of Fish Stocked

Most of the fish stocked in the lakes of the Forest Preserves of Cook County are young-of-the-year and are provided by the IDNR Hatcheries. Fish from the hatcheries are stocked upon availability and are funded by your fishing licenses.

These fish range in size from 2 to 3-inches for Largemouth Bass, ½ to ¾-inch for Bluegill, 6” for Channel Catfish (*at most lakes*), 8” for Northern Pike, and 11” for Muskellunge (*stocking years and numbers vary*).

As part of the IDNR’s Urban Fishing Program, Hybrid Sunfish are stocked at 6-inches, and Channel Catfish are stocked at 2 pounds, at select lakes.

Walleye fingerlings from the IDNR are 2 to 3-inches and the Walleye from the Tampier Walleye Propagation Program are stocked as fingerlings and/or fry. An additional 8,000 4 to 7-inch walleye was purchased by the Forest Preserves of Cook County with 2023 Referendum funds.

Rainbow Trout are stocked in the ½ to 1-pound range. Trout stockings are funded by your trout stamps and the FPCC. An additional 4,000 Rainbow Trout was purchased by the Forest Preserves of Cook County with 2023 Referendum funds. Spring trout season opens the 1st Saturday in April, and the fall season opens on the 3rd Saturday in October. * S = Spring, F = Fall