

2017 Stocking Report



Species	Channel Catfish	Hybrid Sunfish	Bluegill	Muskellunge	Sauger	Rainbow Trout*	Largemouth Bass	Walleye
Lake								
Arrowhead lake	2,001	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Axehead Lake	-	-	-	-	-	4,759 S&F	-	-
Beck Lake	7,644	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,000
Belleau Lake	-	-	-	-	-	4,300 S&F	-	-
Belly Deep Slough	-	-	21,049	-	-	-	-	-
Bullfrog Lake	2,204	-	16,745	-	-	-	2,724	-
Busse Main-Pool	10,034	-	-	-	-	-	-	12,208
Busse North-Pool	-	-	-	-	-	4,624 F	-	-
Busse South-Pool	12,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,000
Cermak Quarry	1,520	825	6,783	-	-	-	-	-
Des Plaines River	-	-	-	-	22,000	-	-	-
Flatfoot Lake	3,333	6,120	-	-	-	-	-	-
Green Lake	1,247	-	-	-	-	2,896 S&F	-	-
Horsetail Lake	-	-	-	-	-	2,768 S&F	-	-
Maple Lake	1,375	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Potawatomi Pond	-	-	13,888	-	-	-	1,098	-
Saganashkee Slough	10,050	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sag Quarry-East	-	-	16,745	-	-	1,850 S&F	2,724	-
Schiller Pond	801	2,445	-	-	-	-	-	-
Skokie Lagoons	4,750	-	-	-	-	-	-	9,850
Tampier Lake	3,000	-	40,329	-	-	-	-	11,229
Tuma Lake	-	-	7,992	-	-	-	-	-
Wampum Lake	7,000	-	22,473	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	67,459	9,390	146,004	-	22,000	21,197	6,546	45,287

A total of 317,883 fish representing 7 different species were stocked in 2017.

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 and 1/2 to 3/4 inch for Bluegill. Hybrid sunfish (Bluegill x Green Sunfish) are stocked for the IDNR's Urban Fishing Program and are 6 to 8 inches.

Channel Catfish are stocked at around 6 inches in most lakes; however Cermak Quarry, Flatfoot Lake and Schiller Pond are part of the IDNR's Urban Fishing Program and receives 1.5 pound average catfish.

The IDNR has indefinitely suspended the production, rearing and stocking of Northern Pike. Muskellunge range from 10 to 12 inches and are stocked every other year. The next Musky stocking is slated for 2018.

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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.

The Sauger included in this report represents an IDNR stocking of the Des Plaines River at the Irving Park Road Canoe Launch and is included due to the proximity to Forest Preserves of Cook County holdings. These fish were stock at 1 -inch.

Rainbow Trout are stocked in the ½ to 1 pound range. Trout stockings are funded by your trout stamps and the FPCC. Spring trout season opens the 1st Saturday in April and the fall season opens on the 3rd Saturday in October. * S = Spring, F = Fall