A total of 572,890 fish representing 6 different species were stocked in 2019.

**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 ½ to ¾ 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 receive 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. One thousand 5-inch musky were stocked in the South Pool of Busse Reservoir as part of a State experimental stocking in 2018.
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.

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