

Forest Preserves of Cook County
2020 Stocking Report

Species							
Lake	Channel Catfish	Bluegill	Hybrid Sunfish	Muskellunge	Northern Pike	Rainbow Trout*	Walleye
Arrowhead Lake	-	15,000	-	-	-	-	-
Axehead Lake	-	-	-	-	-	4,030 S&F	-
Beck Lake	-	-	-	-	315	-	1,000
Belleau Lake	-	-	-	-	-	3,741 S&F	-
Belly Deep Slough	-	31,975	-	-	-	-	-
Beverly Lake	-	10,000	-	-	-	-	-
Bullfrog Lake	-	61,975	-	-	-	-	-
Busse Main-Pool	6,299	-	-	-	-	-	19,143
Busse North-Pool	-	-	-	-	-	4,228 F	-
Busse South-Pool	6,299	-	-	-	462	-	11,646
Cermak Quarry	720	11,070	825	-	-	-	-
Flatfoot Lake	6,927	43,317	9,270	-	-	-	-
Green Lake	-	-	-	-	-	2,761 S&F	-
Horsetail Lake	-	30,000	-	-	-	2,533 S&F	-
Ida Lake	-	30,000	-	-	-	-	-
Joe's Pond	-	30,000	-	-	-	-	-
Maple Lake	1,375	-	-	-	245	-	-
Papoose Lake	-	30,000	-	-	-	-	-
Pogie Pond	-	15,000	-	-	-	-	-
Potawatomi Pond	-	11,944	-	-	-	-	-
Rolling Knolls Pond	-	5,000	-	-	-	-	-
Saganashkee Slough	2,333	-	-	-	704	-	-
Sag Quarry-East	-	23,722	-	-	-	2,071 S&F	-
Schiller Pond	1,200	-	2,445	-	-	-	-
Skokie Lagoons	4,750	-	-	-	1,722	-	16,788
Tampier Lake	3,000	130,013	-	-	484	-	27,915
Tuma Lake	-	8,060	-	-	-	-	-
Turtlehead lake	-	15,000	-	-	-	-	-
Wampum Lake	-	29,189	-	-	140	-	-
Totals	32,903	531,265	12,540	-	4,072	19,364	76,492

A total of 676,636 fish representing 6 different species were stocked in 2020.

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 were stocked at 6-inches and is part of the IDNR's Urban Fishing Program.

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 suspended the production, rearing and stocking of Northern Pike in 2017, Northern stocking resumed in 2020. 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 1/2 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