

Forest Preserves of Cook County  
2021 Stocking Report

Species							
Lake	Channel Catfish	Bluegill	Hybrid Sunfish	Muskellunge	Northern Pike	Rainbow Trout*	Walleye
Axehead Lake	-	-	-	-	-	4,884 S&F	-
Beck Lake	-	-	-	-	150	-	1,500
Belleau Lake	-	-	-	-	-	4,400 S&F	-
Belly Deep Slough	-	23,075	-	-	-	-	-
Bullfrog Lake	-	23,089	-	-	-	-	-
Busse Main-Pool	-	-	-	453	-	-	11,782
Busse North-Pool	-	-	-	-	-	5,917 F	-
Busse South-Pool	12,500	-	-	-	468	-	11,782
Cermak Quarry	**	10,477	**	-	-	-	-
Flatfoot Lake	**	14,098	**	-	-	-	-
Green Lake	-	-	-	-	-	1,953 S&F	-
Horsetail Lake	-	-	-	-	-	1,897 S&F	-
Maple Lake	550	-	-	-	241	-	-
Potawatomi Pond	-	12,025	-	-	-	-	-
Saganashkee Slough	-	-	-	-	650	-	-
Sag Quarry-East	-	21,463	-	-	-	2,615 S&F	-
Schiller Pond	**	-	**	-	-	-	-
Skokie Lagoons	4,750	-	-	-	969	-	11,572
Tampier Lake	3,000	122,936	-	-	481	-	16,253
Wampum Lake	-	21,134	-	-	143	-	-
<b>Totals</b>	<b>20,800</b>	<b>248,297</b>	<b>**</b>	<b>453</b>	<b>3,102</b>	<b>21,666</b>	<b>52,889</b>

**A total of 397,207 fish representing 7 different species were stocked in 2021.**

**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.

Channel Catfish are stocked at around 6-inches in most lakes.

The IDNR suspended the production, rearing and stocking of Northern Pike in 2017, Northern stocking resumed in 2020 and were stocked in the 7 to 9-inch range. Muskellunge range from 10 to 14-inches and are stocked in the Main Pool of Busse Reservoir intermittently.

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

\*\*Due to the abrupt closing of the hatchery that supplied the IDNR with catchable Channel Catfish and Hybrid Sunfish for the IDNR's Urban Fishing Program, the IDNR was unable to stock Channel Catfish at Cermak Quarry, Flatfoot Lake and Schiller Pond. The IDNR was able to procure Bluegill x Redear Sunfish Hybrids for these lakes, but the exact number of fish are unavailable.