



Blue Heron Lake

FISH SURVEY AND MANAGEMENT DATA

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General Information: Harriman Lake, an 8 acre reservoir, offers fishing for saugeye, largemouth bass, black crappie, and bluegill.

Location: South of W. Belleview, between S. Simms and S. Kipling.

Recreational Management: Foothills Parks and Recreation Department www.ifoohills.org/parks_Park_Rules.asp

Fishery Management: Warmwater species.

Annual Survey Data: [\(see page 2\)](#)

| <u>Amenities and General Info.</u> | <u>Previous Stocking</u> | <u>Sportfishing Notes</u> |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Park is open 5:00 AM-11:00 PM. • Wading, belly boats or boats are prohibited. | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>2009</u></p> <p>Saugeye Bluegill</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Saugeye</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First stocked in 2008 to consume and prevent stunting in black crappie. • By 2010 these fish will be 16"-20" in length. • Unlike walleye which prefer deeper water during the day, saugeye will move into shallower water, accessible to shore anglers. |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Fishing Regulations</u></p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>2008</u></p> <p>Saugeye Bluegill</p> | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General statewide regulations apply. | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>2007</u></p> <p>Grass Carp</p> | |
| | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>2006</u></p> <p>Bluegill</p> | |

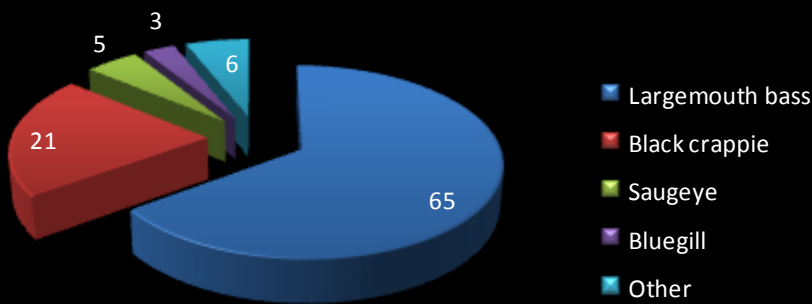


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Blue Heron Lake 2008 Fish Survey



Percent Relative Abundance

The figure to the left shows the percent relative abundance of the most abundant species in Blue Heron Lake. Surveys here include the use of boat electrofishing. The 2008 results show that largemouth bass comprised the largest percentage (65%) followed by black crappie (21%), saugeye (5%) and bluegill (3%). Other species collected included black bullhead, green sunfish, and grass carp. 2008 was the first year for stocking saugeye, so their numbers will have increased by 2010.

The figure below shows the length frequencies of largemouth bass, saugeye, and black crappie at Blue Heron Lake. The vertical bars represent the number of fish at a particular length. The number of bass collected was small, due to the dense growth of aquatic vegetation reducing sampling efficiency, which is why grass carp were stocked in 2007. There was a large number of small bass collected, which is good, as they represent a strong year-class. Largemouth up to 13" were collected. Black crappies collected were 2"-5", evidence of a stunted population, and why saugeye were first stocked in 2008. Average size of black crappie should increase due to added predation pressure by saugeye. The small size of saugeye (5"-6") reflects that 2008 was the first year they were stocked here. By 2010 saugeye should be in the 16"-20" range.

Blue Heron Lake 2008 Length Frequencies

