



Dixon Lake

FISH SURVEY AND MANAGEMENT DATA

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General Information: Dixon Lake aka Pineridge Lake(44 Acres) is a warmwater impoundment on the City of Fort Collins Pineridge Natural Area. Fishing for a variety of warmwater species is available.

Location: Take Overland Trail Road on the west edge of Fort Collins to Hughes Stadium. Turn west on Dixon Canyon Road, just south of the stadium. go .5 mile to the lake.

Recreational Management: City of Fort Collins (go to www.fcgov.com/naturalareas for property regulations) and Colorado Division of Wildlife

Fishery Management: Warmwater angling

Purchase a Fishing License: <http://wildlife.state.co.us/ShopDOW/AppsAndLicenses/>

Amenities

- Hiking trail around lake

Regulations

- The minimum size for Smallmouth and Large-mouth Bass is **15 inches**
- Non-motorized boating only
- No ice fishing allowed

Previous Stocking

2010

Bluegill
Channel Catfish

2009

Bluegill
Channel Catfish

2008

Bluegill
Channel Catfish

2007

Channel Catfish

2006

Bluegill
Channel Catfish

Sportfishing Notes

- Fishing should be good in mid-late spring for Bluegill and Pumpkinseed sunfish.
- As water temperature gets up over 65 degrees F, typically in late May, large-mouth bass fishing should pick up.
- Thick vegetation will line the shore by mid-summer. Wading out deep or using a float tube or canoe can get you fishing beyond this.



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Management Notes

Dixon supports a good population of panfish that grow well. Bass in the lake do not typically get very large but they are abundant and fun to catch. The lake is close to Fort Collins and is an ideal place to get outdoors, take kids fishing and go for a short hike.

With the exception of catfish, all fish in the lake have some natural reproduction. We stock catfish to provide an additional recreational opportunity. They are not represented well by our electrofishing data since they are more difficult to catch with that gear.



Electrofishing Data 2009

	Number Caught	Length Range (inches)	Weight Range (pounds)
Black Crappie	4	2.8-9.5	0-.4
Bluegill	58	1.2-7.69	0-.3
Golden Shiner	3	3.5-7.6	0-.2
Largemouth Bass	46	1.5-13.8	0-1.3
Pumpkinseed	26	2.1-7.1	0-0.2
Yellow Perch	1	2.4	n/a



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The picture in the upper right is a shot of our tank in the boat while conducting an electrofishing survey. The fish are recovering from the temporary paralysis induced by the electrical field. This shows the variety in sizes and species of fish.

We also stock bluegill to supplement the population in the lake and offset harvest that natural reproduction does not keep up with. Some black crappie also reproduce in the lake but have remained at low numbers. We may make efforts in the future to supplement that species with additional stocking as well.