



McIntosh Lake

FISH SURVEY AND MANAGEMENT DATA

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General Information: McIntosh Lake (265 surface acres) is a storage reservoir owned by the McIntosh Reservoir Company with the surface rights leased by the city of Longmont. Shore angling and limited boat access (see regulations) are allowed. Anglers can expect to catch carp, catfish, walleye, and crappie.

More Information: <http://www.ci.longmont.co.us/parks/fishing/index.htm>

Location: Northwest Longmont south of HWY 66 between 75th street and Hover Road.

Recreational Management: City of Longmont

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

Fishery Management: Warmwater angling

| <u>Amenities</u> | <u>Previous Stocking</u> | <u>Sportfishing Notes</u> |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Public Parks (2) •Picnic Facilities •Primitive Restrooms •Hiking Trails •Wildlife Viewing | <p><u>2011</u> Black Crappie Channel Catfish White Bass Walleye</p> <p><u>2010</u> Walleye</p> <p><u>2009</u> Black Crappie Walleye</p> <p><u>2008</u> Black Crappie</p> <p><u>2007</u> Black Crappie</p> | <p><u>Crappie</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Fish the dam when water temps are 48-65°F. •Minnows or small rapalas are good baits. <p><u>Channel Catfish</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Best baits are chicken livers, night crawlers, and 1" rapalas. •No particular location. <p><u>Walleye</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Virtually all walleye sampled were found along the south shore which is open to public bank fishing. |
| <u>Regulations</u> | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Lake Hours - one hour before sunset until one hour after sunset. •Watercraft: carry-on, non-motorized boats only. This includes canoes, kayaks, belly-boats, sailboats and other small boats. This does <u>not</u> include inner tubes. •Launching access is at designated boat ramps only. •No ice fishing. | | |



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| Species | # Caught (2011) | Average Length (Range) Inches | Average Weight (lbs) |
|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| Black Bullhead | 10 | 8.3 (7 - 10) | 0.35 |
| Black Crappie | 37 | 8.0 (4 - 12) | 0.33 |
| Channel Catfish | 28 | 16.3 (7 - 21) | 1.76 |
| Common Carp | 16 | 13.6 (4 - 17) | 1.22 |
| Gizzard Shad | 40 | 15.5 (14 - 17) | 1.44 |
| Largemouth Bass | 8 | 9.0 (6.5 - 13.7) | 0.5 |
| Smallmouth Bass | 12 | 9.4 (6 - 12) | 0.46 |
| Walleye | 150 | 12.7 (6 - 24) | 0.8 |
| White Bass | 13 | 5.7 (5 - 8) | 0.1 |
| White Sucker | 1 | 15.4 | 1.5 |
| Yellow Perch | 10 | 6.5 (5 - 11) | 0.15 |

| Species | # Caught (2010) | Average Length (Range) Inches | Average Weight (lbs) |
|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| Black Bullhead | 3 | 6.8 (5 - 10) | 0.30 |
| Black Crappie | 37 | 7.6 (5 - 12) | 0.14 |
| Channel Catfish | 31 | 15.7 (9 - 22) | 1.09 |
| Common Carp | 9 | 13.0 (7 - 15) | 1.13 |
| Gizzard Shad | 21 | 15.6 (13 - 17) | 1.15 |
| Green Sunfish | 2 | 5.6 (5 - 6) | 0.13 |
| Largemouth Bass | 1 | 9.3 | |
| Smallmouth Bass | 9 | 7.8 (6 - 9) | 0.16 |
| Walleye | 43 | 13.2 (8 - 23) | 1.18 |
| Yellow Perch | 7 | 8.2 (5 - 9) | 0.14 |

Above: The complete summary of all fish sampled during August 2010 and September 2011. Each year of sampling incorporated 6 gillnets. Based on the results of the survey, fishing for catfish and walleye should be good during 2011. Although catfish numbers has declined each year since 2008, walleye abundance has substantially increased. The biggest addition to the fishery is **white bass**. These fish were produced by Nebraska Game and Parks as part of a long standing collaborative effort to improve angling in both states. In total, 600,000 white bass fry (0.2") were stocked May 2010; survivors measured 5.7" at the time of this survey. Angler use at McIntosh is low but good shoreline access and belly boat access is available.



Future Management: The transformation of this fishery began in 2008 with the transfer of adult gizzard shad from McCall's pond to increase the forage base. Black crappie adult and fingerling black crappie have been stocked to bolster the existing population. Walleye fry, stocked annually since 2009 have grown nicely. Walleye, black crappie, and channel catfish will be stocked each year (low natural reproduction occurs) to essentially maintain the current populations. Quite frankly, McIntosh Lake, has fundamentally reached its potential for a quality fishery. I simply hope to maintain this water and look forward to anglers learning and hooking some good fish. No minimum size restrictions are in place at McIntosh Reservoir. The best crappie fishing will likely occur along the dam (using minnows) between April 15 – June 1. A float tube or carry-on craft will improve success for landing walleye and white bass.