



WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Fisheries Information Sheet

LAKE: Wolf Lake

COUNTY: Adams

YEAR: 2025

Introduction

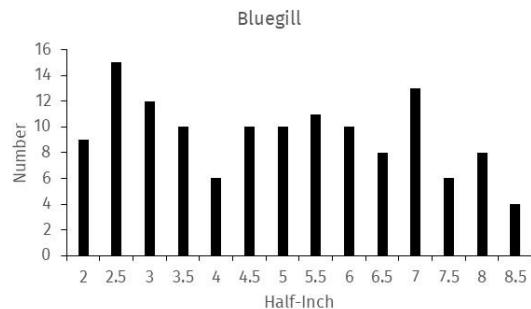
Wolf Lake is a 47-acre seepage lake that is clear, warm and has a simple fish community. There is about 1.4 miles of shoreline, the maximum depth is 58 feet. The primary fish species in the lake are largemouth bass and bluegill. Northern pike and other panfish species are also present. There is one public boat landing, this is a nonmotorized lake, and public land is located on the east shore that is associated with the Upper Neenah Creek State Fishery Area.

Wisconsin Rapids Fisheries Staff conducted a nighttime electrofishing survey on May 8, 2025, water temperature was 63°F. Standard DNR protocols were used. The survey targeted largemouth bass and panfish, yet all gamefish were collected. Panfish were collected for 0.5 miles of shoreline. All gamefish (i.e., largemouth bass and northern pike) were collected for 1.1 miles of shoreline. Relative abundance (catch per mile of shoreline sampled), size structure (Proportional Stock Density; PSD; % of fish over a given size) and summary data are described from the survey.

BLUEGILL

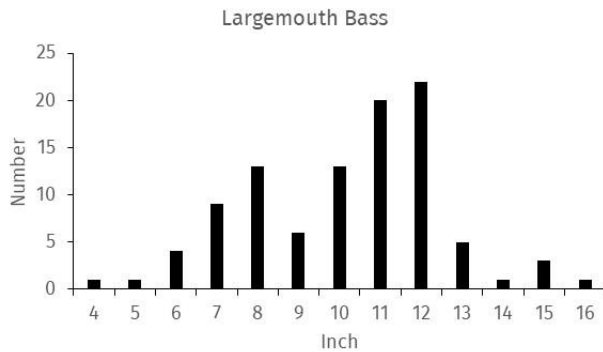


Bluegill relative abundance was 264 per mile, which is high and in the 75th percentile. 132 bluegills were measured. They ranged in length from 2.0-8.8 inches, average length was 5.1 inches. 45% of the bluegill were 6 inches or larger and 11% were 8 inches or larger.



Number Captured Per Mile = 264	
Quality Size (≥6 inches)	PSD = 45
Preferred Size (≥8 inches)	PSD-P = 11

LARGEMOUTH BASS



Largemouth bass relative abundance was 90 per mile, which is high and just below the 90th percentile. 99 bass were measured, they were 4.8-16.0 inches, average length was 10.6 inches. The percentage of fish 14 inches or larger was 6%. 38% were 12 inches or larger and 5% were 15 inches or larger.

Number Captured Per Mile = 90	
Quality Size (≥12 inches)	PSD = 38
Preferred Size (≥15 inches)	PSD-P = 5
≥ 14 inches	RSD-14 = 6

OTHER SPECIES

Other fish caught during the survey included:

Fish Species	Count	Length (Inches)	
		Minimum	Maximum
Bluntnose Minnow	1	-	-
Northern Pike	3	10.4	17.8
Pumpkinseed	10	4.4	7.7
Rock Bass	5	6.0	9.5

Summary

Wolf Lake is a simple warm clear lake that supports a healthy largemouth bass and bluegill fishery. While not targeted during the survey, the fish community also has northern pike, pumpkinseed and rock bass. The fishery should continue to be managed for largemouth bass and bluegill. The current fishing regulations are in Table 1.

Table 1. General fishing regulations for Wolf Lake, in Adams County Wisconsin.

SPECIES	SEASON DATES	DAILY BAG LIMIT	SIZE LIMIT
Panfish	Open all Year	25	None
Largemouth bass	1 st Saturday in May – 1 st Sunday in March	5	14 inches
Northern pike	1 st Saturday in May – 1 st Sunday in March	2	26 inches

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