



Wisconsin Department Of Natural Resources

Fisheries Information Sheet

Pine Lake, Lincoln County, 2025

Waterbody Information

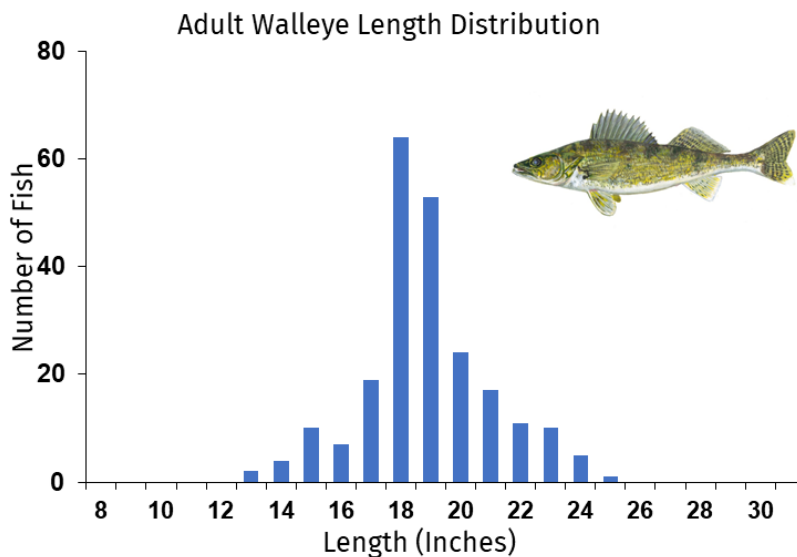
Pine Lake is a 134-acre soft-water seepage lake with 2.7 miles of shoreline and a maximum depth of 17 feet. Pine Lake is classified as a complex-cool-dark system. Bottom substrates consist predominantly of sand with lesser amounts of rock and muck. Pine Lake's walleye population is sustained through stocking.

Survey Information

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) conducted early-spring netting and electrofishing surveys of Pine Lake targeting adult walleye during April 18 – 20, 2025. Other species reported here weren't specifically targeted during the surveys, but the catch provides some insight into their abundance and length distribution.

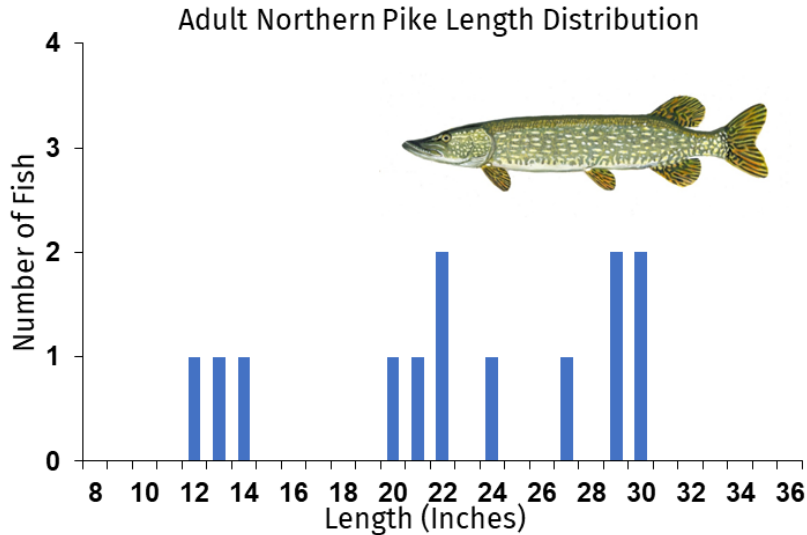
Walleye

Survey efforts captured 174 adult walleye (sexually mature or ≥ 15 inches). Mark-recapture procedures estimated 228 (1.7/acre) adult walleye in Pine Lake. An estimated 97% of adult walleye were ≥ 15 inches, and the largest captured was a 25-inch female. The accompanying bar chart shows the estimated adult walleye length distribution with fish ranging from 13 to 25 inches and a peak occurring at 18 inches.



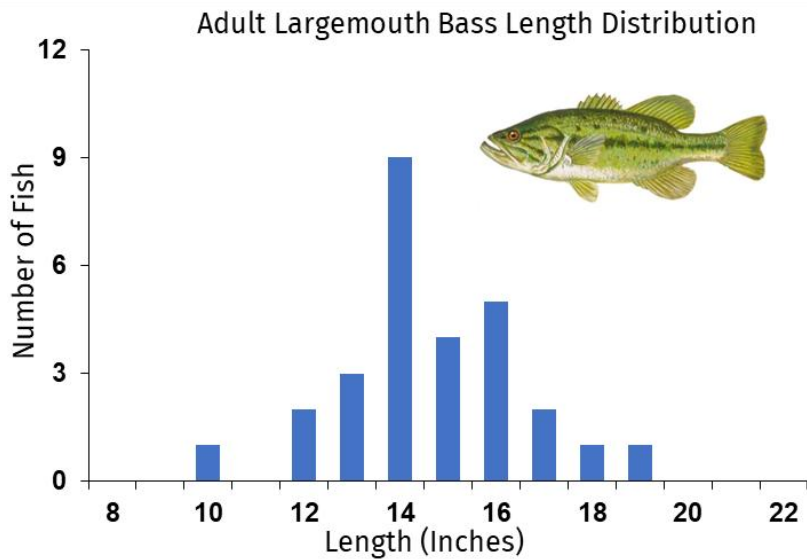
Northern Pike

Survey efforts captured 13 adult (sexually mature or ≥ 12 inches) northern pike at a rate of 0.8 per net night, placing it just below the 25th percentile for its lake class. Approximately 69% of adult northern pike were ≥ 21 inches, and the largest was a 30.7-inch female. The accompanying bar chart shows the observed northern pike length distribution with fish ranging from 12 to 30 inches.



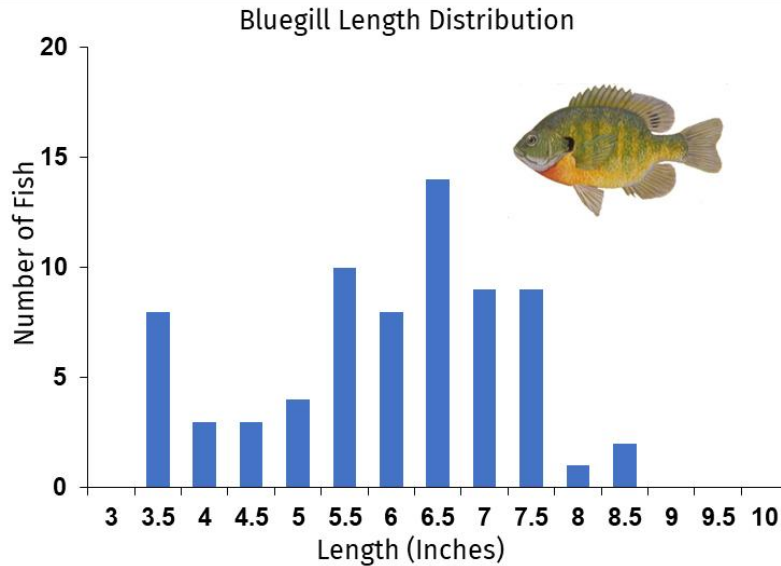
Largemouth Bass

A total of 28 adult (≥ 8 inches) largemouth bass were captured, 79% were ≥ 14 inches, and the largest was 19.8 inches. The accompanying bar chart shows the observed adult largemouth bass length distribution with fish ranging from 10 to 19 inches and a peak occurring at 14 inches. No smallmouth bass were captured.



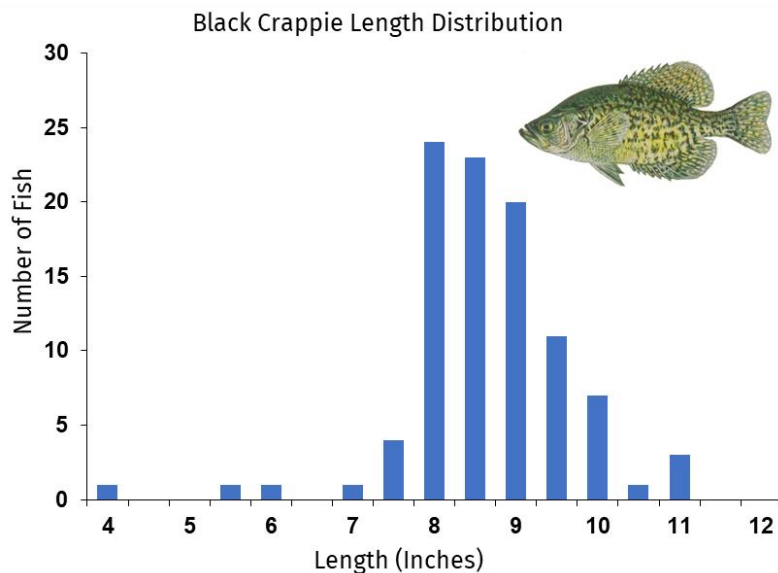
Bluegill

A total of 92 bluegill (including bluegill-pumpkinseed hybrids) were captured. Of 71 bluegill measured, the average length was 6.1 inches, 30% were ≥ 7 inches, and the largest was 8.6 inches. The accompanying bar chart shows the observed bluegill length distribution with fish ranging from 3.5 to 8.5 inches and a peak occurring at 6.5 inches.



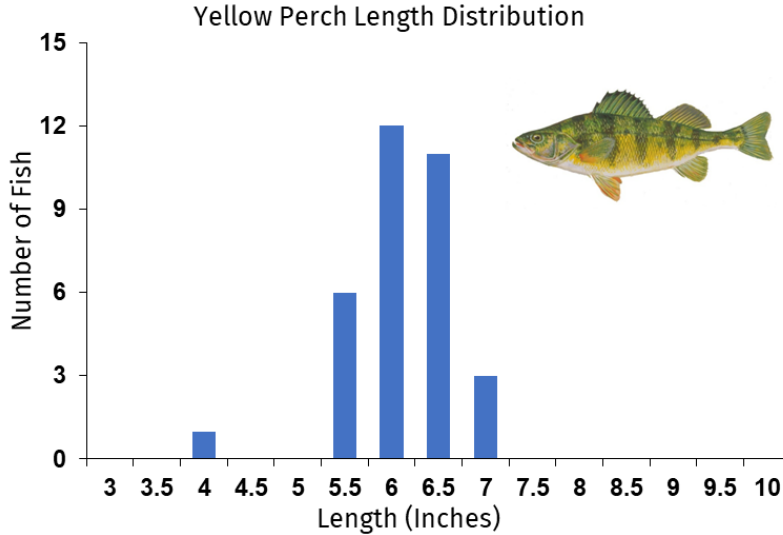
Black Crappie

A total of 511 black crappie were captured. Black crappie were caught at a rate of 34.1 per net night, placing it above the 90th percentile for its lake class. Of 97 black crappie measured, the average length was 8.7 inches, 11% were ≥ 10 inches, and the largest was 11.2 inches. The accompanying bar chart shows the observed black crappie length distribution with fish ranging from 4 to 11 inches and a peak occurring at 8 inches.



Yellow Perch

A total of 58 yellow perch were caught during the surveys. Yellow perch were caught at a rate of 3.9 per net night, placing it above the 25th percentile for its lake class. Of 33 yellow perch measured, the average length was 6.3 inches, and the largest was 7.4 inches. The accompanying bar chart shows the observed yellow perch length distribution with fish ranging from 4 to 7 inches and a peak occurring at 6 inches.



Other Species

Other species not directly targeted and/or captured in low abundance were pumpkinseed, white sucker and yellow bullhead.

Table 1. Fishing regulations for select species during the 2025-26 fishing season on Pine Lake. Check <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/fishing/regulations> for updates.

Species	Season Dates	Daily Bag Limit	Size Limit
Largemouth bass (LMB)	1 st Saturday in May – 1 st Sunday in March	5 in total with SMB	14 inches
Northern pike	1 st Saturday in May – 1 st Sunday in March	5	None
Walleye	1 st Saturday in May – 1 st Sunday in March	3 in total	15 inches, but fish from 20 to 24 inches may not be kept; only one may be over 24 inches
Panfish: Bluegill, pumpkinseed, crappie and yellow perch	Open all year	25 in total	None

Contact Information

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