



Wisconsin Department Of Natural Resources

Fisheries Information Sheet

Jute Lake, Vilas County, 2026

Waterbody Information

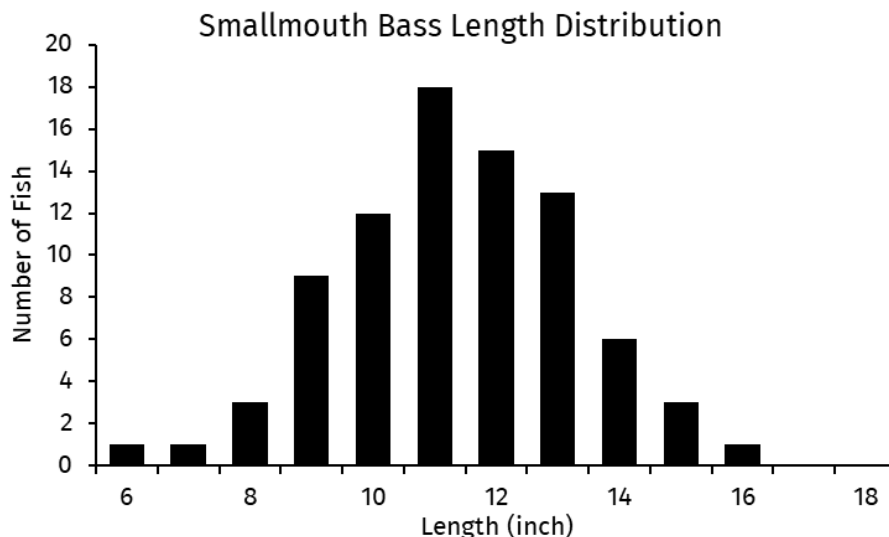
Jute Lake is a 199-acre seepage lake with 2.9 miles of shoreline and maximum depth of 23 feet. The lake is classified as a complex-cool-clear lake. Bottom substrates consist predominantly of sand, gravel, and rock.

Survey Information

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) conducted a survey of Jute Lake targeting bass and panfish on the evening of May 13, 2026. Other species reported here weren't specifically targeted during the survey, but the catch provides some insight into their abundance and length distribution. One electrofishing boat shocked a total of 2.5 miles of shoreline, which included one, half-mile station where all species of fish were collected. Only gamefish (largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, walleye, northern pike, muskellunge) were collected during the remaining two miles.

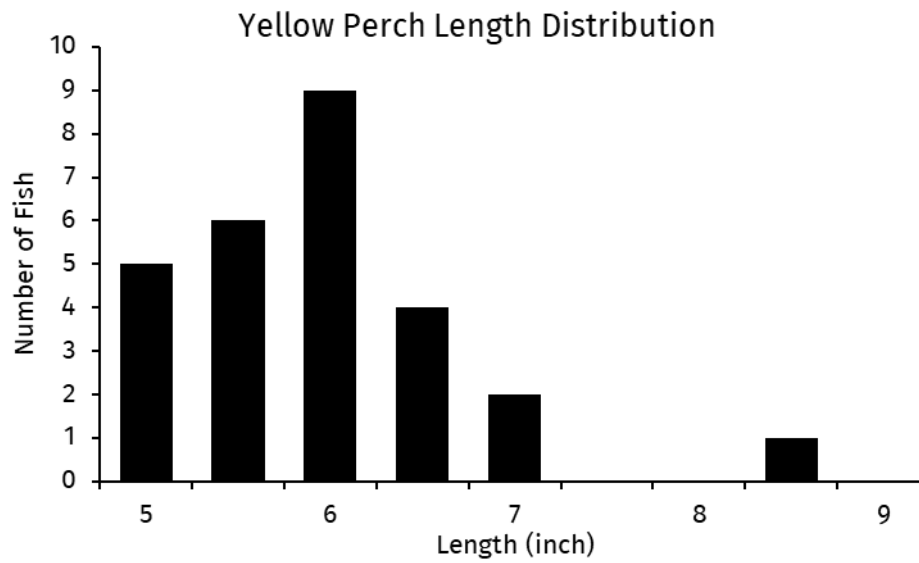
Smallmouth and Largemouth Bass

A total of 82 smallmouth bass were captured, 12% were ≥ 14 inches, average length was 11.8 and the largest was 16.1 inches. Smallmouth bass were captured at a rate of 32.8 per mile, placing it above the 95th percentile for its lake class. The bar chart below shows the observed smallmouth bass length distribution with fish ranging from 6 to 16 inches and a peak at 11 inches. Two largemouth bass were captured and measured at 12.0 and 14.8 inches. Largemouth bass were captured at a rate of 0.8 per mile, placing it below the 10th percentile for its lake class.



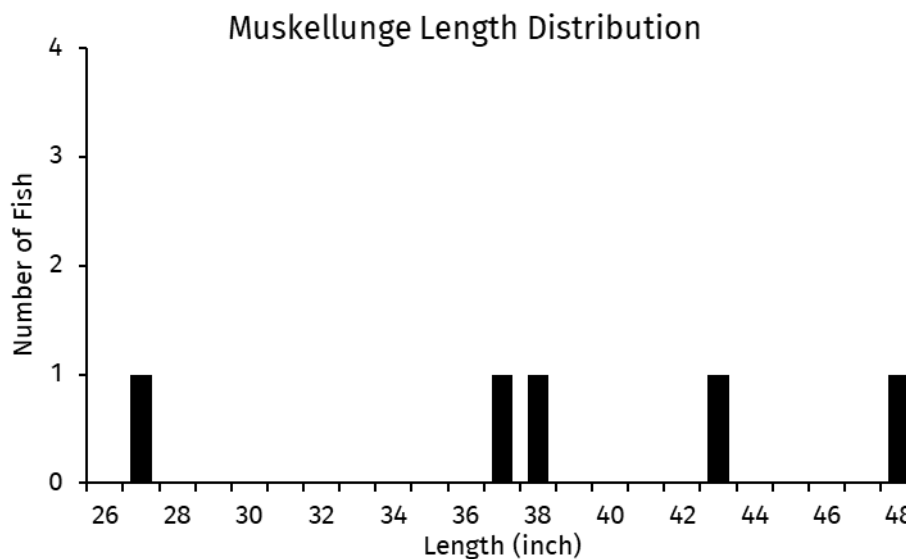
Panfish

During the survey, one bluegill was captured and it measured 2.3 inches. Bluegill were captured at a rate of 2.0 per mile, placing it below the 5th percentile for its lake class. A total of 27 yellow perch were caught during the survey. Yellow perch ranged in length from 5.0 to 8.5 inches and averaged 6.1 inches. The accompanying bar chart shows the observed yellow perch length distribution with fish ranging from 5 to 8.5 inches.



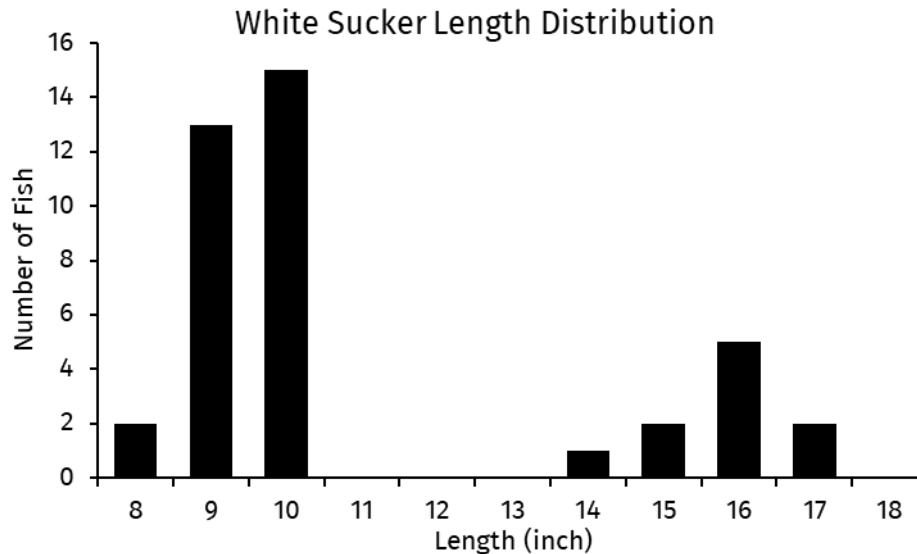
Muskellunge

During the survey, five adult muskellunge (sexually mature or ≥ 30 inches) were captured. Muskellunge ranged in length from 27.7 to 48.8 inches and averaged 39.2 inches. The accompanying bar chart shows the observed muskellunge length distribution with fish ranging from 27 to 48 inches.



White Sucker

During the survey, 40 white suckers were captured. White suckers ranged in length from 8.6 to 17.4 inches and averaged 11.4 inches. The accompanying bar chart shows the observed white sucker length distribution with fish ranging from 8 to 17 inches.



Other Species

Other species captured during the survey were bluntnose minnow and mimic shiner.

Table 1. General fishing regulations for Jute, Vilas County, WI in 2026-27.

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 inch minimum
Smallmouth bass (SMB)	3 rd Saturday in June – 1 st Sunday in March	5 in total with LMB	14 inch minimum
Northern pike	1 st Saturday in May – 1 st Sunday in March	5	None
Muskellunge	1 st Saturday in May – Dec 31 (open water only)	1	40 inch minimum
Walleye	1 st Saturday in May – 1 st Sunday in March	3 in total	15 inch minimum length, 20-24 inch no harvest, 1 allowed over 24 inches
Panfish	Open all year	25 in total	None

Contact Information

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