



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.

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

Recreational Management: City of Longmont

Purchase a Fishing License: <https://cpw.state.co.us/buyapply/Pages/Fishing.aspx>

Fishery Management: Warmwater angling

<u>Amenities</u>	<u>Previous Stocking</u>	<u>Sportfishing Notes</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Public Parks (2) •Picnic Facilities •Primitive Restrooms •Hiking Trails •Wildlife Viewing 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>2019</u></p> <p>Channel Catfish Saugeye Wiper</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>2018</u></p> <p>Black Crappie Channel Catfish Saugeye Walleye Wiper</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>2017</u></p> <p>Walleye Saugeye Black Crappie</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>2016</u></p> <p>Black Crappie Saugeye Walleye White Bass Wiper</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>2015</u></p> <p>Saugeye Walleye</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><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 style="text-align: center;"><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 style="text-align: center;"><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. •https://www.longmontcolorado.gov/Home/Components/FacilityDirectory/FacilityDirectory/86/56?npage=2 		

06/25/2019 Gillnet Survey (4 nets)

SPECIES	Total Catch	Length (inches)			Weight (lb)		
		Mean	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Minimum	Maximum
BLACK CRAPPIE	2	6.44	6.22	6.65	0.16	0.14	0.18
CHANNEL CATFISH	39	17.94	12.64	25.20	2.50	0.63	7.34
COMMON CARP	18	14.47	6.14	17.72	1.48	0.15	3.49
GIZZARD SHAD	51	10.98	10.00	15.43	0.49	0.21	0.78
PALMETTO BASS (WIPER)	6	10.47	7.17	15.71	0.61	0.20	1.49
WALLEYE	15	12.81	8.23	24.13	0.97	0.15	4.68
WHITE BASS	11	8.86	7.24	14.21	0.36	0.14	1.15
WHITE SUCKER	4	10.45	8.98	12.99	0.57	0.31	1.09

06/12/2019 Trapnet Survey (3 nets)

SPECIES	Total Catch	Length (inches)			Weight (lb)		
		Mean	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Minimum	Maximum
BLACK BULLHEAD	1	4.72	4.72	4.72	0.09	0.09	0.09
BLUEGILL	34	4.75	2.28	7.87	0.13	0.01	0.43
COMMON CARP	3	13.75	13.39	14.09	1.07	1.03	1.12
GIZZARD SHAD	51	10.35	9.49	11.61	0.34	0.26	0.47
SMALLMOUTH BASS	1	5.12	5.12	5.12	0.06	0.06	0.06
GREEN SUNFISH	36	6.25	3.07	7.76	0.22	0.05	0.35
WALLEYE	6	10.93	8.66	14.49	0.44	0.18	0.93
WHITE BASS	3	13.14	12.83	13.31	0.84	0.79	0.91
WHITE SUCKER	3	13.70	12.48	15.94	1.22	0.92	1.80

Notes: Trap nets only, evaluation of panfish population.

Above: The complete summary of all fish sampled during 2019 (4 gillnets and 3 trapnets). Based on the results of the survey, fishing for catfish and walleye should improve compared to 2017-18. The recent reduction of walleye is not related to harvest rather reservoir drawdown and extreme temperatures which likely caused fish to escape the reservoir during 2017. White bass and wiper will also provide fair angling, these fish eat gizzard shad.

