



Prospect Lake

FISH SURVEY AND MANAGEMENT DATA

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General Information: Prospect Lake, a 58 acre lake, which offers good fishing for rainbow as well as an assortment of warmwater species including channel catfish, crappie, bluegill, saugeye as well as wipers. Prospect lake is a local favorite for many of the youth in Colorado Springs. Limited boating is allowed. Please visit: <https://coloradosprings.gov/parks> for more information including boating restrictions, closures, hours of operation and events.

Location: South End of Memorial Park (West of S. Union and Airport Rd.)

Recreational Management: Colorado Springs Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department

Fishery Management: Warmwater as well as seasonal coldwater .

Amenities

- Boat Ramp
- Picnic Areas
- Restrooms
- Walking Path
- Handicap Access

Regulations

- Statewide bag and possession limits apply

Previous Stocking

2019

Channel Catfish
Rainbow Trout
Saugeye
Wiper

2018

Bluegill
Channel Catfish
Rainbow Trout
Saugeye

2017

Channel Catfish
Wiper
Rainbow Trout
Saugeye

2016

Channel Catfish
Wiper
Rainbow Trout
Cutbow Trout
Saugeye
Triploid Grass Carp

2015

Channel Catfish
Rainbow Trout
Snake River Cutthroat Trout
Saugeye

Sportfishing Notes

Rainbow Trout

Rainbow trout account for the majority of the angler recreation at Prospect Lake. Rainbows are heavily stocked both in the spring as well as the fall. This lake is generally ice free in March and usually gets stocked earlier than other local lakes and ponds.

Saugeye

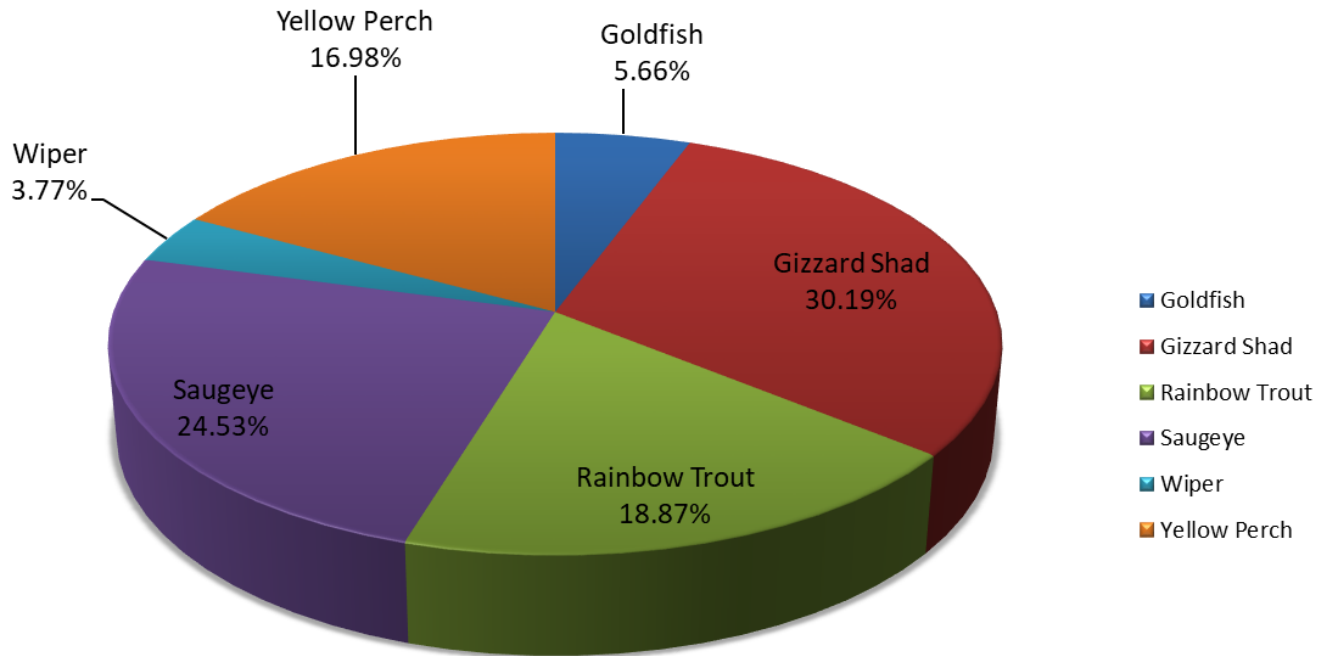
Management surveys indicate decent numbers of saugeye in Prospect Lake of all sizes. Anglers targeting these fish generally have better success during May and June fishing in the later afternoon.

Channel Catfish

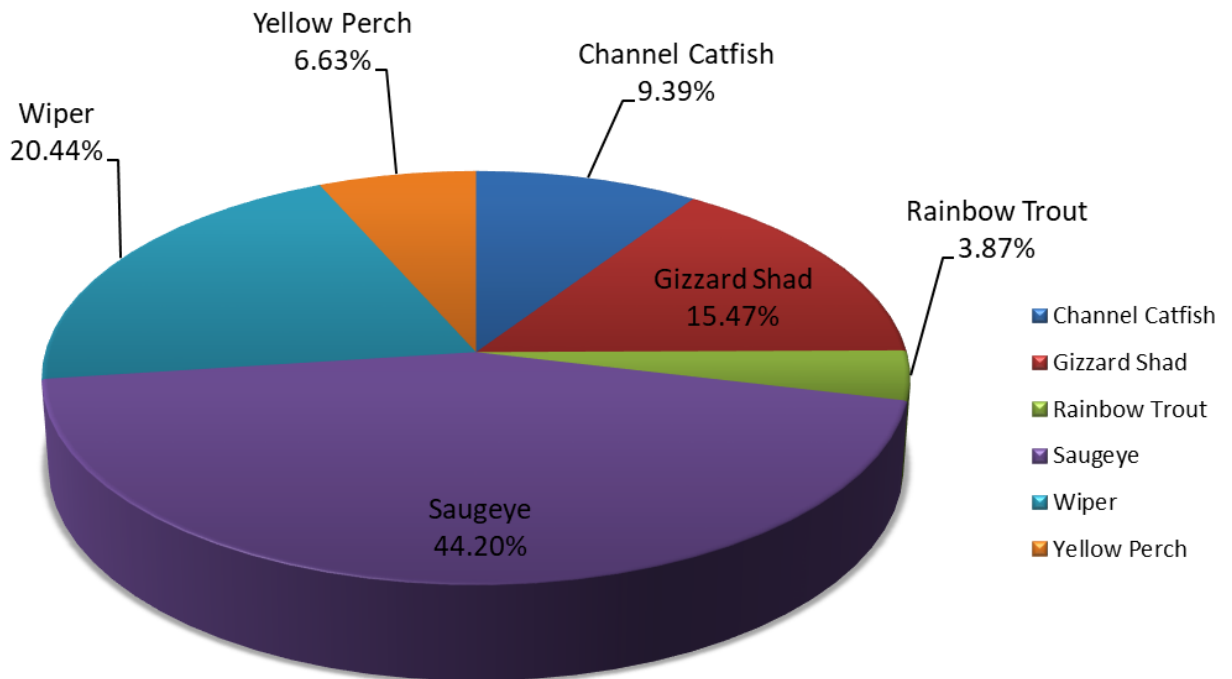
Small numbers of very large channel catfish were present in the 2017 gillnetting sample and a group of broodfish channel catfish were stocked in fall 2019. Fishing with stink bait and cut bait, especially gizzard shad, can be productive to target catfish

2016/2017 SAMPLING

2016 Prospect Lake Electrofishing



2018 Prospect Lake Gillnetting



2016 Length Frequency Table - Electrofishing

Inches	<4	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Goldfish	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gizzard Shad	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rainbow Trout	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	5	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Saugeye	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	1
Wiper	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yellow Perch	0	0	0	1	7	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Centimeters	<10	10	13	15	18	20	23	25	28	30	33	35	38	40	43	45	48	50	53	55	58	60	63	65	68+

2018 Length Frequency Table - Gillnetting

Inches	<4	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27+
Channel Catfish	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	0	2	0	4	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gizzard Shad	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	12	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rainbow Trout	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Saugeye	0	0	0	0	8	10	1	0	0	12	9	8	10	9	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	3	1	3	4
Wiper	0	0	2	6	0	0	0	1	2	0	1	1	14	9	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yellow Perch	0	0	0	2	5	0	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Centimeters	<10	10	13	15	18	20	23	25	28	30	33	35	38	40	43	45	48	50	53	55	58	60	63	65	68+



Saugeye

This is one of several saugeye collected in the 2018 gillnet sample that were more than 24 inches long. Sampling shows multiple age classes of saugeye are present in the lake, which makes it likely fishing for the species will continue to be good for years to come.



Channel Catfish

A special group of channel catfish brood fish was available for stocking in 2019. Prospect Lake was stocked with 32 catfish that exceeded 24 inches in length, and some of those were over 28 inches long! Along with catfish stocked in past years at 8 inches long, these will make for great fishing opportunities for the species!

