

DROP A LINE

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE LAKES COMMITTEE



JOIN OUR LAKES COMMITTEE! BE A PART OF CONSERVATION, & EDUCATION FOR FISHING

The Lakes Committee is an open committee at the Griffith Chapter. We meet at 6:00 pm on the third Monday of the month. We have a 3-year management plan for the lakes. Our projects include improving fish habitat and stocking fish, rebuilding fishing piers, and holding public events such as the Catfish Derby, Ice Fishing Derby and Take a Kid Fishing days.



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New Fishing Rules

There are new fishing rules for our three lakes at the Izaak Walton League, Griffith, Indiana. These rules were developed by the Lakes Committee, and passed by the Board and Membership in April 2019.

Izaak Walton – Griffith Chapter

DAILY NUMBERS AND SIZE LIMITS PER DAY PER PERSON AS POSTED

Type of Fish	Minimum Size	Limit
Bluegills/Red Ear Sunfish	5.5 Inches	10
Large Mouth Bass	Keep 10 – 13 inches ONLY. Less than 10" and over 13" must be released.* All Bass are catch & release from April 15 – July 1	2
Walleye	21 Inches	1
Catfish	12 Inches	3
Perch	7 Inches	10
Crappie	8 Inches	10
Rough fish – common carp, bullhead, pickerel, dogfish	You are encouraged to remove all rough fish from the lakes.	No Limit

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From Jackie Larson...

Get Ready for Spring Fishing

It's almost time for spring fishing! Here are some tips so you can get your line in the water hassle free!

Tip 1: Clean out your tackle box. Make sure your hooks are clean and sharp. Throw away any that are bent or no longer have a sharp tip.

Tip 2: While you are cleaning out your tackle box, be sure to organize your lures, bobbers and other materials.

Tip 3: Check your fishing line. Is it brittle? If you keep your fishing gear in the garage, the cold may make your line brittle. Replace and be sure to recycle your line.

Tip 4: Be sure to check for new or changed regulations. Our lakes have some regulations that will be changing? The state of Indiana may have some new regulations. You can check them at <http://www.eregulations.com/indiana/fishing/fishing-regulations/>

Tip 5: Clean and oil your rods and reels. Wipe them down and oil, if needed.

Spring Tips for Catching More Fish

Tip 1: Pay attention to the weather. Fish days that are unseasonably warm or days leading up to a cold front for better success.

Tip 2: Fish warm water. Seek out shallow areas that will warm up faster in the sun!

Tip 3: The sun will warm the water, so focus on fishing in the afternoon. The slightest increase in temperature will trigger an afternoon bite.

Tip 4: Water temperature, clarity and levels will change during the spring. Fish where the current changes, or the water clarity is different.

Tip 5: Fish with small lures and work the bait slowly. Fish are reluctant to strike lures that are big or moving fast, so downsize your bait.

Tip 6: Use live bait. Night crawlers or minnows bottom bounced with a single hook and bobber are always effective.

Tip 7: When you feel a bite, wait a second longer to set the hook. Simply pull up and tighten the line and begin to reel.

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