

**Lake Information:** 245 acres; 34 feet max depth  
**Located:** Lake Bruce, IN; Pulaski/Fulton Counties  
**Access:** Boat ramp west shore  
**GPS Coordinates:** N 41.08028°, W 86.47137°  
**Amenities:** Restroom (seasonal)  
**Outboard Motor Restriction:** 10 mph limit  
**Fishing Regulations:** Statewide  
**Recent Stocking:** 2017, 490 Muskellunge

**Best Fishing:** Panfish, Muskellunge, and big Largemouth Bass

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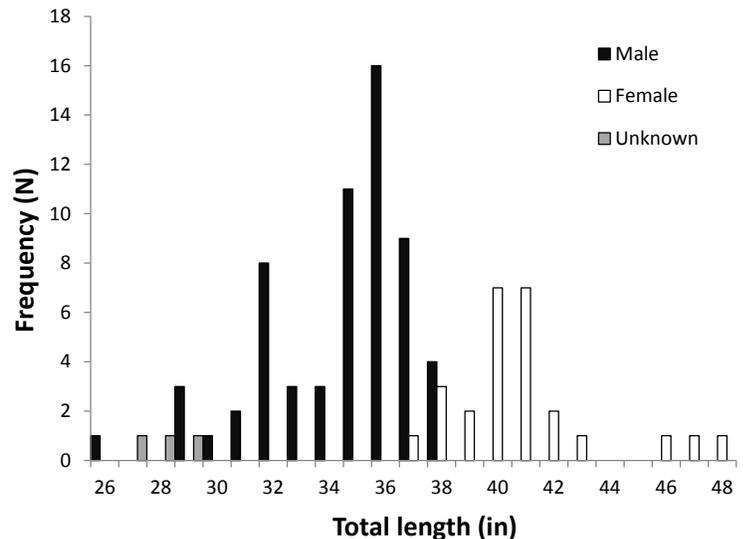
## Muskie

- Compared to other Indiana Muskie Fisheries, Bruce Lake is one of the densest population, well above average for overall catch (7.5 Muskies/trap). Largest collected in a survey was 49”.
- 60% of Muskies in 2013 survey were 35-40”.
- In the spring the flat on the north side of the lake can be a hotspot for fish. Fall anglers typically cast big baits, but trolling shad-shaped baits produces fish.
- Anglers have reported 50”+ fish from 2012 to present.



48” Muskie collected from a 2013 netting survey.

## Muskie trap net catches from 2013 survey.



## Crappie

- Crappie harvest peak in June with fish averaging 10”.
- A big year class of fish was produced in 2012 and those fish in 2018 should be 12-14”
- After the spring bite anglers caught suspended fish vertical jigging during the summer.

## Other Species

### Largemouth Bass

- Excellent abundance of big Largemouth Bass (30 fish over 18” collected in a 2017 survey).
- Hotspots for spring Bass would be the channels on the north side of the East basin and weed edge along south side of lake.

### Bluegill

- Very high catch rates of Bluegills that run 7-8”.
- Fishing peaked in June when anglers, were fishing near weed edges, in the summer the larger fish were caught suspended.

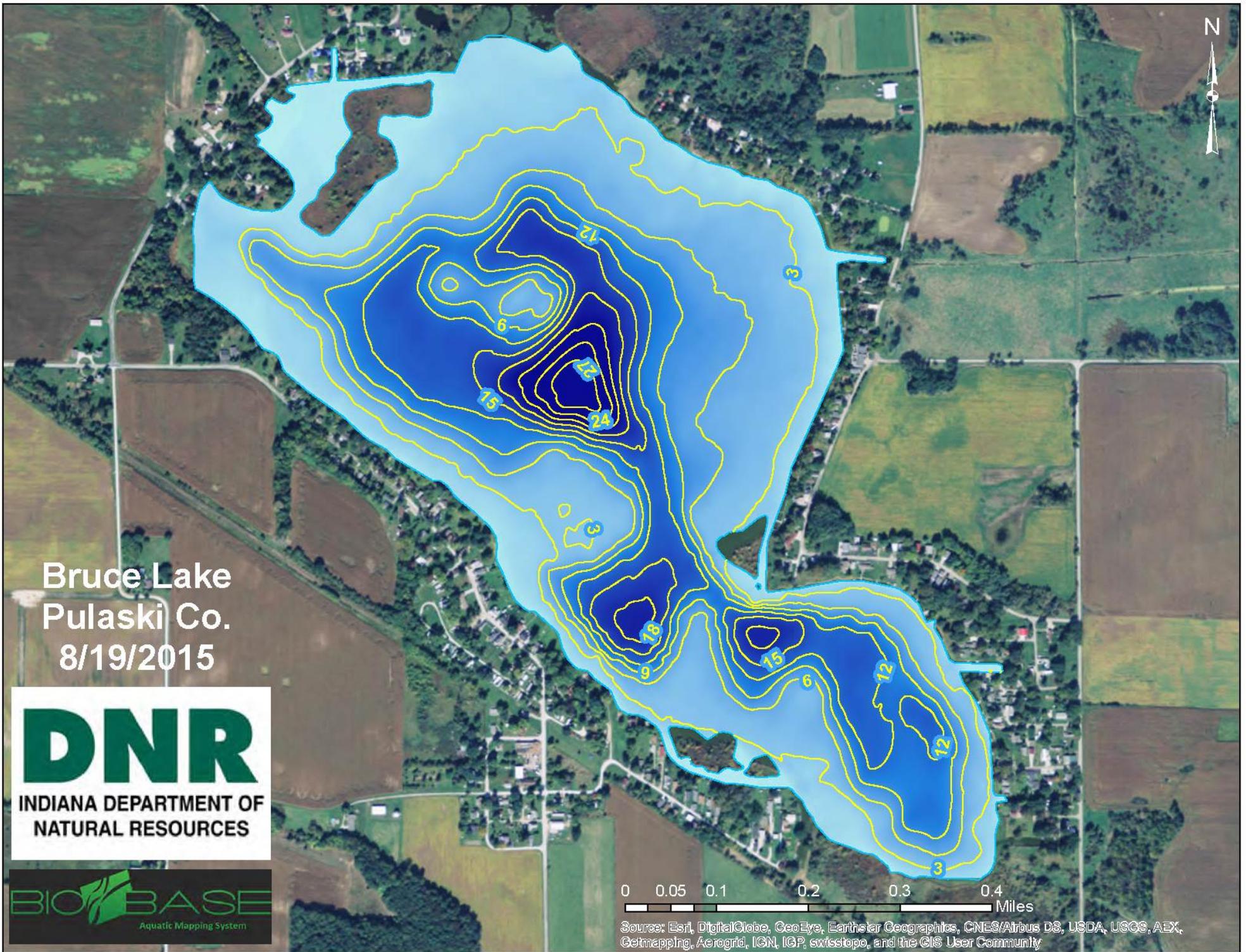
## About the area

- There is parking for 7 boats and trailers at the public site. There is also a private pay ramp and parking area on the east end of the lake.
- Other local fishing locations include Tippecanoe River, Manitou Lake and Lake Maxinkuckee.
- Lodging:
  - Camping at Tippecanoe River State Park
  - Hotels in Rochester, Indiana



Your purchase of fishing equipment and motor boat fuel supports boating access and Sport Fish Restoration.

Indiana Fishing Regulation Guide:  
<http://www.in.gov/dnr/fishwild/2347.htm>



Bruce Lake  
Pulaski Co.  
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