

Plover and Sandpiper Pit



Lake Information: Plover (67 acres) connected Sandpiper (17 acres); 31 feet max depth
Located: Driftwood State Fishing Area; Edinburgh, IN; Johnson/Bartholomew County
Access: Boat ramp west shore
GPS Coordinates: N 39.34625°, W -85.98202°
Amenities: Shoreline fishing access, boat ramps
Outboard Motor Restriction: Electric only

Recent Stocking: 420 Muskellunge annually, 2,500 Channel Catfish biannually

Best Fishing: Crappie, Bluegill, Muskellunge

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Muskie

- All of the Muskies collected in the 2016 survey were greater than 36" with an estimated Muskie population of 2.4 Muskies/acre in Sandpiper Pit.
- During the spring, the flats in both Plover and Sandpiper Pits produce fish. Fall anglers typically cast bucktails and Bull Dawgs, but jigging in late fall and winter has been successful for anglers.
- Anglers have reported catching 50"+ fish from 2005 to present.



48" Muskie collected from a 2016 netting survey.

Muskie, Bluegill, and Crappie Catch during 2016 netting surveys.

Species	Size		
	Class (in)	Number	Percent
Muskie	30.0-37.9	4	44.4
	38.0-41.9	1	11.1
	42.0-49.9	4	44.4
Bluegill	<3.0	16	11.3
	3.0-5.9	33	23.2
	6.0-6.9	38	26.8
	7.0-7.9	45	31.7
	8.0+	10	7.0
Crappie	<5.0	6	14.0
	5.0-7.9	13	30.2
	8.0-9.9	11	25.6
	10.0-11.9	10	23.3
	12.0-14.9	3	7.0

Crappie

- Crappie peak harvest is in May, with anglers catching fish over 14".
- Anglers report catching fish suspended near timber on the west shore of Plover Pit during the summer.

About the area

- The pit lakes are connected via a small channel within the Driftwood State Fishing Area with 3 boat ramps.
- This area is perfect for those looking to avoid pleasure boaters or those fishing from smaller watercraft. Other amenities include hiking trails and public hunting.
- Driftwood State Fishing Area is located less than 4 miles west of Edinburgh and I-65. Edinburgh is as it is home to the Edinburgh Premium Outlets, which has over 85 stores. There are also a number of hotels, campgrounds, and restaurants in the area.

Other Species

Bluegill

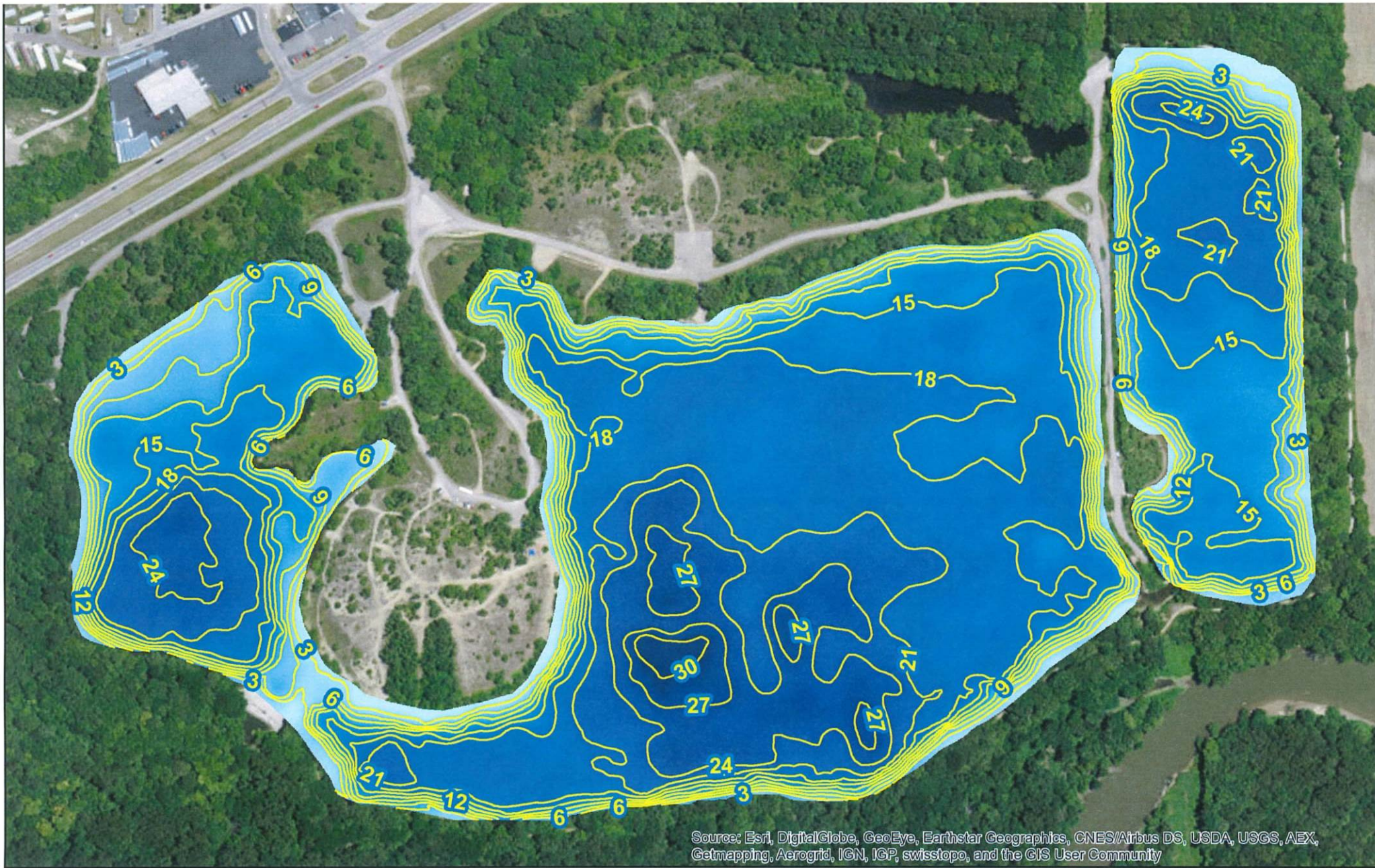
- High catch rates of 7-8" Bluegill. Anglers have reported catching Bluegill up to 9.5".
- Bluegill harvest peaks in May while fish are on beds. Anglers report catching fish suspended near timber on the west shore of Plover Pit during the summer.



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

Indiana Fishing Regulation Guide:

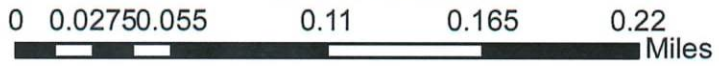
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Plover and Sandpiper Lake
 Bartholomew County
 67 and 16.5 acres
 8/8/2017
 3 ft contours



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