

Indiana Department of Natural Resources 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.

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.

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

	Size		
Species	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

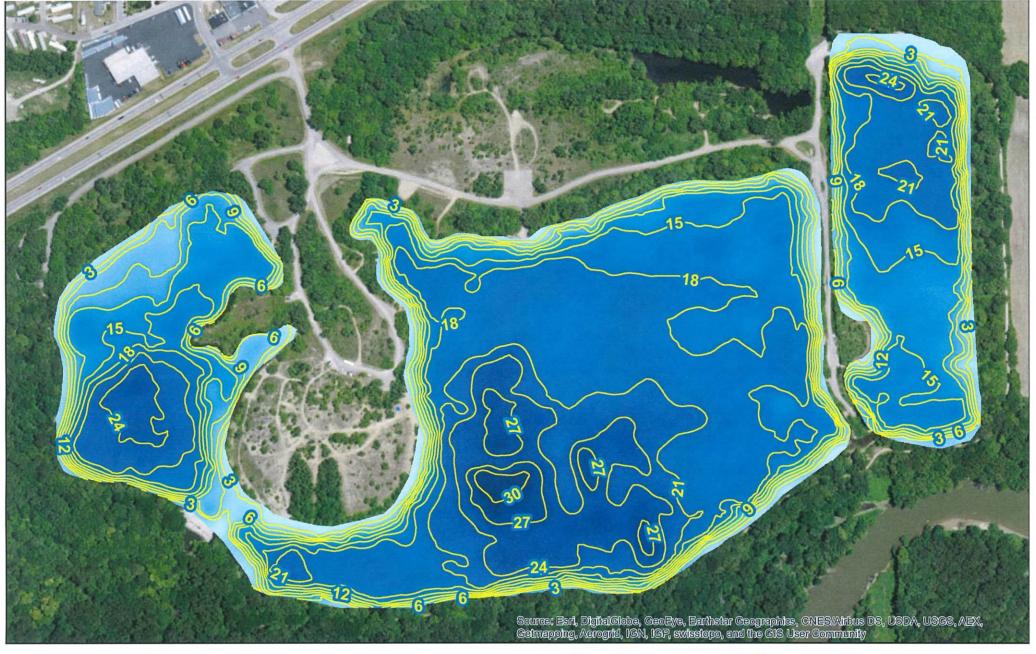
Crappie

- 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.







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





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0.22 Miles

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