

R Skinner, Loon, and Upper Long Lakes

Noble County Muskie Lakes



Info: Skinner Lake: 125 acres; 32 feet max depth Upper Long Lake: 86 acres; 54 feet max depth

Loon Lake: 222 acres; 92 max depth

Amenities: Public Access Sites (all); Pit toilet (Seasonal)

Fishing Regulations: Statewide

Recent Stockings:

Skinner Lake: Annually, 625 Muskellunge Upper Long Lake*: (2017), 200 Muskellunge Loon Lake*: (2017), 400 Muskellunge,

(2017), 1500 Walleye

Best Fishing: Muskie and Largemouth Bass

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*Upper Long and Loon Lakes stockings privately funded

Muskie

- According to anglers (Creel surveys) all 3 lakes are providing quality muskie fishing.
- Guide Services in the area have reported having success and continue to take clients to all three lakes.
- Anglers at Upper Long Lake reported trolling the weed lines as being a successful technique.
- A 2016 survey at Skinner Lake had fish up to 42.0" being collected with an above average catch rate of 4.0/lift for Muskie Lakes. Eight Fish were at least legal size (> 36.0 inches).
- Fewer Muskies are stocked at Upper Long and Loon Lakes due to the privately funded stocking program.
- Fish greater than 50-inches are present in Loon Lake.



A happy angler with a Muskie from Skinner Lake.

Other Species

Largemouth Bass

 Upper Long Lake Largemouth Bass up to 20.7 inches were collected in latest survey with 15 being greater than 14.0 inches long (legal size).

Crappie

 Skinner Lake has a dense population of crappies and bluegills. Although most tend to be on the smaller size, trophy sized crappie are present. In a recent survey a Black Crappie that measured 17.2 inches long was collected.

Walleye

 A local group has been stocking Walleye in Loon Lake since 2013. Anglers are reporting catching legal sized Walleye (> 16.0 inches long) for the past few years.

About the Area

- All three lakes have concrete boat ramps with lots of available parking.
- Other local fishing hotspot include:
 - o Sylvan Lake Walleye and Panfish
 - o West Lakes Chain-Largemouth Bass
- Lodging
 - o Camping and Cabins at Chain O' Lakes State Park.
 - o Hotels in Kendallville, IN





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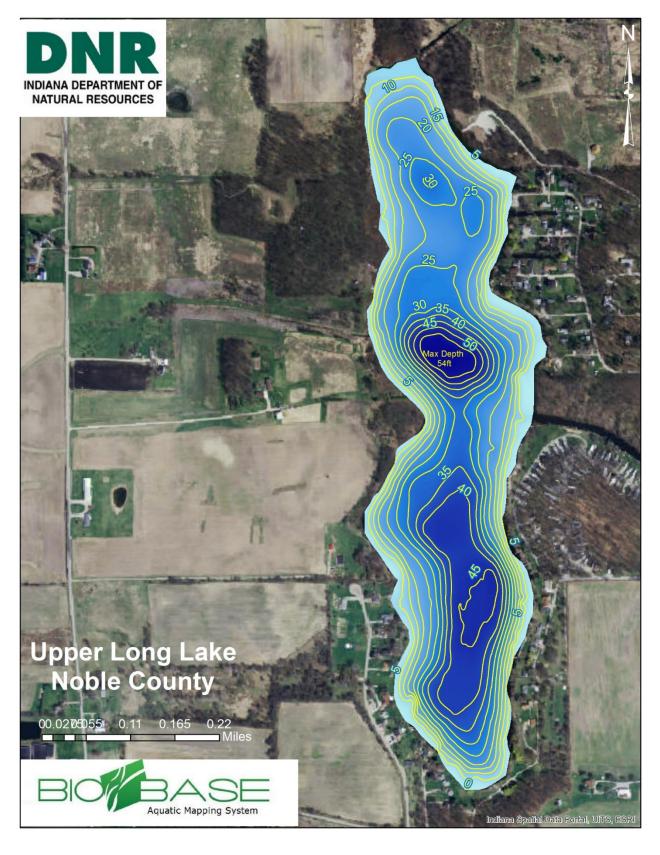




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