

# Lake Iola Fish Update

Great news ... our fishery in Lake Iola appears to be doing very well (see note from Jason below). The fyke net fish survey is being completed this weekend on Lake Iola. Nets were placed earlier, and they will be picked up over the weekend. People are welcome to watch the process, but please note the conditions in Jason's note below. An electroshocking survey, to better estimate the smaller fish population, will be completed later. Thank you, and stay safe on the water.

Regards,  
John Bertelson Jr.  
Chairman, Lake Iola Lake Protection and  
Rehabilitation District



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From: **Breeggemann, Jason J - DNR**

Date: Fri, Mar 26, 2021 at 4:30 PM

Subject: RE: Iola Lake netting

Hi John and Tracey,

People who are interested in seeing what we do are able to launch their own boat and follow our boat around and watch us from their boats. We just ask that they remain a safe distance from the crew while they are checking nets. Elliot will be leading the crew on Saturday and Sunday. He will likely be getting to Iola Lake between 11 – 12 each day. The crew will be checking nets on Bear Lake in the morning, so the exact time they will get to Iola is unknown. It should be between 11 – 12. I encourage people who are interested in following the crew around to go on Saturday or Sunday. My guess is that we will be pulling the nets from Iola Lake on Sunday afternoon.

We had a pretty good catch today. We caught about 75 northern pike among the 5 nets we have out. Most of the female northern pike were ready to spawn or were already done spawning. We caught a couple of northern pike that were over 30 inches long. We also caught a 21.5 inch brown trout and about 10 largemouth bass. A couple of the largemouth bass were over 20 inches long including one that was about 21 inches. I have attached a picture of one of the big largemouth bass. These are some of the biggest largemouth bass I have seen in my management area over the last 4 years I have worked for the WDNR. The panfish fishery looks really nice as well. I have also attached a picture of a couple of 9.5 inch bluegills. There is a really nice year class of crappies that is 10-11 inches. We caught about 10 perch today as well. Overall the fishery looks really nice!

Please let me know if you have any questions. Elliot will be running the crew this weekend. I will try to get a couple more pictures and send an update on Monday of how their weekend went.

Thanks,  
Jason

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Jason Breeggemann