



Attention Anglers of Indian Lake May 2018



If you intend to fish Indian Lake, be advised that the fishery is limited at the present time. Dane County and Wisconsin DNR treated the lake in 2015 to eliminate carp. Subsequent stocking efforts were successful but the lake experienced a severe kill during the summer of 2017. A number of panfish and gamefish species died as a result of low oxygen caused by an excessive algal bloom. Dane County and DNR determined the kill to be extensive and noted the carp populations were up again along with black bullheads.

Both species are very detrimental to water quality as they suspend bottom sediments due to their feeding behaviors. This in turn prevents sunlight and limits aquatic plant growth which is beneficial fish habitat. Dane County and DNR are currently evaluating options for removal of these fish species from Indian Lake later this year.

There is a limited population of bluegills and northern pike. Patrons are more than welcome to fish but should know that the fishery is restricted in both numbers and size of fish species.

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