




# SLEEP UNDER THE STARS

Sitting next to a warm, glowing campfire underneath the natural splendor of a star-strewn sky is the ultimate way to experience a cool, Central Illinois evening. Open from April to October, the campsites around Lake Jacksonville provide an opportunity for outdoor enthusiasts to commune with Mother Nature with overnight, weekly, and seasonal camping available. But camping here is much more than just singing songs around a fire. Head out for a leisurely stroll on the **Lake Jacksonville Trail**, offering a smooth trek along the lake's northern shore, or take a more rugged jaunt on the **Crimson and Rocket Trails**, featuring 1.5 miles of rough, unpaved paths – perfect for hikers and bikers alike.




Fire rings, a dump station, trash pick-up, and water services are available. Call 217-479-4646 to reserve a campsite.

## LAKE JACKSONVILLE FISH FIELD GUIDE




### LARGEMOUTH BASS

Size Limit: 14-18 inches protected slot  
Daily Limit: 3




### BLACK & WHITE CRAPPIE

Size Limit: No more than 10 fish greater than or equal to 10 inches  
Daily limit: 25



### HYBRID STRIPED BASS

(aka Wiper)  
Size Limit: 17-inch minimum length limit  
Daily Limit: 3



### CHANNEL CATFISH

Daily Limit: 6

### OTHER SPECIES INCLUDE:

• Black Bullhead	• Golden Shiner	• Redear Sunfish
• Bluegill	• Green Sunfish	• White Sucker
• Common Carp	• Hybrid Sunfish	• Yellow Bass
• Gizzard Shad		• Yellow Bullhead

Information provided by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

## HOW TO GET HERE



## Contact Us!

**LAKE JACKSONVILLE**  
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**Concession Stand Hours:**  
8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday – Saturday  
8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday

**For lodging, dining, and entertainment information:**  
**JACKSONVILLE CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU**  
310 E. State St. • Jacksonville, IL 62650  
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# WELCOME TO LAKE Jacksonville



## FISHING, BOATING, CAMPING, & FAMILY FUN!



## LAKE JACKSONVILLE

Lake Jacksonville is a 442-acre reservoir located in Morgan County 4 miles (6.4 km) southeast of Jacksonville, IL. The reservoir drains into Big Sandy Creek, a tributary of the Illinois River. A drowned coastline lake, Lake Jacksonville has approximately 21 miles of shoreline. It is 31 feet deep at its deepest point. The nearest exit on a limited-access highway is Exit 64 on Interstate 72, near South Jacksonville.



## YOUR TROPHY AWAITS

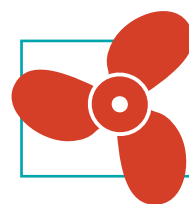
Nothing compares to having the peaceful still of the early morning shattered by the explosion of water that comes from a largemouth bass hitting a topwater bait. Since its rehabilitation in 1986, Lake Jacksonville has boasted the best bass fishing in the state of Illinois, as ranked by **Field & Stream** magazine, giving visitors from across the country a chance to reel in the North American angler's top prize.

For information on state fishing regulations and licensing information, visit [ifishillinois.org](http://ifishillinois.org).



## Lake Jacksonville

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|-------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1 BOAT RAMP             | 6 CONCESSIONS                 |
| 2 SPILLWAY/DAM          | 7 WESTERN ILLINOIS YOUTH CAMP |
| 3 PRIVATE CAMPING SITES | 8 BOY SCOUT AREA              |
| 4 CRIMSON TRAIL         | 9 TIGER DEN PRIVATE CLUB      |
| 5 ROCKET TRAIL          | 10 OVERNIGHT CAMPING          |



Speeds over 30 mph are prohibited – no-wake zones are enforced. Daily pass or seasonal boat registration is required.

## WET & WILD ADVENTURES

Whether you're soaking up the warm sunshine on the deck of a pontoon boat or holding on for dear life as your innertube cuts through the water, Lake Jacksonville is a summertime staple for locals and visitors alike.



## TRAIL MAP

