

# 2022 Omaha Area Fishing Forecast

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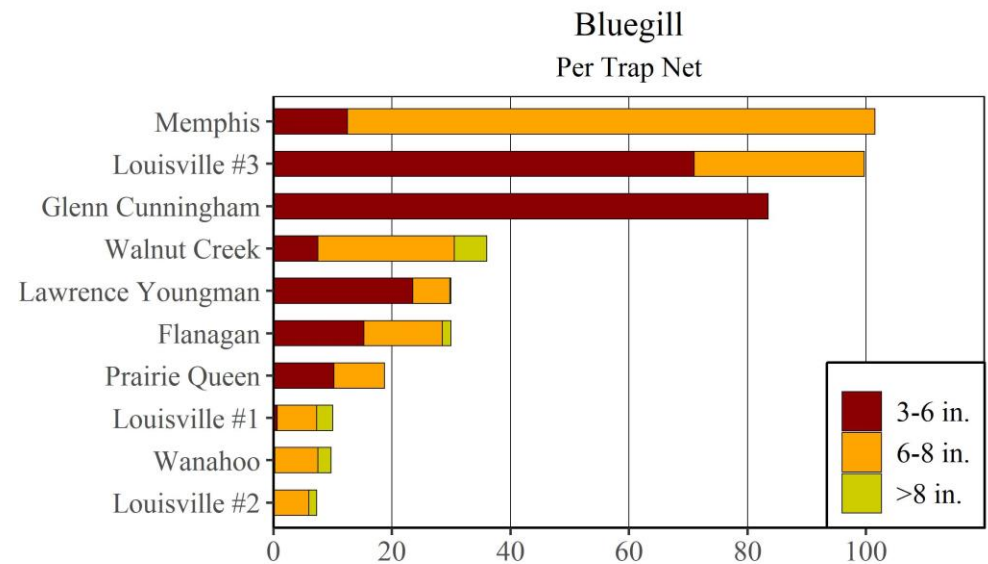
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This is a fishing forecast for the Omaha area. The forecast includes figures for area public water bodies that were surveyed by the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission (NGPC) during 2021. Therefore, there may be other water bodies in the area that provide good fishing opportunities that are not included in this forecast (see map). The following information will help anglers decide on where the best fishing for a variety of species can be found based on survey results. Anglers seeking more information on area lakes such as locations, lake maps, regulations and stocking reports are encouraged to browse the Nebraska Game and Parks website at [www.outdoornebraska.gov](http://www.outdoornebraska.gov).



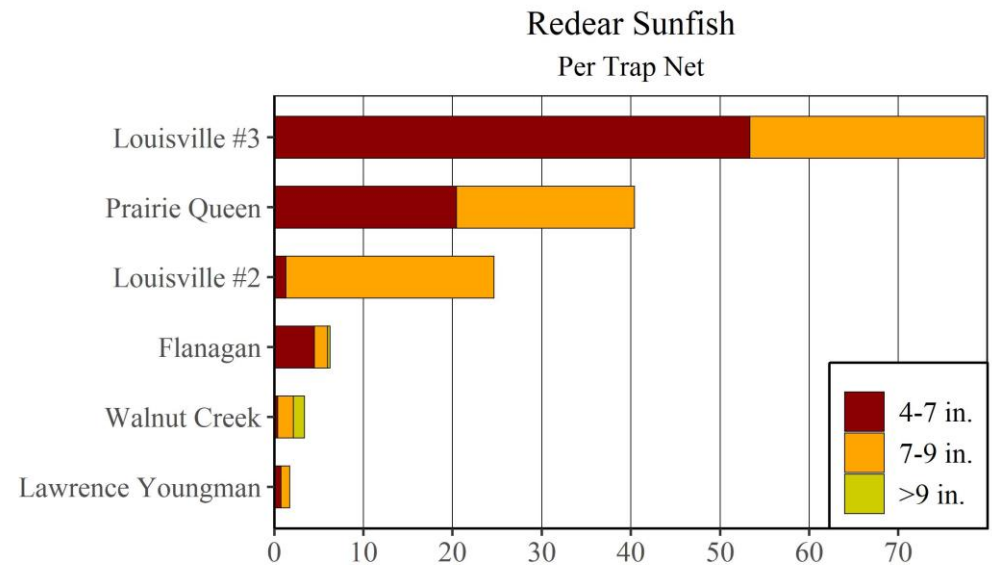
## Bluegills

Anglers in the Omaha area will have plenty of lakes to choose from for Bluegills in 2022. **Memphis, Louisville #3, and Glenn Cunningham** had the highest catch rates of Bluegills. Lakes with good water quality and habitat such as **Walnut Creek, Lawrence Youngman, and Flanagan** will provide quality Bluegill fishing in 2022. **Prairie Queen** and **Wanahoo** will also provide some great Bluegill fishing even though net survey results were low. All of the lakes at **Louisville SRA** will provide excellent catch rates for both young and beginner anglers. Anglers are required to release all Bluegill caught at **Flanagan**.



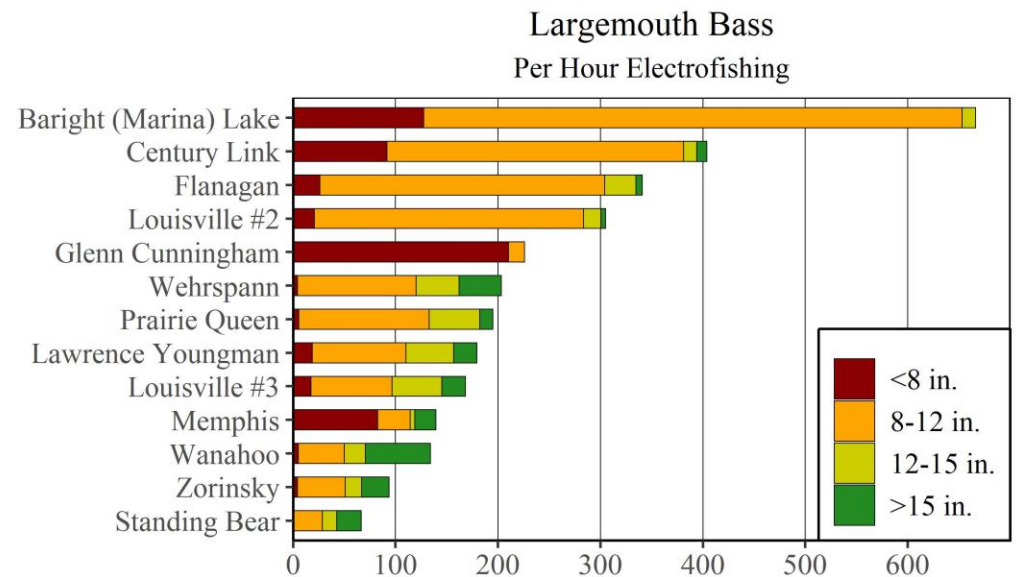
## Redear Sunfish

Redear Sunfish continue to thrive in our southeast Nebraska waters and 2022 will offer good fishing opportunities at multiple lakes. Higher abundances can be found at **Louisville #3**, **Louisville #2**, and **Prairie Queen**. The Redear Sunfish at **Walnut Creek** will provide the best chance at a master angler. Anglers are required to release all Redear Sunfish caught at **Flanagan**.



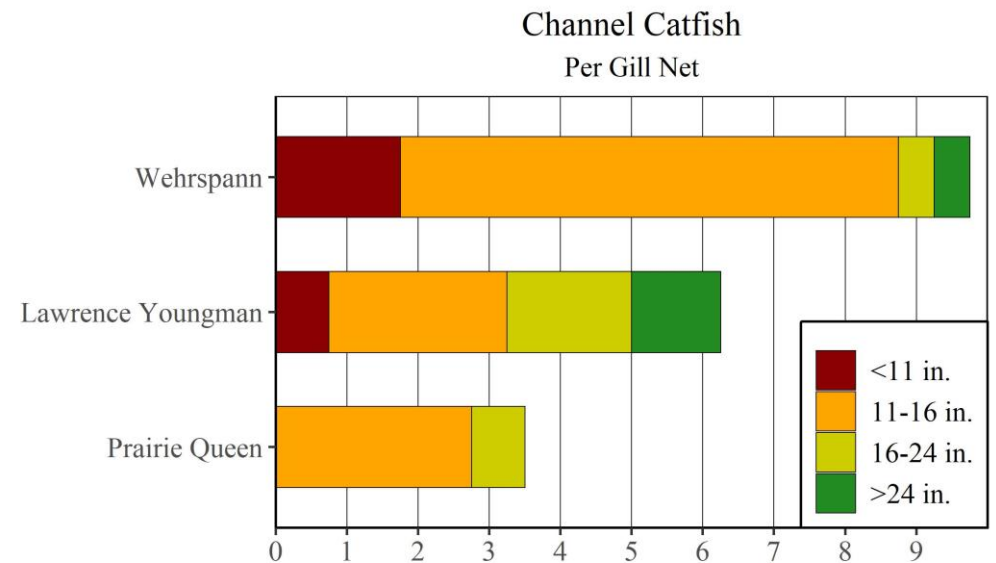
## Largemouth Bass

Largemouth Bass fishing opportunities will continue in the Omaha area in 2022. **Baright** and **Century Link** in Mahoney State Park as well as **Flanagan** had the highest catch rates consisting of mostly sub 12" bass and offers good opportunities for higher catch rates. **Prairie Queen**, **Lawrence Youngman**, and **Louisville #3** should provide good opportunities for fish around 15". Anglers seeking larger fish should head to **Wehrspann** or **Wanahoo**. Anglers are required to release all Largemouth Bass caught at **Flanagan** and **Baright**.



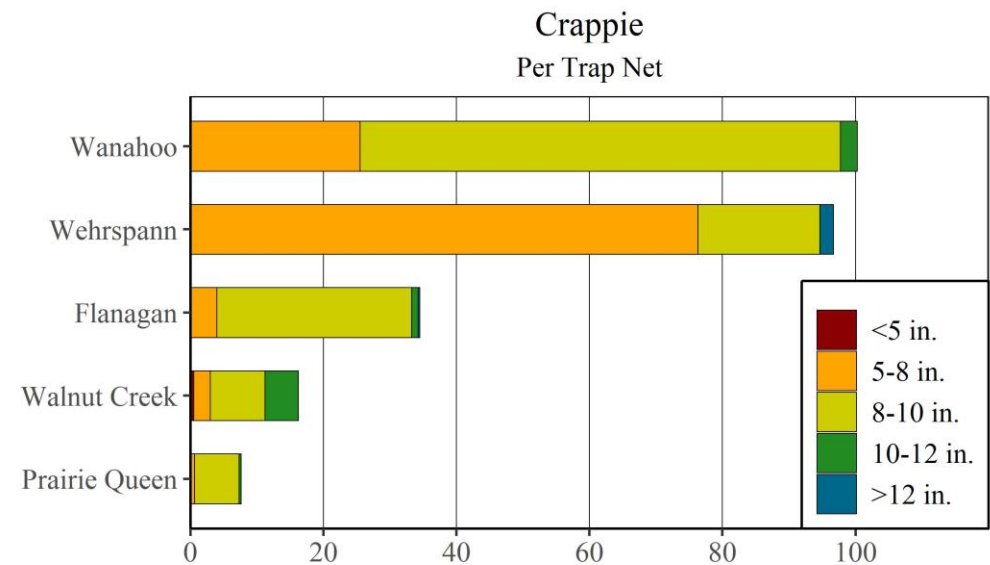
## Channel Catfish

Channel Catfish can be found in almost every reservoir and river in the metro area; however, **Wehrspann** and **Lawrence Youngman** will be an angler's best bet at large Channel Catfish, as well as **Walnut Creek**. Anglers can also find eater sized fish at all of the lakes mentioned above as well as **Zorinsky**, **Prairie Queen**, and all the lakes at **Louisville SRA**. Anglers are required to release all Channel Catfish caught at **Flanagan**.



## Crappie

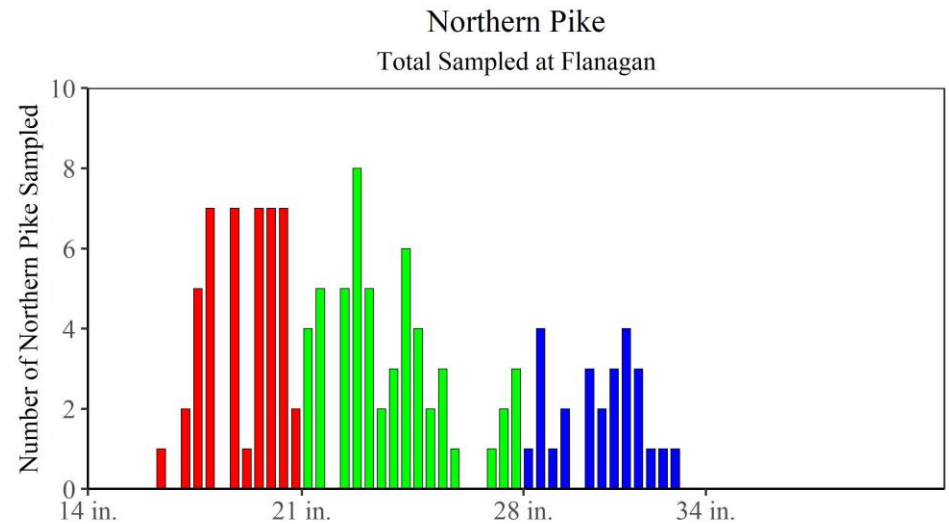
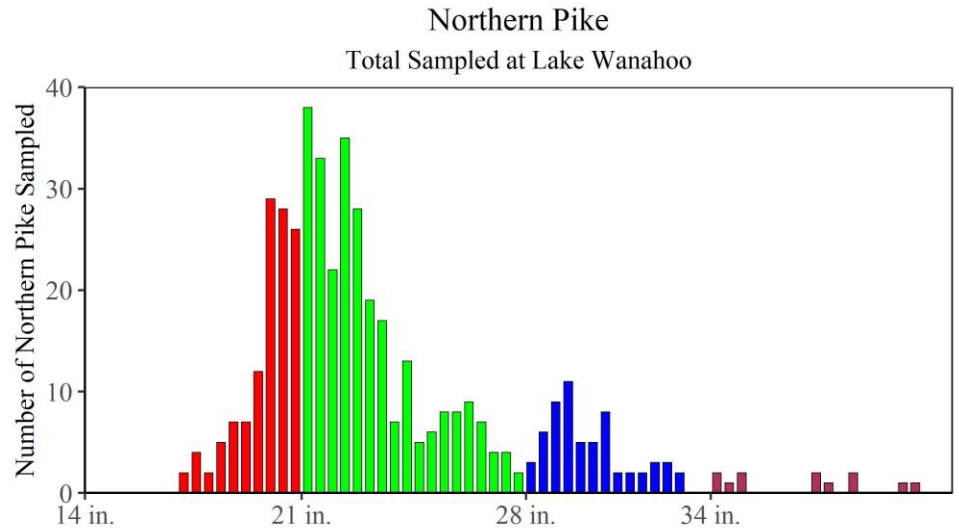
Anglers targeting crappie should have no trouble finding fish at either **Wehrspann** or **Wanahoo**. **Flanagan** and **Walnut Creek** also will provide a chance at some 8-12" crappies. Anglers will also find plenty of crappie at **Prairie View** and **Zorinsky** in 2022. Anglers are required to release all crappie caught at **Flanagan**.



## Northern Pike

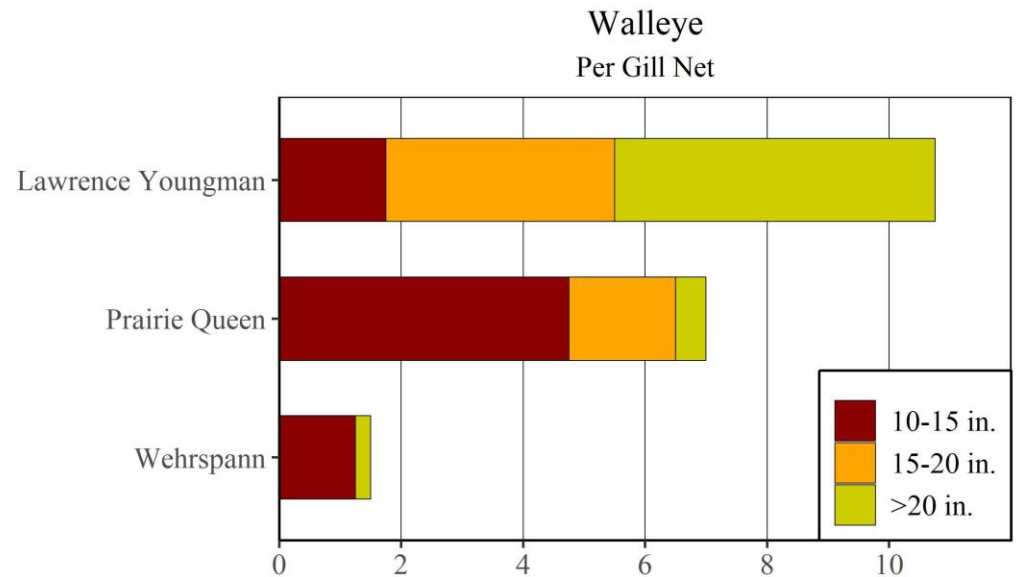
**Lake Wanahoo** will again provide a unique fishing opportunity to catch Northern Pike in eastern Nebraska. A multitude of fish in the 20-25" range were caught and tagged in the spring of 2021 as well as some fish over 34". The Northern pike tagging study will continue in 2022 and anglers are asked to report all tagged fish to [NGPC.FISHTAGS@NEBRASKA.GOV](mailto:NGPC.FISHTAGS@NEBRASKA.GOV). Anglers are required to release all northern pike caught at **Lake Wanahoo**.

Northern Pike stocking in **Flanagan** began in 2018 and will continue in 2022, creating another unique fishing opportunity in the Omaha area. Already, a number of fish were caught that were over 30". The Northern Pike tagging study has been extended to include **Flanagan** and will continue in 2022. Anglers are asked to report all tagged fish to [NGPC.FISHTAGS@NEBRASKA.GOV](mailto:NGPC.FISHTAGS@NEBRASKA.GOV). Anglers are required to release all Northern Pike caught at **Flanagan**.



## Walleye

We are now going on the sixth year of our advanced walleye stocking program and multiple reservoirs in the metro have benefitted. **Walnut Creek, Lawrence Youngman, Zorinsky, Prairie Queen, and Wanahoo** will all provide anglers a chance at some legal 15" walleyes in 2022. Anglers seeking larger Walleye should head to **Lawrence Youngman**.



## Other Species

### Rainbow Trout

Although the Omaha metro doesn't have cold-water streams that support trout, there is still plenty of opportunity in and around Omaha to catch them. Rainbow trout are routinely stocked in the spring at **Two Rivers 5** while **Louisville #1a, Benson Lake, Hitchcock Lake, and Towl Lake** receive fall stockings. **Lake Halleck** and **CenturyLink Lake (in Mahoney SP)** receive spring and fall stockings. Anglers can check the stocking database on the Game and Parks website to see the exact date rainbow trout were stocked.

### Smallmouth Bass and Yellow Perch

Smallmouth Bass and Yellow Perch were stocked into **Portal** and **Big Elk** in 2021 to create another unique fishing opportunity in the Omaha metro area. Both species were stocked at sizes between 1 - 4.5" and will be sampled in the spring of 2022.

