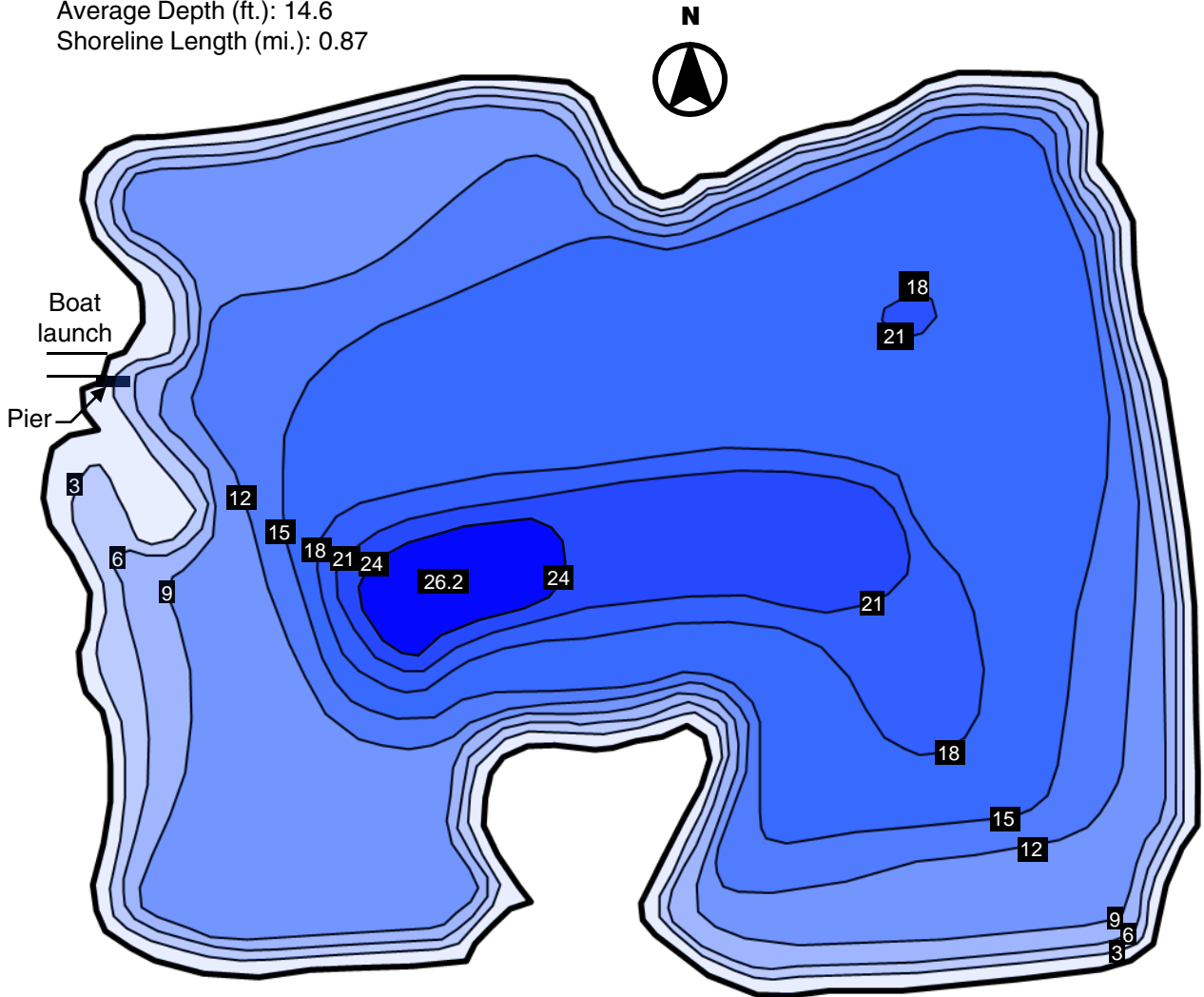


# Jericho Lake

Jericho & Barnes Roads, Aurora  
Fox Valley Park District

Surface Acres: 20.9  
Maximum Depth (ft.): 26.2  
Average Depth (ft.): 14.6  
Shoreline Length (mi.): 0.87



**Fish Community:** Gizzard shad (29%), bluegill (25%) and largemouth bass (16%) most abundant. Yellow bass, blackstriped topminnow, yellow perch and black crappie comprise an additional 26% of the population.

**Species average size, length:** Largemouth bass abundance is high, with fish size rated as fair. About 32% were longer than 12 inches, with 8% exceeding 15 inches. Bluegills are extremely abundant and primarily skewed toward intermediate-sized fish (3 to 6 inches), with 17% over 6 inches (none, however, over 7 inches). Black crappie populations have increased, with average size between 7 and 9 inches. On Sept. 3, 2008, 800 channel catfish fingerlings (average 8 inches) were stocked.

**Overall fishery assessment:** Jericho Lake supports a fish community of high abundance and species richness. Increased fishing pressure and harvest by anglers accounts for absence of larger bass, but high natural reproduction rates bode well for future. Abundance of medium-sized bluegills and other species such as yellow bass, yellow perch and black crappie provide good fishing opportunities for panfish anglers and young children learning to fish.

#### Creel Limits

**All species:** 2 pole and line fishing only

**Largemouth/Smallmouth bass:** 15-inch minimum length; 1 fish daily creel limit

**Channel catfish:** No minimum length limit; 3 fish daily creel limit

**White or Black Crappie:** 9-inch minimum limit; 15 fish daily limit