

# Foster Joseph Sayers Lake

Centre County

May 2018 Trap-net Survey

Foster Joseph Sayers Lake is a 1,730 acre flood control impoundment located at Bald Eagle State Park about 15 miles northeast of State College, Centre County. The primary function of the reservoir is to provide flood control; as such, the dam and lake levels are managed by the US Army Corp of Engineer. The lake is substantially drawn down during the fall and winter months. Locally called “Sayers Lake”, “Howard Dam”, or “the Dam”, this reservoir is popular with anglers and boaters

During the week of May 29, 2018, Fisheries Management Area 3 staff conducted a trap-net survey at the reservoir at 15 different sites. Results of the survey are below.

**Table 1: Length frequency distribution of fish captured at Sayers Lake during the week of May 29, 2018.**

Species	Number Caught	Size Range (inches)
Pumpkinseed	121	4-7
Bluegill	295	2-8
Yellow Perch	58	4-9
Channel Catfish	20	5-28
Black Crappie	1,917	3-15
White Crappie	18	7-15
Rock Bass	5	4-9
Brown Bullhead	128	7-14
Yellow Bullhead	1	8
Walleye	1	25
White Sucker	2	Not measured
Golden Shiner	39	Not measured
Common Carp	numerous	

The abundance and variety of panfish and the excellent facilities provided by Bald Eagle State Park make Sayers Lake an excellent choice for families and panfish enthusiasts alike. Anglers can expect good panfish angling in 2019.



*Gus Herzing of Pleasant Gap with a quality crappie taken from Sayers Lake in May 2018.  
Congratulations Gus!!*

*--Fisheries Management Area 3 staff*