

## TULLEY LAKE (Royalston)

## General Information:

This 218-acre reservoir operated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers resulted from the damming of the East Branch of the Tully River. Depth averages only 6.5 feet with a maximum of 10 feet. Transparency is limited to about 4.5 feet, indicating a rather dark watercolor. This is a soft water, low fertility lake.

Access is provided directly off Rt. 32 via a formal gravel boat ramp. Ample parking is available in the immediate vicinity of the ramp and picnic area.

## **Fish Populations:**

This relatively young reservoir was most recently surveyed in June 1990. We found a total of eleven species. Gamefish present include largemouth bass, chain pickerel, and a sprinkling of trout which find their way into Tully Lake from up-river stocking sites and Lawrence Brook. Yellow perch, black crappie, bluegill, brown bullhead, and pumpkinseeds compose the resident panfish, while white suckers, golden shiners and chubsuckers compose the remaining species present.

## Fishing:

From a fisheries standpoint, Tully Lake appears to be very good. Excellent cover in the form of rocks, vegetation and tree stumps characterize the numerous small coves. The biggest limiting factor appears to be a very limited productivity potential due to extremely soft water. However, bass are present, and although few lunker bass were observed during the survey, the difficulty of sampling stump-laden coves might, in part, account for this. If you can get your bait, lures or plugs around and especially under some of these bassy areas, it should prove productive.

Chain pickerel are growing extremely fast and were abundant throughout the lake. Needless to say, they will strike virtually anything passed their way and put up a worthy fight. They should also provide some excellent ice fishing action.

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