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Trout and Catfish to be Stocked this Month in Noble Park Lake

PADUCAH, KY—The Paducah Parks Services Department and the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources are partners through the Fishing in Neighborhoods (FINs) program. Through that partnership, the 5.5 acre Bob Noble Park Lake will be receiving 2500 trout and 1100 catfish during March. Parks Services Director Mark Thompson says, “The fish are a size that you can take home and put on the grill. Your only expenses are your tackle and license if you are sixteen or older.”

The FINs program started in 2006 with Paducah joining the program in 2009. The goal of the FINs program is to provide high quality fishing opportunities near cities of all sizes. The program has expanded to 34 lakes across the State. The program helps provide places to take the family fishing without traveling far from home.

Thompson says, “From our perspective this is one of the best programs we have. Fishing is a terrific lifetime recreational activity that anyone can learn, and great catches are available right here in Bob Noble Park.” Thompson adds, “The FINs program allows our citizens to create family memories while enjoying the lake at Noble Park. Family, fun and food--you can’t beat that.”

Bob Noble Park Lake will receive 1100 channel catfish during the first two weeks of March. The catfish will be 13-16 inches long and average one pound each. The stocking of 2500 rainbow trout is scheduled for mid-March. The lake already received 1250 rainbow trout last month. Rainbow trout will average 8-12 inches long. As part of the FINs program, Bob Noble Park Lake receives four yearly stockings of channel catfish and three annual stockings of rainbow trout. Since trout prefer cold water, the Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources stocks them during the cool months of February, March, and November. The department stocks catfish during the warmer months of March, April, May, and August.

Daily limits for each angler fishing a FINs lake include five rainbow trout, four catfish, one largemouth bass over 15 inches, and 15 bluegill or other sunfish. A statewide fishing license is required for anglers who are 16 and older. Licensed anglers who want to keep



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their trout must have an additional trout permit. The trout permit is included in the \$5 senior license for those anglers age 65 and older, as well as the sportsmen's license. Anglers under the age of 16, whether they live in Kentucky or elsewhere, do not need a fishing license or trout permit.

For more information on Kentucky's FINs program, including lake maps and directions, fish stocking schedules, and fishing regulations, visit the department's website at <http://fw.ky.gov/> and click on the "Fishing in Neighborhoods" logo. For more information about the City of Paducah parks, contact the Parks Services Department at 444-8508 or visit www.paducahky.gov.

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