Order: Scorpaeniformes

  Family: Cottidae: Sculpins
  18. Banded sculpin   Cottus carolinae

Order: Perciformes: Basses, Sunfishes, Perches, Drums

  Family: Centrarchidae: Sunfishes
  19. Rockbass   Ambloplites rupestris
  20. Green sunfish   Lepomis cyanellus
  21. Bluegill   Lepomis macrochirus
  22. Longear sunfish   Lepomis megalotis
  23. Redear sunfish   Lepomis microlophus
  24. Smallmouth bass   Micropterus dolomieu
  25. Largemouth bass   Micropterus salmoides
  26. Spotted bass   Micropterus punctulatus
  27. White crappie   Pomoxis annularis

  Family: Percidae: Perches
  28. Cumberland snubnose darter   Etheostoma atripinne
  29. Redline darter   Etheostoma rufilineatum
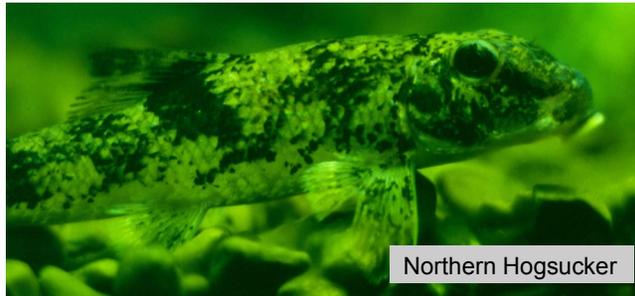 30. Greenside darter   Etheostoma blennioides
  31. Spottail darter   Etheostoma squamiceps

  Family: Sciaenidae: Drums
  32. Freshwater drum   Aplodinotus grunniens

Northern Hogsucker

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F I S H E S

Of the Warner Parks

Rock Bass

The Fishes of Warner Parks

The Warner Parks contain two main bodies of permanent water, the Little Harpeth River and Willow Pond. The Little Harpeth is on the western edge of Edwin Warner Park while Willow Pond is along side Highway 100 in Percy Warner Park.

The river winds and curves through the edge of the Park and offers a variety of habitats for fish, including many shallow sections, faster runs, and then deep pools. Along much of the river vegetation grows thickly along the water's edge, offering many places for fish to find food and shelter. The limestone bedrock leaches many nutrients into the stream, thus the waters here are very productive.

Willow Pond was created in the 1930s when the roadway was improved and became then a dam for the surrounding watershed. While not very deep, the shoreline is very accessible offering ample opportunity for observing fish and other aquatic life.

Fishing is allowed in the Parks with a valid Tennessee license. Children under the age of 13 do not need a license. Of course, size limits must always be followed for taking fish, and as environmental stewards of our Parks we recommend visitors follow the catch and release method of fishing, and further suggest that hook barbs be flattened to reduce harm to the fish and aid in its quick removal.

The following species list was compiled by Nature Center staff and Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA). The Nature Center offers programs that include exploration of the waters in the Parks to learn about what animals and plants live here as well as the environmental quality of our aquatic habitats. TWRA also conducts surveys of the fish populations in the Little Harpeth River.

We hope that by regularly monitoring the life in the stream and the quality of the water we can judge the health of the system and take measures if necessary to ensure the waters here stay healthy and productive.

The Fish:

Order Lepisosteiformes: Gars
1. Longnose Gar — Lepisosteus osseus

Order Clupeiformes: Herrings and Shads
2. Gizzard Shad — Dorosoma cepedianum

Order Cypriniformes: Minnows and Suckers

Family: Cyprinidae: Minnows
3. Central stoneroller — Campostoma anomalum
4. Goldfish — Carassius auratus
5. Common carp — Cyprinus carpio
6. Blotched chub — Hybopsis insignia
7. Bigeye chub — Hybopsis amblobs
8. Bluntnose minnow — Pimephales notatus
9. Rosefin shiner — Lythrurus ardens

Family: Catostomidae: Suckers
10. Northern hogsucker — Hypentelium nigricans
11. Golden redhorse — Moxostoma erythrurum
12. Black redhorse — Moxostoma duquesnei

Longnose Gar

Order: Siluriformes

Family: Ictaluridae: North American Freshwater Catfishes
13. Yellow bullhead — Ictalurus natalis
14. Slender madtom — Noturus exilis

Order: Cyprinodontiformes: Topminnows and Livebearers

Family: Fundulidae: Topminnows
15. Northern studfish — Fundulus catenatus
16. Blackspotted topminnow — Fundulus olivaceus

Family: Poeciliidae: Livebearers
17. Mosquitofish — Gambusia affinis