



# LAKE VERMILION LAKE STATUS SUMMARY



Lake Vermilion is owned by the Consumers Illinois Water Company (CIWC), who has leased the surface rights to the Vermilion County Conservation District (VCCD) to make the lake available to the public for boating and fishing. The lake is located on the west edge of the City of Danville. Season Pass Decals or a Daily Fee Pass are required for all boats and may be obtained at the concession stand by the boat ramp. Lake Vermilion has a maximum depth of 30 feet and an average depth of 12 feet. For more information about Lake Vermilion, visit the website <https://vccd.org/lake-vermilion-county-park/>

**Largemouth Bass** – During the most recent fish survey, the catch rate was 146.6 bass per hour of electrofishing. The average catch rate for the past six surveys is 108.2 bass per hour. The size structure of the bass population looks good with 59% being over 12 inches in length and 26% over 15 inches (based on bass collected that were 8 inches and larger). The largest bass collected during the 2018 survey was 6.47 pounds and 3.9 pounds during the 2021 survey. The length limit is 15 inches and the daily creel limit is 6.

**White Crappie** – The catch rate for White Crappie during the most recent fish survey was 25.6 per hour of electrofishing. The average catch rate for the past six surveys is 70 White Crappie per hour. The number of White Crappie in surveys has declined to low levels and is a concern for producing a quality crappie fishery. Based upon crappie 5 inches and longer, 85% were over 8 inches and 38% were longer than 10 inches. Size structure is good, but numbers are too low. The crappie regulation is 10 crappie under 10 inches and 10 crappie greater than or equal to 10 inches.

**Channel Catfish** – During the most recent fish survey, catfish were collected at a rate of only 1.5 per hour of electrofishing. The average catch rate for the past six surveys is 4.6 per hour. Catfish ranged in size from 7 inches to 17 inches.

**Bluegill** – During the most recent fish survey, Bluegill were collected at a rate of 158.6 per hour of electrofishing. The average catch rate for the past six surveys is 124 Bluegill per hour. Approximately 42% of the Bluegill collected were larger than 6 inches.

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### Fishing Regulations:

Two pole and line fishing only, except that sport fisherman may take carp, carpsuckers, and buffalo by pitchfork, gigs, bow and arrow, or bow and arrow devices north of Boiling Springs Road, but not within 300 feet around the wetland boardwalk. Trotline and jug fishing allowed north of Boiling Springs Road.

<u>Species</u>	<u>Length Limit</u>	<u>Daily Creel Limit</u>
Largemouth Bass	15"	6
Crappie	10"	10 less than 10" 10 greater than or equal to 10"

For other species, statewide regulations are in effect. For further regulation information, please consult the current Illinois Fishing Regulation Booklet or visit the iFishIllinois website at <https://www.ifishillinois.org/>.

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