



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 <http://www.vccd.org/>.

Largemouth Bass – During the most recent fish survey, the catch rate was 85 bass per hour of electrofishing. The average catch rate for the past nine surveys is 100.5 bass per hour. The size structure of the bass population looks good with 67% 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 latest survey was 6.47 pounds. 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 30.5 per hour of electrofishing. The average catch rate for the past nine surveys is 78.9 white crappie per hour. Even though catch rates have declined, density is still considered excellent for white crappie. Based upon crappie 5 inches and longer, 84% were over 8 inches and 70% were longer than 10 inches. Size structure is excellent. The crappie are regulated with a regulation of 10 crappie under 10 inches and 10 crappie greater than or equal to 10 inches. The regulation will protect the larger crappie and encourage anglers to keep some of the smaller crappie.

Channel Catfish – During the most recent fish survey, catfish were collected at a rate of 6 per hour of electrofishing. The average catch rate for the past nine surveys is 5.3 per hour. Catfish ranged in size from 12 inches to 18 inches and body condition was average.

Bluegill – During the most recent fish survey, bluegill were collected at a rate of 120.5 per hour of electrofishing. The average catch rate for the past nine surveys is 117.1 bluegill per hour. Approximately 30% of the bluegill collected were larger than 6 inches and none were larger than 8 inches.

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> |
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| 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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