

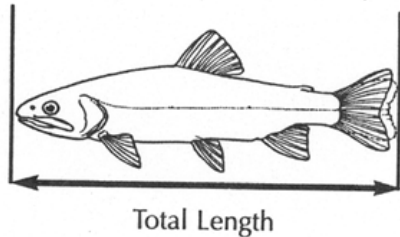
Trophy Fish Lengths & Weights

To qualify as a trophy, fish must meet or exceed the following lengths or weights

	Length	Weight
Largemouth Bass	22"	8 lbs.
Smallmouth Bass	20"	5 lbs.
Striped Bass	37"	20 lbs.
Muskellunge	40"	15 lbs.
Channel Catfish	30"	12 lbs.
Flathead Catfish	40"	25 lbs.
White Catfish	N/A	N/A
Sunfish	11"	1 lb.
Crappie	15"	2 lbs.
Yellow Perch	12"	1 lb. 4 oz.
White Perch	13"	1 lb. 4 oz.
Carp	34"	20 lbs.

How to Measure Fish

Lay the fish on a flat surface. Close the mouth of the fish and squeeze its tail lobes together. Using a measuring rule, measure the length in a straight line, not over the curvature of the body, from the tip of the snout to the end of the tail.



Fishing licenses required for:

VA Residents 16 and over
Non-Residents 16 and over

7/2025

VIRGINIA STATE PARKS

Smith Mountain Lake
State Park

The Fish of Smith Mountain Lake



*Creel and Size Limits Specific to Smith Mountain Lake

This brochure is for general information
and is subject to change.

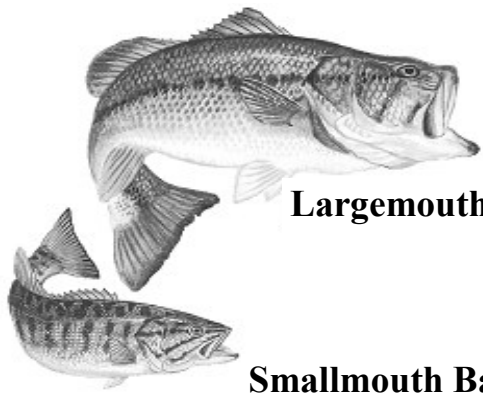
Please refer to the DWR Virginia
Freshwater Fishing Regulations for
up-to-date creel and size limits.



Smith Mountain Lake State Park

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Largemouth Bass

Smallmouth Bass

Largemouth/Smallmouth Bass

Season: All year

Limit: 5 per day in aggregate

Size: No more than 2 less than 14"



Striped Bass (Striper)

Season: All year

Limit: 2 per day

Size: Nov. 1 – May 31 none between 30"-40"

June 1-Oct. 31 no length limit



Muskellunge (Muskie)

Season: All year

Limit: 1 per day

Size: None less than 40"



Channel Catfish



Flat Head Catfish



White Catfish

Channel Catfish, Flathead Catfish & White Catfish

Season: All year

Limit: 20 per day

Size: No limit



Bluegill Sunfish



Green Sunfish



Redbreast Sunfish

Bluegill Sunfish, Green Sunfish &

Redbreast Sunfish

Season: All year

Limit: 50 per day in aggregate

Size: No limit



Crappie

Season: All year

Limit: 25 per day in aggregate

Size: No limit



Yellow Perch

White Perch



Yellow Perch/White Perch

Season: All year

Limit: No limit

Size: No limit



Common Carp

Season: All year

Creel limit: N/A

* For a complete list of all eligible species, please refer to DWR Virginia Freshwater Fishing Regulations booklet.