



# 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 94 bass per hour of electrofishing and the management objective is 100 to 125 bass per hour. The size structure of the bass population looks good with 72% being over 12 inches in length and 29% over 15 inches (based on bass collected that were 8 inches and larger). 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 37 per hour of electrofishing and the management objective is 50 to 75 White Crappie per hour. Based upon crappie 5 inches and longer, 99% were over 8 inches and 69% were longer than 10 inches. Size structure is good, but numbers are low. A new regulation 9-inch minimum length limit was implemented in 2023 to protect smaller White Crappie and increase the density of White Crappie. The crappie regulation is a 9-inch length limit and 15 fish daily harvest limit.

**Channel Catfish** – During the most recent fish survey, catfish were collected at a rate of only 4 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 196.5 per hour of electrofishing and the management objective is 175 to 250 Bluegill per hour. The average catch rate for the past six surveys is 124 Bluegill per hour. Approximately 27% of the Bluegill collected were larger than 6 inches. There is no Bluegill regulation on Lake Vermilion.

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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>Minimum Length Limit</u>	<u>Daily Creel Limit</u>
Largemouth Bass	15"	6
Crappie	9"	15

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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