



Brunswick Lake 2005

Brunswick Lake (often referred to as County Pond) is a 150-acre lake located 6 miles east of Lawrenceville, Virginia in Brunswick County. There is a new boat ramp, parking lot, and courtesy pier which can be accessed on Route 638, north of Route 58. The lake is owned by the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (VDGIF) and is managed specifically for fishing. The lake has populations of largemouth bass, bluegill, redear sunfish, black crappie, yellow perch, and chain pickerel. The VDGIF also stocks channel catfish every other year. The lake is open 24 hours for fishing. Prohibited activities include camping, open air fires, hunting, trapping, trot lines, sailboats, swimming, littering, alcohol, and trespassing. Boats are restricted to electric motor use only. Boaters should be alert as Lake Brunswick is relatively shallow and has numerous stumps which are great fish habitat but can be dangerous. The VDGIF owns a 20-foot strip of land above full pool so anglers can park at the VDGIF parking lot and fish along the shoreline.

Largemouth bass are the most popular target of Lake Brunswick anglers. The population has a fair number of largemouth bass and some real trophy's as well. Sampling in 2004 collected several bass over 8 pounds. However, most anglers will find the largemouth bass in the 8-12 inch range. The largemouth bass population in Lake Brunswick is currently managed with a 12-inch minimum length limit (no largemouth bass less than 12 inches may be retained) and a 5 fish daily creel limit. Biologists are currently exploring alternate regulations that may restrict harvest more but increase the number of fish in the population. While fewer bass would be available to harvest, the average size would increase as would catch rates.

Bluegill are the most abundant sunfish. Anglers may also catch redear sunfish (shellcrackers) and black crappie but sizes have been small (< 8 inches). An increase in the number of largemouth bass could increase predation on sunfish and improve their size. Statewide regulations apply to all other species.