

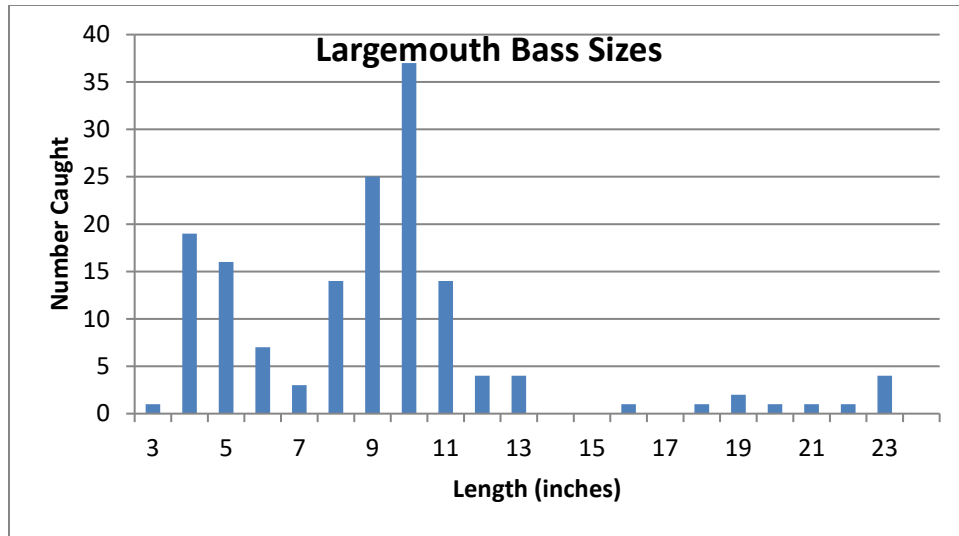


Modest Creek Lake 2023

Modest Creek Lake is a 29-acre impoundment located in Lunenburg County, Virginia. The lake is owned by the Town of Victoria and serves as a drinking water supply reservoir. Fisheries management has been provided since 1983 by the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources (VDWR) after reconstruction of the dam in that year. Modest Creek Lake is located just north of the town of Victoria and offers anglers fishing opportunities in a picturesque, rural setting. Gasoline engines are not allowed at Modest Creek but electric motors can get you around this reservoir. Habitat in the lake consists of hinge tree fish attractors placed by VDWR, other natural woody debris and some aquatic vegetation. Other prohibited activities at Modest Creek Lake include swimming, open-air fires, trotlines, fishing tournaments involving prizes, littering, waterfowl hunting, camping, and seining.

Anglers fishing Modest Creek are likely to catch Largemouth Bass, Channel Catfish, Bluegill, Redear Sunfish (AKA shellcracker), and Black Crappie. Largemouth Bass harvest is regulated with a 15-inch minimum length limit and a two bass per day bag limit. All other fish species are regulated by statewide limits.

The Largemouth Bass fishery at Modest Creek Lake is average. Based on spring electrofishing samples, Largemouth Bass were historically low in abundance but densities of bass in the 2015 and 2022 samples were much higher than previous years. This difference was mostly for small bass which will hopefully result in good fishing years to come. Largemouth Bass size structure is average but several fish over 18 inches were collected in 2022. The largest bass sampled was 23 inches long. Seven largemouth over 20 inches in length were sampled in less than an hour of sample time. Most were collected on the hinge tree habitats VDWR placed in the reservoir several years ago.



Bluegill, Redear Sunfish, and crappie are common in Great Creek Lake with Bluegill being the most abundant of the panfish species. Redear Sunfish tend to be larger than Bluegill but shellcracker densities were low in 2022. Anglers can expect to catch Bluegill and redear up to 8 or 9 inches and crappie up to 10 inches. Beginning in late April, anglers should be able to catch a lot of fish as they begin to move into shallow water to spawn.

In addition to these species, the VDWR stocks 290, 10-inch Channel Catfish every year. Natural reproduction in small lakes is generally insufficient to support a viable population so the population is supplemented through annual stockings. Fishing is generally better for catfish during the summer and at night.

The hours of use at Modest Creek Lake are 6:00 AM – midnight. To get to the lake, take Route 49 north out of Victoria to Burkeville Road then turn left on Reservoir Road.