

## Virginia Small Impoundment Bass Rankings – 2022



Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources (DWR) aquatic biologists spend considerable effort and resources to manage, enhance, and protect Largemouth Bass populations in Virginia’s public fishing reservoirs, lakes, and ponds. Most of these waters are sampled each year, or every few years, to assess current Largemouth Bass or Smallmouth Bass population parameters such as age and growth, spawning success, and size distribution. These population samples are generally collected using daytime, boat electrofishing gear targeting bass and are conducted in a manner that allows several comparisons to be made concerning fish populations. Since many Virginia anglers target Largemouth Bass, and fish larger than 15 inches are considered “preferred” nationwide; the following summary contains information about bass over 15 inches collected per hour of electrofishing (CPUE). Memorable sized Largemouth Bass are larger than 20 inches. A few small impoundments contain Smallmouth Bass instead of Largemouth Bass. Smallmouth Bass larger than 14 inches are considered “preferred” and Smallmouth Bass larger than 17 inches are considered “memorable”.

Several factors can bias these data (e.g., weather conditions, fish behavior), but samples were conducted with efforts to minimize these biases. The following is a summary of these data with

lakes ranked by CPUE of Largemouth Bass greater than 15 inches and 20 inches and Smallmouth Bass greater than 14 inches and 17 inches. Lakes are divided into the four management regions of the state. Those lakes ranked at the top of the table will provide excellent opportunities for anglers to catch quality Largemouth Bass. You might notice that some of the large lakes are ranked lower than you might expect. Smaller lakes or ponds normally have higher sampling efficiency and will thus rank higher based on this evaluation. This is a guide for anglers to use and not necessarily the entire picture of Virginia bass fisheries, but it will provide a good place to start. If you have specific questions about a particular waterbody or its regulations, don't hesitate to contact the local DWR Regional Office or check out the DWR website [www.dwr.virginia.gov](http://www.dwr.virginia.gov). We hope you find this useful.



## Region 1 (Southeast - Tidewater)

Rank	Waterbody	County	Acres	Year	CPUE-	
					P	M
1	Trashmore	Virginia Beach	52	2019	46	13
2	Deep Run Park Pond (Lower)	Henrico	2	2019	46	9
3	Fountain Lake	Richmond	10	2019	38	7
4	Woodstock Pond	York	7.5	2021	36	7
5	Dorey Park Pond	Henrico	5	2019	32	1
6	Smith	Virginia Beach	222	2017	26	1
7	Courthouse Pond	Hanover	3	2020	26	0
8	Southern (Lone Star Lakes)	Suffolk	25	2019	24	6
9	Swift Creek	Chesterfield	156	2021	24	5
10	Waller Mill	York	360	2021	23	2
11	Lakeview Reservoir	Colonial Heights	42	2020	23	0
12	Deep Run Park Pond (Upper)	Henrico	2	2019	21	0
13	Harwood's Mill	York	265	2020	19	3
14	Swan Lake	Richmond	13	2019	16	0
15	Oak Grove	Chesapeake	70	2019	15	2
16	Shields Lake	Richmond	7	2019	15	0
17	Belle Isle Pond	Richmond	5	2019	15	0
18	Armistead Pointe Pond	City of Hampton	3	2020	15	0
19	Crump Park Pond	Henrico	2	2020	14	0
20	Gardy's Millpond	Northumberland	75	2020	12	0
21	Northwest River Park	City of Chesapeake	7	2018	12	0
22	Butler Tract (Lone Star Lakes)	Suffolk	42	2018	12	0
23	Echo	Henrico	12	2021	12	0
24	Three Lakes Park #1	Henrico	7	2021	11	4
25	Bryan Park Pond	Richmond	6	2021	7	0
26	Speight's Run	Suffolk	197	2015	6	0
27	Airfield	Sussex	62	2018	6	0
28	Lee Hall Reservoir	Newport News	230	2021	5	0
29	Wilcox	City of Petersburg	22	2020	4	0
30	Finger (Lone Star Lakes)	Suffolk	22	2016	4	0
31	Harrison	Charles City	82	2020	2	0
32	Emporia	Emporia	210	2015	1	0
33	Sandy Bottom	City of Hampton	12	2021	0	0
34	Forest Hill Park Pond	Richmond	4	2019	0	0

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## Region 2 (Southside)

Rank	Waterbody	County	Acres	Year	CPUE-P	CPUE-M
1	Burton	Pittsylvania	76	2021	68	16
2	Wilcks	Prince Edward	42	2020	68	7
3	Abbott	Bedford	24	2016	51	11
13	Connor	Halifax	110	2021	46	14
4	Stonehouse	Amherst	41	2020	44	10
20	Great Creek	Brunswick	212	2021	37	3
26	Ft Pickett Reservoir	Nottoway	384	2021	33	5
5	Bear Creek	Cumberland	42	2019	32	12
7	Fairystone	Patrick	168	2020	29	4
8	Brunswick	Brunswick	150	2020	25	3
11	Nottoway	Nottoway	188	2021	24	2
9	Banister	Halifax	400	2020	23	7
6	Horsepen	Buckingham	19	2021	19	6
10	Thrasher	Amherst	36	2021	18	1
12	Gordon	Mecklenburg	157	2020	16	4
14	Modest Creek	Lunenburg	29	2015	14	0
15	Holliday	Buckingham	145	2020	13	0
16	Nottoway Falls	Lunenburg	60	2015	11	3
25	Slate River Watershed	Buckingham	38	2021	11	1
17	Victoria	Lunenburg	15	2016	11	0
18	Prince Edward (TLSP)	Prince Edward	27	2016	10	2
19	Nelson	Nelson	40	2021	9	2
21	Mill Creek	Amherst	189	2021	8	1
22	Amelia	Amelia	100	2021	5	1
23	Goodwin (TLSP)	Prince Edward	13	2016	4	2
24	Martinsville	Henry	175	2020	4	1

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## Region 3 (Southwest)

Rank	Waterbody	County	Acres	Year	CPUE-	
					CPUE-P	M
1	Rural Retreat	Wythe	90	2021	46	3
2	Gatewood	Pulaski	162	2021	30	1
3	Hungry Mother	Smyth	108	2021	18	0
4	North Fork Pound	Wise	154	2021	14	2
5	Witten	Tazewell	52	2021	10	2
6	Lovill's Creek	Carroll	55	2020	9	1
7	Laurel Bed	Russell	330	2021	8	0
8	Lincolnshire	Tazewell	20	2021	6	2
9	Laurel	Dickenson	12	2020	4	1
10	Bark Camp	Scott	48	2021	4	3
11	Bear Creek (Wise)	Wise	46	2021	3	1
12	Hidden Valley	Washington	62	2021	2	0
13	Keokee	Lee	92	2020	1	1
14	Falls Mill Lake	Tazewell	101	2021	0	0

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## Region 4 (Northcentral/Northwestern)

Rank	Waterbody	County	Acres	Year	CPUE-P	CPUE-M
1	Pelham	Culpeper	255	2020	69	8
2	Germantown	Fauquier	109	2021	69	2
3	Robertson	Rockbridge	26	2017	58	1
4	Burke	Fairfax	218	2021	52	0
5	Brittle	Fauquier	77	2021	50	5
6	Rivanna River	Albemarle	450	2019	43	10
7	Fluvanna Ruritan	Fluvanna	50	2021	38	10
8	Motts	Spotsylvania	160	2020	35	4
9	Toiter Creek	Albemarle	66	2020	32	5
10	Ni	Spotsylvania	411	2019	30	5
11	Arrowhead	Page	34	2016	30	1
12	Shenandoah	Rockingham	36	2021	30	1
13	Hunting Run	Spotsylvania	420	2021	29	4
14	Curtis	Stafford	91	2021	29	6
15	Orange	Orange	124	2020	26	1
16	Abel	Stafford	185	2020	22	5
17	Frederick	Frederick	117	2021	21	1
18	Beaverdam Creek	Loudon	350	2020	17	0
19	Powhatan (lower)	Powhatan	37	2021	16	4
20	Powhatan (upper)	Powhatan	34	2021	16	2
21	Silver	Prince William	25	2018	16	7
22	Gordonsville (Bowler's Mill)	Louisa	75	2019	14	3
23	Fairfax	Fairfax	28	2018	14	0
24	Mountain Run	Culpeper	75	2016	9	5
25	Northeast Creek	Louisa	187	2019	9	2
26	Beaver Creek	Albemarle	104	2020	9	1
27	Laura	Shenandoah	44	2021	7	0
28	Chris Green	Albemarle	62	2020	6	2
29	Ragged Mountain	Albemarle	170	2016	5	0
30	Albemarle	Albemarle	35	2021	5	3
31	Walnut Creek	Albemarle	45	2020	3	0
32	Accotink	Fairfax	90	2009	2	0

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