

Virginia Small Impoundment Bass Rankings – 2025



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. We hope you find this useful.



Region 1 (Southeast - Tidewater)

Rank	Waterbody	County	Acres	Year	CPUE-P	CPUE-M
1	Oak Grove	Chesapeake	70	2024	47	1
2	Fountain Lake	Richmond	10	2019	38	7
3	Harwood's Mill	York	265	2022	37	4
4	Woodstock Pond	York	7.5	2021	36	7
5	Deep Run Park Pond (Lower)	Henrico	2	2023	36	0
6	Lee Hall Reservoir	Newport News	230	2024	35	5
7	Trashmore	Virginia Beach	52	2022	33	3
8	Smith	Virginia Beach	222	2017	26	1
9	Courthouse Pond	Hanover	3	2020	26	0
10	Southern (Lone Star Lakes)	Suffolk	25	2019	24	6
11	Swift Creek	Chesterfield	156	2021	24	5
12	Wilcox	City of Petersburg	22	2024	21	0
13	Waller Mill	York	360	2023	21	2
14	Butler Tract (Lone Star Lakes)	Suffolk	42	2024	21	0
15	Armistead Pointe Pond	City of Hampton	3	2024	20	0
16	Lakeview Reservoir	Colonial Heights	42	2024	17	2
17	Gardy's Millpond	Northumberland	75	2022	17	4
18	Swan Lake	Richmond	13	2019	16	0
19	Shields Lake	Richmond	7	2019	15	0
20	Belle Isle Pond	Richmond	5	2019	15	0
21	Crump Park Pond	Henrico	2	2020	14	0
22	Three Lakes Park #1	Henrico	7	2022	12	2
23	Echo	Henrico	12	2023	10	0
24	Dorey Park Pond	Henrico	5	2024	10	0
25	Smithfield Waterworks Lake	Smithfield	52	2024	9	1
26	Bryan Park Pond	Richmond	6	2021	7	0
27	Speight's Run	Suffolk	197	2015	6	0
28	Airfield	Sussex	62	2018	6	0
29	Sandy Bottom	City of Hampton	12	2023	5	0
30	Harrison	Charles City	82	2023	4	1
31	Finger (Lone Star Lakes)	Suffolk	22	2016	4	0
32	Emporia	Emporia	210	2015	1	0
33	Northwest River Park	City of Chesapeake	7	2024	0	0
34	Deep Run Park Pond (Upper)	Henrico	2	2023	0	0
35	Forest Hill Park Pond	Richmond	4	2019	0	0

Region 2 (Southside)

Rank	Waterbody	County	Acres	Year	CPUE-P	CPUE-M
1	Burton	Pittsylvania	76	2024	73	14
2	Wilcks	Prince Edward	42	2020	68	7
3	Conner	Halifax	110	2023	55	1
4	Nottoway	Nottoway	188	2023	37	5
5	Great Creek	Brunswick	212	2021	37	3
6	Ft Pickett Reservoir	Nottoway	384	2021	33	5
7	Bear Creek	Cumberland	42	2019	32	12
8	Gordon	Mecklenburg	157	2022	25	3
9	Horsepen	Buckingham	19	2023	24	5
10	Fairystone	Patrick	168	2024	23	3
11	Banister	Halifax	400	2020	23	7
12	Brunswick	Brunswick	150	2023	22	7
13	Stonehouse	Amherst	41	2024	21	9
14	Mill Creek	Amherst	189	2024	20	2
15	Thrasher	Amherst	36	2021	18	1
16	Prince Edward (TLSP)	Prince Edward	27	2022	16	3
17	Modest Creek	Lunenburg	29	2022	16	9
18	Nottoway Falls	Lunenburg	60	2022	14	6
19	Goodwin (TLSP)	Prince Edward	13	2022	14	4
20	Holliday	Buckingham	145	2020	13	0
21	Victoria	Lunenburg	15	2016	11	0
22	Slate River Watershed	Buckingham	38	2021	11	1
23	Amelia	Amelia	100	2024	10	4
24	Martinsville	Henry	175	2024	3	1
25	Nelson	Nelson	40	2024	2	0

Region 3 (Southwest)

Rank	Waterbody	County	Acres	Year	CPUE-P	CPUE-M
1	Rural Retreat	Wythe	90	2024	33	6
2	North Fork Pound	Wise	154	2024	20	1
3	Gatewood	Pulaski	162	2024	17	2
4	Hungry Mother	Smyth	108	2024	7	0
5	Lovill's Creek	Carroll	55	2024	7	4
6	Witten	Tazewell	52	2024	6	0
7	Laurel	Dickenson	12	2022	6	0
8	Laurel Bed	Russell	330	2024	4	0
9	Falls Mill Lake	Tazewell	101	2024	3	0
10	Keokee	Lee	92	2024	3	0
11	Bark Camp	Scott	48	2024	2	0
12	Hidden Valley	Washington	62	2024	2	0
13	Bear Creek (Wise)	Wise	46	2024	1	0
14	Lincolnshire	Tazewell	20	2024	0	0

***Smallmouth Bass (>14", >17")**



Region 4 (Northcentral/Northwestern)

Rank	Waterbody	County	Acres	Year	CPUE-P	CPUE-M
1	Pelham	Culpeper	255	2024	94	9
2	Ni	Spotsylvania	411	2023	61	4
3	Burke	Fairfax	218	2024	56	0
4	Brittle	Fauquier	77	2024	52	2
5	Germantown	Fauquier	109	2024	50	5
6	Mountain Run	Culpeper	75	2022	41	2
7	Sleeter Lake	Loudon	101	2023	38	2
8	Clearbrook Lake	Frederick	3	2022	37	0
9	Fluvanna Ruritan	Fluvanna	50	2024	32	9
10	Rivanna River	Albemarle	450	2022	31	6
11	Beaverdam Creek	Loudon	350	2022	30	2
12	Silver	Prince William	25	2022	30	0
13	Lake Sherando	Augusta	4	2022	26	2
14	Curtis	Stafford	91	2024	23	4
15	Hunting Run	Spotsylvania	420	2023	21	3
16	Fairfax	Fairfax	28	2023	21	3
17	Toiter Creek	Albemarle	66	2023	19	3
18	Frederick	Frederick	117	2024	19	2
19	Orange	Orange	124	2024	18	2
20	Robertson	Rockbridge	26	2022	18	2
21	Laura	Shenandoah	44	2023	17	2
22	Powhatan (lower)	Powhatan	37	2024	16	4
23	Arrowhead	Page	34	2022	16	0
24	Beaver Creek	Albemarle	104	2023	12	2
25	Motts	Spotsylvania	160	2024	11	2
26	Back Creek Rec Pond (Lower)	Bath	27	2024	11	2
27	Abel	Stafford	185	2024	10	0
28	Powhatan (upper)	Powhatan	34	2024	10	6
29	Shenandoah	Rockingham	36	2023	8	0
30	Chris Green	Albemarle	62	2023	7	5
31	Gordonsville (Bowler's Mill)	Louisa	75	2022	5	2
32	Todd Lake	Augusta	5	2023	5	0
33	Northeast Creek	Louisa	187	2022	4	1
34	Walnut Creek	Albemarle	45	2023	4	0
35	Lake Newman	Rockingham	8	2023	3	0
36	Bealers Ferry	Page	8	2023	3	0
37	Albemarle	Albemarle	35	2024	2	0
38	Back Creek Rec Pond (Upper)	Bath	45	2023	2	0
37	Ragged Mountain	Albemarle	170	2022	1	0

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