

# Virginia Small Impoundment Bass Rankings – 2026



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	CPUE-M
1	Oak Grove	Chesapeake	70	2024	47	1
2	Fountain Lake	Richmond	10	2019	38	7
3	Woodstock Pond	York	7.5	2021	36	7
4	Lee Hall Reservoir	Newport News	230	2024	35	5
5	Trashmore	Virginia Beach	52	2022	33	3
6	Gardy's Millpond	Northumberland	75	2025	28	5
7	Smith	Virginia Beach	222	2017	26	1
8	Courthouse Pond	Hanover	3	2020	26	0
9	Southern (Lone Star Lakes)	Suffolk	25	2019	24	6
10	Swift Creek	Chesterfield	156	2021	24	5
11	Harwood's Mill	York	265	2025	23	4
12	Butler Tract (Lone Star Lakes)	Suffolk	42	2024	21	0
13	Wilcox	City of Petersburg	22	2024	21	0
14	Waller Mill	York	360	2025	20	1
15	Armistead Pointe Pond	City of Hampton	3	2024	20	0
16	Deep Run Park Pond (Lower)	Henrico	2	2025	19	0
17	Lakeview Reservoir	Colonial Heights	42	2024	17	2
18	Crump Park Pond	Henrico	2	2020	14	0
19	Deep Run Park Pond (Upper)	Henrico	2	2025	14	0
20	Three Lakes Park #1	Henrico	7	2022	12	2
21	DeJarnette Pond	Town of Ashland	1	2025	12	0
22	Swan Lake	Richmond	13	2025	10	4
23	Dorey Park Pond	Henrico	5	2024	10	0
24	Echo	Henrico	12	2023	10	0
25	Smithfield Waterworks Lake	Smithfield	52	2024	9	1
26	Airfield	Sussex	62	2018	6	0
27	Speight's Run	Suffolk	197	2015	6	0
28	Sandy Bottom	City of Hampton	12	2023	5	0
29	Harrison	Charles City	82	2023	4	1
30	Finger (Lone Star Lakes)	Suffolk	22	2016	4	0
31	Emporia	Emporia	210	2015	1	0
32	Forest Hill Park Pond	Richmond	4	2019	0	0
33	Northwest River Park	City of Chesapeake	7	2024	0	0
34	Shields Lake	Richmond	7	2025	0	0

## Region 2 (Southside)

Rank	Waterbody	County	Acres	Year	CPUE-P	CPUE-M
1	Burton	Pittsylvania	76	2025	71	15
2	Great Creek	Brunswick	212	2024	45	1
3	Conner	Halifax	110	2025	37	2
4	Ft Pickett Reservoir	Nottoway	384	2021	33	5
5	Nottoway	Nottoway	188	2025	31	3
6	Bear Creek	Cumberland	42	2025	30	11
7	Wilcks	Prince Edward	42	2025	24	5
8	Stonehouse	Amherst	41	2025	23	9
9	Fairystone	Patrick	168	2024	23	3
10	Mill Creek	Amherst	189	2025	19	2
11	Thrasher	Amherst	36	2021	18	1
12	Modest Creek	Lunenburg	29	2022	16	9
13	Prince Edward (TLSP)	Prince Edward	27	2022	16	3
14	Horsepen	Buckingham	19	2025	15	3
15	Nottoway Falls	Lunenburg	60	2022	14	6
16	Goodwin (TLSP)	Prince Edward	13	2022	14	4
17	Gordon	Mecklenburg	157	2024	14	1
18	Holliday	Buckingham	145	2020	13	0
19	Brunswick	Brunswick	150	2024	12	2
20	Slate River Watershed	Buckingham	38	2021	11	1
21	Victoria	Lunenburg	15	2016	11	0
22	Banister	Halifax	400	2025	10	5
23	Amelia	Amelia	100	2024	10	4
24	Martinsville	Henry	175	2025	5	1
25	Nelson	Nelson	40	2024	2	0

## Region 3 (Southwest)

Rank	Waterbody	County	Acres	Year	CPUE-P	CPUE-M	
1	Gatewood	Pulaski	162	2025	25	2	
2	Rural Retreat	Wythe	90	2025	16	2	
3	Lovill's Creek	Carroll	55	2025	10	2	
4	Falls Mill Lake	Tazewell	101	2025	10	1	
5	Laurel	Dickenson	12	2025	7	4	
6	Hungry Mother	Smyth	108	2025	7	0	
7	North Fork Pound	Wise	154	2025	7	0	
8	Witten	Tazewell	52	2025	6	5	
9	Hidden Valley	Washington	62	2025	4	0	
10	Bear Creek (Wise)	Wise	46	2025	3	1	
11	Bark Camp	Scott	48	2025	3	0	
12	Lincolnshire	Tazewell	20	2025	2	0	
14	Keokee	Lee	92	2025	1	0	
13	Laurel Bed	Russell	330	2025	1	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	2025	61	0
4	Brittle	Fauquier	77	2024	52	2
5	Germantown	Fauquier	109	2024	50	5
6	Mountain Run	Culpeper	75	2022	41	2
7	Rivanna River	Albemarle	450	2025	40	8
8	Sleeter Lake	Loudon	101	2023	38	2
9	Fluvanna Ruritan	Fluvanna	50	2025	37	10
10	Clearbrook Lake	Frederick	3	2022	37	0
11	Silver	Prince William	25	2025	34	4
12	Frederick	Frederick	117	2025	33	2
13	Beaverdam Creek	Loudon	350	2025	32	0
14	Lake Sherando	Augusta	4	2022	26	2
15	Curtis	Stafford	91	2024	23	4
16	Fairfax	Fairfax	28	2023	21	3
17	Toiter Creek	Albemarle	66	2023	19	3
18	Robertson	Rockbridge	26	2022	18	2
19	Powhatan (lower)	Powhatan	37	2025	17	3
20	Laura	Shenandoah	44	2023	17	2
21	Northeast Creek	Louisa	187	2025	16	5
22	Powhatan (upper)	Powhatan	34	2025	15	5
23	Beaver Creek	Albemarle	104	2023	12	2
24	Motts	Spotsylvania	160	2024	11	2
25	Back Creek Rec Pond (Lower)	Bath	27	2024	11	2
26	Gordonsville (Bowler's Mill)	Louisa	75	2025	11	1
27	Orange	Orange	124	2025	11	0
28	Abel	Stafford	185	2024	10	0
29	Shenandoah	Rockingham	36	2023	8	0
30	Chris Green	Albemarle	62	2023	7	5
31	Ragged Mountain	Albemarle	170	2025	6	1
32	Hunting Run	Spotsylvania	420	2025	6	0
33	Todd Lake	Augusta	5	2023	5	0
34	Arrowhead	Page	34	2025	4	0
35	Walnut Creek	Albemarle	45	2023	4	0
36	Lake Newman	Rockingham	8	2023	3	0
37	Bealers Ferry	Page	8	2023	3	0
38	Albemarle	Albemarle	35	2024	2	0
39	Back Creek Rec Pond (Upper)	Bath	45	2023	2	0