LAKE VERMILION
LAKE STATUS SUMMARY

Lake Vermilion is owned by the Consumers Illinois Water Company (CIWC), who has leased the surface rights to the Vermilion County Conservation District (VCCD) to make the lake available to the public for boating and fishing. The lake is located on the west edge of the City of Danville. Season Pass Decals or a Daily Fee Pass are required for all boats and may be obtained at the concession stand by the boat ramp. Lake Vermilion has a maximum depth of 30 feet and an average depth of 12 feet. For more information about Lake Vermilion, visit the website http://www.vccd.org/gilakeverm.html.

Largemouth Bass – During the most recent fish survey, the catch rate was 88 bass per hour of electrofishing. The average catch rate for the past seven surveys is 81.6 bass per hour. The size structure of the bass population looks good with 77% being over 12 inches in length and 31% over 15 inches (based on bass collected that were 8 inches and larger). The largest bass collected during the latest survey was 4.98 pounds. The length limit is 15 inches and the daily creel limit is 6.

White Crappie – The catch rate for white crappie during the most recent fish survey was 59.6 per hour of electrofishing. The average catch rate for the past seven surveys is 56.6 white crappie per hour. Density is excellent for white crappie. Based upon crappie 5 inches and longer, 41% were over 8 inches and 21% were longer than 10 inches. Size structure is excellent. The largest crappie collected in the latest survey was 1.22 pounds. The crappie are regulated with a length limit of 9 inches to help maintain an adequate number of crappie in the lake. There is also a daily creel limit of 25.

Channel Catfish – During the most recent fish survey, catfish were collected at a rate of 4.4 per hour of electrofishing. The average catch rate for the past seven surveys is 2.9 per hour. Catfish ranged in size from 9.5 inches to 23 inches and body condition was good. The catfish fishery is natural but on occasion is supplemented with hatchery fish stocked from the Vermilion County Conservation District.

Bluegill – During the most recent fish survey, bluegill were collected at a rate of 101.8 per hour of electrofishing. The average catch rate for the past seven surveys is 101.6 bluegill per hour. Approximately 55% of the bluegill collected were larger than 6 inches, but none were larger than 8 inches. The bluegill fishery has improved over the past 12 years.

Fishing Regulations:

Two pole and line fishing only, except that sport fisherman may take carp, carpsuckers, and buffalo by pitchfork, gigs, bow and arrow, or bow and arrow devices north of Boiling Springs Road, but not within 300 feet around the wetland boardwalk. Trotline and jug fishing allowed north of Boiling Springs Road.

Species	Length Limit	Daily Creel Limit
Largemouth Bass	15"	6
Crappie	9"	25

For other species, statewide regulations are in effect. For further regulation information, please consult the current Illinois Fishing Regulation Booklet.

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