



Lake Gordon 2006



Lake Gordon is a 157-acre impoundment in Mecklenberg County, Virginia. The lake was constructed in 1949 and is owned and managed by the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries. Lake Gordon is located near South Hill, Virginia and offers anglers great fishing opportunities in a picturesque, rural setting. Despite its small size, gas motors up to 10 HP are permitted but anglers should be aware that numerous stumps were left in the lake. On the upper half of the lake, aquatic vegetation is abundant providing excellent habitat for largemouth bass and sunfish. Prohibited activities at Lake Gordon include camping, trapping, open air fires, swimming, trotlines, alcohol, sailboats, and littering.

Anglers fishing Lake Gordon are likely to catch largemouth bass, channel catfish, crappie, bluegill, redear sunfish, chain pickerel, yellow perch, bowfin and bullhead catfish. Largemouth bass harvest is regulated with a 12-inch minimum length limit and a five bass per day bag limit. All other fish species are regulated by statewide limits.

The largemouth bass fishery at Lake Gordon has remained consistently good over the years. Based on spring electrofishing samples, largemouth bass are fairly abundant and in good condition. Largemouth bass size structure is excellent and citation-size bass are caught each year. To qualify for a citation largemouth bass with DGIF's Angler Recognition Program, fish must be at least 22 inches or 8 pounds. While sampling in 2002, biologists collected three largemouth bass longer than 22 inches and these fish weighed 5-7 pounds. Existing regulations appear to be appropriate; however, biologists will be carefully examining them in the near future to see if the fishery is still in good condition. Aquatic vegetation is abundant in Lake Gordon and no doubt helps both the bass and the bass fishermen.

Bluegill, redear sunfish, and crappie in Lake Gordon are abundant. Redear sunfish tend to be larger. Anglers can expect to catch bluegill up to 8 inches and redear up to 11 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.

Channel catfish are very popular with anglers at Lake Gordon. The VDGIF stocks approximately 8,000 channel catfish every other year because natural reproduction in our small lakes is generally insufficient to support a viable population. Fishing is generally better for catfish during the summer and at night.

The VDGIF recently reduced the minimum weight needed to register a state record bowfin. Bowfin inhabit Lake Gordon and biologists have collected some up to 10 pounds. Bass anglers may incidentally catch these fish as they tend to be in the same habitats at Lake Gordon.

Lake Gordon is located approximately 6 miles southwest of South Hill, Virginia. From South Hill, take U.S. 1 South and Route 58 West and turn right on Route 664. Then turn right on Lake Road.