










## Fish Identification/ Daily Limits

		DAILY CREEL LIMIT		
		MIN SIZE	MEMBERS	GUESTS w/ LSA PERMIT
	PERCH	NONE	NO LIMIT	NO LIMIT
	CATFISH	14"	4	2
	BLUEGILL	NONE	25 COMBO	10 COMBO
	CRAPPIE	NONE		
	WALLEYE	16"	2	1
	MUSKIE	45"	1	Catch/Release
	NORTHERN	30"	1	Catch/Release
<b>BASS SEASON CLOSED JANUARY 1 THRU JUNE 15</b>				
	LARGE M BASS	Over 18"	1	Catch/Release
		13-18"	Catch/Release	Catch/Release
		Under 13"	2	Catch/Release
	SMALL M BASS	21"	1	Catch/Release
	CARP	NONE	NO LIMIT	NO LIMIT
	BULLHEADS	NONE	NO LIMIT	NO LIMIT

MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO REMOVE CARP AND SMALL PERCH. PERCH MAY BE FROZEN WHOLE AND GIVEN TO THE FISH CLUB (TO BE DONATED FOR WILDLIFE FEEDING)



# Lake Somerset

## FISHING RULES AND REGULATIONS

Revision: January 2019

(Supersedes previous versions)

**DAILY GUEST FISHING PERMITS**  
 AVAILABLE IN THE LSA OFFICE DURING BUSINESS HOURS  
 (AND GUARD HOUSE AFTER HOURS)

**\*FREE FISHING\* FOR ACTIVE MILITARY w/ I.D.**



**LSA Public Safety (815) 248-2778**

**\$50 MINIMUM FINE FOR LITTERING**

**\$100 FINE PER FISH FOR CREEL VIOLATIONS**



**LS FISH CLUB**

[www.lsfishclub.org](http://www.lsfishclub.org)

In order to fish the waters of Lake Summerset, all fisherman, 16 or older, must have a valid Illinois fishing license in their possession and meet **ONE** of the following criteria:

- Is a **Member of the Association**, as defined by the Lake Summerset rules and regulations
- Is a **Guest** of a Primary or Associate Member of the Association **and is accompanied by the member** when they are fishing. Said guest must purchase (and be in possession of) an LSA Daily Fishing Permit if the guest keeps (or plans on keeping) their daily guest creel limit and must abide by all guest fishing rules as outlined in this booklet.
- Is a **Guest** of a Primary or Associate Member of the Association and Fishing **unaccompanied**. (Daytime fishing only) Said guest must purchase (and be in possession of) an LSA Daily Fishing Permit, may keep their Daily Guest Creel Limit and must abide by all Guest fishing rules as outlined in this booklet.
- Is a **Guest** in possession of their “Family Member Annual Fishing Permit” (as defined below). Said guest may fish alone, may keep their Daily Guest Creel Limit and must abide by all Guest fishing rules as outlined in this booklet.

**To qualify for “Family Member Annual Permit”** Must be purchased in person in the LSA Office by a Primary Member for the guest. To qualify, Guest must be a parent, grandparent, sibling, child or grandchild (including all spouses) of the Primary Member(s). Creel limits are the same as other guests. False information subject to a fine and loss of fishing privileges.  
**\*Permit must be carried at all times when fishing\***

**1.** The regulations of the State of Illinois pertaining to fishing are hereby incorporated by reference and made applicable to LSA members as if specifically set forth in these Rules and Regulations, and are applicable to all fishing activities at LSA. Thus, Illinois regulations governing fishing licenses, seasons, limits, legal sizes, etc. must be observed as well as any posted Lake Summerset Regulations.

**2.** Guests under age of 16 are not required to have an LSA Guest Fishing Permit, but must be accompanied by an LSA member, Associate member, or a guest in possession of an LSA fishing permit.

**3.** No unattended guest fishing allowed from official sunset to sunrise, year-round, unless guest possesses a “Family Member Annual Permit”.

**4.** The use of setlines, unattended lines, and seine nets is prohibited. Limit of two (2) poles per angler with maximum of two (2) hooks or lures per pole.

**5.** It is **ILLEGAL** to use or possess ANY “Live bait” other than worms or spikes (larvae). “Live bait” includes minnows, live fish from Lake Summerset used as bait, crayfish and leeches. “Cut bait” from bluegills, sunfish and perch caught in Lake Summerset is allowed. Cut-bait Bluegills count against creel and head must be kept. It is illegal to cut up, dress or be in possession of cut up or dressed fish (on any body of water in Illinois) where there is a size limit for that species of fish. Dead VHS-free packaged minnows with the packaging is allowed. The fine for possessing restricted bait listed above is \$100 for the first offense and \$150 for repeated offenses. LSA fishing rights of guests in violation will be rescinded permanently.

**6.** It is illegal to deposit any fish obtained from outside of the lake into Lake Summerset.

**7.** Creel limits and size of each variety of fish caught must be adhered to as posted and published this booklet.

**8. While ice fishing**, all guests 16 years or older, regardless of the presence of the member, must possess a LSA Daily Fishing Permit. No permanent ice fishing shelter may be placed on the ice. All shelters must be removed each night. All ice fishing shelters must be marked with the name and address of the owner in accordance with State of Illinois regulations and also with the name and lot number of the LSA member if different than owner of shelter. From official sunset to sunrise, a guest ice fisherman must be accompanied by a LSA member (unless said guest is in possession of a Family Member Annual Permit). The guest may fish alone in their own ice shelter, but must be within speaking distance (maximum of 40 yards) of the member.

**9.** Members and their guests may not trespass on private lots owned by others. Thus, one may not fish from a private lakefront lot or dock without the permission of the owner. One may NOT fish in or within 100 feet of the small buoys that designate the specific swim areas of the beaches. One may fish from the dam or any LSA shoreline park.

**10.** Commercial or other for-profit use of the lake is prohibited except as approved by the LSA Board. Any member who violates this provision shall be denied use of the waters of LSA for the balance of the year in which the offense occurs and also the following year.

**11.** Spear and bow and arrow fishing is for carp only. It requires LSA instructions and a valid LSA bow and arrow fishing permit. In addition, each person taking fish by these means must have a valid Illinois fishing license in their possession. Arrows and spears shall be equipped with a line for recovery.

**12.** Members and their guests, by fishing the waters of Lake Summerset, shall be deemed to agree to allow inspection of bait, equipment, creel, boat, cooler and any other equipment, by Lake Summerset public safety or other staff, upon request. No guest or member is or shall be required to stop or be detained for such inspection against his or her will, but failure to allow inspection upon request shall constitute a violation of these rules and subject the member to a fine of \$250, subject to enforcement under Article M. of these Rules and Regulations.