










Fish Identification/ Daily Limits

		DAILY CREEL LIMIT		
		SIZE LIMIT	MEMBERS	GUESTS w/ LSA PERMIT
	PERCH	10" or larger	5	2
	CATFISH	14" or larger	4	2
	BLUEGILL	5 over 8"	25 combo w/crappie	
	BLUEGILL	2 over 8"		10 combo w/crappie
CRAPPIE SEASON CLOSED FROM "ICE-OUT" THRU JUNE 15				
	CRAPPIE	10" or larger	5	2
	WALLEYE	16" to 20"	2	1
	WALLEYE	Over 20" to 28"	Catch/Release	Catch/Release
	WALLEYE	Over 28"	1	1
	MUSKIE *	45" or larger	1	Catch/Release
	NORTHERN *	30" or larger	1	Catch/Release
BASS SEASON CLOSED JANUARY 1 THRU JUNE 15				
	LARGE M BASS	18" or larger	1	Catch/Release
	LARGE M BASS	13-18"	Catch/Release	Catch/Release
	LARGE M BASS	Under 13"	2	Catch/Release
	SMALL M BASS	21" or larger	1	Catch/Release
	CARP	NONE	NO LIMIT	NO LIMIT
	BULLHEADS	NONE	NO LIMIT	NO LIMIT

***Targeting Muskie or Northern Pike from June 15th through September 15th is prohibited.** Targeting these fish is defined as fishing for the primary purpose of catching these species (during this period) using specifically designed baits, equipment and techniques developed and used with the intent of attracting these particular fish.



FISHING RULES AND REGULATIONS

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LSA Public Safety (815) 248-2778

\$50 MINIMUM FINE FOR LITTERING

\$100 FINE PER FISH FOR CREEL VIOLATIONS



LS FISH CLUB

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 criteria listed below. Principal and/or Associate Members of the Association must also have their LSA Member ID Card in their possession.

- Is a **Member of the Association**, as defined by the Lake Summerset rules and regulations.
- Is a **Guest** of a Principal or Associate Hosting Member of the Association **and is accompanied by the Hosting Member** when they are fishing. Said guest (**of any age**) must purchase (and be in possession of) an LSA Daily Guest (***Creel Buy-Up**) 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. LSA Daily Guest (***Creel Buy-Up**) Fishing Permits are available to active military (with ID) at no charge. LSA Daily Guest (***Creel Buy-Up**) Fishing Permits are available in the LSA Office during business hours and the Guard House after hours.
- Is a **Guest** in possession of their “Individual Family Member Monthly or 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. Individual Family Member Monthly or Annual Permits are available to active military (with ID) at no charge.

To obtain a “Individual Family Member Monthly or Annual Permit”, the Principal Member must purchase the permit for the guest at the LSA Office in person. To qualify, the Guest must be a parent, grandparent, sibling, child or grandchild (including all spouses) of the Principal 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 Daily Guest (***Creel Buy-Up**) Fishing Permit, but must be accompanied by the Principal or Associate Hosting Member of the Association.
3. No unattended guest fishing is allowed year-round, unless the guest is a family member and is in possession of a “Individual Family Member Monthly or 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.

***Creel Buy-Up** allows for the possession of a guest creel as outlined in this booklet.

5. It is **ILLEGAL** to use or possess ANY “Live bait” other than worms or spikes (larvae). “Live bait” includes minnows, live fish from LSA used as bait, crayfish and leeches. “Cut bait” from bluegills and sunfish caught in LSA 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 is published in the current LSA Fine Schedule which is available on the LSA website. 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 fish variety caught must be adhered to as posted and published in this booklet.

8. **ICE FISHING** - 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. A guest ice fisherman must be accompanied by a LSA member (unless said guest is in possession of a Individual Family Member Monthly or 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. Holes cut in the ice may not be larger than 8 inches in diameter.

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 inside 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 LSA, shall be deemed to agree to allow inspection of bait, equipment, creel, boat, cooler and any other equipment, by LSA 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 present in the current LSA Fine Schedule which is available on the LSA website.