



Germantown Reservoir 2009

Germantown Reservoir is located in central Fauquier County near Midland and is owned by Fauquier County. Fauquier County Parks and Recreation manages C.M. Crockett Park which lies adjacent to the county owned lake and offers the following amenities: boat ramp, boat rentals, shore access, parking, restrooms, and a concession. Crockett Park is open daily from Dawn to Dusk. Concession hours vary seasonally and can be checked by contacting C.M. Crockett Park.

DGIF fisheries biologists sample the fishery approximately every 3-5 years. Most recently, an electrofishing sample was conducted in May 2008. Biologists employ numerical descriptors of length-frequency data such as Proportional Stock Density (PSD) and Relative Stock Density (RSD) when evaluating fish populations. Proportional Stock Density is calculated by dividing the number of fish > minimum quality length by the number of fish > minimum stock length x 100. Quality length is defined as the minimum size of fish most anglers like to catch. Stock length is the minimum length at which a fish provides recreational value. Relative Stock Density (RSD) is simply the percentage of any designated length group found within a population. RSD is calculated by dividing the number of fish > specified length by the number of fish > minimum stock length x 100.

Fish species available to anglers include largemouth bass, bluegill, redear sunfish, and channel catfish. Fish populations were sampled in 2008 by electrofishing the littoral zone. Largemouth bass were abundant, and the population size structure was balanced (PSD 69), although large fish were uncommon (CPE-P was 23 and RSD-P was 17). This fishery ranks 7th out of 18 impoundments managed in the district and is classified as "bass heavy", although the potential for a trophy largemouth bass exists.

Several species of sunfish were abundant with bluegill dominating the fishery. Bluegill stock density values (PSD 40, RSD-P 6) were indicative of a balanced population (balance PSD 20-40), offering anglers opportunities for a few large fish.

An extended drawdown due to drought conditions during the summer of 2007 seems to have had a positive impact on the size structure of both largemouth bass and bluegill populations by reducing problematic aquatic vegetation and concentrating forage and predatory fish species. Triploid grass carp were also stocked to control aquatic vegetation and should keep the vegetation at a desirable level.

Channel catfish are stocked at a rate of 10 fish/acre. Anglers pursuing channel catfish can expect fish to average about 2 pounds, with larger fish occasionally landed. Access is during daylight hours, which limits channel catfish harvest as they are most active at night.

Anglers can obtain additional information about this resource by contacting:

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