

LARGEMOUTH BASS & BONUS WARMWATER/STILLWATER SPECIES

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SAFETY:

BEACH – BOAT – SHORE - WADE

Fishing experiences have only two mandatory components: Departure...and...Safe Return.

Better to be on the shore wishing you were out there, than out there wishing you were on the shore.

Prepare for the conditions you are fishing in. Wear good polaroid sunglasses. Don't fish alone if you don't have to. It's safer! And you will have someone to take pictures of your fish for the DJL website.

WHERE TO: *List is personal and not inclusive. There are innumerable lakes and ponds in PA and nearby.*

Scotts Run Lake (Scotts Run): 22 Acres; Species: B, LB, SB, T; French Creek Park, Elverson, PA
<http://www.dcnr.pa.gov/StateParks/FindAPark/FrenchCreekStatePark/Pages/default.aspx>

Hopewell Lake (French Creek): 68 Acres; Species: B, LB, YP, NP, W, M; French Creek Park, Elverson, PA
<http://www.dcnr.pa.gov/StateParks/FindAPark/FrenchCreekStatePark/Pages/default.aspx>

Muddy Run Lake (Susquehanna River): 100 Acres; Species: B, C; LB, SB, T; Holtwood, PA
<http://muddyrunpark.com/Boat%20Dock.htm>

Struble Lake (E. Branch Brandywine Creek): 386 Acres; Species: B, LB, CC, C, W; Honey Brook, PA 19344
<http://www.fishandboat.com/Resource/Lakes/Pages/StrubleLake.aspx>

Marsh Creek Lake (Marsh Creek) 535 Acres; Species: B, C, LB, M, RB, W, YP; 675 Park Rd, Downingtown, PA
<http://www.dcnr.pa.gov/StateParks/FindAPark/MarshCreekStatePark/Pages/default.aspx>

Beltzville Lake (Pohopoco Creek) 949 Acres; Species: B, LB, M, YP, SB, SBH, W; Mahoning Valley, PA
<http://www.dcnr.pa.gov/StateParks/FindAPark/BeltzvilleStatePark/Pages/Fishing.aspx>

Blue Marsh Lake (Tulpehocken Creek) 1150 Acres; Species: B, CC, C, LB, M, SB, SBH, W, YP, Leesport, PA
<https://www.recreation.gov/recreationalAreaDetails.do?contractCode=NRSO&recAreaId=195>

Nockamixon Lake (Tohicken Creek) 1,450 Acres; Species B, CC, LB, M, P, SB, SBH, W, Quakertown, PA
<http://www.dcnr.pa.gov/StateParks/FindAPark/NockamixonStatePark/Pages/Fishing.aspx>

Wallenpaupak Lake (Lackawaxen River): 5,700 Acres; Species: B, CC, C, LB, M, P, NP, RB, SB, SBH, W, YP; Hawley, PA
<http://www.fishandboat.com/Resource/Lakes/Pages/LakeWallenpaupack.aspx>

Raystown Lake (Juniata River): 8,300 Acres; Species: AS, B, CC, C, LB, M, P, NP, RB, SB, SBH, T, W, YP; Huntingdon, PA
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Raystown_Lake
<http://www.raystownlake.com/>

Conowingo Dam (Susquehanna River): 9,000 Acres; Species: B, CC, C, LB, M, NP, RB, SB, T, W, YP; PA & MD border
<http://pfb.pa.gov/fishpub/summaryad/conowingo.html>
<http://news.maryland.gov/dnr/2017/09/22/fishing-at-conowingo-reservoir/>

Salem Canal, NJ (Delaware River): 4+ Miles; Species: B, CC, C, LB, P, WP, YP; Rte 40>Rte 540, Carneys Point, NJ
[http://www.njfishfinder.com/salem-canal-26294-](http://www.njfishfinder.com/salem-canal-26294-location.html)
[location.htmlhttp://www.thefisherman.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=feature.display&feature_id=27&ParentCat=8](http://www.thefisherman.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=feature.display&feature_id=27&ParentCat=8)
<https://www.lunkerhunters.org/salem-canal-info.html>

SPECIES CODE/

World Record

(AS) atlantic salmon/26-12; (B) bluegill/4-12; (C) crappie/5-0; (CC) channel catfish/58-0;
(LB) largemouth bass/22-5; (M) muskellunge/51-3; (P) pickerel/9-6; (NP) northern pike/55-1;
(RB) rock bass/3-0; (SB) smallmouth bass/11-15; (SBH) striped bass hybrid/69-9; (T) trout/42-1B/48-0R;
(W) walleye/25-0; (WP) white perch/3-8; (YP) yellow perch/4-3

REGULATIONS (CPR Please: Catch – Photograph – Release)

- PA: Free booklet available at your local license dealer or online...
- PA: <http://www.fishandboat.com/Fish/FishingRegulations/Pages/default.aspx>
- PA: <http://www.fishandboat.com/Pages/default.aspx>
- PA: <http://www.fishandboat.com/Locate/Pages/MapResources.aspx>
- PA: <http://pfbc.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=c3a9b1eef46b4ebe85bf2c883fa7f73e>
- NJ <http://www.eregulations.com/newjersey/fishing/freshwater/>
- MD <http://dnr.maryland.gov/fisheries/pages/regulations/index.aspx>

REFERENCE: BOOKS & Digital

- Book Bass Wisdom, Homer Circle, 2000
- Book Circle on Bass: Bass Wisdom From A Master, Homer Circle, 1996
- Book Fly Fishing for Bass: Smallmouth, Largemouth and Exotic Species, Lefty Kreh, 1996
- Book Largemouth The Best Bass Flies and How To Tie Them, Jay Zimmerman, 2017
- Book Fly Fishing for Smallmouth Bass in Rivers and Streams, Bob Clouser, 2017
- Book LL Bean Fly Fishing for Bass, Dave Whitlock,
- Books In Fisherman Critical Concepts: Bass 1, 2 & 3, In Fisherman Staff Writers, 2001/2006/2010
- Book In Fisherman Critical Concepts: Crappie Location, In Fisherman Staff Writers, 2007
- DVD Pan Fish & Bass, Fly Fishing Basics With Larry Dahlberg, Scientific Anglers (DJL Library Item)
- YouTube Bigmouth, Glen Lau <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LaXXCUC-ztw>
- YouTube Bigmouth Forever, Glen Lau <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ybopUwSuiS8>
- Article Fishing Bass Flies, Dave (<http://www.flyfield.com/bassfly.htm>)
- Article Fly Fishing Smallmouth & Largemouth Bass: <http://www.flyfisherman.com/warmwater/bass/fly-fishing-smallmouth-and-largemouth-bass/>
- APPs Windfinder Pro; MyRadar Pro; FishBoat PA; Orvis Fly Fishing; and many others.....

PRESENTATION (F-L-P): Fish-Location-Presentation (Thank you Al Linder & In Fisherman Magazine)

F = Knowledge of your target species
 L = Knowledge of the location you are fishing
 P = Bait presentation in a manner and location your target species will see it and strike it

- ✓ Keep in touch with your fly. Have a good grip on your tight fly line and a low rod tip when fly hits the water
- ✓ A tight line is your best strike indicator. Watch where it enters the water for a quick stop, straightening or twitch.
- ✓ Surface retrieves vary from still to pop and stop and strip and rip. Consider a slow strip with a rod top wiggle with floaters.
- ✓ Fast retrieve to trigger strike from aggressive surface or schooling fish....hug the structure (woodpecking & bushwhacking)
- ✓ Slow glide vs. hop n drop is often a more productive approach for deeper or bottom feeding fish
- ✓ Casts parallel to the bank will keep your fly in the strike zone longer – regardless of depth.

FLY ROD 8.5 – 10’, 3 to 10 Weight depending on species, location and presentation (size/weight of fish and fly)

FLY LINE Weight Forward Floating; Sink Tip, Sinking (weight matched to fly rod)

Surface	Floating Line:	Topwater (baitfish, insect, frog, snake, mouse)
Near Surface	Floating Line:	Swimmer (baitfish, insect, frog)
Top 10’:	Floating/Sink Tip:	Diver/Weighted (baitfish, insect, frog, crayfish, leech)
Below 10’	SinkTip/Sinking Line	Unweighted/Weighed (baitfish, insect, crayfish, leech)

LEADER Surface and Near (9’ 5x – 0x); Subsurface (6’ 3x-0x); Fluorocarbon (20>15>12.>10); Wire (Knot 2 kinky)

LOCATION Concentrate on Structure & Transition Zones with food (bait): Target Windy Shorlines; Edges & Ledges, Points & Drop-Offs, Humps & Saddles, Weedbeds, Creekbeds & Roadbeds, Rockpiles,& Brushpiles, Warm flats in Spring, Deep Water in Summer; Go “Woodpecking, Bushwhacking and Rockhopping”. Structure is wood, rock, vegetation, shade, bridge pilings, bottom transitions; depth transitions, temperature changes

(See Marsh Creek Topo Map)

PRESENTATION

Natural Food	<u>Surface</u>	<u>Near Surface</u>	<u>Top 10 Feet</u>	<u>Below 10 Feet'</u>
Baitfish	Popper Gurgler Sneaky Pete Bushwacker Muddler Minnow	Dahlberg Diver Gurgler Sneaky Pete Bushwacker Muddler Minnow Deceiver Wooley Bugger Clouser Minnow Drunk & Disorderly Zonker Black Nosed Dace	Muddler Minnow Deceiver Wooley Bugger Clouser Minnow Drunk & Disorderly Zonker Black Nosed Dace	Muddler Minnow Deceiver Wooley Bugger Clouser Minnow Drunk & Disorderly Zonker Black Nosed Dace
Insect	Grasshopper Beetle Ant Dragon Fly Stone Fly May Fly Caddis Fly Black Gnat Lt Cahill Humpty	Gurgler Inchworm Ant Dragonfly Stone Fly May Fly Caddis Fly Soft Hackle	Gold Ribbed Hares Ear Inchworm Ant w/weight Dragonfly Nymph Stone Fly Nymph May Fly Nymph Caddis Nymph San Juan Worm Soft Hackle	Gold Ribbed Hares Ear Inchworm w/weight Dragonfly Nymph Stone Fly Nymph May Fly Nymph Caddis Nymph San Juan Worm Soft Hackle
Crayfish Salamander			Leggy Bugger Rubber Legs	Leggy Bugger Rubberlegs
Frog/Mouse	Deer Hair Frog Deer Hair Mouse	Deer Hair Frog Deer Hair Mouse	Deer Hair Frog w/Weight	Deer Hair Frog w/Weight
Leech/Worm			Bunny Leech Fukashima Worm San Juan Worm	Bunny Leech Fukashima Worm San Juan Worm

- ✓ Larger Size Flies, i.e. size 2 -14 are recommended for warm water species
- ✓ Wire leaders are recommended for targeting northern pike and muskellunge. Larger flies are available for these species.
- ✓ Weedless presentations are recommended when targeting any species in bush, grass, weeds or wood.

KAYAK RIGGED & READY:

- ✓ Rig for safety, fish finding and successful bait presentation.
- ✓ Wear A Personal Flotation Vest
- ✓ Anchor rode (bow eye and retrieving cord) in forward gear bag
- ✓ Stowed Gear Bag (first aid, sunscreen, cell phone, license, water, sunglasses, brush anchor, flashlight, waterproof matches)
- ✓ Safety Line for rods and paddle
- ✓ Tie downs for gear/cooler
- ✓ Wheels for transport
- ✓ Fish finder/Battery box secured/ transducer secured
- ✓ Chartplotter/Fishfinder on board: Find the structure....Fish Arch Clusters and “Christmas Trees”...not individual blips

Follow The Bite - Protect The Resource

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OPMI 15-18.0, Plate 3

Water Depth of

Marsh Creek Lake

Marsh Creek State Park,

Chester County, Pennsylvania

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Coordinates: 40° 04' 00" N

Latitude and Longitude: 76° 04' 00" W
Datum: NAD 83
Projection: UTM
Zone: 18N
Units: Meters

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Scale: 1:25,000

- Park Office
 - Swimming Pool
 - Road Fork
 - Rest Bench
 - Public Phone
 - Restrooms
 - Food Concession
 - Deepen Point
 - Rock Stack
 - Vertical Fence
 - Post Stamp Chassis
 - Spicer Hounds
 - Rocks
 - Porcupine Crib (S)
 - Porcupine Crib (N)
- General location for the above are provided by the PA Dept. of Environmental Protection

