

LAKE LOUISE PARK

FISHING RULES

1. Individuals who are fishing must follow all Rules and Regulations established by the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission. Refer to the following State website:

<http://www.eregulations.com/northcarolina/hunting-fishing/inland-fishing-regulations/>

- 2. Anyone over the age of 16 must have a fishing permit issued by the Town of Weaverville in addition to any required State fishing license.**
- 3. The Town will issue resident and non-resident yearly permits and monthly permits at town hall during normal business hours, generally Monday – Friday, 8:30 am – 5:00 pm.**
- 4. Yearly permits issued by the Town are valid for 12 months from date of issue.**
- 5. Only one pole per person may be used at any time.**
- 6. Fishing is allowed only during daylight hours (sunrise to sunset).**
- 7. No boats or other floatation devices of any type will be allowed on the lake.**
- 8. Size and creel limits are shown below.**

Species	Size limit	Creel (possession) limit
Black bass (including largemouth and smallmouth)	All bass must be released (See other side for tips)	No bass may be kept (See other side for tips)
Sunfish (including bluegill, brim, pumpkinseed, red breast, redear)	All sunfish must be released (See other side for tips on catch and release)	No sunfish may be kept (See other side for tips on catch and release)
Catfish	No size limit	No creel limit
Trout (including rainbow and brown)	See attached sheet	See attached sheet



Sunfish



Largemouth Bass



Channel Catfish

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CATCH AND RELEASE FISHING TIPS

Learn and practice catch-and-release fishing techniques and teach them to your children and friends.

- **Know the fishing regulations and be prepared to release fish.**
- **Use strong enough tackle and land fish quickly to minimize stress.**
- **Use barbless hooks or bend down the barbs on regular hooks to release fish quickly.**
- **Use artificial lures instead of live bait to reduce deep hooking.**
- **Replace treble hooks with large, single barbless hooks to reduce injury and handling.**
- **If fish are bleeding, release them anyway. If they don't survive, they will become food for turtles or birds or other wildlife in and around the lake.**
- **Keep the amount of handling to a minimum and keep fish in the water if at all possible.**
- **Use landing nets only when necessary and these nets should be made of knotless nylon or rubber.**
- **Do not allow the fish to thrash around. If you must handle it use wet hands or a wet rag.**
- **Carefully, but quickly, remove hooks using a de-hooker, needle nose pliers or forceps.**
- **Whenever possible remove hooks in the throat or gut using a de-hooker. Cut the line if you cannot carefully or quickly remove hooks.**

You can aid the survival of released fish with careful planning, fishing and handling methods. Fish can die from injury or from the stress of being hooked, fought and landed. Infection and disease can result in mortality of fish whose protective slime coat is removed during handling. The chances that released fish will survive will be increased greatly by following the above guidelines. Ideally, fish have the best chance for survival if they are landed quickly, handled little, if at all, and kept in the water while the hook is removed using a de-hooker.

For more information, visit the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission's website at www.ncwildlife.org or contact the Town of Weaverville Public Works Department at 828.645.0606

ATTENTION ANGLERS



This lake was stocked recently with trout by the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission. The following regulations apply to trout fishing in this lake:

- **Seven (7) trout per day creel limit**
- **No minimum length limit**
- **No bait restrictions**
- **Trout may be harvested year-round**
- **Basic state fishing license required**



For more information, contact the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission at 919-707-0220 or www.ncwildlife.org.

TOWN OF WEAVERVILLE TROUT FISHING RULES

- **Only Trout may be harvested year-round**
ALL other fish shall be released.
- **A town fishing permit is required**
in addition to a Basic state fishing license.