



## **FISHING RULES LAKE LOUISE PARK**

**The Town of Weaverville is proud to participate in a Community Fishing Program in conjunction with the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission and encourages recreational fishing at Lake Louise subject to the following rules and regulations:**

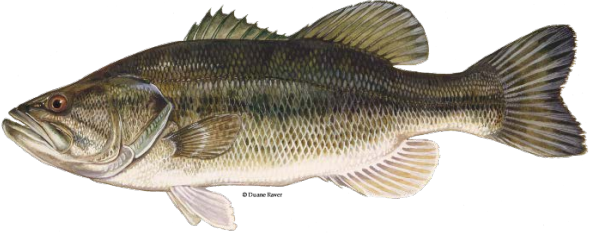



- Individuals who are fishing must follow all Rules and Regulations established by the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission and by Town Code Chapter 18.
- For more information contact Public Works at 828-645-0606 or visit the following website for more info: <http://www.eregulations.com/northcarolina/hunting-fishing/-inland-fishing-regulations> or <http://www.ncwildlife.org>
- Only one rod per person may be used at any time.
- Fishing is allowed only during daylight hours (sunrise to sunset).
- No boats or other floatation devices of any type are allowed on the lake.
- No swimming or wading in the lake.
- All tackle and bait, including fishing line, must be cleaned up.
- Size, bait, and creels limits are shown on the back, but are subject to change by the Town and the NC Wildlife Resources Commission. Please review the Lake Louise kiosk for the current regulations prior to fishing.
- For fish that cannot be kept, good catch and release fishing techniques should be used. The chances that released fish will survive will be increased greatly if they are landed quickly, handled little (if at all), and kept in the water while the hook is removed using a de-hooker. The following are recommended guidelines for catch and release:
  - Know the fishing regulations and be prepared to release fish
  - Use strong enough tackle and land fish quickly to minimize stress on fish
  - Use barbless hooks or bend down the barbs on regular hooks to release fish quickly
  - Replace treble hooks with large, single barbless hooks to reduce injury and handling
  - Use artificial lures, if possible, instead of live bait to reduce deep hooking
  - If fish is bleeding, release it anyway. Even if it doesn't survive it will contribute to the overall health of the wildlife in and around the lake by providing food for other animals.
  - Keep fish in the water if possible while de-hooking
  - Do not allow the fish to thrash around
  - Keep the amount of handling to a minimum
  - Handle the fish using wet hands or a wet rag
  - Use landing nets only when necessary
  - Nets should be made of knotless nylon or rubber
  - Carefully, but quickly, remove hooks using a de-hooker, needle nose pliers, etc.
  - Cut the line if you cannot carefully or quickly remove hooks

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| SPECIES  | SIZE LIMITS<br>BAIT LIMITS       | CREEL LIMIT<br>(POSSESSION) |
|--|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <p><b>BLACK BASS</b> (including largemouth and smallmouth bass)</p>                     | All bass must be released        | No bass may be kept         |
| <p><b>SUNFISH</b> (including bluegill, brim, pumpkinseed, red breast, and redear)</p>  | All sunfish must be released     | No sunfish may be kept      |
| <p><b>CHANNEL CATFISH</b></p>   | No size limit                    | 6 per day                   |
| <p><b>TROUT</b> (including rainbow and brown trout)</p>                               | No size limits<br>No bait limits | 7 per day                   |