

# Fish Species



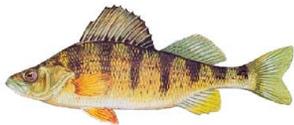
- Bowfin (*Amia calva*)
- Chain Pickerel (*Esox niger*)
- Longnose garfish (*Lepisosteus osseus*)
- Channel Catfish (*Ictalurus punctatus*)
- Brown Bullhead (*Ameiurus nebulosus*)
- Flat Bullhead (*Ameiurus platycephalus*)



- Bluegill (*Lepomis macrochirus*)
- Black crappie (*Pomoxis nigromaculatus*)
- Largemouth Bass (*Micropterus salmoides*)
- Pumpkinseed (*Lepomis gibbosus*)



- Redbreast Sunfish (*Lepomis auritus*)
- Redear Sunfish (*Lepomis microlophus*)
- Warmouth (*Lepomis gulosus*)



- Yellow Perch (*Perca flavescens*)
- American eel (*Anguilla rostrata*)



# Fishing Congaree NP



You can easily get hooked on fishing at Congaree National Park. Bass, catfish, bream, crappie and others can be caught in Cedar Creek or in oxbow lakes. On the Congaree river striped bass are available.

All of the park creeks and lakes are open, for fishing with a South Carolina State License, except for Weston Lake. Weston Lake was closed for fishing because of safety concerns.

Fishermen may carry tackle on the Sims trail to access Cedar Creek and Wise lake. No fishing equipment is allowed to be transported on the boardwalk.

Enjoy your fishing trip. For safety, bring insect repellent, sunscreen, plenty of drinking water, and a first aid kit. If you fish off trails, bring a compass in order to find your way around.

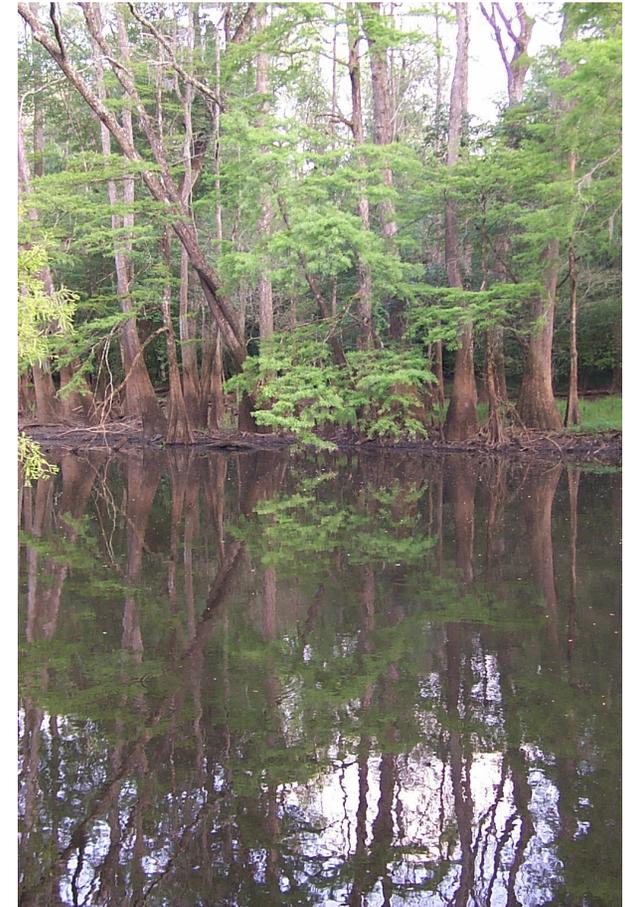
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# Federal Regulations

## Park Compendium

1. Fishing is permitted in all areas of Congaree National Park except for Weston Lake, and with a valid South Carolina fishing license.
2. Fish may be caught only with a closely attended hook and line, fly rod, casting rod, pole and line or hand line (cast nets for catching bait fish are allowed).
3. In order to avoid introducing non-native or diseased species to the ecosystem, minnows, amphibians or fish eggs are NOT allowed to be used as bait.
4. To preserve the natural wilderness condition of the park, digging for bait, “chumming for fish,” and the use of drugs, poisons, or electrical devices or similar means in order to take or attract fish is prohibited. Game fish may be used to catch game fish but must be included in the regulated daily bag limit.



# State Regulations

## Largemouth Black Bass

Limit 10 fish total per day.



## Striped Bass /Hybrids

From June 1 through September 30 no possession of striped bass. From October 1 through May 31 three (3) fish per day and 26-inch minimum size. All stripers must be landed with the head and tailfin intact.



## Other Fish

Crappie, bream (including bluegill, flier, redbreast, warmouth, pumpkinseed and redear, longear and spotted sunfish), white bass, chain pickerel or jackfish, redfin pike, yellow perch.

Limit 30 fish per day



## Methods and Devices

Game fish may be caught with only hook and line, fly rod, casting rod, pole and line or hand line. Not more than 2 of these devices may be used by any fisherman at the same time, except when fishing in a boat. An unlimited number of lawful fishing devices may be used if every boat occupant (who would normally be required to have a fishing license) possesses a valid fishing license.

# State Regulations

## Prohibited Practices

Game or nongame fish may not be attracted or taken by explosives, electrical devices, poison or similar means.



## Selling and Importing

No freshwater game fish may be sold in this state except:

DNR permitted aquaculturist.  
DNR wholesale aquaculture license.  
DNR aquaculture game fish retail license.  
Private pond owner selling less than \$2,500 in product annually.  
It is illegal to possess, import or sell any fish species that is not native to SC waters without a SCDNR permit.

Sterile grass carp may only be sold, purchased or possessed under a SCDNR permit

## Seasons

No closed freshwater game fish season in park except for Striped bass.

