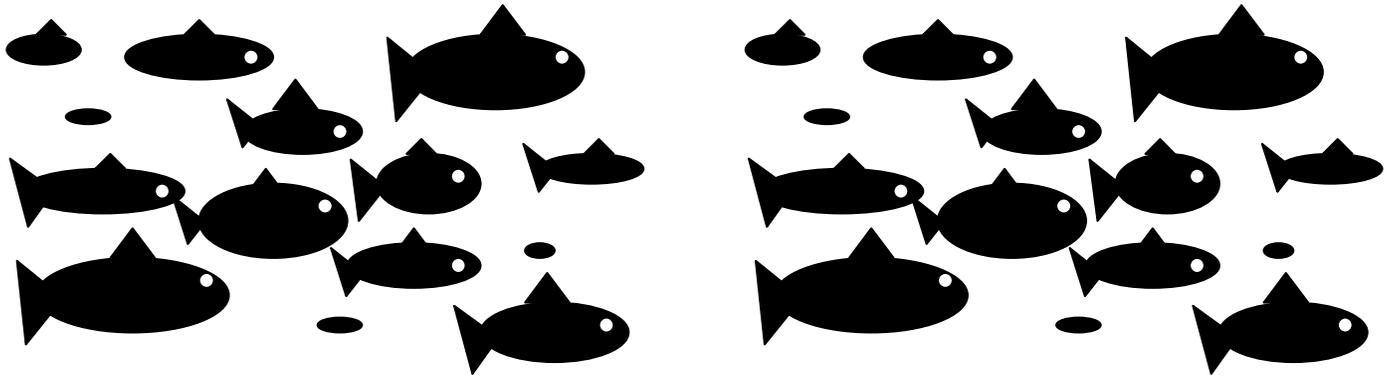




## Fishing in Prince William Forest Park



### In Brief

Prince William Forest Park, a unit of the National Park System, is a 15,000+ acre piedmont forest preserving a variety of natural and cultural resources 32 miles south of Washington, D.C. The park offers a variety of recreational opportunities, including 37 miles of hiking trails, over 21 miles of bicycle accessible roads and trails and numerous campgrounds. The park's cultural resources are varied and include historic cabin camps built by the Civilian Conservation Corps during the 1930s and used by the Office of Strategic Services (predecessor to the CIA) during the Second World War.

### Quantico Creek

Prince William Forest Park serves to protect the North and South Fork of the Quantico Creek as well as 80% of the Quantico Creek Watershed. Within the park's boundaries are approximately eighteen miles of streams and two impoundments which are open to the public for fishing. The water quality of Quantico Creek is generally healthy and supports numerous fish species and other aquatic life.

Quantico Creek and South Fork stream valleys appear to have been the least impacted by farming because the most mature forests are generally found along these streams. The expanding beaver populations and the reported sightings of river otter in the park are evidence of the healthy relationship between forest and stream.

### Regulations

To help the park manage its resources, we ask that the public observe the following regulations.

- Fishing shall be in accordance with Virginia fishing regulations.
- A fishing license issued by the state of Virginia is required for those who are age 16 and older.
- Fishing licenses, creel and tackle may be checked for compliance by any law enforcement officer.
- The use of live bait is prohibited.
- Fishing from road bridges is prohibited.
- Disposing of fish viscera on park property is prohibited.
- Fishing in areas closed to public use is prohibited. These areas are designated on the enclosed map and by posted signs. Failure to avoid use of these areas may result in a fine. These areas include: The west bank of Lake

Five, the east bank of Lake One, Carters Pond and Lake Three.

#### Fishing Season:

Park waters are open to fishing year round, except when frozen waters do not permit fishing access from the shoreline.

#### Catch Limits:

Bass is limited to five per day with no minimum size.

Pickereel is limited to eight per day with no minimum size.

All other fish: There is no catch limit and no minimum size.

Note: This is only a guide and is not all inclusive. Title 36 of the Code of Federal Regulations is applicable to the park. For further information, please contact the park's visitor center at 703- 221- 7181.

### Emergencies and Security

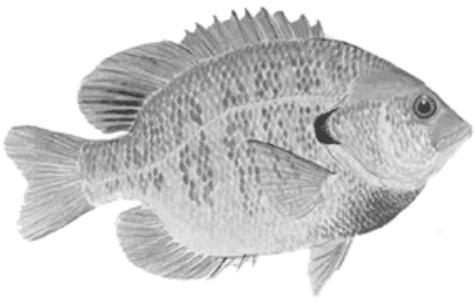
Report all emergencies to a park ranger. The park's visitor center is open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. with exception to Christmas day, Thanksgiving and New Year's day. The visitor center phone number is 703- 221- 7181.

For a law enforcement concern, please contact a park ranger or call Park Dispatch toll free at 866- 677- 6677, or call 9- 1- 1 for emergencies. Payphones are located at the Oak Ridge campground parking

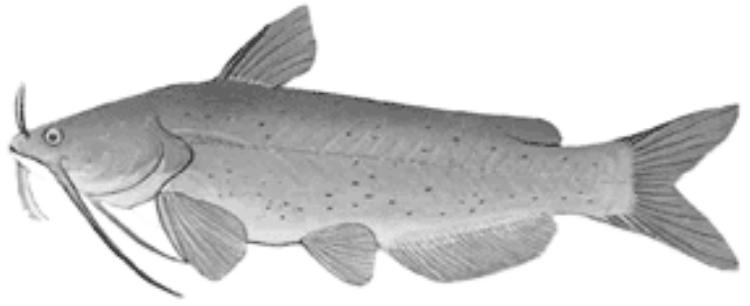
lot, the visitor center and Turkey Run Ridge Education Center parking lot. Keep valuables and property secure at all times. Report lost and found items to a park ranger or at the visitor center.

Potomac Hospital is approximately ten miles north of the park. To get there, turn left on 619. Turn left on U.S. Route One Northbound at the stoplight. Proceed for eight miles. Turn left onto Opitz Blvd. Drive for ¼ mile. Potomac Hospital is on the right.

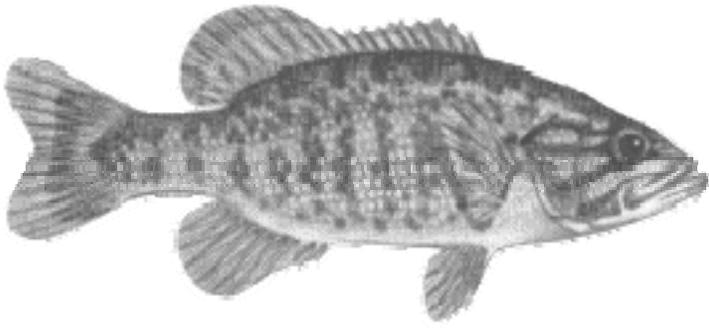
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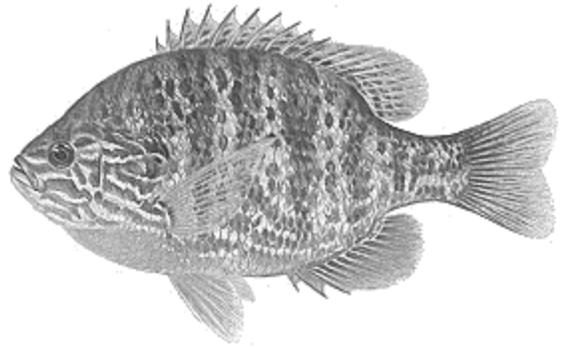
**BLUEGILL**  
(Bream, Blue Sunfish, Perch)



**CHANNEL CATFISH**  
(Fiddler, Blue Catfish, Willow)



**LARGEMOUTH BASS**  
(Chub, Green Trout, Lake Bass)



**PUMPKINSEED**  
(Round Sunfish, Common Sunfish, Bream)

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