

Water Valley Fish Identification

There are over ten different species of fish that inhabit the five lakes in Water Valley.



Largemouth Bass- these are catch and release only.



Smallmouth Bass- these are catch and release only.



White/Black Crappie- these are catch and release only.



Walleye- these are catch and release only.



Bluegill/Sunfish- these fish can be caught and used for bait on Water Valley lakes. They cannot be taken off the Water Valley premises.



Wiper- these fish are a hybrid White Bass/Stripe Bass species, these are catch and release only.



Perch- these fish can be caught and used for bait on Water Valley lakes. They cannot be taken off the Water Valley premises.



Bullhead - these are catch and release only.



Gizzard Chad- these fish can be caught and used for bait on Water Valley lakes. They cannot be taken off the Water Valley premises.



Common Carp- these can be caught or speared, and residents are encouraged to take them.



Mirror Carp- these can be caught or speared, and residents are encouraged to take them.



Channel Catfish- these are catch and release only.



Sucker - these fish can be caught and used for bait on Water Valley lakes. They cannot be taken off the Water Valley premises.

Water Valley Fishing Regulations

- Residents who fish on the lakes in Water Valley must have a Rec. Pass in their possession at all times. This will be presented to Security or Water Valley personnel upon request.
- Resident Rec. Passes can be acquired at the Water Valley office located at 1625 Pelican Lakes Point, Suite 201. Tel: 970-686-5828.
- All Water Valley residents may fish Pelican Lake, Habitat Lake, Rockbridge Lake and Eagle Lake. Only residents living on Lake Water Valley, or Water Valley staff with an applicable pass, may fish Lake Water Valley.
- Fishing is permitted until midnight on all lakes as described above, but people fishing may be asked to leave if residents complain about noise. Loss of fishing privileges may be the penalty for loud and uncooperative persons.
- Anyone caught trying to keep or smuggle fish from Water Valley lakes will be charged with theft. There will be absolutely no tolerance for violators. Carp will be the only exception to this rule.
- Each Water Valley resident who fishes can be accompanied by no more than two non-residents. Family beach parties may be the exception. There will be absolutely no tolerance for violators who abuse this privilege.
- Water Valley takes great pride in stocking and maintaining the quality of its lakes. There will be no tolerance for people who litter or vandalize Water Valley property. Clean up after yourself and leave the spot you fish from the way you found it. This will ensure that everyone will be able to enjoy the beauty of the Water Valley lakes and shorelines. Violators will lose their Rec. Pass privileges and may be subject to prosecution and fines.
- All catch-and-release fish must be unhooked and returned to the water as quickly as possible. Fish that are injured or killed, due to lack of urgency while releasing, may in some instances be considered vandalism. Common sense will determine this as we understand that sometimes injury or death to a fish cannot be prevented.
- Worms, minnows, crayfish and other live bait can be used as well as artificial lures and manufactured baits. Spearing and bow fishing is permitted for taking carp as long as there is no danger to other residents or fishermen.
- Residents who have questions related to fishing in Water Valley lakes can contact the lake manager listed below seven days a week.

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