

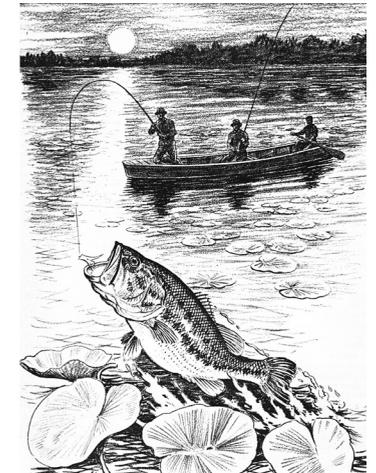
B = BOAT RAMP

Special regulations

- Lowry and Magnolia lakes are fish management areas - a **fishing license is required**, unless exempt.
- **Open** for fishing on Sunday and Monday at scheduled times and also during Blanding hunting days for that area, except when closed for National Guard training. Call the Lake City regional office at 386-758-0525, before planning your trip.
- **No guns allowed** except during designated hunting seasons for Camp Blanding Wildlife Management Area.
- **Lakes open only for fishing activities.** Picnicking, sight seeing, camping and swimming is prohibited.
- During periods closed to hunting, vehicles may be operated only on access roads to designated fishing areas. Use of all-terrain vehicles and motorcycles is also prohibited at this time.
- **All watercraft** shall be operated at **idle speed only** on both lakes.
- Channel catfish daily bag limit is 6.

CAMP BLANDING Fish Management Area

Regulations summary and area map



Lowry and Magnolia Lakes

Keystone Heights
Clay County

*Cooperative Public Fish Management Areas
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License requirements

current fishing license is required for most people to fish in a **fish management area**. A license is not required if one of the following situations is true:

1. The lake is **not** a fish management area and you are fishing in your home residence county using a pole or hand line not equipped with reel or other line retrieval mechanism with live or natural bait (i.e. worms, crickets, etc.).
2. You are a Florida resident **younger than 16 years or 65 or older** and carrying proof of age and residency.
3. You possess a Florida Resident Disabled Person Hunting and Fishing certificate indicating **total and permanent disability**.
4. Anyone who has been accepted as a client for developmental services by **Florida Division of Children and Family Services**, which the department shall furnish such person proof.
5. You are a Florida resident who is a member of the **U.S. Armed Forces**, not stationed in Florida and are home on leave for 30 days or less with submission of orders in hand.

Annual Resident Fresh Water License is \$17 plus subagent fee.

Five-Year Resident Fresh Water License available for \$79 plus subagent fee, a savings of \$6 over the same license when purchased annually.

To instantly purchase a fishing license using a credit card, call **1-888-FISH-FLORIDA** or go to the FWC Web site listed below.

Call **386-758-0525** to request the Florida Sport Fishing Regulations Summary, which gives more complete information; view it online or pick one up at your county court house or participating sporting goods stores where fishing licenses are sold.

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Big Catch certificate

Celebrate your success when you catch a large fish. Simply measure its total length in front of a witness and see if it meets the qualifying minimum size (see Sport Fishing Regulations Summary or FWC Web site). Receive a free personalized full color certificate featuring the fish you caught, along with a window sticker. Advance through various levels of achievement with future “big catches.” Special “youth categories” are also established.

Fish management practices

Florida’s climate provides a long growing season, giving fish ample time to grow, spawn and replenish the population; therefore, sportfish are not routinely stocked to provide catchable size fish.

Some lakes that possess underutilized food sources, such as shad in open water, are stocked with fingerling sunshine bass produced at FWC hatcheries. These fish provide anglers with additional sportfishing opportunities. The sunshine bass can grow quickly and weigh as much as eight pounds in two years.

Channel catfish of catchable size may be stocked in small fish management areas where fishing pressure is intense. Catfish exceeding 20 pounds have been caught.

Fish feeders are placed to increase growth rates of panfish and catfish and to concentrate fish in an accessible area where they can be more easily caught.

Aquatic habitat plays an important role in natural fish production, growth and protection of small fish. In some lakes where aquatic habitat has been damaged by man’s activities, efforts are made to return the lake to natural conditions by reestablishing native shoreline vegetation. In extreme cases, the lake may be drained and layers of muck and sediments removed to restore healthy sandy lake beds.

Many lakes experience exotic vegetation problems like hydrilla.

Sterile grass carp may be used in certain lakes, where escape is unlikely, to control excessive submerged vegetation. In other situations, spraying with herbicides by the FWC Invasive Plant Management Section is the only solution.

The FWC constructs and maintains agency **boat ramps and fishing piers** throughout Florida. Ramps are easily damaged by **power loading** of boats onto trailers. Use of a trailer winch instead of power loading will prevent drop offs at the end of the ramp.

The FWC’s fishery biologists sample many lakes by electrofishing or netting, which provides a quick method of collecting a representative portion of the total fish population. The sample is analyzed to determine the overall health and balance of the fish present. You may observe an electrofishing boat or net in use while you are fishing, or you may be interviewed by a “creel clerk” collecting data to assess success and harvest rates.

Regulations

Numbers and sizes of fish you are allowed to keep may differ in the lakes you commonly fish. Each lake has its own particular ecosystem and fish population and ideally would have individual regulations tailored to fit. Since this is impractical, variations in regulations are confined to just a few

areas. Consult the reverse side of this brochure for any regulation changes specific to this lake or the Freshwater Sport Fishing Regulations Summary or the FWC Web site.

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At some lakes, specific regulations are posted for your convenience.

For information on fishing lakes, tips and forecasts, boat ramps, licenses, rules, health advisories, fish facts/photos, etc., go to www.MyFWC.com and click the Freshwater Fishing link or call the FWC office in Lake City at 386-758-0525.