

The Villages®
Community Development Districts
Recreation & Parks



Fishing Guidelines

Florida is conducive to year-round fishing which makes The Villages a perfect community to offer ample fishing opportunities for those who wish to wet a hook and line. To ensure your fishing experience is enjoyable, it is important to know the rules and regulations for fishing these water bodies. The Village Community Development Districts and the State's Water Management Districts who oversee and manages these water bodies, which serves several purposes for the community, also provides anglers fishable areas for their recreational enjoyment.

In order to have a healthy and manageable fishery available for anglers the Village Community Development Districts (VCDD) along with the Freshwater Fishing Club has outlined expectations for those anglers wanting to fish the bodies of water within the boundaries of The Villages in accordance with the following conditions:

1. All fishermen are required to comply with federal, state and local laws, statutes and ordinances while fishing within the boundaries of The Villages. (Licenses are required for those 16 years of age or older. No license is required for those over 65 with proof of age.) For licensing information visit www.MyFWL.com.
2. Fishermen may fish in any lake, canal or stream, whether natural or man-made, which can be reached without crossing over or trespassing upon any privately owned property or golf courses.
3. Fishermen are prohibited to fish in Lake Sumter, Harmeswood or other areas with "No Fishing" signs posted.
4. Any person crossing into jurisdictional wetlands is in violation of state and federal law and may be prosecuted.
5. Please be mindful and respectful by others property, vegetation, foliage, and landscaping
6. Park in designated area
7. Catch and Release Fishing is Encouraged
8. Please do not litter
9. The Recreation and Parks Department reserves the right to alter, modify, restrict, suspend or prohibit fishing from any water body under the Districts' management at any time and without notice
10. There is an abundance of wildlife in any water body. Any fishing or recreational use in any area is at the discretion and sole use and risk of the user. Use area(s) at your own risk
11. The Community Development Districts nor The Villages of Lake-Sumter or Holding Company will be responsible for any damage, injury, loss of any kind as result of use of these areas
12. This map is provided as a courtesy and reference and not to scale or detail. The District does not warrant or guarantee its accuracy, access or availability of fishing areas
13. Please use best judgement for use of the water bodies and access. You are responsible to not violating any rules, or laws

14. Map is subject to be changed, amended, discontinued or altered at any time
15. If you have any questions regarding these guidelines please call Recreation and Parks Administration at 352-674-1800.

Thanks to the contributions of the Freshwater Fishing Club, the Recreation Department has a Rod Loaner Program which is available at La Hacienda Regional Recreation Center, Lake Miona Regional Recreation Center, Rohan Recreation Center and Fenny Recreation Center. It is a “free-rental” system where, upon request, rods and reels can be checked-out with a Villages ID or Guest ID card. You may contact the La Hacienda Recreation Center at 753-1716, Lake Miona Regional Recreation Center 430-2950 or Rohan Center 674-8400 for more information. If you would like more information you may attend The Fresh Water Fishing Club meeting which is held the second Tuesday of the month, 6:30pm at the Lake Miona Regional Recreation Center.

The VCDD practices catch and release. Catch and release is defined as “a practice within recreational fishing intended as a technique of conservation. After capture, the fish are unhooked and returned to the water before experiencing serious exhaustion or injury.” This definition goes hand in hand with the core values of The Villages and the VCDD.

Recommended Fishing Locations within The Villages

HWY 441 to 466

GOLF VIEW LAKE

Location: Behind the Paradise Rec. Center
Where you can fish: Around the pier

LAKE PARADISE

Location: East side of Hwy. 441 next to the golf cart bridge.
Where you can fish: You can fish anywhere there are not any homes by the lake

SILVER LAKE

Location: Dustin Drive next to the Silver Lake Rec. Center
Where you can fish: You can fish the entire lake (respect homeowner property)

LAKE MIRA MAR

Location: Behind the La Hacienda Rec. Center
Where you can fish: You can fish the entire lake (respect homeowner property)

LAKE CHULA VISTA

Location: Avenida Central to Bernardo Blvd.
Where you can fish: Along the banks of Bernardo Blvd.

SUMMERHILL POND

Location: Across from Summerhill Pool
Where can you fish: On Woodridge Drive, Road side

LAGUNA MADRE

Location: Morse Blvd., Lake behind Freedom Pointe
Where you can fish: Along the banks beside Morse Blvd.

LAGO PAQUITO

Location: El Camino Real and Morse Blvd. behind Brookdale Nursing Facility
Where you can fish: Along the banks of Morse Blvd. and El Camino Real

LAGO SANTIAGO

Location: Enrique Drive, next to the El Santiago Rec. Center
Where you can fish: Along the banks beside Enrique Drive, next to the sidewalk

FISHABLE POND

Location: Entrance of Glenview Country Club
Where can you fish: Along road (South) side of ponds
Two ponds on golf course cannot be fished

CR 42 to 466

CHATHAM SQUARE POND

Location: Located next to the Chatham Square postal station
Where you can fish: Alongside the banks of Calumet Ave & Postal Station

466 to 466A

BONITA POND

Location: Located across the street from Bonita postal station
Where you can fish: You can fish along Homeland Park St. & Canal St.

FISHABLE POND

Location: Located at the corner of Ardson Ave. & Odell Circle
Where to fish: Fish on Odell Circle only (respect homeowner property)

FISHABLE POND

Location: Located intersection of Buena Vista Blvd. & Bailey Trail
Opposite the entrance to Lake Miona Rec. Center
Where to fish: You can fish all around the pond (respect homeowner property)

ASHLAND POND

Location: Located behind Ashland postal station
Where to fish: Alongside the banks of Lynnhaven Lane

DUVAL POND

Location: Located at on Odell Circle across from Duval pool
Where to fish: Alongside the banks of Odell Circle

POINCIANNA POND

Location: Located at the Conner of St Charles and Bialy Trial
Where to fish: You can fish all around the pond (respect homeowner property)

466a to CR 44

CHARLOTTE POND

Location: Next to Charlotte Adult Pool
Where to fish: Along Charlotte Ct. road side

FISHABLE POND

Location: Located at intersection of Hillsborough Trail and Charlotte Ct
Where to fish: Alongside the banks of Charlotte Ct & Hillsborough Trail

PINE RIDGE POND

Location: Located on Moyer Loop across from Pine Ridge pool
Where to fish: Alongside the banks of Moyer Loop

FISHABLE POND

Location: Located on Warnock Rd across from Lake Deaton pool
Where to fish: Alongside the banks of Warnock Rd

FISHABLE POND

Location: Located beside Lake Deaton Pool
Where to fish: Alongside the banks behind Lake Deaton Pool

FISHABLE POND

Location: Located on McLin Lane. Between Zinnia Place and Wentrop Avenue
Where to fish: Alongside the banks of McLin Lane

South of CR 44

FENNY PUTT & PLAY

Location: Located around Fenny Putt & Play
Where to fish: You can fish all around the pond (respect homeowner property)

*All water bodies/lakes as identified are classified as water retention areas that may or may not hold water.