

Bullhead Catfish

Ameiurus nebulosus, 8-14 in.

- Like other catfish, they are known for patrolling the bottom and for their strong fight when caught
- A stout catfish with a rounded tail
- Baits: bottom rig with slip-bobber and egg sinker using cut-bait (e.g., shrimp, worms, hotdog pieces, or just about anything)

CAUTION

Be mindful of when and where you are casting!

Check your surroundings! Make sure there isn't anyone behind you and you're clear of trees/branches overhead.

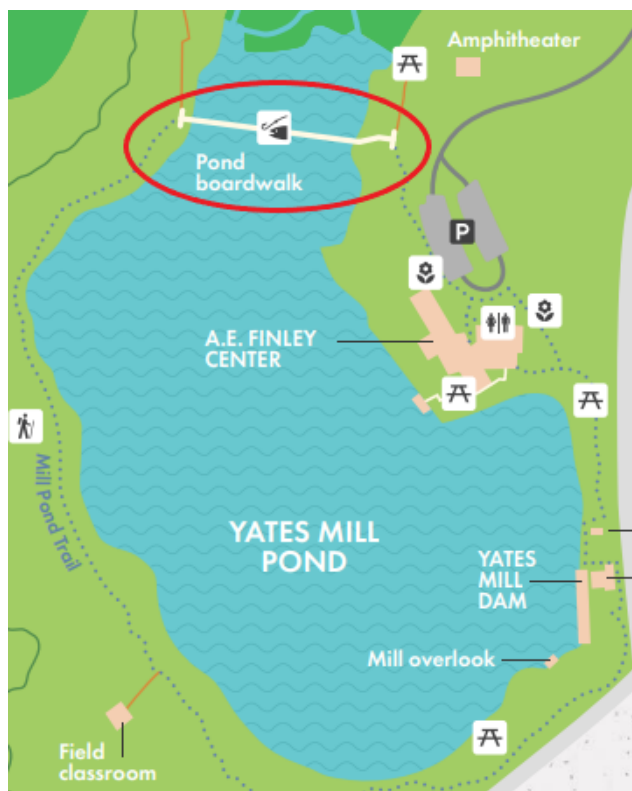
Please help keep our pond clean by picking up any fishing litter!



Bluegill

Lepomis macrochirus, 4-10 in.

- One of the most common freshwater pan fish; popular among kids and other beginner anglers
- Solid black earflap and bluish undertones along the belly of the fish help distinguish it from other pan fish
- Baits: earthworms/nightcrawlers are most commonly used but other artificial lures work as well



FISHING AT HISTORIC YATES MILL



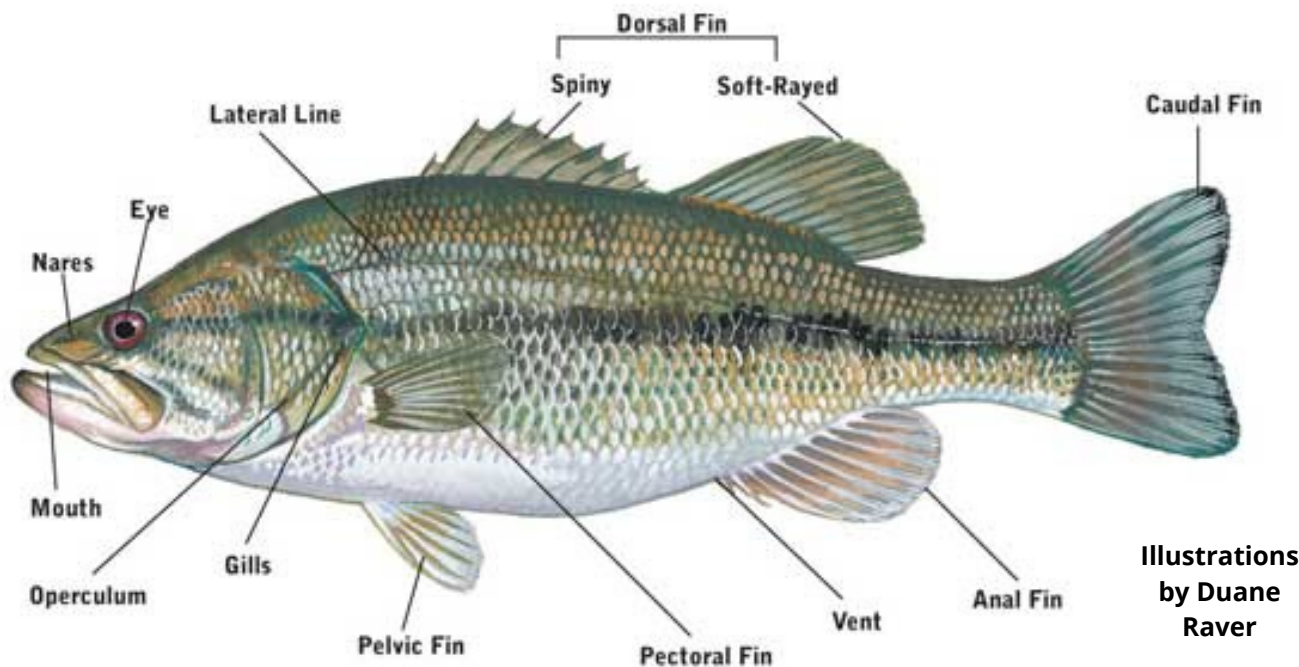
Come and enjoy a relaxing day of fishing here at Historic Yates Mill County Park. This guide will provide information regarding fishing rules and regulations, fish identification, and other helpful fishing tips that you can use to help reel 'em in!

If you have any questions regarding the rules/regulations or just looking for more information, feel free to ask park staff.

Rules & Regulations

- All participants 16 years old or older are required to possess a North Carolina State Fishing License distributed by the NC Wildlife Resources Commission
- All NC freshwater fishing regulations apply
- Fishing is only allowed from the pond boardwalk; bank fishing is prohibited around the pond
- In an effort to keep non-native species out of the pond, live minnows are prohibited for use as bait
- Personal boating is prohibited across the pond

Fish Anatomy



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Common Fish Species at Yates Mill



Largemouth Bass

Micropterus salmoides, 15-18 in. (avg.)

- The staple of freshwater game fish across the U.S.
- Iconic jaw that opens wide to engulf its prey
- Baits: change seasonally, but some basics include soft-plastic worms, jigs, hard-plastic lures like crankbaits and spinnerbaits, and top-water frogs



Black Crappie

Pomoxis nigromaculatus, 10-12 in. (avg.)

- Notice the beautiful dark spots across the body
- A tasty favorite among freshwater anglers
- Baits: LIVE MINNOWS ARE PROHIBITED, other options include small artificial plastic jigs and lures



Redear Sunfish

Lepomis microlophus, 7-9 in.

- Has an identifiable 'red-ear' along the gill plate
- Bait: similar to bluegill, earthworms and nightcrawlers work well