

Ethical Anglers

Responsible anglers who respect our fishery resources comply with ethical principles when afield because they know their actions will contribute to a more pleasurable fishing experience for themselves and fellow anglers. Anglers who respect our fishery resources:

- o follow all fishing and boating regulations
- o limit the number of fish they kill to those to be eaten or mounted and never keep fish just to show off
- o carefully release unwanted fish so they can survive and possibly be caught again
- o properly dispose of litter, garbage and fish remains in public trash containers or at their homes
- o respect the rights of fellow anglers by keeping a reasonable distance from other boats and other anglers
- o minimize their time at boat ramps to allow fellow boaters equal access
- o fish on private property only when they have permission from the landowner
- o always behave in a safe and courteous manner

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LAKE MURRAY



DNR

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Lake Murray is located in the heart of SC just west of Columbia. This 48,000 acre lower piedmont reservoir is owned by South Carolina Electric and Gas and was constructed in the late 1920's to produce hydroelectric power. At completion; the lake's 1.6 mile dam was the largest earthen dam in the world. The lake supplies the water for the 205 mega watt Saluda hydroelectric facility owned and operated by SCE&G.

Visitors to Lake Murray can enjoy a wide variety of water sports including boating, swimming and fishing as well as other outdoor recreational activities.

SCDNR is responsible for the management of the lake's diverse fishery resources. This reservoir is probably best known for its largemouth striped bass fisheries, but it serves host to a number of other popular gamefish including bluegill, redear sunfish, crappie and catfish.

General Information

Miles of Shoreline: 620
Acres of Surface Water: 48,579
Counties Lake is Within: Lexington, Newberry, Richland, Saluda
Average Depth: 41.5 feet
Maximum Depth: Approximately 200 feet



Stocking and Management Practices

The SCDNR routinely employs such sampling techniques as electrofishing, gill nets and trap nets to monitor the population status of a number of the lake's fish species including, largemouth bass, striped bass and crappie. The information is used to evaluate age, growth, condition and recruitment.



Lake Murray's striped bass fishery is maintained via annual stockings of fingerling striped bass. Each spring approximate 1 million are stocked throughout the lake. They reach harvest size, 21 inches, at about three years of age.

The SCDNR maintains 24 fish attractors on Lake Murray. The habitat created by these "brushpiles" concentrates a number of gamefish species and provides enhanced fishing opportunities for anglers. The SCDNR routinely refurbishes the sites which are marked by buoys.

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Reservoir Owner

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Hey Kids! Would you like to go fishing? Fishing and being outdoors are great ways to have fun.



You'll have a chance to encounter all kinds of plants and animals. Whether you fish in a pond, lake, stream, river, or ocean, you are probably going to see wildlife!

If you sign up to be an SC Reel Kid, you'll do more than just go fishing! You'll work toward goals like catching your first fish, learning about fish and improving their habitats.

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For more information please visit dnr.sc.gov/aquaticed or call (803) 737-8483.

LAKE SPECIFIC REGULATIONS

Exceptions to game fish regulations for Lake Murray.

- **Striped Bass and/or Hybrids.**

In Lake Murray during July and August, two of the five striped bass creel limit may be less than 21 inches.

- **Crappie**

20 fish per day, 8 inch minimum size

For complete list of Freshwater Fishing

Rules & Regulations, visit

www.dnr.sc.gov/regulations.html

FISHING TACKLE LOANER SITE



Dreher Island State Park
3677 State Park Road
Prosperity, SC 29127

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(803) 609-1072.



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LAKE MURRAY HOT SPOTS



FISH ATTRACTORS

MAP LABEL	DEPTH (FT)	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
1	5-15	34.0637114	-81.22274027
2	10-18	34.02907356	-81.29371774
3	15-20	34.02801425	-81.32032727
4	15-20	34.01682483	-81.33900677
5	15-20	34.02599587	-81.38348617
6	10-15	34.04498513	-81.36068681
7	10-18	34.0560154	-81.37464669
8	10-15	34.04771015	-81.42960473
9	10-15	34.06960821	-81.48520448
10	5-15	34.07879909	-81.52117378
11	10-18	34.07955916	-81.52401373
12	12-18	34.07460612	-81.53879135
13	10-18	34.06683076	-81.58492276
14	15-20	34.081289	-81.5623262
15	12-20	34.09923032	-81.57322278
16	15-18	34.08567888	-81.51444388
17	10-18	34.09069622	-81.41539614
18	10-18	34.08200603	-81.40616628
19	10-20	34.0806557	-81.39347656
20	10-20	34.08871597	-81.40586635
21	10-15	34.12972648	-81.4348059
22	8-12	34.11336833	-81.34649515
23	12-18	34.08563461	-81.32077866
24	15-20	34.07605365	-81.31492825



FISHING PIERS

MAP LABEL	NAME	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
1	Lake Murray Dam Fishing Pier	34.06385	-81.22246
2	Murray Shores	34.07036	-81.48358
3	River Bend Fishing Pier	34.07898	-81.52104
4	Lake Murray Estates Fishing Pier	34.06722	-81.58859
5	Kempsons Bridge Pier and courtesy dock	34.14018	-81.63056
6	Sunset Fishing Pier and courtesy dock	34.11573	-81.47309
7	Dreher Island Pier and courtesy dock	34.0893	-81.41341
8	Hilton Fishing Pier and courtesy dock	34.09433	-81.32867



BANK FISHING

MAP LABEL	NAME	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
1	Lake Murray Estates	34.0675	-81.58889
2	Kempsons Bridge	34.13957	-81.63026
3	Sunset Recreation Area	34.11598	-81.47282
4	Billy Dreher Island	34.09073	-81.41448
5	Hilton	34.09416	-81.32935



MARINAS WITH CVA FUNDED PUMPOUT STATIONS

MAP LABEL	MARINA NAME	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
1	Jakes Landing	34.0279	-81.2252
2	Southshore Marina	34.0197	-81.4338
3	Dreher Island State Park	34.0897	-81.408
4	Lighthouse Marina	34.1197	-81.2736
5	Lake Murray Marina	34.1169	-81.2542



BOAT RAMPS

MAP LABEL	BOAT RAMP NAME	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
1	Lake Murray Dam	34.06503659	-81.22241009
2	Larry Koon	34.04693351	-81.36049275
3	Public	34.04603937	-81.3616178
4	Murray Shores	34.07022516	-81.48369977
5	River Bend	34.07860018	-81.52055732
6	Lake Murray Estates	34.06723126	-81.58885273
7	Kempsons Bridge	34.14015829	-81.63040318
8	Sunset Recreation Area	34.11567899	-81.47290856
9	Tournament Ramp (Billy Dreher Island)	34.08959943	-81.41321338
10	Rocky Point	34.09591382	-81.38447054
11	Hilton	34.09427395	-81.32887522

