

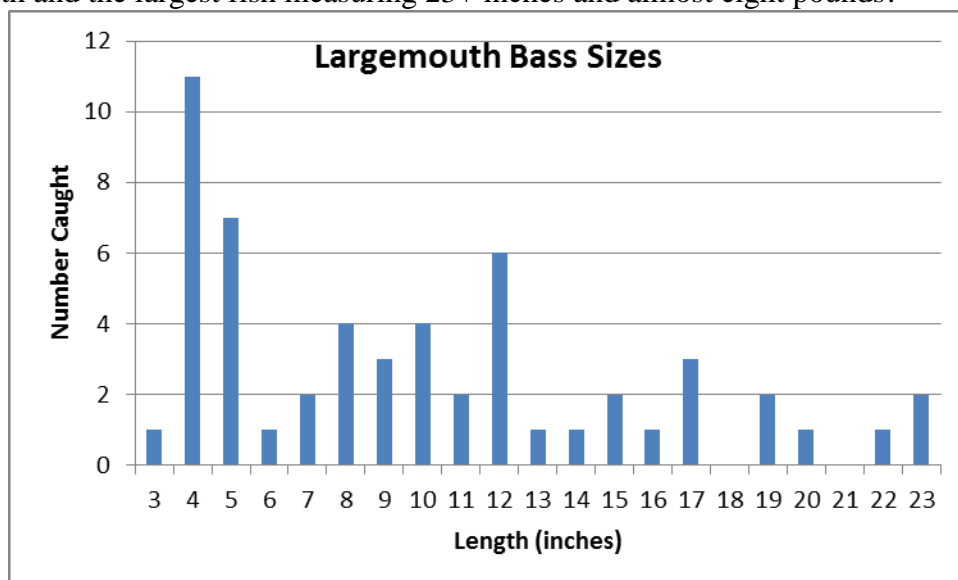


Nottoway Falls Lake 2016

Nottoway Falls Lake is a 60-acre impoundment located in Lunenburg County, Virginia. The lake is owned by the Town of Victoria and serves as a drinking water supply reservoir. Fisheries management has been provided by the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (VDGIF). Nottoway Falls Lake is located north of the town of Victoria on the Lunenburg/Nottoway County line and offers anglers fishing opportunities in a picturesque, rural setting. The falls below the dam offer a unique and beautiful section of the Nottoway River with a large gradient drop and exposed bedrock features. Gasoline engines are not allowed at Nottoway Falls Lake but electric motors can get you around this reservoir. The reservoir is a mainstream impoundment of the Nottoway River and is long, narrow, and shallow. Habitat in the lake consists of natural woody debris and aquatic vegetation. Other prohibited activities at Nottoway Falls Lake include swimming, open-air fires, trotlines, fishing tournaments involving prizes, littering, waterfowl hunting, camping, and seining.

Anglers fishing Nottoway Falls are likely to catch Largemouth Bass, Channel Catfish, Bluegill, Redear Sunfish (AKA shellcracker), Chain Pickerel, and Black Crappie. Largemouth Bass harvest is regulated with a 12-inch minimum length limit and a five bass per day bag limit. All other fish species are regulated by statewide limits.

The Largemouth Bass fishery at Nottoway Falls Lake is average. Based on spring electrofishing samples, Largemouth Bass were historically low in abundance and 2015 was no exception. Largemouth Bass size structure is good with a few fish over 18 inches in length and the largest fish measuring 23+ inches and almost eight pounds!



Bluegill, Redear Sunfish, and crappie are common in Nottoway Falls Lake with Bluegill being the most abundant of the panfish species. Anglers can expect to catch Bluegill and redear up to 8 inches and crappie up to 10 inches. Beginning in late April, anglers should be able to catch a lot of fish as they begin to move into shallow water to spawn.

In addition to these species, the VDGIF stocks 600, 10-inch Channel Catfish every year. Natural reproduction in small lakes is generally insufficient to support a viable population so the population is supplemented through annual stockings. Fishing is generally better for catfish during the summer and at night.

Take Route 49 north out of the Town of Victoria and turn left at the county line into Nottoway Falls Lake.