

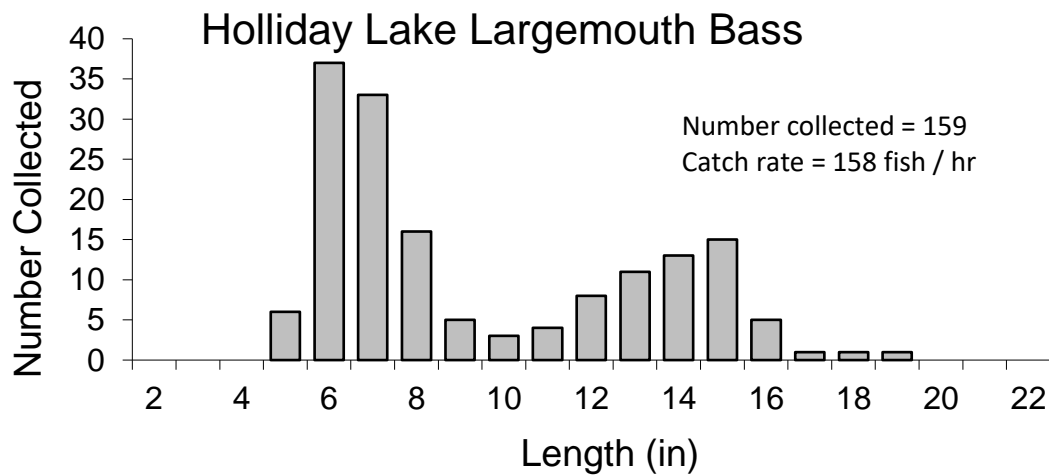


Holliday Lake Report 2021

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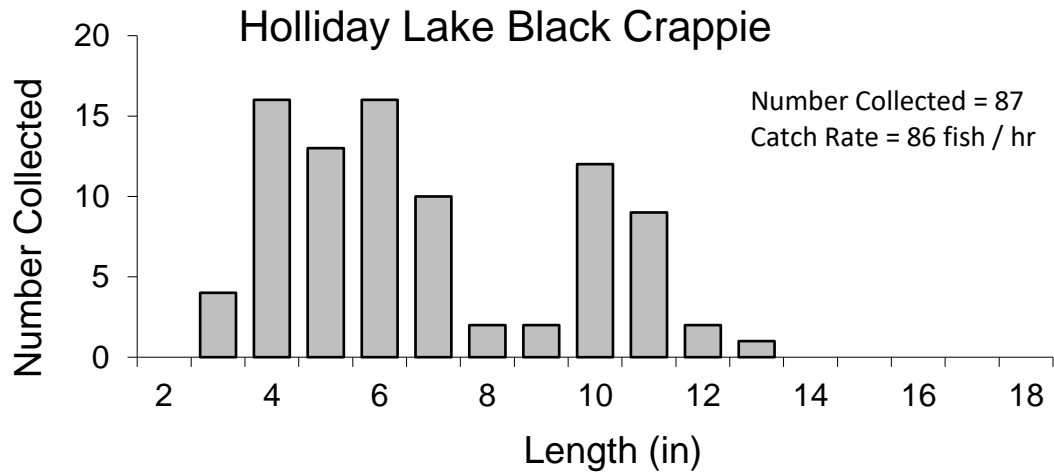
Holliday Lake is a 145 acre state park lake located in Appomattox County. The lake is located within Holliday Lake State Park within the Appomattox-Buckingham State Forest. The lake provides a warmwater fishery for Largemouth Bass, Bluegill, Redear Sunfish, Black Crappie, Channel Catfish, and Yellow Perch. Fishing regulations can be viewed online (<https://www.dwr.virginia.gov/waterbody/Holliday-lake/>) or at the kiosk near the boat ramp. Biologists routinely sample the lake using boat electrofishing. Below are results from the 2020 survey.

Largemouth Bass: Holliday Lake electrofishing efforts in Spring of 2020 yielded high catch rates for Largemouth Bass. Size structure indicated a range of sizes present up to 19 inches. A high number of 6-8 inch fish were collected, indicating strong spawns in recent years. Holliday Lake is managed with a 12 inch minimum length with a five fish per day limit. Target submerged cover including fallen trees and brush piles near depth changes for Largemouth Bass.



Largemouth bass size distribution, number collected, and catch rate at Holliday Lake from 2020 electrofishing surveys.

Crappie: Holliday Lake has an abundance of Black Crappie, with fair numbers of catchable size fish. The average length of crappie is around 6-7 inches, but the potential for larger individuals does exist, with a 13 inch fish collected in 2020. Crappie tend to occupy brush piles, fallen trees, and beaver lodges during the spring and fall months. In the summer however, they typically move offshore to deeper water and can be tough to find.

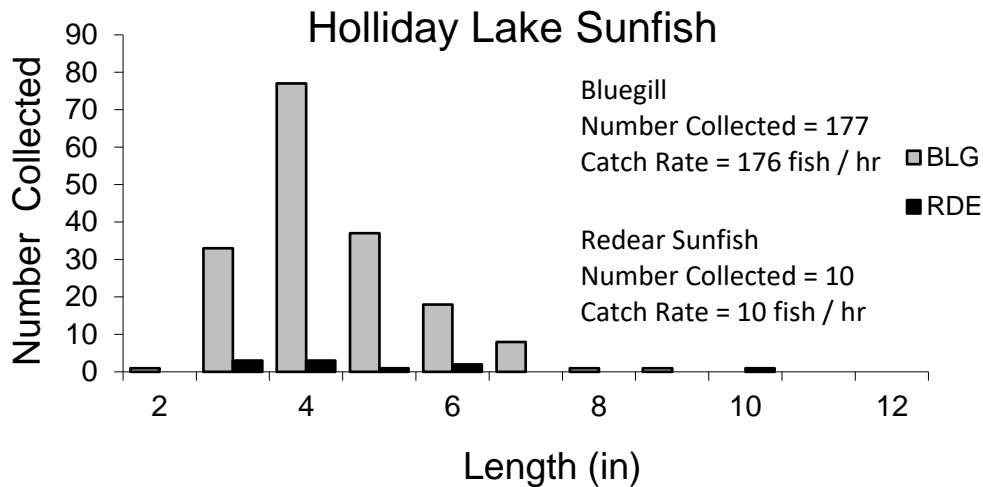


Black crappie size distribution, number collected, and catch rate at Holliday Lake from 2020 electrofishing survey.



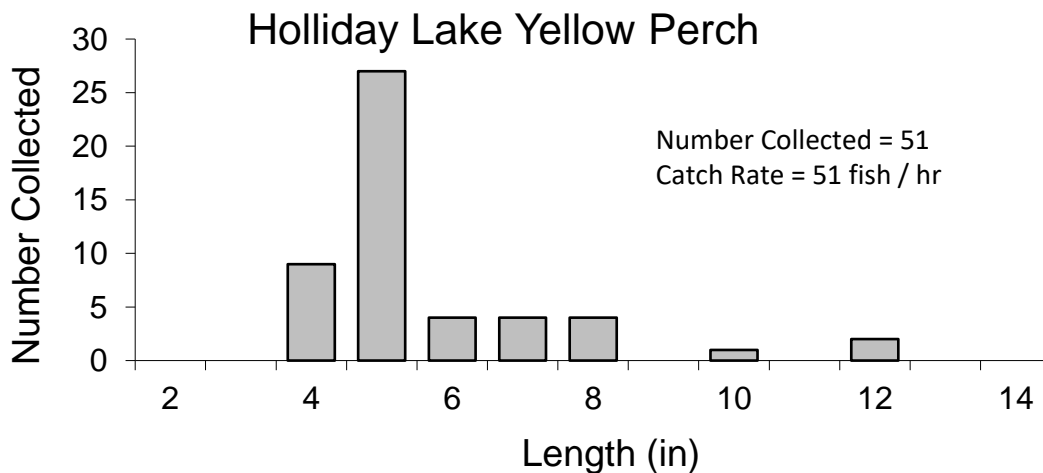
A quality Black Crappie collected during 2020 electrofishing samples at Holliday Lake.

Sunfish: Holliday Lake offers modest populations of catchable size sunfish. Bluegill in particular are present in good numbers. Average size is approximately 5 inches for Bluegill. Redear Sunfish numbers are low in Holliday Lake though larger fish up to 10 inches were observed in 2020 samples.



Sunfish (Bluegill and Redbreast Sunfish) size distribution, number collected, and catch rate at Holliday Lake from 2020 electrofishing surveys.

Yellow Perch: Electrofishing surveys yielded poor catch rates for Yellow Perch relative to previous samples. Size structure also yielded low numbers of catchable size fish. A few fish up to 12 inches were collected and recent angler reports indicate that fair numbers of catchable size yellow perch are still present within the lake. Yellow Perch fishing is generally best in the late winter and early spring but can provide opportunities throughout the year. Yellow Perch can be found around shoreline cover and depth changes.



Yellow Perch size distribution, number collected, and catch rate at Holliday Lake from 2020 electrofishing surveys.

Catfish: Channel Catfish numbers have declined in Holliday Lake in recent years as a result of suspended annual stockings. Stockings are planned to resume in the fall of 2020 and should lead to improvements in the fishery down the road.

Area Attractions:

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