



LAKE NOTTELY



Lake Nottely is a 4,180-acre Tennessee Valley Authority reservoir near Blairsville.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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BOAT RAMPS

WRD operates two boat ramps on Lake Nottely. Click [here](#) for more information on WRD-operated ramps.

ABOUT

Angling prospects are compiled by fisheries biologists and are based on sampling efforts of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources (DNR), knowledge of past fishing trends, angling experience and information provided by anglers and marina owners. For more information, contact the Wildlife Resources Division, Gainesville Fisheries office: ph. 770-535-5498.

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FISHING PROSPECTS FOR LAKE NOTTELY

BEST BETS: LARGEMOUTH BASS, SPOTTED BASS, CRAPPIE AND STRIPED BASS

LARGEMOUTH BASS		
Prospect	Expect a few more largemouth this year due to a supplemental stocking program from 2003 - 2007.	
Technique	In addition to live nightcrawlers, crayfish and bait minnows, a variety of artificial lures that imitate blueback herring are successful.	
Target	Increase odds by targeting Ivy Log Creek, Young Cane Creek and cove pockets in the mid and upper lake sections.	

SPOTTED BASS		
Prospect	Spots are more abundant than largemouth bass. Expect average catches to weigh approximately 1 pound.	
Technique	In addition to live nightcrawlers, crayfish and bait minnows, a variety of artificial lures that imitate blueback herring are successful.	
Target	Target preferred spot areas, such as rocky and steeper shoreline areas. In spring months, target more shallow areas where spots tend to migrate.	

STRIPED BASS		
Prospect	Approximately 37,000 striper fingerlings were stocked into the lake last year to help control the blueback herring population. This year expect stripers greater than 5 pounds on average and the occasional 20 to 40-pound trophy catch.	
Technique	Try fishing with large surface plugs around points near deep water in the main body of the lake. Also, bucktail jigs, super flukes and live bait (bluegill, shad and blueback herring) fished deep off points and steep shorelines should produce strikes.	
Target	Target shallow coves and Ivy Log Creek during spring and the lower end of the reservoir during hot summer months.	

CRAPPIE		
Prospect	Expect an average year for fish weighing in at 1/2 pound. Larger slabs should make up less than 10 percent of catches during the spring. March through April is the ideal time to hit the lake for crappie.	
Technique	Minnows and minnow-tipped jigs are most productive.	
Target	In late winter and spring, look for concentrations of fish around brush and fallen trees in 5-10 feet of water in the upper end of the reservoir.	

HYBRID BASS		
Prospect	Expect better hybrid catches in the next two years due to good recruitment in 2008. Although few in number, some hybrids in the 6 to 9-pound range are available.	
Technique	From May - August, surface fishing with topwater baits, bucktail jigs and small minnow-like lures is productive. Throughout the year, try live bait fishing with 3-5 inch minnows, shad and herring in 10-20 feet of water.	
Target	Target Ivy Log Creek and Point #9 during the spring.	

OTHER SPECIES		
Prospect	Bream, catfish and carp also are available. For larger bream, 1/4 to 1/2 pound, target spawning beds from May - August. Live earthworms, crickets or small jigs are effective bream baits. If interested in catfish, target the upper half of the reservoir using nightcrawlers or chicken livers. Entice carp with prepared catfish baits, corn and dough balls in shoreline areas adjacent to the Jacks Creek boat ramp, Deavertown ramp and Canal Lake ramp.	

Best Fishing Times Calendar Key: Fair:  Good:  Excellent: 

Additional Information	
This year, several partners plan to help set a number of PVC fish attractors at selected cove sites throughout the lake. For information concerning attractor locations call the Wildlife Resources Division office at 770.535.5498.	