

## **Go Deep for "Spots"**

As general rule, spots spend most of their time in deeper water than largemouth. 10 to 20 feet are a good depth to start seeking these fish. Depending on time of the year (summer and winter) they can be 30' to 60' deep or so. Additionally, some type of structure such as roadbeds, creek channel, are an excellent place to look for spots. The best finds are where this structure borders a ledge or rock pile, anything adjacent to deeper water. The end or sides of main lake points that drop off to deep water are places to try. The deeper water around main lake humps or islands are also excellent places to try. Spots may be suspended over deep water. It is not unusual to see schools of bass suspended at 30 to 50 feet deep over water depths of 80 to 90 feet. If you try fishing the shoreline with no luck try moving out at least one cast length or two.

That said, spots also demonstrate some of the same patterns as largemouth bass especially in spring and fall. The same lures and techniques used for largemouth bass work on spots. DNR studies show that spots have a home range of about 48 acres as opposed to largemouths of about 17 acres.