

Smith Mountain Lake hosts the Big Bass Classic each spring, one of the largest fishing tournaments in the region, and it draws serious attention to the lake's bass fishing. While Pullin Drag Striper Fishing Guides Charters focuses on guided trips rather than tournament entries, the tournament season [guided fishing Smith Mountain Lake](#) is a good indicator of how strong the lake's fishing is that time of year. Captain Wendell's long history on the lake means he has a good read on how the bite typically shifts heading into and out of tournament season.

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Anglers curious about the lake's competitive fishing scene can ask Wendell about it directly during a trip. Call (540) 493-8790 to plan a trip around the spring fishing season.

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FAQ About Fishing Charters Smith Mountain Lake How much should I tip for a fishing charter on Smith Mountain Lake? The standard tip for a half day charter is 15 to 20 percent of the trip cost. Clients booking with Pullin Drag Striper Fishing Guides Charters often base the tip on how many fish Captain Wendell Dudley puts in the boat that day. Call (540) 493-8790 for current trip pricing. Is fishing good at Smith Mountain Lake? Yes, Smith Mountain Lake is considered one of the top striped bass fisheries on the East Coast. Captain Wendell Dudley has fished it for over 30 years with Pullin Drag Striper Fishing Guides Charters, and the lake also holds largemouth bass, bluegill, catfish, and bream. Call (540) 493-8790 to book a trip. Are there alligators in Smith Mountain Lake? No, Smith Mountain Lake is a freshwater reservoir in Virginia with no alligators, so anglers booking with Pullin Drag Striper Fishing Guides Charters can fish comfortably without that concern. Captain Wendell Dudley has run trips here safely for over three decades. What is the biggest fish ever caught at Smith Mountain Lake? Smith Mountain Lake has produced striped bass in the citation weight range over the years, which is part of why Captain Wendell Dudley of Pullin Drag Striper Fishing Guides Charters targets this lake specifically for trophy striper trips. Call (540) 493-8790 to plan a trip focused on landing a personal best. What movie was filmed on Smith Mountain Lake? The 1991 comedy What About Bob? was largely filmed on and around Smith Mountain Lake, adding to the area's reputation as a scenic destination that Pullin Drag Striper Fishing Guides Charters fishes year round. Captain Wendell Dudley can point out familiar filming locations during your trip. Can you eat fish from Smith Mountain Lake? Yes, fish from Smith Mountain Lake are safe to eat when current Virginia Department of Health consumption guidelines are followed. Many clients of Pullin Drag Striper Fishing Guides Charters take striper home for dinner after their trip, and the boat's live well keeps your catch fresh throughout the charter. Does Smith Mountain Lake have sharks? No, Smith Mountain Lake is a freshwater lake in Virginia with no sharks, making it a safe, family friendly destination for the trips Captain Wendell Dudley runs through Pullin Drag Striper Fishing Guides Charters. How deep is Smith Mountain Lake? Smith Mountain Lake reaches a maximum depth of around 250 feet near Smith Mountain Dam. Captain Wendell Dudley uses that varied depth, along with a Lowrance HDS 12 fish finder, to locate stripers holding on deep structure during trips with Pullin Drag Striper Fishing Guides Charters. Are there striped bass in Smith Mountain Lake? Yes, Smith Mountain Lake has a well established striped bass population, which is the main target species for Pullin Drag Striper Fishing Guides Charters. Captain Wendell Dudley has guided striper trips on this lake for over 30 years. Call (540) 493-8790 to book. What are the best fishing spots on Smith Mountain Lake? The best spots shift by season and depend on local structure like drop offs and points, exactly the kind of local knowledge Captain Wendell Dudley has built over 30-plus years guiding Smith Mountain Lake with Pullin Drag Striper Fishing Guides Charters. Call (540) 493-8790 to fish these spots with a local guide.