



Wisconsin Department Of Natural Resources

Fisheries Information Sheet

Timms Lake, Price County, WI

Survey Year 2025

Introduction

The Park Falls Fisheries Management Team conducted a late spring electrofishing (SE2) survey on June 2, 2025 to evaluate size structure and abundance of bass and bluegills in Timms Lake. The lake is a 19-acre seepage lake located partially within the boundary of Timms Hill County Park in southeast Price County. The lake is classified as a simple-cool-clear lake with roughly 0.86 miles of shoreline. The maximum depth is 38 feet, with an average depth of 11 feet. Timms Lake does not have a public boat landing, only a small unimproved carry-in only access along the right of way on Ring School Road on the north end of the lake. There is also public access to the lake through the park, but there is no way to launch a boat from there.

Bluegill

Bluegill were sampled during the entire electrofishing survey of 0.86 miles, capturing a total of 147 bluegills. This calculates to 170.9 per mile. At this rate per mile the abundance is considered moderate to high. The length ranged from 1.4 inches to 10.0 inches, with an average length of 6.9 inches. The catch rate of the 2025 survey falls just above the halfway mark between the 50th and 75th percentile of a simple-cool-clear lake. The abundance and size structure has increased since the 2016 survey. Low numbers could be due to low conductivity noted in the 2016 survey notes.

Table 1. Abundance and size structure of bluegills during late spring electrofishing survey in 2025 and 2016.

Survey Year	Number per mile	Number per mile ≥ 3 " (stock size)	Quality Size ≥ 6 "	Preferred Size ≥ 8 "
2025	170.9	161.6	85%	37%
2016	17.5	10.0	38%	25%

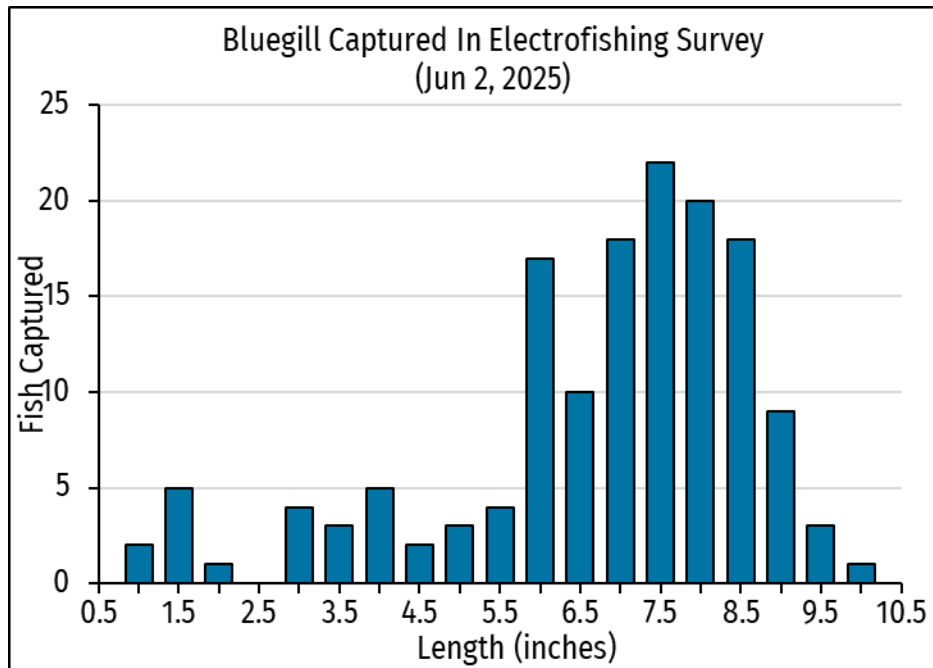


Figure 1. Size histogram of bluegill captured during a spring 2025 electrofishing survey of Timms Lake in Price County, Wisconsin.

Largemouth Bass

Largemouth bass were sampled for the entire shoreline. There was a total of 56 largemouth bass captured during the survey. This calculates to 65.1 per mile. At this catch rate per mile, Timms Lake is considered to have a high abundance of largemouth bass. The catch rate of the 2025 survey falls just below the 90th percentile classification for a simple-cool-clear lake. The size varied from 6.5 inches to 16.9 inches, with an average of 11.3 inches. In this sample 4% of the bass were legal size. The abundance of bass is similar in the two surveys with the 2025 survey having almost double the amount of quality sized fish compared to 2016.

Table 2. Abundance and size structure of largemouth bass during late spring electrofishing survey in 2025 and 2016.

Survey Year	Number per mile	Number per mile $\geq 8''$ (stock size)	Quality Size $\geq 12''$	Preferred Size $\geq 15''$
2025	65.1	60.5	40%	2%
2016	70.0	67.5	22%	2%

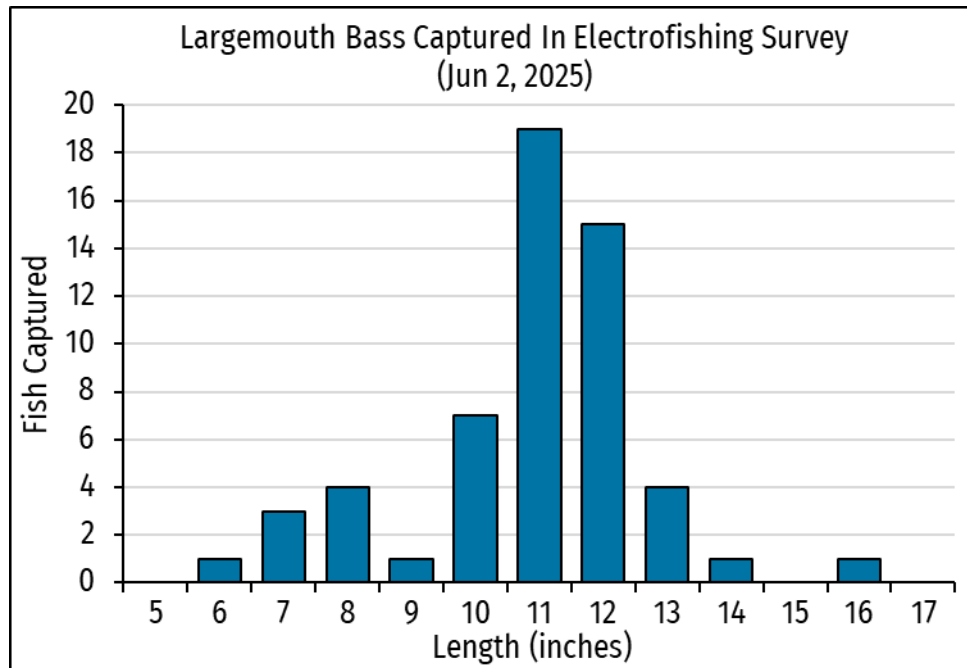


Figure 2. Size histogram of largemouth bass captured during a spring 2025 electrofishing survey of Timms Lake in Price County, Wisconsin.

Summary

Price County Forest Department holds an easement on a private gated trail that i we were able to access for launching our electrofishing boat. The electrofishing sample surveyed one complete circuit around the entire shoreline for a total of 0.86 miles. The water temperature was 71.2 degrees Fahrenheit. All species were collected for the entire survey as the lake itself is small. While bass and bluegills were the primary target species for this survey, we also captured a couple black crappies and yellow perch. These species are considered present in the lake as all were found in a small quantity. There was very little woody structure around the shoreline. There was limited emergent shoreline vegetation with a few patches of lily pads and watershield. Submergent vegetation was more abundant along with a bog edge along the southern shoreline. The lake is great for a kayak or canoe as majority of the shoreline is undeveloped. Timms Lake is scheduled to be surveyed with late spring electrofishing in 2036.

Table 3. General fishing regulations for Timms Lake, in Price County Wisconsin 2026-2027 fishing season.

SPECIES	SEASON DATES	DAILY BAG LIMIT	SIZE LIMIT
Largemouth Bass	First Saturday in May through first Sunday in March (Catch and release at all other times)	5 in total with SMB	14"
Muskellunge	First Saturday in May through December 31 st . (open water only)	1	40"
Northern Pike	First Saturday in May through first Sunday in March	5	None
Panfish	Open all year	25	None
Smallmouth Bass (SMB)	Third Saturday in June through first Sunday in March. (Catch and release at all other times.)	5 in total with LMB	14"
Walleye	First Saturday in May through first Sunday in March	3	15" but less than 20" Except one over 24"

Fishing regulations for Timms Lake, Price County and all Wisconsin lakes can be found online at [Fishing Regulations | Fishing Wisconsin | Wisconsin DNR](#)

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