

Why Early Morning is Prime Time for Bass Fishing

There's only one thing better than fishing for big bass, and that's catching them. Their aggressive strikes, spirited runs and impressive leaps out of the water make for the perfect reward after an hour or two of patient casting.

But if you're a bass fisherman who wants to see more action for your efforts, it's time to grab your best cup of coffee and give early morning bass fishing a try.



Not only is morning a more peaceful and relaxing time to fish, bass are more active just before sunrise. Anglers who master early morning bassing typically catch bigger fish, and they catch them more often. But don't get too excited yet.

Even experienced fisherman can spend all morning casting and walk away with no fish stories to tell. But if you can spare a few minutes, your friends here at Marina Coffee Company would like to share some priceless pieces of wisdom about early morning bass fishing.

Where to Find Early Morning Bass

Bass prefer cooler water. This makes it hard to find them during the hotter months when the water temperatures can exceed 79° F. This is especially true if you're hunting them near the shoreline where the shallow water heats up quickly in the sun.

But if you get up early enough, you'll find plenty of bass, even big ones, moving into the shallow waters to feed.

Just remember that bigger bass rarely feed in shallow water unless they have some heavy cover to protect them.



This is why a lot of early morning bass fisherman will comb the shoreline in their boats, casting towards weed beds and other shallow water structures.

Others like to put on a pair of waders and fish in hip deep water, just beyond the weedlines. Either way, you'll find that the shallow waters hold some prize bass for the patient early morning angler.

Best Baits for Early Morning Bassing

It's too dark for bass to hunt for baitfish and other critters underwater before sunrise. Baitfish also prefer to school near the surface where they can feed on insects and where the moonlight can help them detect potential predators.

This means, plenty of big bass are lurking just below the surface, waiting to ambush the tasty baitfish. So be sure to pack some spinnerbaits, lipless crankbaits and top water lures to capture these bass that hunt near the surface.

Of course, surface baits aren't much good when you're fishing for bass in heavy weeds or near a half-sunken structure like a tree.

So pack a few bright-colored worms, crawbaits or freshwater jigs for fishing in deep cover.



These baits are especially effective if you're fishing from shore and only have limited access to bass hiding spots.

If you're combing the shorelines in your boat, consider packing two rods. Take one light setup for open water casting, and one heavier setup for fishing in those tough to reach spots. This way, you can

quickly change rigs when you approach an underwater structure, or an open water area.

Most bass fisherman prefer open water spots where they can use surface lures and lighter gear. Hooking a bass near the surface makes for a more exciting fight and an entertaining display of top-water acrobatics. Bass that strike on the surface also have less room to run toward the bottom for cover, so you're less likely to lose your rig.

To Bag Monster Bass, Keep Fishing After Sunrise

This is the most important tip, especially if you want to catch those really big monster bass. It's no mystery that big bass need to eat more.

They also tend to be less active during the day when it's hot and they're conserving energy for their prime feeding hours.



This means, not only are monster bass more likely to be more active in the morning, they'll stay in the shallow water as long as they can before the sun starts heating things up.

So if you want to hook a monster bass, sunrise is no time to call it quits. Instead, keep fishing until you start to feel the heat of the sun on your skin.

If you've been trolling the shoreline, and you remember getting a solid nibble in one spot, but didn't hook anything, revisit that spot before you head for shore.

Nothing is more frustrating than seeing another fisherman pull a monster bass out of that same spot while you're at your car packing up your fishing gear. A lot of experienced bass fisherman will tell you that their biggest catches happen on their last few casts of the day.

So keep fishing after sunrise, and you could end your early morning adventure by watching the first rays of sun reflect off a big, prize bass as you pull it from the water.

Silence is Worth its Weight in Gold

Early morning bass fishermen aren't big on conversation. They know that, while fish might not have ears, they do pick up sound vibrations from the water.

This is especially true for bigger bass which might have been caught and released a few times, and have learned, to detect human voices.

So if you have a friend, a spouse, a young kid or brother-in-law who wants to go fishing with you, but they suffer from



“diarrhea of the mouth,” take them another time.

The quieter and more patient you are, the more likely you are to be rewarded with a great catch. While you’re here, don’t forget to pack the essential piece of “gear” for early your morning fishing trips.

While You’re Here, Grab Your Fresh Bag of Texas Rig Coffee

The most exciting part of early morning bass fishing is getting up early and quietly sipping a good cup of coffee before you head out into the dark.



That’s why we’re inviting you to get your hands on a fresh bag of our fair trade, single-origin Texas Rig whole bean coffee today.

We’ve teamed up with a group of small, hard-working farmers, and their coffee suppliers, to bring you the best small-batch roasted Honduran coffee for those early morning bass fishing adventures. You can choose from the authentic taste of roasted almonds or enjoy our warm caramel blend.

Enjoy, and good luck with your early morning bassing!