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Weekly Fishing Report

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This is the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission's fishing report for **June 4**. If there is a body of water you would like included in this report, please call or e-mail us with information on possible sources for that lake or river.

Fishing Tip: When working along grass lines in the summer, try something different from the rest of the crowd. Instead of dropping a jig-and-pig combo or worm down within flipping distance, line up on the outside edge of the grass and cast parallel to the grass line with a Texas-rigged Yum Woolly Bug or Carolina-rigged tube.

Arkansas River Levels: According to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, as of Tuesday the Arkansas River stages are:

Trimble Lock and Dam (Lock and Dam 13): Headwater – 389.01 feet, Tailwater – 386.99 feet, Flow – 124,245 cubic feet per second

Ozark Lock and Dam (Lock and Dam 12): Headwater – 371.75 feet, Tailwater – 352.46 feet

Dardanelle Lock and Dam (Lock and Dam 10): Headwater – 337.86 feet, Tailwater – 300.09 feet

Ormond Lock and Dam (Lock and Dam 9): Headwater – 285.43 feet, Tailwater – 280.20 feet

Toad Suck Lock and Dam (Lock and Dam 8): Headwater – 266.46 feet, Tailwater – 265.94 feet

Murray Lock and Dam (Lock and Dam 7): Headwater – 247.32 feet, Tailwater – 237.76 feet, Flow – 131,922

Terry Lock and Dam (Lock and Dam 6): Headwater – 230.55 feet, Tailwater – 224.39 feet, Flow – 142,362

Sanders Lock and Dam (Lock and Dam 4): Headwater – 195.09 feet, Tailwater – 191.91 feet

Hardin Lock and Dam (Lock and Dam 3): Headwater – 181.03 feet, Tailwater – 179.86 feet

Mills Dam (Dam 2): Headwater – 161.49 feet, Tailwater – 146.71 feet, Flow – 134,214 cubic feet per second

White River Levels: According to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, as of Tuesday the White River stages are:

9.2 feet at Calico Rock (flood stage – 19 feet)
9.7 feet at Batesville (flood stage – 15 feet)
15.5 feet at Newport (flood stage – 26 feet)
27.5 feet at Augusta (flood stage – 26 feet)
16.5 feet at Georgetown (flood stage – 21 feet)
24.1 feet at Clarendon (flood stage – 26 feet)

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Channel catfish are being stocked in all program ponds and are biting well on worms, liver, hot dogs, shrimp and paste baits. Channel catfish are being caught with more success in early mornings and late evenings. Bream are still biting well on crickets, wax worms and redworms. For more information on catfish stockings, call toll-free 1-866-540-FISH (3474).

CENTRAL ARKANSAS

Lake Conway: Bates Field and Stream (501-470-1846) said the water is murky and at normal level. Bream are fair in 15 to 20 feet of water on worms, waxworms and crickets. Crappie are fair in 6 to 8 feet of water at the north side of the lake on minnows and jigs. Bass fishing is good around lily pads on Trixie lures. Catfishing is fair on minnows.

Little Red River: [Lindsey's Resort](#) (501-302-3139) said the water is clear with two generators running around the clock. The water temperature is running between 55 and 58 degrees. Trout fishing has been very good drift fishing with a glow worm and Power Egg combination. Pink or chartreuse Power Bait, nightcrawlers, Rapalas and Buoyant Spoons also seem to be working well.

Jed Hollan at the [Little Red Fly Shop](#) said the Greers Ferry Power House is releasing the equivalent of one generator 24 hours a day. A few wade fishing opportunities will open up. Aquatic insect hatches are at a peak right now with midges, March brown mayflies, sulphur mayflies and caddis flies being the predominant species. Dry flies that are working include Adams (14-24), sulphur (16-18), March brown (14), elk hair caddis (14-16 tan) and midges (22 or smaller in cream or black). For sub-surface action, try a sow bug (14-16 UV tan, UV gray or olive), red butt soft hackle emerger (14-18), zebra midge (16-22 red, black or olive), San Juan worm (14-18 peach, fl. orange or red), pheasant tail (16), hare's ear nymph (14-16) or woolly bugger (4-12 olive, brown or black). The kid's fishing derby is this Saturday morning, June 7, at JFK Park. The Corps of Engineers and Southwestern Power Administration have stated that water releases may occur at 9 a.m. so we need to get an early start. Registration will begin at 7 a.m. and fishing will continue until the horn sounds signaling the release of lake water through the turbines. Sam Lester and friends are planning some extra activities this year due to the short amount of time being available for fishing. Sam will be bringing hundreds of give-aways and trophies for all the participants. Joy Childress will be on hand to do children's "face painting". The derby is open to children 12 and younger. You will not need a fishing license to participate and the derby is free. For more information, call 888-442-4022.

Greers Ferry: As of Tuesday, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers reports the lake's elevation at 482.27 feet MSL.

[Tommy Cauley of Fish Finder Guide Service](#) said the water is falling at Greers Ferry. Hybrids and white bass are biting pretty well. Stay with the shad and fish with bucktail jigs and spoons. Some fish can be caught on top as well. Most of the hybrids and whites are on main-lake humps and ridges in 27-32 feet of water. Catfishing is good all over the lake on nightcrawlers, liver, cut bream, large minnows and soap. Jugs fished in water 30 feet deep and shallower are taking the most catfish. Bass fishing is good, with almost all of the fish having spawned. A few bass have moved shallow with the spawning bream and can be caught on top-water lures, frogs, crankbaits and swim baits. Larger fish have moved deeper and can be caught on football head jigs, Carolina-rigged centipedes and drop-shot rigs in 22 to 25 feet of water.

Shiloh Marina said the water is still high and clearing up. Bream are fair on worms and crickets. A few crappie have been caught on minnows. Bass fishing is good on spinnerbaits.

Harris Brake Lake: [Coffee Creek Landing](#) (501-889-2745) said water conditions are normal. The lake's surface temperature is currently in the low 80s. Bream are biting well on worms and crickets. Bass fishing is good on minnows, buzzbaits and spinnerbaits.

Lake Beaverfork: The City of Conway Parks and Recreation Department said the water is muddy and at normal level with a 70-degree surface temperature. A few crappie have been caught on minnows. Bass are biting well on spinnerbaits and top-water lures.

Lake Overcup: Lakeview Landing (501-354-1470) said water conditions are normal. Bream are biting well on crickets. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. A few bass are being caught on spinnerbaits. Catfishing is good on crawfish and nightcrawlers.

[Overcup Landing](#) (501-354-9007) said water conditions are normal with a surface temperature in the mid 80s. Bream are biting well on crickets and wax worms. Crappie are fair in 8 to 10 feet of water on minnows. Bass are fair on plastic worms and bubblegum flukes. Catfishing is good on shrimp and nightcrawlers.

Brewer Lake: [Overcup Landing](#) (501-354-9007) said water conditions are normal. Bream fishing is good on wax worms, redworms and crickets. Crappie are fair on small minnows. Bass are fair on spinnerbaits and buzzbaits. Catfishing is good on cut bait and nightcrawlers.

Sunset Lake: Turbyfill's Outdoor Sports (501-315-3061) said water conditions are normal. Bream are biting well on crickets. Crappie are fair in 12 to 15 feet of water on minnows and jigs. Bass are fair around brush on top-water lures. Catfishing is good on Magic Bait and hot dogs.

Saline River Access in Benton: Turbyfill's Outdoor Sports (501-315-3061) said water conditions are normal. Bream are biting well on black Rooster Tails. Bass fishing is good on top-water lures and buzzbaits. Catfishing is excellent on Magic Bait.

Arkansas River at Morrilton: Charlie's Hidden Harbor at Oppelo said the flow has been 100,000 cfs. The flow has kept fish behind jetties and in backwater areas. Largemouth bass are in grassy pockets and are biting well early on buzzbaits and on poppers at mid-day just outside the grass. Kentucky bass moved to the backs of the jetties and are biting fair on buzzbaits and Jitterbugs early and crawfish-colored tubes and jigs later in the day. White bass are around the tips of sand bars where shad are gathering. Bream are near sandbars where they are trying to spawn in any cover they can find around calmer water. Catfishing is good close to the bank on shad. Stripers are holding around creek mouths and near the front of dams and are biting fair on shad-colored crankbaits.

Arkansas River in Little Rock: Vince Miller from [Fish 'N Stuff](#) said the water is murky and still high. Bass are fair in the backwaters on jigs and black crankbaits.

Lake Maumelle: [Jolly Roger's Marina](#) said largemouth and Kentucky bass are biting well in 4 to 8 feet of water on Carolina rigged floating worms, spinnerbaits and buzzbaits. White bass are biting fairly well and are beginning to school from the old marina to Jim's Island. They are hitting CC spoons and clear crankbaits. Bream fishing is excellent on crickets and worms fished shallow. Catfishing is good from 5 to 20 feet deep on prepared baits and large minnows. Crappie have moved to deeper water and are hitting minnows and small red/white jigs.

Little Maumelle River: Josh Jeffers at [Pinnacle Mountain State Park](#) (501-868-5806) said the water is receding and the surface temperature ranges from 70 to 75. The water clarity is low. Bream are biting well on crickets and worms. Crappie are biting fairly well on shiners and black/chartreuse 1/8-oz. crappie jigs. Bass are biting fairly well on shad colored flukes, shaky head finesse worms and small top-water baits. Catfish are biting well on nightcrawlers and different types of stink bait.

Terry Lock and Dam: McSwain Sports Center (501-945-2471) said the water is muddy and high and still very dangerous. There is no fishing on the river at this time.

Clear Lake: McSwain's said the water is clear and remains high. Bream are biting well in 3 to 4 feet of water on crickets and redworms. Crappie are fair in 5 to 6 feet of water on minnows. Bass are biting well early on spinnerbaits and buzzbaits.

Peckerwood Lake: Herman's Landing (870-241-3731) said the water is clearing up and the water is still high. Bream are biting well on crickets and worms. Crappie are fair on trolled minnows. A few bass have been caught around the banks on plastic worms. Catfishing is good on worms and large minnows.

NORTH ARKANSAS

White River: [John Berry of Berry Brothers Guides](#) said fishing on the White has been red hot. The flows during the past week have been predictable and the trout have been on the feed. The upper river from the Catch-and-Release section at the base of Bull Shoals dam to Cane Island Shoals has been fishing very well. On high water, the hot flies have been brightly colored San Juan worms and egg patterns. On lower flows the hot flies have been black zebra midges and caddis pupa. Rim Shoals has been another hot spot. On the lower water, midge nymphs in size 14 and 16 have been the ticket. Caddis pupa, copper johns, olive scuds and zebra midges have also been quite productive. On the rising water the hot flies have been brightly colored San Juan worms. Cerise and hot fluorescent pink have been the most productive. Just upstream, in the Red Bud area, anglers were doing well fishing the banks with white marabou jigs and San Juan worms. Down stream from Rim Shoals, all the way to Buffalo Shoals has also fished well.

[Mountain River Fly Shop](#) said water flows are getting higher as the summer heat arrives. Fishing has been very good on the lower flows of four units or less, but the rapid rise to seven units has slowed the bite. More consistent high water should help the fish adjust and settle into some good high-water fishing again. Last weekend Davy Wotton and the Journal did well at Rim Shoal during low generation on Wotton Whitetail Midges. Davy stayed with the low water running downstream, and found consistent low-water action all the way to Buffalo City. When the water came on after lunch, every guide in the area was rolling his eyes as we would pass midstream. But the ebb and flow of fishing is part of its mystery. You have to be on the water to find the best bite. As we mentioned keep some Whitetail Midges around for any periods of low water. But on the higher flows Pink lady's and San Juans come into their own. We are still doing well trailing Clint's Sunday Special behind a Dynamite Worm, outside the trophy zones on higher flows.

Sportsman's White River Resort said there are currently eight generators running. Trout are biting well on Power Bait, plastic worms, Rogues and Rapalas. Fly-fishermen are doing well on sow bugs, San Juan worms and woolly buggers. Walleye are also being caught below the dam.

Bull Shoals Lake: As of Tuesday, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers reports the lake's elevation at 693.08 feet MSL.

Lake Norfolk: As of Tuesday, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers reports the lake's elevation at 577.98 feet MSL.

[101 Grocery and Bait](#) said bass fishing has been good using any top water bait and slow sinking soft-plastic baits. Fish in the grassy areas and around any structure. Striper fishing has been best using live bait fished in less than 40 feet of water with very little weight, if any at all. Top-water lures are also working well. Crappie fishing is slow. Walleye fishing has been fair using live bait and small leadhead jigs fished around main points and in some of the shallow grassy areas. Catfishing is good using live bait on rod and reel and limb lines. Please take down limb lines when you are finished fishing so someone else can fish the area once you're gone.

Norfolk Tailwater: [John Berry of Berry Brothers Guides](#) said the big story has been the walleye. Up at Quarry Park, Arkansas Game and Fish Commission biologists report that several walleye have come through the flood gates during the previous flooding and they are stacked near the confluence of Dry Run Creek and the Norfolk. During the past week, there was an absolute army of anglers trying to harvest a few of these toothy fish both day and night. I have not heard of any significant walleye catches on a fly rod. The fishing has been good for trout on high water. The best techniques have been to drift brightly colored San Juan worms (cerise and hot fluorescent pink) and egg patterns. Dry Run Creek has been very productive during the past week. There have been numerous reports of successful young anglers tagging the trout of a lifetime. One particular hot spot has been the waterfall which is located down the steps that are across the road from the National Trout Hatchery in Quarry Park. The hot flies have been sow bugs, San Juan worms, and egg patterns.

[Mountain River Fly Shop](#) said there has been a lot of moderate one-unit generation, but little fishing

pressure. Most of the fly-anglers and guides have been hitting the White. Midges, buggers and the usual fare are belting fish. Keep you ear to the generation number and take the opportunities when they present themselves.

NORTHWEST ARKANSAS

Beaver Lake: As of Tuesday, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers reports the lake's elevation at 1,129.24 feet MSL.

[JT's Crappie Guide Service](#) (479-640-3980) said fishing for bass and white bass has been good early and late. The two species have been hanging around grassy points and banks picking off shad early in the morning and again just before dark. Dark-colored swim baits have worked well. Crappie fishing is better with the best fishing on flats south of the Hwy. 12 bridge. Try trolling Hot and Tots along the flats for best results. Walleye, bass, catfish and white bass have all been caught trolling. Bluegill action has been good near the bank and under docks by using crickets 1-6 deep. Catfish have been biting well all over the lake on anything you want to cast.

Southtown Sporting Goods (479-443-7148) said the water is clearing up and is still high. Bream are biting well on crickets. Crappie are fair on minnows. Bass are biting well in shallow water on spinnerbaits, crankbaits and jigs. Catfishing is good on liver and worms.

Lake Fayetteville: Lake Fayetteville Boat Dock (479-444-3476) said water conditions are normal. Bream are fair on crickets and worms. Bass are fair on spinnerbaits.

Lake Sequoyah: Lake Sequoyah Boat Dock (479-444-3475) said the water is muddy and about a foot high. Bream are fair in 3 to 5 feet of water on worms and crickets around stumps and treetops. Crappie are fair on minnows, jigs and tubes. Bass fishing is good around rocky points on spinnerbaits, plugs and plastic worms. Catfishing is good on liver, worms, cut perch and shad.

Lake Fort Smith: Jay Schneider at [Lake Fort Smith State Park](#) said bass are biting fairly well on spinnerbaits and minnows. Crappie are hitting in 3-6 feet of water on spinnerbaits, crappie, minnows and worms. The water is still recovering from the flooding of last month, and the clarity is improving slowly.

NORTHEAST ARKANSAS

Lake Charles: Mike Wayer at [Lake Charles State Park](#) (870-878-6595) said the water level is normal and the surface temperature ranges from 65 to 67 degrees. The water clarity is 18 inches. Bream are biting on jigs and crickets. Crappie are biting on minnows, crappie candy and jigs, but are slow. No report on bass or catfish.

Spring River: [Mark's Fly Shop](#) said fishing has been great this week. Water clarity has been good. Bait anglers have been seeing great results with Power Bait, shrimp, and worms. Caddis and mayfly hatches have been increasing during morning and evening hours. Trout tend not to rise on the Spring River, but when a good hatch starts, a proper nymph or emerger will do the trick.

Crown Lake: [Boxhound Marina](#) (870-670-4496) said water conditions are normal with a surface temperature of 72 degrees. Bream fishing is excellent on redworms and crickets. Crappie are biting well on minnows and jigs. Bass are biting well on topwaters in the morning and pink trick worms during the day. Watermelon seed finesse worms are also working well for bass. Catfishing is excellent in the evening on liver and goldfish.

Lake Frierson: [Lake Frierson State Park](#) said water conditions are normal. Bream are biting well on worms and crickets. Catfishing is good on worms, shrimp and nightcrawlers.

SOUTH-CENTRAL ARKANSAS

Moro Bay: [Moro Bay State Park](#) said the Ouachita river is only a few feet higher than normal now and it is falling slowly. The bream fishing is the best it's been in the last several years. Most fisherman report catching from 50 to 100 big bream on crickets in the bay. Some are also catching bream in the lake. Catfish have been hitting shad and bream on trotlines in the bay as well. Mostly blue and channel cats are being caught, but several nice flatheads were pulled in over the weekend. Crappie and bass fishing has been slow

SOUTHEAST ARKANSAS

Lake Chicot: Bass Tracker Marine (870-265-5374) said the water is murky and high with surface temperature in the mid to high 60s. Bass are fair on spinnerbaits and crankbaits. Catfish are fair on nightcrawlers and minnows.

Grand Lake: Bass Tracker Marine (870-265-5374) said all species are slow.

SOUTHWEST ARKANSAS

Millwood Lake: As of Tuesday, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers reports the lake's elevation at 259.62 feet MSL.

[Millwood Lake Guide Service](#) said the water clarity is 10 to 15 inches in the main lake away from current. The surface temperature is 73 to 83 degrees. Current in Little River is 1,171 cubic feet per second. Largemouth bass are biting excellently with many large bass being caught in 3 to 9 feet of water. Jigs in black/blue or black/red, Bass Assassin Shads in salt and pepper silver phantom or rainbow trout, Trick Worms and Salty Rat Tails in watermelon-red or smoke/blue flake, Topwater Toads, and big bulky Magnum Lizards in green pumpkin continue working well. Four-inch Southern Pro Fattbutt Tubes (with rattles) in appleseed, bluegill, or camo, are working in stained water. Siefert's Buzz Baits in Hot Firecracker, Chartreuse Perch, or Bleeding Avocado are working well near newly emerging lily pads in the 2-5 feet of water. War Eagle spinnerbaits, in Aurora, Cole Slaw, and Hot Mouse colors, are taking some 16 to 18-inch largemouths around flooded vegetation and cypress trees, away from current of the river. Rat-L-Traps in Sexy Shad West, Bleeding White Striper, or Spring Bream colors seem to be the best lipless crankbaits. White bass again improved between Pugh Slough and Horseshoe Lake in Little River. Several anglers found large schools of whites trolling with Rat-L-Traps and deep-diving cranks. The crappie bite, improved along Little River. The most consistent bite was on live shiners, smoke tube jigs and white grubs. Channel Cats, from 3-8 pounds each, are very good to excellent on chicken livers and hearts, cut shad or Charlie on trotlines and yo-yo's along the river and in oxbows hung from cypress trees in 9-15 feet of water. Bream continue to bite well along the banks on crickets and redworms around docks and cypress trees. Jack's Isle, and campers at Millwood State Park, all reporting a good bluegill bite.

Lake Columbia: Steve's Marine (870-234-2222) said water conditions are normal. Bream are biting well on worms and crickets. Bass are fair on plastic worms. Catfishing is good on nightcrawlers and stink bait.

Lake Erling: Steve's Marine (870-234-2222) had no report.

White Oak Lake: [White Oak Lake State Park](#) said the water level is stable and water is slightly cloudy. The bream and crappie are still hitting crickets on the upper lake. Everything is slowing down on the lower lake. A Kids' Fishing Derby will be held Saturday, June 7, at 9 a.m. on the lower lake at the park.

Lake Greeson: As of Tuesday, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers reports the lake's elevation at 546.54 feet MSL.

Lakeside Grocery said the water is murky and is dropping. It currently has a surface temperature of 85 degrees. Bream are biting well in 5 to 8 feet of water on worms and crickets. Crappie are biting well in 12 to 18 feet of water on minnows and jigs. Bass are good in 3 to 10 feet of water on topwaters and plastic worms. Catfishing is fair on stink bait and live bait using trotlines and jugs.

DeGray Lake: As of Tuesday, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers reports the lake's elevation at

407.81 feet MSL.

DeGray One Stop said the water is high and clarity is fair. Bream are biting well on crickets and redworms. Crappie are scattered and fishing is good at night on minnows. Bass are biting early and late on Rooster Tails, top-water baits and spoons. Catfish are picking up on noodles and trotlines with live bait.

[Lake DeGray State Park](#) said the largemouth bass are back, out in 5 to 20 feet. They are being caught on tequila sunrise, watermelon and pumpkinseed worms. Bream are on and around their beds they are hitting crickets. Larger bream are in 25 feet of water. The catfish are starting to come in and can be found from the bank to 15 feet of water. The hybrids are breaking, coming up and staying longer, mixed with black bass and white bass. The surface temperature is 82 degrees and warming.

WEST-CENTRAL ARKANSAS

Lake Dardanelle: Murphy's Sporting Goods (479-229-3200) said the water is muddy and high. Bream are picking up on worms and crickets. Bass are biting well in shallow water on crankbaits and spinnerbaits. Catfishing is good on shad and stink bait.

Blue Mountain Lake: As of Tuesday, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers reports the lake's elevation at 393.05 feet MSL.

Booneville Bait (479-675-9038) said the water is muddy and high. Bream are fair on worms and crickets. Crappie are biting well on minnows and jigs. Catfishing is good on any bait.

Ozark Pool: Lakeside Food Mart (479-667-5155) said the water is high and clearing up. Bream are fair on crickets and nightcrawlers. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. Bass are fair on crickets and nightcrawlers. Crappie are fair on minnow and jigs. Bass are fair in the backwater on spinnerbaits, crankbaits and buzzbaits. Catfishing is fair on worms, minnows and cut bait.

Lake Ouachita: As of Tuesday, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers reports the lake's elevation was 577.78 feet MSL.

Dave Lindhag of [Striped Bass Adventures](#) (501-760-6474) said stripers have moved a little deeper than last week. A 5- to 7-inch shad weighed down between 20 and 30 feet deep and worked slowly around main-lake points is working well. Look for schools of fish on your graph and drop the bait right in their face. The fish are not chasing the bait very far from the school. Points 27 and 25 have been good producers lately. Slow-trolling live shad has worked well in front of Brady Mountain and Crystal Springs. The bite is mainly early and late in the day, with most fish being between 8 and 14 pounds.

[Mountain Harbor Resort](#) said the water is clearing and the surface temperature ranges from 72-78 degrees. Largemouth bass are biting well on Zara Spooks, Boy Howdies and Carolina rigs. Jerk baits and flukes are working well in the mornings and evenings. Walleye are good and being caught on jerk baits and spoons over brush piles on main-lake points. Stripers are still good on live bait. Top-water action has slowed but is good right now with C-10 Redfins. Bream are excellent on crickets or worms in 6 to 10 feet of water. Crappie are still good and being caught over grass and brush. Try large moss flats and brush in water 16 to 20 feet deep. Catfish are excellent and being caught on cut bait and live bait on jug lines and trotlines.

Lake Catherine: Shane Goodner, owner of [Catch'em All Guide Service](#), reports that rainbow trout fishing below Carpenter Dam remains slow. The June bite is always hit-and-miss as the water temperature rises into the low 60s. Typically, the action is still good in June, but the flood conditions in March and April have damaged the trout population and there are fewer fish than usual. Most of the fish caught are from 13 to 16 inches and in excellent health. Trout smaller than 13 inches have migrated to the dam from downstream as these waters heat up from the summer weather. Trolling becomes an ineffective method of catching trout in June and July as the massive numbers of threadfin shad cover the tailrace. The trout simply have too much food to key on. The same is true for spin-fishermen as artificial lures are rendered useless. The real key to summertime trout fishing at Carpenter Dam is to concentrate on areas where the water temperature stays at 56 to 58 degrees and use live baits such as nightcrawlers and redworms. Wax worms and Power Bait are very effective when the fish are in a feeding mode. Look for dimpling fish, as well as trout jumping out of the water

feeding on insect hatches. The white and hybrid bass action is still very good as these fish feed heavily on shad and are being caught with jigs, spoons and crankbaits. The biggest fish are landed on live bait rigs while the turbines are turning. Hybrid bass from 4 to 8 pounds are common in the late evening hours. Striper action has improved, but still spotty. Late June is a much better time as the temperature holds in the 90s for several days.

Diamond Head Marina said the water conditions are normal with surface temperature in the high 70s. Bream are fair around the banks on crickets. Bass are fair on shorelines on spinnerbaits and plastic worms. Catfishing is good on nightcrawlers.

Lake Hinkle: Bill's Bait Shop (479-637-4719) said water conditions are normal. Bream fishing is good on crickets. Crappie are fair in deep water on minnows and red or black jigs. Bass are biting well on topwaters and spinnerbaits. Catfishing is good on worms and liver.

Lake Atkins: Lucky Landing (479-641-7615) said water conditions are normal. Bream are biting well on worms and crickets. Crappie are on minnows and jigs. Bass are biting well on spinnerbaits and crankbaits. Catfishing is good on worms and liver.

EAST ARKANSAS

Arkansas River (Pine Bluff): River City Sporting Goods (870-534-8303) said the water is muddy and high. Bream fishing is excellent on wax worms, redworms and crickets. Crappie are being caught around Little Bayou Meto on minnows and jigs. Bass are biting well on plastic worms and lizards. Catfish are being caught on any bait.

White River: Triangle Sports (870-793-7122) had no report.

Maddox Bay: Maddox Bay Landing (870-462-8317) said the water is murky and high. Bream are fair around the docks on crickets. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. Catfishing is fair on yoyos with minnows.

Bear Creek Lake: Arkansas Outdoors (870-295-4240) said all species are slow.

Horseshoe Lake: Local angler Clyde Gregory said

Island 40 Chute: Daily's Boat Dock (870-739-3478) said the water is high. A few catfish have been caught on liver and stink bait.

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