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## June 25, 2008 Edition

This is the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission's fishing report for **June 25**. 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:** According to John Berry of Berry Brothers' Guide Service, two of the most consistent producers on our streams are San Juan worms and egg patterns. On high water, pairing them up in a spaghetti and meatballs rig is an absolute must. Where it is legal to use a dropper, combine a brightly colored egg pattern with a San Juan worm tied on a 12-inch leader to the egg's hook. Most trout will be attracted by the bright egg, but hit the subtle worm underneath. The egg also makes it easier to see your presentation in high water.

**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 – 389.19 feet, Tailwater – 387.29 feet, Flow – 126,965 cubic feet per second

Ozark Lock and Dam (Lock and Dam 12): Headwater – 371.28 feet, Tailwater – 353.41 feet

Dardanelle Lock and Dam (Lock and Dam 10): Headwater – 337.67 feet, Tailwater – 301.58 feet

Ormond Lock and Dam (Lock and Dam 9): Headwater – 285.30 feet, Tailwater – 281.48 feet

Toad Suck Lock and Dam (Lock and Dam 8): Headwater – 266.99 feet, Tailwater – 265.93 feet

Murray Lock and Dam (Lock and Dam 7): Headwater – 247.95 feet, Tailwater – 238.70 feet, Flow – 142,402 cubic feet per second

Terry Lock and Dam (Lock and Dam 6): Headwater – 230.68 feet, Tailwater – 225.17 feet, Flow – 153,781 cubic feet per second

Sanders Lock and Dam (Lock and Dam 4): Headwater – 194.29 feet, Tailwater – 192.94 feet

Hardin Lock and Dam (Lock and Dam 3): Headwater – 182.54 feet, Tailwater – 181.37 feet

Mills Dam (Dam 2): Headwater – 161.65 feet, Tailwater – 148.94 feet, Flow – 158,217 cubic feet per second

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

9.4 feet at Calico Rock (flood stage – 19 feet)

9.8 feet at Batesville (flood stage – 15 feet)

13.9 feet at Newport (flood stage – 26 feet)

**26.1 feet at Augusta (flood stage – 26 feet)**

15.7 feet at Georgetown (flood stage – 21 feet)

23.5 feet at Clarendon (flood stage – 26 feet)

**Statewide Family and Community Fishing Program Report:** Channel catfish have been stocked in all program ponds and are biting well on worms, liver, hot dogs, bait shrimp and paste baits. Channel catfish are

being caught with more success in early mornings and late evenings because of warmer weather. Bream are still biting well on crickets, wax worms and redworms in shallow water and near brushy cover. 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 biting well around lily pads on worms and crickets. Crappie are excellent on minnows. Catfishing is fair on stink bait.

Dan at Gold Creek Landing said bream are biting well on crickets and wax worms. They are bedding against the banks. Bass are biting well on plastics and top-water baits. Crappie are fairly slow, but a few have been caught deep around cypress trees. Catfishing is good on nightcrawlers, livers, and shiners hung from limb lines and trotlines.

**Little Red River:** [Lindsey's Resort](#) (501-302-3139) said water conditions are normal with two generators running around the clock. Trout fishing has been very good on Shad Raps and spinnerbaits with a glow worm and Power Egg.

Jed Hollan at the [Little Red Fly Shop](#) said the Greers Ferry Power House has been releasing water continuously. The trout have been gorging themselves on all the food available during high water. When the water level drops, the fishing should be incredible.

If you elect to fish the Little Red from a boat in this high water, be sure the operator gives full attention to the task of keeping the boat in a safe position. The operator should not fish. Effective dries include the Adams (#14-#24), sulphur (#16-#18), BWO (blue winged olive mayfly #16-#18) or midge (#22 or smaller in cream or black). Sub-surface offerings should include the lowly sow bug (#14-#16 UV tan, UV gray or olive), zebra midge (#16-#22 red, black or olive), copper john (a great sulphur nymph imitation in sizes #16-#18), San Juan worm (#14-#18 cerise, fl. orange or red), red butt soft hackle (best in low water -sizes #14-#18), pheasant tail (#16), hare's ear nymph (#14-#16) or wooly bugger (#4-#12 olive, brown or black).

**Greers Ferry:** As of Tuesday, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers reports the lake's elevation at 476.32 feet MSL.

[Tommy Cauley of Fish Finder Guide Service](#) said the water is falling about 6 inches per day. Bass are scattered from 6 inches to 28 feet and will bite a variety of lures, including Carolina rigs, Texas rigs, top-water frogs, and football head jigs. The hybrids and whites are schooling all over the lake and can be caught with Rinky Dinks, topwaters and grubs as well as jigging spoons and ¼-ounce Buckshot Spinners. Walleye are biting under the hybrids on Sassy Shads. Bream are bedding and biting on crickets and worms. Catfishing is good all over the lake.

**Harris Brake Lake:** [Coffee Creek Landing](#) (501-889-2745) said water conditions are normal. Bream are the best thing going on crickets and worms.

**Lake Beaverfork:** The City of Conway Parks and Recreation Department said all species are slow.

**Lake Overcup:** Lakeview Landing (501-354-1470) said water conditions are normal. Bream are biting well on crickets and redworms. Crappie are good early on minnows. Bass are fair on spinnerbaits. Catfishing is good on crawfish.

[Overcup Landing](#) (501-354-9007) said water conditions are normal with temperature in the 90s. Bream are biting well around the docks on crickets and wax worms. Crappie are fair on jigs 7 feet deep. A few bass have been caught on buzzbaits, spinnerbaits and topwaters. Catfishing is good on nightcrawlers.

**Brewer Lake:** [Overcup Landing](#) (501-354-9007) said water conditions are normal. Bream are biting well on crickets and redworms. Crappie are fair on jigs. A few bass have been caught on topwaters. Catfishing is fair on goldfish.

**Sunset Lake:** Turbyfill's Outdoor Sports (501-315-3061) said water conditions are normal. Bream are biting well in 5 to 8 feet of water on crickets. Crappie are fair in 12 to 15 feet of water on plastics. Bass are fair on plastic worms. Catfishing is good in shallow water.

**Saline River Access in Benton:** Turbyfill's Outdoor Sports (501-315-3061) said water conditions are normal. Bream are excellent on crickets and yellow Rooster Tails. Bass are fair on spinnerbaits. Catfishing is excellent on Magic Bait.

**Arkansas River in Little Rock:** Vince Miller from [Fish 'N Stuff](#) said the water is high and rough. Bream are fair on worms. Crappie are fair on jigs. Bass are biting well on buzzbaits. Catfishing is good on any bait. Vince wants to remind everyone to take extreme caution on the main part of the river.

**Lake Maumelle:** [Jolly Roger's Marina](#) said summer fishing is in full swing, so it's time to move deeper for all species. Largemouth bass are good in 10 to 15 feet of water around structure. Jig-and-pig combos and Carolina rigs are the way to go. Kentuckies are mixed in with the largemouth. Bream are excellent on crickets and worms, but the last spawning moon was not as good as usual. Fish 10 to 12 feet deep for the larger bream. Crappie are fair in 10 to 20 feet of water on small jigs and minnows around structure. The old Jolly Rogers location is a good place to start. White bass are biting well on CC spoons and clear crankbaits on the west end of the lake. Catfish are very good in 5 to 15 feet of water on prepared bait and large minnows.

Hatchet Jack's Sport Shop said bream are fair 16 to 18 feet of water on drop shots or crickets. Bass are biting well late on spinnerbaits with gold blades.

**Fourche La Fave:** Hatchet Jack's said bream are good on crickets and wax worms. Bass are fair on brown and orange jig-and-pigs. Catfishing is fair on cut bait and slicks.

**Palarm Creek:** Hatchet Jack's said bream are fair on crickets. Crappie are fair on minnows. Bass are biting well on black/red jigs. Catfishing is fair on any bait.

**Fourche Creek:** Hatchet Jack's said bream are good on wax worms and crickets. Crappie are fair on minnows. Bass are good on shad-colored crankbaits. Catfishing is excellent on slicks.

**Lake Valencia:** Hatchet Jack's Sport Shop said catfishing is good on nightcrawlers and chicken hearts.

**Little and Big Maumelle Rivers:** Josh Jeffers at [Pinnacle Mountain State Park](#) (501-868-5806) said the water level is receding and the surface temperature ranges from 75 to 79 degrees. The water clarity is low. Bream are biting fairly well on crickets and worms. Crappie are biting slow on shiners and black/chartreuse 1/8-ounce crappie jigs. Bass are biting fairly well on shad-colored flukes, shaky head finesse worms, small top-water baits (early in the mornings and late in the afternoons), and Texas-rigged creature baits in the heat of the day. Catfish are biting fairly well on nightcrawlers and different types of stink bait.

Hatchet Jack's said bass are fair on flukes and spinnerbaits. Crappie are fair on minnows and black/chartreuse mini jigs. Bream are fair on crickets and wax worms. Catfish are excellent on cut bait and chicken hearts.

**Murray Lock and Dam:** Hatchet Jack's Sport Shop said catfishing is excellent snagging and on slicks, chicken hearts, shad and nightcrawlers. Stripers are fair on 5-inch chartreuse twister tails.

**Terry Lock and Dam:** McSwain Sports Center (501-945-2471) said bream are fair on crickets and worms. Crappie are fair on minnows. Catfishing is excellent on nightcrawlers and chicken liver.

**Clear Lake:** McSwain Sports Center (501-945-2471) said the water is murky and at normal level. Bream are biting well on redworms and crickets. Catfishing is good at night on nightcrawlers and cut shad.

**Peckerwood Lake:** Herman's Landing (870-241-3731) said water conditions are normal. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. Bass are fair on spinnerbaits. Catfish are being caught on any bait.

## NORTH ARKANSAS

**White River:** [John Berry of Berry Brothers Guides](#) said the water flows on the White have been consistently high. It has not fished as well as it has in previous weeks. The ticket to success as always on high water has been to fish brightly colored San Juan worms and large brightly colored eggs. If you are not fishing catch and release water, tie a dropper on at the bend of the hook. A good choice would be a copper john or a zebra midge both in size 14.

Sportsman's White River Resort said the water is murky and high with eight generators running. Trout fishing is good on Rogues, Rapalas, small lures, plastic worms and Power Bait.

[Mountain River Fly Shop](#) said the fish have settled into high-water feeding routines and are eating pretty well. The fish are pretty fat and pull hard in the current. Mornings have generally been the most productive period. The San Juan bite continues, but it's definitely worth keeping some big size 14 midges in your box. There have been plenty of caddis and some mayfly activity up and down the river.

**Bull Shoals Lake:** As of Tuesday, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers reports the lake's elevation at 691.66 feet MSL.

**Lake Norfolk:** As of Tuesday, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers reports the lake's elevation at 575.76 feet MSL.

[101 Grocery and Bait](#) said the surface water temperature is in the low to mid 80s. Bream fishing is great using crickets, redworms and nightcrawlers. Stripper fishing is good using live bait (small shiners or shad). The stripers are also hitting artificial baits fished around 20-30 feet deep. White bass fishing is fair. Try using small in-line

spinners. Walleye fishing has been good. Smallmouth bass fishing has been good. Largemouth bass fishing is fair. Catfishing is good. Crappie fishing is slow. They are out there but finding them can be a challenge.

**Norfolk Tailwater:** [John Berry of Berry Brothers Guides](#) said the Norfolk has been spectacular on low water. Anglers reported great success with pheasant tail nymphs in size 14 and black zebra nymphs in size 18-20. Other good flies were olive woolly buggers, partridge and orange soft hackles and worm brown San Juan worms. In the afternoon, when they fired up the generators, fishing slowed a bit. Use conventional high water techniques and if you are not fishing Catch and Release consider using a dropper tied to the lead flies. A good choice for this would be a black zebra midge or copper john in size 14. My most productive fly for high water on the Norfolk has been the hot fluorescent pink San Juan worm. Dry Run Creek has fished well of late. There have been few youngsters taking advantage of this remarkable fishery during the last week. The major food source on the creek is sow bugs size 14. Anyone considering taking a youngster fishing there should take along a good supply. Be sure and use at least 4X tippet because the fish here are huge. Most of the fish hooked are lost at the net. Take the biggest net you can lay your hands on and do not forget the camera.

[Mountain River Fly Shop](#) said it was nice to hit a patch of low water on Saturday. There was a crowd at the handicapped access and immediately upstream, but as always the further you hike the better. Black zebra or whitetail super midges worked best.

## NORTHWEST ARKANSAS

**Beaver Lake:** As of Tuesday, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers reports the lake's elevation at 1,128.79 feet MSL.

[JT's Crappie Guide Service](#) (479-640-3980) said bass fishing has been good. Spinnerbaits worked slowly around flooded trees have worked well. Grassy points are a good place to work a Carolina rig or wacky worm. Crappie fishing has improved greatly. Better numbers are coming in. Good places to look are under floating debris in coves, standing timber and brush all in 30 feet of water or less. Most fish have been suspended and biting curly tail grubs. White bass fishing continues to be best at night with lights. Catching your own shad is the best bet. Walleye also have been caught. Bluff lines near the main channel have worked best. Striped bass are scattered from Rocky Branch north. Trolled umbrella rigs with white curly tails are working well. Bluegill are biting fairly well around docks and rocks on crickets. Catfish are hitting anything you throw at them all over the lake from the bank at night.

Southtown Sporting Goods (479-443-7148) said the water is murky and high. Bream are fair on crickets and worms. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. Bass are fair on topwater lures. Catfishing is good on trotlines baited with sunfish.

**Lake Fayetteville:** Lake Fayetteville Boat Dock (479-444-3476) had no report.

**Lake Sequoyah:** Lake Sequoyah Boat Dock (479-444-3475) said water conditions are normal. Bream are fair in 8 to 10 feet of water on worms and crickets. Crappie are fair in 4 to 8 feet of water on minnows and jigs. Bass are biting well on spinnerbaits and plastic worms around rocky points. Catfishing is fair in deep water on worms and liver.

**Sugarloaf Lake:** Midland Minimart (479-639-9467) had no report.

**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 10-12 feet of water on red/white tube jigs and minnows. The water clarity is steadily improving after the last flooding.

## NORTHEAST ARKANSAS

**Lake Charles:** [Lake Charles State Park](#) (870-878-6595) said the surface temperature ranges from 68 to 70 degrees and the water clarity is 18 inches of visibility. Bream are biting on jigs, crickets and worms. Crappie are biting on minnows, jigs, and crappie candy. Bass are biting fairly well on spinners, worms and crankbaits. Catfish are biting well on carp minnows.

**Crown Lake:** [Boxhound Marina](#) (870-670-4496) said water conditions are normal. Bream are fair on crickets. A few crappie have been caught in the evenings on minnows. Bass are fair early on topwaters. Catfishing is good at night on stink bait, nightcrawlers and chicken liver.

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

## SOUTHEAST ARKANSAS

**Lake Monticello:** Greg Gullede with Basshunters Custom Crankbaits said bass fishing on Monticello continues to improve. Some very nice bass have been caught in the last week or so on a variety of patterns. Bass are biting 10-inch worms and craw tubes fished in 12 to 20 feet of water. There is a topwater bite in the shallow water. Bass also are schooling a little in the afternoons and going for topwaters and Rat-L-Traps.

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

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

## SOUTH CENTRAL ARKANSAS

**Moro Bay:** [Moro Bay State Park](#) said the Ouachita River has been pretty steady at a foot above summer normal (66 feet above sea level). It has been great fishing all season for bream and good for catfish. The bites are finally slowing a bit as the water temperature is warming. Your best bet for bream is still in the bay and in the lake on crickets around the cypress trees. Catfish will be biting better in the main river channel now. Fishing on the bottom with live bream or nightcrawlers is working best. Crappie have been hard to find and few bass larger than 12 inches have been caught.

## SOUTHWEST ARKANSAS

**Millwood Lake:** As of Tuesday, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers reports the lake's elevation at 259.36 feet MSL.

[Millwood Lake Guide Service](#) said the water clarity is 2 to 5 inches in the main lake away from current. The surface temperature is 78 to 87 degrees. Current in Little River is 7,573 cubic feet per second. Use caution navigating Little River during low light because debris and broken vegetation are floating downstream in the increased current. Bass are very good, and definitely the best during early and late hours in 2-12 feet of water. The mayfly hatch is in full swing, and many bass are chasing and feeding on the bream under willow and cypress trees which are feeding on the mayflies. Chunky Bass from 4-7 pounds remain consistent over the past week, but are tough to find and entice a bite after 11am until dark. The most consistent bite is on buzz baits, spinnerbaits, Bass Assassin Shads, Top Water Toads, and 10 or 12-inch worms. Jigs in peanut butter and jelly, or Texas Craw colors are working well, as are Bass Assassin Shads in rainbow trout, white, and Gizzard shad. Trick Worms and Salty Rat Tails in watermelon-red flake, Topwater Toads, and 10-12-inch worms in camo, grasshopper, plum, and blue fleck are working well. Early and late, find shallow flats with cypress, stumps and grass or pads next to deep water and creek channel swings. Siefert's Buzz Baits, in Hot Firecracker, Black Diamond, or Cole Slaw colors, near mixtures of lily pads and hydrilla in 2-5 feet of water near cypress trees and knees are working well in the mornings. White Bass are fair on trolled Rat-L-Traps or Norman Deep Little N's between Jack's Isle and Mud Lake along Little River. Little River between Pugh Slough and Horseshoe at 10-15 feet of water are the best bet. The crappie bite improved slightly this week in some of the oxbows. The bite in the main lake and river channel has been poor. The most consistent bite remains on live shiners, chartreuse/white tube jigs and smoke grubs on light wire jig heads. Blues and Channel Cats continue to hit well on trotlines baited with cut shad or Charlie hung from cypress trees in 8-10 feet of water. Bream continue to bite well along the banks on crickets and on redworms around docks and cypress trees. With the mayfly hatch in full swing, many mason bream and redears can be caught under a single cypress or willow tree on ultra light or spin cast tackle on smoke colored tubes, jigs and also on white/chartreuse popping bugs.

**Cossatot River:** Davy Ashcraft at [Cossatot River State Park](#) (870-385-2201) said USGA states that the water level is 2.12 feet, with the surface temperatures ranging from 70 degrees to 75 degrees. The water is very clear, which will cause problems for some fishermen using baits with spinners on them. Bream are biting great on worms and crickets in 3 feet of water and shallower. Green sunfish are biting well on Rebel Crawdads and Rebel Crickets. The smallmouth bass are biting very well on green pumpkinseed finesse worms and crawdad crankbaits around structure in the deeper pools at 4 to 5 feet of water. Black bass are fair with some being taken on dark finesse worms and grubs fished very slowly around deep structure. Catfish are good with some being taken on chunks of hot dogs, live perch-baited trotlines are doing well. Many fish are being caught across the park and as far south as the backwater of the lake. A few fishermen have done very well with fly-fishing tackle up and down the river. To experience the fishing on this river at its best call Cossatot River State Park Visitor Center to schedule a fishing kayak tour.

**Lake Columbia:** Steve's Marine (870-234-2222) said water conditions are normal. Bream fishing is good on

crickets and worms. Bass are good on spinnerbaits. Catfishing is good on any bait.

**Lake Erling:** Steve's Marine (870-234-2222) said bream are good on worms. Catfish are biting well on any bait.

**White Oak Lake:** [White Oak Lake State Park](#) said the water level is continuing to be stable but the clarity is still poor. The bass are hitting all types of spinnerbaits, especially blue and red. The catfish are biting fairly well on trotlines. Crappie and bream are slow.

**Lake Greeson:** As of Tuesday, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers reports the lake's elevation at 548.17 feet MSL.

Darryl Morris at [Family Fishing Trips](#) said Lake Greeson is at full pool with surface temps warming into the upper 80s. Surface activity is good most days. Don't be fooled by the gar, though. The morning crappie bite is good and we're really catching some big ones lately. You'll find 14 to 16-inch slab crappies fishing 14 to 16 feet deep in 18 to 25 feet of water. Live bait has been best but some mornings jigs have produced equal numbers. Watch for the progression as the crappie begin to move toward deeper primary and secondary channels.

Lakeside Grocery said the water is murky and high with a surface temperature at 85 degrees. Bream are biting well in 3 to 8 feet of water on crickets. Crappie are fair around brush on minnows and jigs. Bass are biting well early and late on spinnerbaits, plastic worms and topwater lures. Catfish are fair on trotlines with live bait.

**DeGray Lake:** As of Tuesday, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers reports the lake's elevation at 408.16 feet MSL.

DeGray One Stop (501-865-3511) had no report.

## WEST-CENTRAL ARKANSAS

**Lake Dardanelle:** Eric Pratt at [Lake Dardanelle State Park](#) said the water is muddy from the last heavy rain. A small-craft advisory is still in effect. The surface water temperature is 82 degrees. Bream are biting on worms, crickets and mayflies. We just had a huge hatch of mayflies and bream and yellow bass seem to be hitting them pretty hard. Crappie are biting fairly well on minnows and small jigs. Bass are being caught on dark-colored crankbaits, spinnerbaits and Texas-rigged worms during the early morning and late evening in 10 feet of water and around emergent grass. Catfish are biting well on cut shad, nightcrawlers and prepared baits.

**Blue Mountain Lake:** As of Tuesday, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers reports the lake's elevation at 388.15 feet MSL.

Booneville Bait (479-675-9038) said the water is muddy and high. Bream are biting well on crickets and worms. Bass are fair on spinnerbaits and topwater lures. Catfishing is excellent on any bait. Most fish are in the floodwaters.

**Ozark Pool:** Lakeside Food Mart (479-667-5155) said the water is muddy and high. Bream are fair on crickets. Bass are fair on spinnerbaits and jigs. Catfishing is good on nightcrawlers and shad.

**Lake Ouachita:** As of Tuesday, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers reports the lake's elevation was 577.64 feet MSL.

[Mountain Harbor Resort](#) said the water is clear and ranges from 78 to 84 degrees. Largemouth bass are biting well on Zara Spooks, Boy Howdies and buzzbaits in the mornings. Jerkbait, Rooster Tails and flukes are working as well. Walleye are biting well on spoons fished over brush on main-lake points. Walleye are good and being caught on spoons over brush piles on main lake points. Stripers are fair on live bait and top-water lures such as C-10 Redfins. Bream are excellent on crickets and worms fished in 18 to 25 feet of water. Crappie are biting well over grass and brush in water 16 to 20 feet deep. Minnows and crappie grubs in white or Tennessee shad are working the best. Catfishing is good on cut bait suspended from jugs and trotlines.

**Lake Catherine:** Shane Goodner, owner of [Catch'em All Guide Service](#), said the rainbow trout bite remains very slow. Catch rates are extremely low; however, the fish that are taken are often longer than 15 inches. As the water warms, the trout downstream will migrate towards the dam in search of cooler water. Rainbows cannot survive in water over 70 degrees. Live-bait presentations are the best techniques fished close to the dam. Nightcrawlers and redworms have caught the biggest trout. White bass are still in the tailrace even though the spawn has been over for weeks. These fish are resting and feeding themselves back to normal after the spawn. Good numbers are being caught on live minnows floated under a bobber. The best fishing is taking place during periods of generation. Hybrid bass are also very active with fish from 5 to 8 pounds common. White or gray jigs fished in the current have the most productive for these fish. Stripers have been spotted chasing shad and feeding on top, but little schooling action has been noted. July and August mark the times that large schools of stripers roam the tailrace looking for a meal.

**Lake Hinkle:** Bill's Bait Shop (479-637-4719) said water conditions are normal. Bream are fair on crickets.

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Crappie are fair in deep water on minnows and jigs. Catfishing is excellent on worms and liver.

**Lake Atkins:** Lucky Landing (479-641-7615) said the water is clearing up and at normal level. Bream are biting well in deep water on crickets and worms. Catfishing is excellent on crickets and large minnows.

## EAST ARKANSAS

**Arkansas River (Pine Bluff):** River City Sporting Goods (870-534-8303) said the water is high and rough. Bream fishing is excellent on crickets and worms. Crappie are biting well on minnows. Bass fishing is good on spinnerbaits. Catfishing is excellent on any bait.

**White River:** Triangle Sports (870-793-7122) said the water is clear and high. Bream are biting well on crickets. Crappie are good on minnows. Bass are biting well on finesse worms and spinnerbaits.

**Maddox Bay:** Maddox Bay Landing (870-462-8317) said the water is murky and high. Bream are fair on crickets on worms. Crappie are fair on minnows. Bass are fair on spinnerbaits. Catfishing is very good on anything.

**Bear Creek Lake:** Arkansas Outdoors (870-295-4240) said water conditions are good. Bream are excellent on crickets and worms. Bass are fair on spinnerbaits.

**Horseshoe Lake:** Local angler Clyde Gregory said water conditions are normal. Bream are biting well in shallow water and around lily pads on crickets. Crappie are biting well in the middle of the lake on minnows. Bass are fair on spinnerbaits. Catfishing is good on nightcrawlers and cut bait.

**Island 40 Chute:** Daily's Boat Dock (870-739-3478) had no report.

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