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Weekly Fishing Report  
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### July 16, 2008 Edition

This is the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission's fishing report for July 16. 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 fishing spinner baits, use darker-colored skirts under cloudy or low-light conditions and lighter-colored skirts under sunny or high visibility conditions.

**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 – 389.83 feet, Tailwater – 381.39 feet, Flow – 81,200 cubic feet per second

Ozark Lock and Dam (Lock and Dam 12): Headwater – 371.21 feet, Tailwater – 348.18 feet

Dardanelle Lock and Dam (Lock and Dam 10): Headwater – 338.03 feet, Tailwater – 296.17 feet

Ormond Lock and Dam (Lock and Dam 9): Headwater – 285.68 feet, Tailwater – 275.74 feet

Toad Suck Lock and Dam (Lock and Dam 8): Headwater – 260.16 feet, Tailwater – 265.93 feet

Murray Lock and Dam (Lock and Dam 7): Headwater – 248.59 feet, Tailwater – 233.98 feet, Flow – 82,889 cubic feet per second

Terry Lock and Dam (Lock and Dam 6): Headwater – 230.57 feet, Tailwater – 220.15 feet

Sanders Lock and Dam (Lock and Dam 4): Headwater – 195.60 feet, Tailwater – 187.52 feet

Hardin Lock and Dam (Lock and Dam 3): Headwater – 181.77 feet, Tailwater – 174.30 feet

Mills Dam (Dam 2): Headwater – 161.97 feet, Tailwater – 141.83 feet, Flow – 85,759 cubic feet per second

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

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

9.9 feet at Batesville (flood stage – 15 feet)

15.6 feet at Newport (flood stage – 26 feet)

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

16.4 feet at Georgetown (flood stage – 21 feet)

23.8 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 water conditions are normal with temperatures in the mid 80's. Bream are biting well on crickets and wax worms. Crappie are fair in 6 to 8 feet of water on minnows. Bass are biting well around lily pads on plastic frogs. Catfish are starting to pick up on trot lines with live bait.

Dan at Gold Creek Landing said bream are biting well. Bass are biting fairly well on frogs and buzzbaits early. Crappie fishing is slow. Catfish are biting well on live and prepared baits.

**Little Red River:** [Lindsey's Resort](#) (501-302-3139) said the conditions are normal with two generators running. Trout fishing is good drift fishing on spinner rigs with a glow worm or Power Egg. Shad Raps, Countdowns and Rouges seem to be working very well.

Jed Hollan at the [Little Red Fly Shop](#) said the Greers Ferry Power House is continuing around-the-clock water releases. The temperature of the water coming through the turbines is averaging 52 degrees with dissolved oxygen at 7.2 mg/l. Your friendly, neighborhood trout hatchery has continued its stocking of rainbow trout despite the high water. There are now more trout in the Little Red River than in the previous year or so. Stocking continues even though very few trout are being taken due to the high water. I predict that when our water releases are reduced, the Little Red River will produce amazing numbers of trout. They have been gorging on all that food coming downstream in the current and will eagerly take your any offering. Fishing with a fly rod in high water is so unrewarding that most fly fishermen don't bother to try. Bait fishing and spin casting, on the other hand, have been highly successful in high water. There have been 12 capsized boats in the Little Red since June 11th. Since there is an inherent danger navigating a boat in fast water while also trying to fish, spin and bait casters should hire a guide to take care of the navigation, thereby freeing them to fish successfully and safely all day. Sporadic sightings of sulphur and blue winged olive mayflies are being reported with dependable midge hatches occurring daily. The best flies are a San Juan worm (#12-#18 red, orange or cerise), sowbug (#14-#18 tan, uv tan, uv gray or olive), copper john (#16-#18 red, green or copper), pheasant tail (#16), zebra midge (#16 red or black) or woolly bugger (#4-#10 olive or black).

**Greers Ferry:** As of Tuesday, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers reports the lake's elevation at 468.92 feet MSL.

[Tommy Cauley of Fish Finder Guide Service](#) said the lake is still falling, but is only 8 feet high. The bass fishing has been tough and most of the tournament weights are down. Many fish are still shallow. Crankbaits, spinnerbaits and soft-plastic worms are working fairly well, and Carolina rigs and football head jigs are working deeper. Some crappie are coming from the pole timber suspended 15 to 20 feet deep over 60 feet of water. Some are hanging around buck brush shallow. Minnows and jigs are working on the crappie. Catfishing is good all over the lake on live and prepared baits. Walleye are hit-and-miss with all the recent cold fronts. Dragging crawlers from 17 to 28 feet deep and trolling crankbaits with line weights are both working when the fish are active. The white bass and hybrids have been hit-and-miss as well. The bite has been best in the mornings on small soft-plastic grubs and shads and very small in-line spinners. Spoons and large topwaters are working on the bigger fish when you can find them.

Shiloh Marina said the fish are scattered and all species have been slow.

**Harris Brake Lake:** [Coffee Creek Landing](#) (501-889-2745) said the water is clear and high with a surface temperature of 83 degrees. Catfish are the best thing going on bream.

**Lake Beaverfork:** The City of Conway Parks and Recreation Department said water conditions are normal and the water is still a little choppy. Crappie are biting well on minnows and jigs. A few bass have been caught on white jigs.

**Lake Overcup:** [Overcup Landing](#) (501-354-9007) said the water is clear and high with temperatures in the high 80's. Bream are fair on crickets and wax worms. A few crappie have been caught on small minnows. Bass are fair on spinnerbaits and plastic frogs. Catfishing is good on bream and cut bait.

**Brewer Lake:** [Overcup Landing](#) (501-354-9007) had no report.

**Sunset Lake:** Turbyfill's Outdoor Sports (501-315-3061) said water conditions are normal. Bream are biting well 12 feet deep on crickets. Bass are fair 10 to 15 feet deep on top-water lures and plastic worms. Catfish are fair on Magic Bait.

**Saline River Access in Benton:** Turbyfill's Outdoor Sports (501-315-3061) said water conditions are normal. Bream are fair on small rooster tails. Crappie are fair on white road runners. Smallmouth and Kentucky bass are fair on small top-water poppers. Catfishing is fair on trot lines with live bait.

**Arkansas River at Morrilton:** Charley's Hidden Harbor in Oppelo said crappie are fair in 6 to 10 feet of water on white jigs tipped with a minnow. Bream are biting well around sand bars on crickets. Black bass are biting well early in the morning on buzzing toads. Spotted bass are doing well on crankbaits. Striper fishing is good below lock 9 on bream or live shad. Catfishing is picking up in 20 to 30 feet of water on shad.

**Arkansas River in Little Rock:** Vince Miller from [Fish 'N Stuff](#) said the water is finally dropping and should be back to normal soon. Bass fishing has been good on spinnerbaits, crankbaits and jigs.

**Little Maumelle River:** Josh Jeffers at [Pinnacle Mountain State Park](#) (501-868-5806) said the water level is receding and the surface temperature ranges from 80 to 83 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-oz. crappie jigs. Bass are slow, but are being caught on shad-colored flukes, shaky head finesse worms, small top-water baits (early in the mornings and late in the afternoons), Texas-rigged creature baits in the heat of the day, and small crankbaits around ledges and drops. Catfish are biting fairly well on night crawlers and different types of stink bait around ledges and drops.

Hatchet Jack's Sport Shop said bream are fair in the pad beds on crickets and wax worms. Bass are fair early on spinnerbaits and flukes. Catfishing is excellent on trot lines, yoyos and limb lines.

**Big Maumelle River:** Hatchet Jack's Sport Shop said bream are fair on crickets. Catfishing is excellent on trot lines with slicks and cut shad.

**Lake Maumelle:** [Jolly Roger's Marina](#) said black bass are fair early (from sun up to 7:30 a.m.) just outside of the weeds in about 10 feet of water with crankbaits, Carolina rigs and spinnerbaits. Once the sun is up, go deep off points with jig-and-pigs, CC Spoons and drop-shot rigs. Kentucky bass are biting a little better, with reports of schooling Kentuckies over deeper water. White bass are good. They are schooling in the late evening and are hitting on CC Spoons, Near Nuthings and Spooks. Bream are excellent 15 feet deep on crickets. If using worms you will pick up some nice Catfish mixed in with the bream. The College Bass National Championship is being held Wednesday and Thursday of this week with 56 teams from around the country fishing Lake Maumelle.

Hatchet Jack's Sport Shop said the water is clear and high. Bream are fair in 12 to 14 feet of water on a split shot and cricket.

**Lake Valencia:** Hatchet Jack's Sport Shop said catfish are the best thing going on nightcrawlers and chicken hearts.

**Murray Lock and Dam:** Hatchet Jack's Sport Shop said catfishing is excellent snagging on rice slicks and cut shad as well as trot lines.

**Terry Lock and Dam:** McSwain Sports Center (501-945-2471) said the water is still very rough and dangerous.

**Clear Lake:** McSwain Sports Center (501-945-2471) said the water is clear and dropping. Bream are fair 4 to 6 feet of water on crickets and red worms. Catfish are fair fishing on the bottoms with nightcrawlers.

**Peckerwood Lake:** Herman's Landing (870-241-3731) said the water is murky and at normal level. Bream

fishing is good on crickets. Crappie are fair on minnows. Catfishing has been good on liver, minnows and worms.

## NORTH ARKANSAS

**White River:** [John Berry of Berry Brothers Guides](#) said the water flows on the White have been consistently high. Overall, the fishing has been excellent on the White River. It has at times been spectacular, particularly at the Catch-and-release section at Bull Shoals Dam and the adjacent state park. The hot flies have been San Juan worms (in tan, orange and red), and brightly colored marabou jigs. Jigs have the added advantage of riding hook point up which makes them virtually weedless. Another hot spot was Rim Shoals. Here again the most action was encountered using brightly colored San Juan worms and eggs. Those fishing just outside the catch-and-release sections had good results by using black zebra midges and copper johns as droppers. The best fishing has occurred in the Red Bud area. The hot fly there has been brightly colored marabou jigs.

Sportsman's White River Resort said water is clear with 8 generators running around the clock. Trout fishing is excellent red or pink plastic worms, .25 ounce red or gold lures and rooster tails. Although fly fishing has been slow, egg patterns seem to be working fair as well as San Juan worms.

**Bull Shoals Lake:** As of Tuesday, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers reports the lake's elevation at 691.05 feet MSL.

**Lake Norfolk:** As of Tuesday, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers reports the lake's elevation at 575.40 feet MSL.

[101 Grocery and Bait](#) said fishing has been fair. The early morning has been the best time of day to be fishing. Top-water fishing is still good until about 8 a.m. After that, you will need to fish deep. Bluegill fishing is very good using worms and crickets fished around 20-30 feet deep. Striper fishing has been fair. A few are being caught on small live bait. Mid-lake and toward the dam have been the better areas to fish for stripers. They are hanging in 40 feet of water and deeper. Walleye fishing has slowed, but a few are being caught on live bait. Try fishing around the thermocline (18-25 feet deep). Largemouth and smallmouth bass fishing are fair. The bass are still being caught around the trees and along the bluffs. Crappie fishing is slow. White bass fishing is fair. White in-line spinners are still the choice lure. Catfish are still hitting live bait on limb lines.

Cranfield Junction (870-492-5141) said the water is murky and high. All fishing is slow.

**Norfolk Tailwater:** [John Berry of Berry Brothers Guides](#) said the Norfolk has been spectacular on low water. Anglers reported great success with black zebra nymphs, olive scuds, and black Norfolk bead heads all in size 18. Other good flies were olive woolly buggers, partridge and orange soft hackles, and worm brown San Juan worms. The top producer was the green butt soft hackle. There have been some sparse sulphur hatches in mid morning and this was the key to success. In the afternoon, on higher water, fishing slows a bit. Use conventional high-water techniques, and if you are not fishing a catch-and-release area consider using a dropper tied to the lead flies. Dry Run Creek has been a local hot spot. This is a great place for you to while away the summer with your children or grand children. It is also a great place to beat the heat.

## NORTHWEST ARKANSAS

**Beaver Lake:** As of Tuesday, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers reports the lake's elevation at 1,129.16 feet MSL.

[JT's Crappie Guide Service](#) (479-640-3980) said Bass have been taking buzz baits early fished around flooded cover. They have also been caught off of main lake points and humps on Carolina-rigged finesse worms. Crappie fishing has been very good early and late around docks and timber. Small curly tail grubs have worked well. Fish have been suspended just off the bottom in 30 feet of water. Trolling small Rapala jointed minnows on flats 20 to 35 feet deep has also produced some nice white crappie in the Hickory Creek area. White bass are few and far between. Some surfacing is taking place but you have to be fast because it doesn't last long. Night fishing is still probably your best bet along channel bends in the main lake. Use lights to attract bait then fish a minnow 15' to 30 feet deep. Striped bass have been scattered on the downstream end of the lake. Trolled crankbaits or umbrella rigs have worked best. Catfishing remains good from the bank at night using worms or liver. Bluegill fishing has been great using crickets or worms around rocks and docks.

Southtown Sporting Goods (479-443-7148) said the water is stained and high. Bream are biting well in 4 to 8 feet

of water on crickets and red worms. A few crappie have been caught on minnows and Shad Raps. Bass are fair early and late on finesse worms, rooster tails and spinnerbaits. Catfishing is good on trot lines and jug lines with live bait.

**Lake Fayetteville:** Lake Fayetteville Boat Dock (479-444-3476) said water conditions are normal. Bream are fair on crickets. Crappie are being caught on minnows and jigs. Bass are fair on buzzbaits and plastic worms. Catfishing is slow.

**Lake Sequoyah:** Lake Sequoyah Boat Dock (479-444-3475) said the water is muddy and at normal level. Crappie are fair on jigs and minnows. Catfish are biting well on cut bait.

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

## NORTHEAST ARKANSAS

**Lake Charles:** [Lake Charles State Park](#) (870-878-6595) said the water level is normal and the surface temperature is 70 to 72. The water clarity is 13 inches.

Bream are biting on crickets and worms, while the crappies are biting on minnows and jigs. Bass are hitting on spinners and crankbaits. Catfish are biting on minnows.

**Crown Lake:** [Boxhound Marina](#) (870-670-4496) said water conditions are normal. Bream are biting well early on crickets. Crappie are fair in deep water on minnows. Bass are biting well early on top-water lures. Catfishing is good at night on cut bait and nightcrawlers.

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

**Spring River:** Mark's Fly Shop said fishing has been great. The weather has been perfect for wading. During the heat of the day, the best technique has been to find deep water and get the fly to the bottom. Many people seem to be concerned about canoe and floater traffic during summer months, but downstream of Dam 3 you will not see a canoe until about 11 a.m. Right now is a fine time to fish.

## SOUTHEAST ARKANSAS

**Lake Monticello:** Greg Gullede with Basshunters Custom Crankbaits said bass are biting in the 9 to 20 foot range with nice fish being caught on 10 to 12-inch worms. Topwater fishing is very spotty with a few nice bass being caught on Baby Kill Gills, Sammys, and Pop Rs. There is some schooling activity, but it's spotty and random. The surface temp is in the upper 80s to lower 90s. Night fishing continues to produce a few nice bass.

**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 river is only a fraction above summer normal and it's not moving up or down very quickly. Fishing has slowed down a bit, but bream are still being caught in the bay from the beginning of the cypress trees to the mouth of the creek. Crickets and worms fished at a depth of about 5 foot are working best. Several good catfish have also been caught in the main river channel on bream and shad. A few bass have been caught in the bay while trolling with white spinnerbaits and red-shad plastic worms. Very few reports of crappie have come in. A crappie fisherman would most likely do best in the bay fishing fairly deep and moving around to find scattered fish.

## SOUTHWEST ARKANSAS

**Millwood Lake:** As of Tuesday, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers reports the lake's elevation at 259.35 feet MSL.

[Millwood Lake Guide Service](#) said the water clarity is 6 to 8 inches in the main lake away from current. The surface temperature is 85 to 88 degrees. Current in Little River is 338 cubic feet per second. Largemouth bass are biting fairly well early and late in the day. Top-water toads and plugs, Bass Assassin Shads, 10-12-inch worms and swim baits all continue working well for bass. The mayfly hatch continues, and bream feeding under willow and cypress trees which are feeding on the mayfly population are making good bass magnets. Chunky bass from 3-5 pounds remain consistent over the past week, but are tough to find and entice after 11 a.m. until just before dark. Swimming jigs in bleeding white pearl or blue glimmer with a pearl white chunk or craw trailer through grass and pads continue to take some nice bass. Early and late, find shallow flats with cypress, stumps and grass or pads, next to deep water drops and creek channel swings, and you are in the right zone. Swimbaits like the magic shad are working near deep drop zones in the river and creek channels, close to most any grass. White Bass are full on or full off, between White Cliffs and Cemetery Slough, along Little River using Little Cleos, Little Georges, Rooster Tails and Rocket Shads in white, red, and chrome. Best depths are 12-16 feet. The crappie bite, slightly improved again with the better water clarity. The most consistent bite remains on live shiners, smoke grubs on light wire jig heads. Blue and channel cats continue to hit well on trotlines baited with cut shad, Catfish Charlie, cottonseed meal cake and chicken hearts and livers. Yo-yos hung from cypress trees in approx 8-10 feet of water near any current are working well. Bream are biting well along the banks on crickets and redworms around docks and cypress trees.

**Cossatot River:** Davy Ashcraft at [Cossatot River State Park](#) (870-385-2201) said USGA states that the water level is 1.93 feet, with the surface temperatures ranging from 75 degrees to 80 degrees. With the ever increasing heat and lack of water, algae is beginning to grow rapidly all over the river, causing the fish to be less aggressive. Early and late in the day are the best times to try your hand at the fish in the river. Bream are biting great on worms and crickets in 3 feet of water. 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. Small dark-colored grubs are doing well, too. All are more productive fished as slow as possible. Black bass are fair with some being taken on dark finesse worms and grubs fished very slowly around deep structure. As always, minnow rigged setups are producing some limits of bass. Catfish are hit-and-miss, most are being caught at night on night crawlers. Many fish are being caught all across the park and as far south as the backwaters of the lake.

**Lake Columbia:** Steve's Marine (870-234-2222) said water conditions are normal. Bream are fair on crickets and wax worms. Bass fishing is fair on top-water lures. Catfishing is good on liver and nightcrawlers.

**Lake Erling:** Steve's Marine (870-234-2222) said water conditions are normal. Bream are fair on crickets and wax worms. Bass are fair on plastic worms and spinnerbaits. Catfishing is good on nightcrawlers.

**White Oak Lake:** [White Oak Lake State Park](#) said the water level is steady and water is clearing up. Bream and crappie are slow on crickets. Bass are slow on spinnerbaits. Catfish are biting well on trotlines with minnows.

**Lake Greeson:** As of Tuesday, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers reports the lake's elevation at 545.34 feet MSL.

Darryl Morris at [Family Fishing Trips](#) said the water temperature has cooled a few degrees to the mid-80s. Crappie and Catfish are fair using live bait. Bream are excellent on crickets. Surface activity for bass is increasing. Stripers are being caught in the lower end of the lake.

Lakeside Grocery (870-398-5304) said the water is high and temperature has reached the mid 90's. Fishing has been slow.

**DeGray Lake:** As of Tuesday, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers reports the lake's elevation at 406.98 feet MSL.

DeGray One Stop (501-865-3511) said all fishing is slow.

## WEST-CENTRAL ARKANSAS

**Lake Dardanelle:** Eric Pratt at [Lake Dardanelle State Park](#) said the river flow on Lake Dardanelle is currently 90,000 cfs and is expected to decline as the week progresses if no significant amount of rain falls. Temperatures are holding steady at 82 degrees. Catfishing is excellent with several people taking home a stringer full of catfish. Fishermen report catching them on chicken liver and hearts, cut shad and stink bait. Bluegill, redear sunfish and yellow bass are being caught off the fishing pier and boardwalk in the park using crickets, mayflies and worms. Bass tournaments have about come to a standstill this month because of high temperatures. Bass fishermen are reporting that bass are biting early morning and late in the day on crankbaits, spinnerbaits and plastic worms.

Murphy's Sporting Goods (479-229-3200) said the water murky and falling. Catfish are the best thing going on shad and stink bait. Fishing will be slow until the water stabilizes.

**Blue Mountain Lake:** As of Tuesday, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers reports the lake's elevation at 386.59 feet MSL.

Booneville Bait (479-675-9038) had no report.

**Ozark Pool:** Lakeside Food Mart (479-667-5155) said the water is murky and high. Bream are fair on crickets and worms. A few crappie have been caught on minnows. Bass are biting well on spinnerbaits and plastic worms. Catfishing is very good on minnows, nightcrawlers and cut bait.

**Lake Ouachita:** As of Tuesday, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers reports the lake's elevation was 576.05 feet MSL.

Larry Hurley from [Poorman's Guide Service](#) said bass fishing is very good with some nice largemouths being caught on a Berkley 10-inch plastic worms fished on the outside edge of the grass using a ½-oz. weight. Some stripers are breaking, but it is hit-and-miss. The best striper action has been at the dam along the bouys.

[Mountain Harbor Resort](#) said the water is clear and ranges from 82 to 86 degrees. Largemouth bass are still fair and can still be caught with Texas-rigged worms, jighead worms and black spinnerbaits. Drop-shot rigs are still working well for Kentucky bass off drop offs in the river channels and over brush. Walleye are still biting well on spoons fished on main lake points. Bottom bouncers with spinners and nightcrawlers are producing some quality fish as well. Stripers are still fair on live bait with shad or trotline minnows. Bream are very good with crickets or worms in 18 to 25 feet of water. Crappie are fair and being caught over grass and brush in 20 to 30 feet of water.

**Lake Hamilton:** Larry Hurley from [Poorman's Guide Service](#) said bass fishing is very good at night using 10-inch Berkley worms with small weights 12 to 18 feet deep.

**Lake Catherine:** Shane Goodner, owner of [Catch'em All Guide Service](#), reports that the summer heat has increased the water temperature in the tailrace to 62 degrees. Water clarity remains good as Entergy maintains a regular generation schedule. Rainbow trout fishing is painfully slow as the hot weather creates a summertime feeding pattern. The very small number of trout that remain around the dam are scattered and feed sparingly during the day which makes it almost impossible to catch them in any decent numbers. The rainbow trout season at Carpenter Dam begins in December and normally extends until August. Trout anglers will have to wait until late November to experience the consistent bite again this year. Striper and hybrid activity is on the rise as the water warms into the 60s. The threadfin shad population has brought these large game fish into the tailrace in search of an easy meal. Topwater action has been heavy at times with fishermen targeting the breaking fish. Super Spooks and C-10 Redfins in rainbow trout colors are the baits of choice. Large brood minnows and gizzard shad floated under a balloon rig have produced many fish in the 10 to 15-pound range.

Diamond Head Marina (501-262-2272) said water conditions are normal with a surface temperature in the low 80's. Bream are biting well in 5 to 10 feet of water on crickets. Crappie are fair on minnows. Bass are biting well in shallow water on spinnerbaits. Catfishing is good on chicken liver and nightcrawlers.

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

**Lake Atkins:** Lucky Landing (479-641-7615) said water conditions are normal. Bream fishing is good in deep water on crickets and worms. Catfish are biting well on large minnows.

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## EAST ARKANSAS

**Arkansas River (Pine Bluff):** River City Sporting Goods (870-534-8303) said the water is dingy and starting to drop. Bream are biting well on wax worms, red worms and crickets. Crappie fishing is good on minnows and jigs. Catfishing is good on bream, worms and cut shad.

**Island 40 Chute:** Daily's Boat Dock (870-739-3478) said the water is clear and falling. All fishing is slow.

**White River:** Triangle Sports (870-793-7122) said the water is muddy and high. All species are slow.

**Maddox Bay:** Maddox Bay Landing (870-462-8317) said the water is murky and high. Bream are fair on crickets. A few crappie have been caught on minnows. Bass are biting well on spinnerbaits.

**Bear Creek Lake:** Arkansas Outdoors (870-295-4240) said all fishing has been slow.

**Horseshoe Lake:** Local angler Clyde Gregory said the water is in great condition. Bream have been fair in shallow water around lily pads on crickets and worms. Crappie are biting well in deep water trolling on minnows and jigs. Bass are fair on top-water plugs. Catfishing is very good around trees on yoyos using worms or cut bait.

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