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This is the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission's fishing report for **November 12**. 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: The brown trout spawn is imminent on the Little Red River. Now's the time for trophy hunters to find their once-in-a-lifetime trout. Be careful when wading not to disturb trout redds (nests) and try to stay at least two casts-lengths from other anglers. When you get your trophy, try not to handle it with your bare hands. If you must use your hands, wet them first to protect the fish's protective slime coat.

Arkansas River Levels are available at :

http://www.swl-wc.usace.army.mil/WCDS/Reports/Daily/Pao_rvrs.txt

White River Levels are available at :

http://www.srh.noaa.gov/lmrfc/forecast/tributaries/status_white.shtml

Statewide Family and Community Fishing Report: The last catfish stockings for the year are complete and all program ponds are producing eating-size catfish. The best baits to use are worms, liver, hot dogs and store-bought paste baits. Bream are slow. Trout will be stocked in program ponds when the water is cool enough to support them, which is usually in December. For more information on stockings, call toll-free 1-866-540-FISH (3474).

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CENTRAL ARKANSAS

Lake Conway: Bates Field and Stream (501-470-1846) said bream are biting fairly well, but are a little deeper than normal. Crickets fished 10 to 12 feet away from the bank are working. Crappie are biting well on pink

minnows and jigs fished around Gold Creek, Caney Creek and Pierce Creek. Bass are biting fairly well on spinnerbaits fished around any sort of riprap or rock. Catfishing is good on trotlines.

Little Red River: [Lindsey's Resort](#) (501-302-3139) said the water is a bit cloudy and low with no current. Trout are biting well on wax worms and marshmallows and on Power Bait.

Jed Hollan at the [Little Red Fly Shop](#) said the Greers Ferry Powerhouse is slowing releases down to combat low dissolved oxygen in the water and prevent a fish kill. Restricted trout stocking is still occurring between the dam and Cow Shoal because of the low DO. The longer the water can stay in the lake, the more oxygen it will absorb from wave action and aquatic vegetation. Hopefully the lowered releases will move the dissolved oxygen up until the lake turns over later this month. The brown trout spawn is where it was a week ago – on the verge of happening. Male brown trout, in full spawn coloration and with the telltale hooked lower jaws, are all over the shoals in eager anticipation of the arrival of the larger, egg-laden females. Aquatic insect hatches continue with midges, BWOs and caddis being the primary players. A customer of ours from Pennsylvania fished at Libby Shoal, Winkley Shoal and Cow Shoal and in two days caught and released 107 trout using BWO dry fly patterns. That's a lot of fish on dries for our river. Dry fly patterns that are working the best right now include blue winged olive mayflies (#18-#22), caddis (#16-#18), Adams (#16-#18) and crackleback (#12-#14). Beneath the meniscus, try a sowbug (#14-#16 UV tan, UV gray, olive or peacock), red butt soft hackle (#14-#18), copper john (#14-#16 red, green or copper), zebra midge (#16-#22 red or black), pheasant tail (#16), hare's ear (#14-#16) and woolly bugger (#8-#12 olive, brown or black).

Greers Ferry: As of Tuesday, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers reports the lake's elevation at 460.10 feet MSL.

[Tommy Cauley of Fish Finder Guide Service](#) said most of the largemouths, Kentucky bass and smallmouths are holding in front of the bushes and are biting well on tubes, spinnerbaits, crankbaits, Carolina-rigged lizards and grubs, and whacky-rigged Senkos. Some are out deeper and can be caught on football head jigs, spoons and Carolina-rigged lizards in 20-25 feet. Crappie are still biting in brush piles and pole timber, and in creek bends in 15-20 feet of water on grubs and minnows. Walleye are scattered in 27 feet and biting crawlers. Some are also underneath hybrids and white bass in 45 to 50 feet of water and are biting on spoons. No report on bream. Catfish are biting all over the lake on jugs baited with live and prepared bait. The whites and hybrids are going good in 32-45 feet of water if you have some wind. Spoons and small in-line spinners are working the best.

Shiloh Marina (501-825-6237) said white bass and hybrids are surface feeding in the evenings. Some black bass are being caught in the mornings.

Harris Brake Lake: [Coffee Creek Landing](#) (501-889-2745) said the water is clear and falling as the lake is being drawn down. Bream are fair on live bait. Crappie are biting very well on live minnows. Bass are fair. Catfishing is fair on trotlines baited with live bait.

Lake Overcup: [Overcup Landing](#) (501-354-9007) said the water is clear and the surface temperature is 64 degrees. Bream are slow on redworms. Crappie are fair on jigs fished around boat docks. Bass are fair on soft-plastic worms fished around brush piles. Catfish are fair on cut shad and nightcrawlers.

Brewer Lake: [Overcup Landing](#) (501-354-9007) said the water is clear and at normal level. Bream are fair on redworms and crickets. Crappie are fair on minnows fished around brush piles. Bass are fair on spinnerbaits and buzzbaits around any woody cover. Catfishing is fair on live bait.

Lake Maumelle: [Jolly Rogers Marina](#) said Lake Maumelle is going to winter patterns. Largemouth bass are fair off the points. Bass jigs and CC spoons fished 15 feet deep are working. The Kentucky bass are mixed in with the largemouths. White bass are fair. They have moved to the humps on the west end of the lake and are being caught on CC Spoons and Sassy Shads. Crappie are fair around 20 feet deep and are hitting minnows and 1/32-oz. red/white and chartreuse jigs. Catfishing is slow, but a few have been caught along the main channel on prepared bait and large minnows.

Arkansas River at Little Rock: Vince Miller from [Fish N' Stuff](#) (501-834-5733) said the water is muddy and at 63 degrees. Crappie are fair. Bass are biting well on shad-colored crankbaits and spinnerbaits fished in 5 feet or less in backwater areas.

Sunset Lake: Turbyfill's Outdoor Sports (501-315-3061) said water conditions are normal. Bream are biting fairly well on crickets. Crappie, bass and catfish are all slow.

Saline River Access in Benton: Turbyfill's Outdoor Sports (501-315-3061) said the water is clear. Bream are biting well on crickets. Crappie are fair. Bass are fair on topwaters. Catfish are fair.

Arkansas River at Morrilton: Charley's Hidden Harbor in Opeelo said shad are moving into the shallow water during the late afternoon. White bass, largemouth bass and Kentucky bass have followed the shad into the

backwaters and are biting well on Shad Raps and other shallow-diving crankbaits. Catfish are still near the main river channel and are biting on skipjack and nightcrawlers below dams 9 and 10. Crappie are in the cutoffs and mouths of creeks and are moving toward the main channel. Minnows fished 4 to 8 feet deep near banks are producing well. Large drum are being caught around rocks on crayfish-colored jigs.

Little Maumelle River: Hatchet Jack's Sport Shop said bream fishing is slow. Crappie are biting well on pink minnows under a slip-cork rig. Bass are biting well on Gilmore Jumpers and tandem-bladed spinnerbaits. Catfishing is good on yo-yos and limb lines baited with chicken hearts.

Murray Lock and Dam: Hatchet Jack's Sport Shop said crappie are biting fairly well on pink minnows fished under a slip-cork. Pink/white mini jigs are also catching some crappie. White bass are biting well on white and chartreuse twister tails and yellow/white mini jigs. Catfishing is good on live green sunfish and shad fillets. Stripers are fair on large chartreuse twister tails on ½-ounce jigheads.

Terry Lock and Dam: McSwain Sports Center (501-945-2471) said the current and clarity are about average. Crappie are biting well on bass minnows.

Clear Lake: McSwain Sports Center (501-945-2471) said the water is clear and at normal level. Bream are poor. Crappie are fair on pink minnows around stumps in 6 feet of water. Bass are fair on spinnerbaits fished near brush in 4 to 5 feet of water. Catfishing is slow.

NORTH ARKANSAS

White River: Sportsman's White River Resort said the water is clear and seven generators are running. Trout fishing is fair. The slower fishing is upriver from the Resort. Fly-fishing is good on red San Juan worms. Other artificials are hard to use in the current.

Mountain River Fly Shop said water temperatures are still high on the White, but the dissolved oxygen is more positive than early last week. Fishing toward the end of last week was very good. Bull Shoals is now at 31 percent of flood pool (15 feet above power pool). Depending on rainfall over the next month, we might be seeing some low water in mid-December. We might even see some extended wading for the week between Christmas and New Year. Traditionally this week, has low power demand, increasing the chances of low water. It just depends on lack of rainfall. On the river, Eggs and worms remain very productive. Puffball eggs, or standard orange, yellow or cerise eggs are great attractors. For worms, choose between Dynamite Worms or standard San Juan Worms if you are boat drifting. Hot pink, red, brown and light tan are great colors.

Bull Shoals Lake: As of Tuesday, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers reports the lake's elevation at 666.04 feet MSL.

Lake Norfolk: As of Tuesday, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers reports the lake's elevation at 559.55 feet MSL.

101 Grocery and Bait said the water temperature is in the upper 60s. Bluegill fishing is good using worms and crickets. Crappie fishing is fair. White bass fishing has been good with the best time around sunset. Stripper fishing is slow. Walleye fishing is fair using nightcrawlers. Catfishing has been slow. Bass fishing (Kentucky, smallmouth and largemouth bass) has been good.

Cranfield Junction Bait and Tackle (870-492-5141) said the water temperature is around 69 degrees and the water is still 12 feet over normal pool. The lake is beginning to turn over. Bream, crappie, catfish, stripers and walleye are all slow. Bass are biting well. Most of the largemouths and Kentuckies are in the shallow areas in the backs of coves. Spinnerbaits, topwaters and soft-plastics are all working well on smaller bass. Very few keepers are being caught, however.

Norfolk Tailwater: John Berry from Berry Brothers Guide Service said the pattern has been to run one generator around the clock. There have been some limited wading opportunities on the Norfolk. Fishing has been spotty. The flows during the day have been light. The hot flies have been San Juan worms in hot pink and brightly colored eggs. There has been a bit of wading at Quarry Park below the dam along the parking lot for the ramp but with the lower dissolved oxygen the upper river has not fished as well as the lower river. Dry Run Creek is fishing well as always. With the brown trout spawn approaching, some of the browns are beginning to move up in the creek. There are plenty of large trout in the creek already. The hot flies are sow bugs, San Juan worms and egg patterns (peach would be the best color). With school back in session there is hardly anyone there. It is a great time to take your children or grandchildren.

Mountain River Fly Shop said Norfolk is only 8 feet from power pool and could be at power pool by early December (weather permitting). The second piece of good news is a significant kick to the outrageously low dissolved oxygen levels seen recently. Fishing is significantly better from McClellan's downstream, where the riffles and shoals can oxygenate the water. San Juans and eggs have been doing well here. But don't be afraid to try larger (size 14) midge patterns, scuds and sowbugs.

Spring River: **Spring River Fly Shop** said fishing has been great. The water is running low and clear. Leaves are still falling heavily into the river and can be bothersome. Ants are working well because of the leaves in the water and egg patterns are producing fish. Mayfly and caddis hatches have been consistent. Mayfly and caddis emergers are the ticket during a hatch. Getting them down to the bottom is very important.

NORTHWEST ARKANSAS

Beaver Lake: As of Tuesday, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers reports the lake's elevation at 1,126.44 feet MSL.

JT's Crappie Guide Service (479-640-3980) said bass have been hitting a variety of lures all over the lake. Try spinnerbaits and buzzbaits fished along and through flooded timber early in the day. Later, try a hula grub fished along and in docks. Crappie fishing is decent. Try working a chartreuse Shinee Hinee or a chartreuse curly tail grub over brush piles 15 to 25 feet deep. Most fish have been suspended 5 to 10 feet deep. White bass are few and far between, but a few small fish can be caught off main-lake points and on the edge of main-lake flats. Jigging spoons have been effective. Bluegill fishing has been excellent. Try crickets or worms along and in docks 5-10 feet deep. Catfish have been biting well from the bank in the evening on worms and liver.

Southtown Sporting Goods (479-443-7148) said the water is still very high and water temperatures are in the mid-50s. Bream are fair. Crappie are biting well on jigs tipped with a minnow. Bass are biting well on spinnerbaits and crankbaits fished around inside channel turns. Vertically jigged spoons over flat areas near the main channel are working as well.

Lake Fayetteville: Lake Fayetteville Boat Dock (479-444-3476) said bad weather has kept most anglers off the lake.

Lake Sequoyah: Lake Sequoyah Boat Dock (479-444-3475) said the water is clear and at normal levels. Bream are biting well on worms and crickets around weed beds and woody cover. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs fished near stumps in 2 to 6 feet of water. Bass are biting well on spinnerbaits and soft plastics fished in 2 to 10 feet of water around brush and rocky areas. Catfishing is slow, but a few have been caught on shad and worms around 20-feet deep.

Sugarloaf Lake: Midland Minimart (479-639-9467) said the water is low. Fishing is at a crawl for all species. It has been two weeks since the last reported fish was caught.

NORTHEAST ARKANSAS

Henry Gray Hurricane Lake WMA: Judy Potts of Judy's Bait Shoppe at the north entrance to Henry Gray Hurricane Lake WMA reports all fishing is very sluggish in the Henry Gray Hurricane Lake WMA because of water levels changing so much.

Lake Charles: **Lake Charles State Park** (870-878-6595) said that the water level is down about 6 feet and the floodgates are open. The boat ramp inside the park has been closed, but you can still access the ramps for Highway 25. The temperature ranges from 55 to 58 degrees and the water level is around 6 inches. All species are slow.

Crown Lake: **Boxhound Marina** (870-670-4496) said the water is clear and at normal level. All species are fair.

Lake Frierson: **Lake Frierson State Park** said the water is murky. Bream are fair on nightcrawlers along the banks. Crappie are biting well on crappie jigs near the drawdown tower at the dam. Catfishing is fair on chicken livers.

SOUTHEAST ARKANSAS

Lake Monticello: Fishing guide Greg Gullede (870-723-3928) with Basshunters Custom Crankbaits said fishing on Lake Monticello has really slowed over the last couple weeks. There are some bass being caught on Texas-rigged Fishboy tubes and Fishboy Pedes. The fishing has been spotty at best with mostly small fish being taken.

Lake Chicot: Bass Tracker Marine (870-265-5374) said water conditions are normal. Bream are good on crickets. Crappie are biting well on worms. Bass are biting well on small crankbaits and spinnerbaits.

Grand Lake: Bass Tracker Marine (870-265-5374) said water conditions are normal. Bream are good on crickets. Crappie are biting well on worms. Bass are biting well on spinnerbaits.

SOUTH CENTRAL ARKANSAS

Moro Bay: [Moro Bay State Park](#) at the conjunction of the Ouachita River, Raymond Lake and Moro Bay said the river is at its normal level (65 feet above sea level). Crappie are starting to bite well on chartreuse jigs. Most are being caught near cypress trees and sunken debris near the bottom. Even a few bream have been caught this week on worms and jigs while crappie fishing. Some small bass have also been caught on plastic worms and live worms by bank anglers. No one has mentioned anything of catfish but that's probably because few people are fishing right now. Most are concentrating on hunting this time of year, so don't forget to wear some orange if you get back in the bay or in the lake this weekend.

Lower Ouachita River: Water is starting to subside in the Ouachita River lakes. Some people are catching a few crappie along moss lines using shiners. No report on other species.

Tri-County Lake: Small worms on 1/16-oz. weights are working well on bass around channels. People are starting gearing up for catfishing, so the catfish bite should be good in the next few weeks.

SOUTHWEST ARKANSAS

Millwood Lake: As of Tuesday, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers reports the lake's elevation at 259.69 feet MSL.

[Millwood Lake Guide Service](#) said clarity along main lake channel and Little River improved this week, but some high density broken, vegetation and floating mats remain in Little River. As of Monday, the main lake and Little River's water surface temperatures range from 61 to 69 degrees, depending on location and time of day. Current in Little River is 193 CFS. All USACE boat ramps and campgrounds are open. Millwood State Park has one operational boat ramp and one still under repair. Cooler daytime highs in the 50s and nighttime lows in the mid 40s continue to improve the feeding activity of most all fish on Millwood. Bass continue to feed well with sub-surface schooling activities being seen in many locations around the lake. Chunky bass from 2 to 6 pounds, continue to bite excellently on Rat-L-Traps at random periods throughout the day in many of the oxbow lakes upriver. The best schooling activity is between noon and 3 p.m. The most consistent reaction bite during sub-surface schooling activity is on Rat-L-Traps, Cordell spoons (hint* use a buck tail feather hook), and white- or smoke-colored grubs on light wire jig heads. Bass were schooling in Horseshoe and McGuire oxbow lakes upriver this week, chasing shad deep in the lily pads. Swimming white jigs along the edges of vegetation is working but the best bet is a Bass Assassin Shad. White bass remain schooling along with the largemouths in Mud, Horseshoe and McGuire Oxbow lakes this week. Several schools have been schooling along Little River between Highway 71 Bridge and the mouth of the Cossatot River. These schools of white bass are very nomadic this time of year and constantly moving. Crappie continue improving along with the improved clarity along Little River. The best depth over the last week with the improved water clarity is running between 9-10 feet deep over planted brush piles. Blue and channel cats remain excellent on trotlines or yo-yos along the current in Little River, and remain best for 2-6 pounders using cut shad, blood bait and chicken livers. Yo-yos hung from cypress trees near any current in 9-12 feet of water, continue picking up some decent cats in the 5-8-pound class.

Cossatot River: Davy Ashcraft at [Cossatot River State Park](#) (870-385-2201) had no report.

Lake Columbia: Steve's Marine (870-234-2222) said crappie are biting well on minnows and jigs. Bass are fair

on soft-plastic worms and crankbaits. Catfishing is fair on stink bait and worms.

Lake Erling: Steve's Marine (870-234-2222) said the water is low and the lake is being drawn down. Crappie are biting well. Bass are fair. Catfishing is good on worms and stinkbait.

White Oak Lake: [White Oak Lake State Park](#) had no report.

Lake Greeson: As of Tuesday, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers reports the lake's elevation was not available.

Darryl Morris of [Family Fishing Trips Guide Service](#) said surface temperatures are in the mid- to lower 60s with a water level of 539msl. The bigger crappie are starting to show up on the brush piles and bamboo condos using live bait and jigs. White bass and bream are being caught in the same places.

Lakeside Grocery said the water is murky and low and the surface temperature is 60 to 64 degrees. Bream are slow. Crappie are fair on minnows fished around brush in 10 to 15 feet of water. Bass are biting well on spinnerbaits and crankbaits fished 1 to 5 feet deep around creek channels. Catfishing is poor.

DeGray Lake: As of Tuesday, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers reports the lake's elevation at 407.32 feet MSL.

[DeGray Lake Resort](#) had no report.

Charles at [Iron Mountain Lodge and Marina](#) said the water temperature is 66 degrees and dropping. Largemouth bass are biting well on 11-inch worms in Redbug, Cherryseed, Tequila Green and Bloodline colors. Some bass are still schooling early and late. Kentucky bass are biting well on live crayfish fished along drop-offs and points around DeRoche and Caddo Bend in 20 to 26 feet of water. Hybrids are biting well on live shad. They are still schooling in the early mornings and are biting well on top waters and 3¼-oz CC Spoons around the dam and Caddo Bend in 24 to 28 feet of water. Crappie are excellent on Tennessee shad grubs and live minnows. Around moss flats and points in 18 to 20 feet of water and on brush piles in 20 to 25 feet of water. Catfish are biting well on jugs and trotlines baited with minnows and cut shad. Bream are biting well on worms and crickets in 6 to 12 feet of water.

WEST-CENTRAL ARKANSAS

Lake Dardanelle: Eric Pratt at [Lake Dardanelle State Park](#) said the lake is getting close to normal with 12-15 inches of visibility in the main body of the lake. The water temperature is 56 degrees. The Corps of Engineers is reporting a forecasted release on Lake Dardanelle to be around 26,000 CFS. Bass fishing is fair. Most sportsmen out in the woods rather than on the water, so angler reports are down to about zero. Bass caught are hanging around ledges, drop offs and cover, such as submerged trees and wing jetties, waiting to ambush schools of shad. Black and blue, chartreuse or watermelon seed jigs and spinnerbaits have done the best fished in about 10 feet of water. Crappie are biting well at this time with anglers reporting success in Big Piney and around Illinois Bayou. Anglers are using small crappie jigs, tube jigs and Gitzits along creek channels, drop offs and brush piles in about 10-20 feet of water. Bream fishing is slow with crickets and worms. Catfishing is fair with anglers catching catfish in 20-25 feet of water off the edges of the main river channel.

Murphy's Sporting Goods (479-229-3200) said the water is clear and cool. All species are slow.

[Spadra Marina](#) on Lake Dardanelle in Clarksville reports that crappie staying 8-12 feet deep and are active early and late. Limits are being caught on minnows and Panfish Assassins. Catfish are biting excellently near running water and seem to be biting anything and everything. Bass have been biting well on the banks, but keepers are staying hidden. Darker colors have been the best bets, especially black and yellow.

Ozark Pool: Lakeside Food Mart (479-667-5155) said fishing reports are slow because of deer season. Bream are fair. Crappie are fair below the dam. Bass are fair on crankbaits and soft plastics. Catfishing is fair.

Lake Ouachita: As of Tuesday, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers reports the lake's elevation at 577.29 feet MSL.

[Mountain Harbor Resort](#) said the water temperature is 66 to 70 degrees and the water is clear. Largemouth bass are still good and can be caught on spinnerbaits and lipless crankbaits. Spoons are effective, fished vertically near humps and main-lake points around 20 to 25 feet deep. Walleye are still fair and being caught on spoons over brush piles on main lake points. Stripers are still good on live bait with shad or trotline minnows. White ½-oz. jigs and ¾-oz spoons are still working as well. These fish are breaking early and late and can be caught with

C-10 Redfins and Zara Spooks. Bream are fair with crickets or worms in 18 to 25 feet of water. Crappie are very good and being caught over brush and moss beds. Try brush in water 20 to 30 feet deep. Minnows or crappie grubs are still working best. Tennessee shad and white are still the best colors for artificial baits. Catfish are still fair and being caught on cut bait and live bait on jug lines and trotlines.

Larry Hurley from [Poorman's Guide Service](#) said the bass fishing continues to be good with bass feeding around the grass lines and hitting a variety of baits. The best results have come from Berkley Chigger Craws on the outside edge of the grass. Stripers are starting to break in the creeks around standing timber.

Dave Lindhag at [Striped Bass Adventures](#) said fishing is tough. The fish have moved up into the creeks and rivers. There are a lot of scattered fish right now. Smaller shad are working, but the occasional topwater is working around points near 25-50 feet of water. Freelined or weighted shad are producing the best, but it's not stellar. Most fish are 10 to 12 pounds. The schools are holding around 30 feet deep but will come up to 10 to feed.

Lake Hamilton: The drawdown should be complete and the fish should have stabilized. Crayfish are on the move, so crayfish-colored crankbaits and jigs fished around shallow rocky areas is the ticket for bass.

Lake Catherine: Shane Goodner, owner of [Catch'em All Guide Service](#), said that the winter drawdown will begin on Monday, November 17 and will complete on November 23. A 3-foot draw is planned with the lake falling about 5 inches per day. Rainbow trout stocking is scheduled for mid-November, with 3,000 trout being placed in the tailwater of Carpenter Dam. Stocking will continue through next April, which gives Arkansans an opportunity to fish some of the finest trout water in the state. With freezing temperatures in the forecast, the last of the quality white bass and hybrid bass fishing is fading fast. Threadfin shad are migrating out of the tailrace towards deeper water with the game fish following this seasonal movement. Some fish are still being caught on 1/8- and 1/4-ounce gray jigs around structure with most of the action taking place during periods of generation. Trolling the main channel below the bridge with small crankbaits has been the most effective technique for hybrid bass.

Diamond Head Marina said the water is clear. Bass are biting well on spoons fished near the shoreline in 6 feet of water and deeper. Walleye are biting well on Rat-L-Traps fished 10 to 14 feet deep. All other species are slow.

Lake Hinkle: Bill's Bait Shop (479-637-4719) said water conditions are normal. Bream are fair on crickets. Crappie are biting well on minnows. Bass are fair on large bass minnows. Catfishing is fair on trotlines baited with live bait.

Lake Atkins: Lucky Landing (479-641-7615) said bream are biting well on worms and crickets. Crappie are moving to coves and are biting well on minnows and jigs. Bass are slowing down, but are biting well on soft-plastic worms and buzzbaits. Catfishing is good on cut bait and live shad.

EAST ARKANSAS

Arkansas River (Pine Bluff): The Tackle Box (870) 534-1948 said the water is muddy and at normal level. Bream are fair on redworms and crickets. Crappie are biting well on minnows and jigs. Bass are fair on soft-plastics and jigs. Catfishing is good on cut bait and nightcrawlers.

White River: Triangle Sports (870-793-7122) said some of the oxbow lakes have some good crappie fishing in 18 to 20 feet of water.

Maddox Bay: Maddox Bay Landing (870-462-8317) said the water is clear and high. Bream are biting well on jigs fished near the main channel. Crappie are biting well on jigs and minnows fished 2 to 3 feet deep. Catfishing is good on stinkbait.

Bear Creek Lake: Arkansas Outdoors (870-295-4240) said the water is clear and at normal level. Catfish are fair on nightcrawlers.

Horseshoe Lake: Local angler Clyde Gregory said the water is very clear. Bream are biting well on wax worms all over the lake. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs fished 20 feet deep. Bass are fair on soft-plastics fished near lily pads in shallow water. Catfishing is excellent on worms and stinkbait.

Island 40 Chute: Daily's Boat Dock (870-739-3478) said the water clarity is good and the water is at normal levels. Crappie are biting well on black jigs. Bass are fair on jigs. Catfishing is good.

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