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This is the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission's fishing report for **May 27, 2009**. 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: As bream begin to move to their beds, they will get extremely aggressive. A cricket fished under a bobber on a long-shanked no. 6 hook is ideal to search for beds. Just drop it near likely cover and let it sit to a count of 10. Then move to the next likely piece of cover. When you find a bed, the bobber won't stay on the surface for more than a second before a bream gets the cricket. Once you catch a couple of bream in the same place quickly, you may want to change to a micro jig or rubber-legged fly under the bobber to catch fish quickly without needing to rebait with a fresh cricket after every catch

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: Catfish are in Community fishing ponds statewide. Nightcrawlers fished just off the bottom on a slip cork or on bottom with a bell sinker are working well. Many of the ponds are full of bream as well. Crickets fished under a bobber will catch plenty of bream. For more stocking information, call the Hotline at 1-866-540-FISH (3474) toll-free.

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Central Arkansas**Lake Conway:**

Bates Field and Stream (501-470-1846) said the water is dingy and high. A few bream are being caught near the bank on wax worms, tinsel teasers and crickets. Crappie are not doing so well, but are biting near cypress trees on minnows. Bass are doing well on black and red soft-plastic worms and spinnerbaits. Catfishing is picking up on trotlines baited with small bream and minnows.

Dan at Gold Creek Landing said bluegill and red-eared sunfish are biting well on crickets. Bass are biting well on plastics fished in the pads and at the edges of channels. Crappie are fair around cypress trees in 5 feet of water. Catfishing is good on trotlines baited with bream.

Little Red River:

Lindsey's Resort (501-302-3139) said the fishing is great with the water clear and down. Trout are biting well on Power Bait and nightcrawlers. Fishing is also good on crankbaits in the shallow water along the bank.

Jed Hollan at the **Little Red Fly Shop** said the Greers Ferry Powerhouse continues its daily water releases with one unit (or two half units) coming online at 8 a.m. with the second generator (or two half units) kicking in a few hours later, lasting until about 10 p.m. This permits wade fishing at Winkley Shoal from 6 a.m. until the high water arrives at about 11 a.m. Fishing is possible at Libby Shoal from dawn to about 12:30 p.m. Aquatic insect activity continues unabated with midge, BWO, March brown, sulphur and caddis flies being the most prolific. Good dry flies to try include para Adams (size 18), crackleback (size 12), elk hair caddis (size 14; tan), para sulphur (size 18), American March brown (size 14) and midge (size 22; cream). If fishing below the surface, tie on a sow bug (sizes 14-16; tan, UV tan, UV light gray, peacock, smoky olive), zebra midge (sizes 16-22; red, black or copper), pheasant tail (size 16), hare's ear nymph (sizes 14-16), chronic (size 14), copper john (sizes 14-16; red or green), green or red butt soft hackle (sizes 14-18) or woolly bugger (sizes 8-12; olive, brown or black).

Greers Ferry:

As of Tuesday, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers reports the lake's elevation at 470.40 feet MSL.

Tommy Cauley of Fish Finder Guide Service said hybrids and whites are coming up in places all over the lake and some can even still be caught upriver. Bass are biting well on swim baits, wake baits and soft plastics fished around flooded cover. The old brush line and secondary points also are working well. Catfishing is good on live and prepared baits near cover, but you need stout line to get them out of the brush. Walleye are biting in front of the old brush line on hard bottoms as well as secondary and main lake points. Bream are bedding and fishing for them is excellent in the shallows.

Shiloh Marina (501-825-6237) said the water is clear and up a little. There is nothing to report on bream, crappie or catfish. Black bass and hybrids are biting well on spinnerbaits. Walleye are biting well on minnows and live bait.

Harris Brake Lake:

Coffee Creek Landing (501-889-2745) said that the water is about 2 feet high and clear. The bream are biting well on worms and crickets. No report on crappie. The bass are biting well on plastic worms and buzzbaits. Catfishing is fair on live and prepared bait.

Lake Overcup:

Lakeview Landing (501-354-1470) said the water is muddy and high. Bream are biting well on redworms and crickets. Crappie and bass are still slow. Catfishing is fair on crawfish and goldfish.

Overcup Landing (501-354-9007) said the water is high and murky. The bream are biting fair on redworms and crickets. Crappie and catfish are slow. Bass are biting well on spinnerbaits and black or June bug plastic worms.

Brewer Lake:

Overcup Landing (501-354-9007) said the water is high and clear. Bream are biting well near the bank on wax worms and crickets. Crappie are biting well on small minnows in about 30 feet of water. Bass are biting well on buzzbaits and top-water poppers. Catfishing is fair on nightcrawlers and cut shad.

Lake Maumelle:

Jolly Rogers Marina said the average surface water temperature is 71 degrees. Largemouth bass are biting excellently on deep-running crankbaits, spinnerbaits and jigs fished around ledges in 6 to 12 feet of water. Kentucky bass are biting fairly well in water 6 to 14 feet deep on tubes, crankbaits and jigs. White bass are fair on CC spoons, Rogues and Near Nuttings around the chimney area. Crappie are fair on minnows and 1/32-oz. jigs fished 11 to 15 feet deep. Bream are biting well around shallow cover. The breakwater at the marina is providing some good catches. Crickets and worms are the go-to bream producers. Saugeye are fair on Road

Runners and jigs in 6 to 15 feet of water. Catfishing is good on minnows, worms and prepared baits in 8 to 15 feet of water.

Hatchet Jack's Sport Shop (501-758-4958) said the water is high and stained. The red-eared sunfish are biting well on worms, and the bluegill are biting well on crickets. Crappie are slow. Bass are biting well on any color spinnerbait that will stand out in stained water. Catfish are good on cut shad and nightcrawlers.

Lake Valencia:

Hatchet Jack's Sport Shop (501-758-4958) said the water is high and stained. Bream are biting well on crickets and worms. Crappie are slow. Bass are biting on spinnerbaits that will stand out in stained water. Catfishing is good on nightcrawlers and cut bait.

Sunset Lake:

Turbyfill's Outdoor Sports (501-315-3061) said the water is normal and stained. Bream are biting well in the shallow water on crickets. Crappie are slow. Bass are biting well on top-water lures and shad-colored soft plastics. Catfish are biting well on chicken liver and Magic Bait.

Saline River Access in Benton:

Turbyfill's Outdoor Sports (501-315-3061) said bream are biting well on black and brown Rooster Tails and live bait. Crappie are fair on 2-inch grubs. Bass are biting well on white/chartreuse spinnerbaits. Catfishing is good in shallow water on Magic Bait and shad.

Arkansas River at Morrilton:

Charley's Hidden Harbor in Oppelo had no report.

Arkansas River at Little Rock:

Vince Miller from **Fish N' Stuff** (501-834-5733) said the water is high and muddy, but people were catching a few in the backwaters. There are small craft warnings because the water is flowing extremely fast.

Hatchet Jack's Sport Shop (501-758-4958) said the water is high and muddy for all locations, at Fourche La Fave, Fourche Creek, Big Maumelle Creek, Murray Lock and Dam, Little Maumelle Creek, Palarm Creek, Burns Park. Bream are biting well on worms and crickets in backwater areas. Catfish are biting well on nightcrawlers and cut bait. Crappie are slow. Bass are biting fairly well in backwaters on spinnerbaits that are chartreuse or any other color that stands out in the murky water.

McSwain Sports Center (501-945-2471) said the water is high and muddy and nothing to report at Terry Lock and Dam.

Clear Lake:

McSwain Sports Center (501-945-2471) said the water is high and clear. Bream are biting well in 2-3 feet of water on crickets. Crappie are slow. No report on catfishing. Black bass are biting well in 3-4 feet of water near logs and timber on white spinnerbaits.

Peckerwood Lake:

Herman's Landing (870-241-3731) said water is at normal level and muddy. Bream are biting well on crickets. Catfishing is good on worms and minnows. Crappie and bass are slow, but a few have been caught on minnows and jigs.

Pickthorne Lake:

Hatchet Jack's Sport Shop (501-758-4958) said the water is high and muddy. Bream are good on crickets and worms. Crappie are slow. Catfishing is good on nightcrawlers and cut bait. Bass are biting well on spinnerbaits that stand out in stained water.

North Arkansas

White River:

John Berry from **Berry Brothers Guide Service** said the pattern on the White was for moderate flows around the clock. This created some excellent conditions for drift fishing and some limited wading. The catch-and-

release section below Bull Shoals Dam has been fishing extremely well. With lower flows, anglers reported success on midge patterns. The most effective were zebra midges in black with silver wire and silver beads and red with silver wire and silver beads. The best sizes were 14-16. Other hot patterns have been pheasant tails and egg patterns. Wildcat Shoals has been another hot spot. Anglers have reported great success on low flows. The hot flies have been soft hackles. Try green butts, partridge and orange soft hackles and partridge and green soft hackles. Anglers have also done well with black zebra midges and olive woolly buggers. Rim Shoals has fished extremely well. The hot flies were black zebra midges, prince nymphs and pheasant tail nymphs. Other successful flies have been brightly colored San Juan worms (cerise, hot fluorescent pink, and red), egg patterns, and Y2Ks. Some anglers have reported success stripping olive woolly buggers in deeper runs. The best way to do this is with a fast sinking sink tip or a full sinking line.

Sportsman's White River Resort (870-453-2424) said the water fluctuates because they are turning the generators off in the morning and on in the evening and are using 1-2 generators at a time.

White River (From Buffalo Shoals to Norfolk):

Jim Brentlinger at [Linger's Guide Service and Fishing Lodge](#) (870-499-5185) said fishing has been superb from Shipp's Ferry to Steam Boat Shoals. There have been one or two generators running each day so the water is at a great level and has been consistent. White River Zig Jigs in ginger or black/orange have been very consistent. Chartreuse and White Power Bait fished on the bottom has been especially productive. Any place the water speeds up a little due to a small shoal or rocky bottom will hold the most fish.

Crooked Creek:

John Berry of [Berry Brothers Guide Service](#) said Crooked Creek and the Buffalo River are starting to clear. With lower flows the bass fishing should start picking up. Try Clouser minnows and crawfish patterns and concentrate on structure like rock shelves and fallen trees.

Bull Shoals Lake:

As of Tuesday, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers reports the lake's elevation at 671.34 feet MSL.

Bob Pauletti (870-656-3350) with [Bull Shoals Lake Boat Dock](#) had no report.

Lake Norfolk:

As of Tuesday, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers reports the lake's elevation at 561.62 feet MSL.

[101 Grocery and Bait](#) said the surface water temperature is in the mid- to upper 70s. Crappie fishing is fair. Striper fishing is fair. Bluegill fishing is good on crickets, worms and small minnows. Catfishing is good using trotlines and jugs baited with stink bait, chicken liver or shiners. Bass fishing has been fair. White bass fishing has been fair. Walleye fishing has been fair using minnows and worms. The morning bite is the best time to be on the fish, especially for white bass.

Norfolk Tailwater:

John Berry from [Berry Brothers Guide Service](#) said generation on the Norfolk has been very limited, which has created some excellent wading. The Corps of Engineers has been holding back water to relieve flooding downstream. When that flooding abates, we can expect some much higher levels of generation. The overall quality of fishing on the Norfolk River remains poor because of heavy fishing pressure. On lower flows concentrate on midge nymph patterns like the black zebra midge or Norfolk bead head in sizes 18-20. Midge emergers like Dan's turkey tail emerger are also effective. On higher flows brightly colored San Juan worms and egg patterns are the go to flies. Be on the look out for a good sulphur hatch.

Jim Brentlinger at [Linger's Guide Service and Fishing Lodge](#) (870-499-5185) said constant up and down water levels from sporadic generation has the fish turned off. You can catch one every once in a while, but the Norfolk Tailwater has not been very productive.

Northwest Arkansas

Beaver Lake:

As of Tuesday, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers reports the lake's elevation at 1,129.21 feet MSL.

[JT's Crappie Guide Service](#) (479-640-3980) said bass fishing continues to be good. Try fishing soft-plastic baits in and around flooded cover. Another good place to fish has been grassy points and flooded parking lots.

Crappie fishing is still tough. Try minnows under a float 8-12 feet deep around standing timber in coves and along bluff lines. White bass can be found in main-lake shallow bays and on grassy points. Try using small swim baits. Bluegill fishing has been good using crickets 2-6 feet deep around docks and flooded brush.

Southtown Sporting Goods (479-443-7148) said the water is high and stained. The bream are biting well on crickets. Crappie are biting well on minnows and jigs. Bass are biting well in the shallow water near bushes on plastic worms. Catfishing is good on bream.

Beaver Tailwaters:

Ken Richards at [Just Fishing Guides](#) had no report.

Lake Fayetteville:

Lake Fayetteville Boat Dock (479-444-3476) said the water is at normal level and murky. Bluegill are biting well on crickets. Crappie are biting well on tube jigs. Bass are fair on top-water lures, plastic worms and jerk baits. Catfishing is good on chicken liver.

Lake Sequoyah:

Lake Sequoyah Boat Dock (479-444-3475) said the water is about 2 feet above normal and dingy. Bream are biting fair to good on worms and crickets, but the water is still too cool for them to bed up. Crappie are biting well in the shallow water around tree tops on minnows and Road Runners. Bass are biting fairly well in 1-3 feet of water on plastic worms and buzzbaits. Catfishing is good in 8-10 feet of water on chicken liver and shad.

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 that the WMA is still flooded. The White River gauge is at 30.55 and holding after the heavy weekend rains.

Crown Lake:

[Boxhound Marina](#) (870-670-4496) said the water is at normal level and clear. The bream are biting well on redworms. Crappie are biting fairly well on minnows. Bass are biting well on Flukes and trick worms. Catfishing is good on nightcrawlers and chicken liver.

Lake Frierson:

[Lake Frierson State Park](#) said the water is high and muddy. Bream are biting well on crickets. Catfish are biting well on crickets and stinkbait. No report on crappie or bass.

Spring River:

Mark Crawford at [Spring River Fly Shop](#) said rains have muddied the Warm Fork and raised water levels, but the Spring is still running clear. The Warm Fork is a small creek that runs into the Spring River at Dam 1. When it runs muddy and the Spring remains clear it usually takes about a day to clear up. Modified San Juan worms did very well Sunday morning.

Southeast Arkansas

Lake Chicot:

[Lakeshore Motel and Marina](#) (870-265-9901) said the lake is about 8 inches high and should be normal by next weekend. The bream are full of eggs and by next weekend should be on the beds. Good catches of big bream have come from crickets. The catfish are doing great, being caught on anything you bait the hook with. Most are being caught close to the bank. Several ice chests were filled right in front of the motel from the bank. Big crappie are being caught in 14 feet of water on red/chartreuse jigs. Bass are slow. White bass are fair under lights at night.

Lake Monticello:

Fishing guide Greg Gullledge (870-723-3928) of [MonticelloBigBass.com](#) said recent rains have Lake Monticello well above normal, but the fish keep biting. The bass are fired up. Many bass are in the shallows, but most of

them have spawned. Cruising fish can be caught on frogs, flukes and senkos. The live bait bite is still going with shiners. There are some giant red-eared sunfish coming out of the lake right now. Jigs, crickets and red worms are working excellently. Many bream over a pound each have been caught.

Southwest Arkansas

Millwood Lake:

As of Tuesday, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers reports the lake's elevation at 263.17 feet MSL.

Millwood Lake Guide Service said the largemouth bass bite is improving. Surface water temps continue to rise into the mid-70s. Navigation still hampered by the debris in Little River. Extreme caution is advised during navigation near, or in, the river due to debris coming downstream and marker buoys pushed out of the channel. Many floating logs have lodged in boat lanes throughout the lake, so slow down and keep a sharp eye out. The lake is still 8.2 feet above normal pool and falling. As of Friday, the discharge was 59,655 CFS Main lake visibility is about 2-3 inches away from any remaining current in Little River. The river clarity is approx 1-2" and muddy. All corps of engineers boat ramps and campgrounds are closed, as is Millwood State Park. Yarborough and Jack's Isle boat ramps are still open. Bass are post spawn and recovering slowly. The best bite over the past week with the lake slowly recovering from drastic rise is ranging from daylight till about 11 a.m. Best bass bite has been on weightless trick worms or wacky rigs in June bug, grasshopper or kiwi colors, Bass Assassin Shad jerk baits and buzz baits fished around new lily pads, hydrilla or other vegetation. Rat-L-Traps in Millwood Magic, Firetiger, or Bleeding White Shad colors are working for a solid reaction bite in the better water clarity areas of the oxbows up Little River. Bandit crankbaits in brown back/orange belly crawfish patterns are still taking some keeper size bass in the 4-5 pound class. The jig bite is slow. There's not much to report on white bass. Before all the rain, they were congregated between McGuire and the Highway 71 Bridge. Crappie have completely shut down with the increase of current and muddy water in Little River. Channel catfish are biting excellently on cut shad, stink bait and blood bait.

White Oak Lake:

Local angler John Tilley said the rains have slowed and the fishing is picking up. Bass fishing has been good with several limits taken on plastic worms. Bream are biting well on worms and crickets when you can find them. Most bream in the shallows in the midst of the spawn. Catfishing on noodles has been very good with fish in the 5- to 10-pound range being caught. Trotlining has not produced as well as jugs and noodles. The lake level is just a few inches below normal, but is expected to drop about a foot below normal for a short time. Water clarity is still a little murky, but clearing. Watch for schooling bass as the shad start gathering in large schools to spawn.

Lake Greeson:

Darryl Morris of **Family Fishing Trips Guide Service** said the lake is 15 feet over flood stage at 563.18msl and falling slowly. Water has been going over the dam spillway since May 15, which hasn't happened since 1968. Reports have been made that bass are being caught in the back of secondary creek arms. Crappie and bream can be caught over flooded laydowns and buck brush. If you run a small boat, you can get into the standing timber in the backs of the flooded coves.

DeGray Lake:

As of Tuesday, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers reports the lake's elevation at 410.80 feet MSL.

Local angler George Graves said the water surface temperature is in the mid-70s. The water is slightly stained in the lower end of the lake and dingy in the river section. The water is dropping and more ramps are open. Both state park ramps are open, as are Spillway Bay and Iron Mountain. Caddo Drive and Arlie Moore are still closed. Bass are fair with only a few good reports. The fish are near main-lake points next to any submerged cover. Use a Texas-rigged worm, jig or swim bait. Spinnerbaits are producing early and late. The best area for bass is in the lower lake, between the state park and the dam. Hybrid and white bass fishing is good, with fish schooling and breaking in the morning and evening. The spillway area has been excellent. Other good spots have been along the Route 7 causeway and the big cove across from Caddo Bend. Best lures are in-line spinners, ½-ounce spoons and Rat-L-Traps. Be sure to let the lure sink and work it up through the school. Most times the fish will only be breaking for a short time, use your sonar to find the fish and to stay with the school. Bream fishing is still good around the state park. Fish around shallow cover and use redworms or crickets.

DeGray One Stop (501-865-3511) said the water is still high but dropping. They are starting to open the campgrounds and boat docks and hopefully by the end of the week things will be back to normal.

West-Central Arkansas

Lake Dardanelle:

Regina Olson at [Spadra Marina](#) said the river has slowed somewhat at the upper end of the lake, making it possible to fish some of the backwaters. White bass have been running and surface feeding like crazy at the upper end of the lake. Largemouth bass have been slow to fair. Crappie are fair on minnows fished 4 feet deep. Catfishing is excellent on prepared baits and live shad.

Murphy's Sporting Goods (479-229-3200) said the water is extremely muddy and high. There is no report on bream. Crappie are fair on minnows. Bass are fair on spinnerbaits, crankbaits and top-water lures. Catfishing is good on stink bait, nightcrawlers and minnows.

Blue Mountain Lake:

Teresa at CD's Quick Stop (479-947-2178) said the water is high and muddy. Nothing has been heard on bass, catfish, or bream. Crappie are biting well on minnows.

Ozark Pool:

Lakeside Food Mart (479-667-5155) said the water is murky and high. The bream are biting fairly well on crickets and nightcrawlers. Crappie are biting slowly on minnows and jigs. Catfishing is good on cut bait, minnows and nightcrawlers. Black bass are fair on crankbaits. A few white bass have been caught on minnows and heavy jigs below the dam.

Lake Ouachita:

As of Tuesday, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers reports the lake's elevation at 581.14 feet MSL.

Larry Hurley from [Poorman's Guide Service](#) had no report.

[Mountain Harbor Resort](#) said the water is very high and stained. The water temperature is between 68-72 degrees. Largemouth bass are biting well on shad baits and flukes fished on main and secondary points. Yum Dingers and floating worms are very effective right now fished in coves or around shoreline brush. Top-water action has slowed, but is still good. Zara Pups and Spooks, Rooster Tails and Boy Howdies will make for a fun day on the water. Walleye are fair and still being caught on crankbaits and jerk baits on main-lake points near brush. Green grubs and finesse worms are producing a few fish as well. Stripers are good on live shad and trotline minnows. Top-water action is good with C-10 Redfins. Bream are excellent with worms or crickets in 6 to 12 feet of water. Crappie are fair near brush in 10 to 20 feet of water. Minnows or crappie grubs are still working best. Catfish are excellent on cut bait and live bait on jug lines and trotlines.

[Trader Bill's Outdoor Sports](#) said the lake is very high and will start falling this weekend, hopefully. The surface temperature is in the 70s. Most creeks are stained from run-off. Top-water lures fished around the green bushes and points seem to work well. A Texas-rigged worm fished in 5 to 10 feet of water is working as well. Bluegill are spawning; try crickets in the back of pockets.

Lake Hamilton:

[Trader Bill's Outdoor Sports](#) said the water temperature is in the mid-70s. The water color is clear in some areas and muddy in others from rain. Carolina-rigged lizards or creature baits are working well. The top-water bite is picking up. Most people are finding schooling fish in the mouths of most major creeks. Bluegill are spawning and are easy to catch in the back of most pockets.

Lake Catherine:

Shane Goodner, owner of [Catch'em All Guide Service](#), reports that Entergy and the Corps of Engineers are working hand in hand to systematically run tons of water thru our area dams to bring Lake Ouachita out of flood pool. Continued heavy rains are making this process very slow, so very heavy generation is the norm with flood gates open at times. Water is stained and temperatures are in the high 50s. Rainbow trout fishing remains very poor with a few trout being caught on brightly colored Rooster Tails and crankbaits in areas where the current is slower and the water is clear. Wax worms and nightcrawlers fished just off the bottom have taken some fish before the last heavy rainfall. Until the lake level is stabilized and the turbines are shut down, trout fishing will be extremely slow. Crappie and white bass remain in the tailrace feeding and preparing to go downstream. White or grey jigs cast around structure or floated in the current have hooked some quality fish despite the harsh conditions. Stripers and hybrids have been seen below the dam chasing trout and shad. Anglers throwing Super Spooks and C-10 Redfins at the schooling fish have hooked stripers over 20 pounds and the action will improve as lake level becomes more stable. Freshwater drum have provided most of the action of late since muddy and

fast waters don't affect these fish. Crawfish and nightcrawlers are the best bet for fishermen looking to do battle with these powerful fish.

Lake Hinkle:

Bill's Bait Shop (479-637-4719) said the water is high and clearing. The red-eared sunfish are biting well on crickets. Crappie are biting well on minnows and chartreuse/red jigs. Bass are biting well on spinnerbaits and minnows. Catfishing is good on trotlines baited with chicken liver, shiners and dog food.

Lake Atkins:

Lucky Landing (479-641-7615) said the water is about 3 feet high and clear. Everything is slow right now.

South Central Arkansas**Moro Bay:**

Moro Bay State Park at the junction of the Ouachita River, Raymond Lake and Moro Bay said the river is at 88.5 feet msl (23 feet above normal). It reached 88.8 feet last Thursday, the third highest crest on record. The water level is falling very slowly. Rod-and-reel fishing of all kinds is difficult and water conditions are unsafe in the river for boating. The state park is closed. To stay updated on when conditions will return to normal you can check out the National Weather Service Web site at: www.srh.noaa.gov/lzk/.

Tri-County Lake:

The water is beginning to drop. Some anglers have made it to the water and are doing well on bass. Fishing is slow at first, but picks up at around mid-morning. Shallow crankbaits, finesse worms and top-water frogs are working well around any growing moss.

Ouachita River Oxbows:

High water continued to slow fishing last week.

East Arkansas**Arkansas River at Pine Bluff:**

The Tackle Box (870-534-1498) said the water is high and muddy. Bream are biting well on wax worms and crickets. There is no report on crappie or bass. Catfishing is good on cut bait and crawfish.

White River:

Triangle Sports (870-793-7122) had no report because of high water.

Maddox Bay:

Maddox Bay Landing (870-462-8317) said the water is high and dingy, but falling. Catfishing is good using a trotline baited with minnows. No one is fishing with rod-and-reel.

Bear Creek Lake:

Arkansas Outdoors (870-295-4240) had no report.

Island 40 Chute:

Daily's Boat Dock (870-739-3478) said the water is still very high. The area is too flooded for any fishing reports.

Horseshoe Lake:

Local angler Clyde Gregory said the water is muddy and high. Not many people are going fishing, but those that do are catching plenty of fish. Bream are biting well on worms and crickets. Crappie are biting very well on minnows. Catfishing is very good on cut bait and stink bait.

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