



Weekly Fishing Report

Arkansas Game and Fish Commission

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This is the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission's fishing report for **June 16, 2010**. 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: During the hot, summer days it can be a hassle finding the perfect fishing spot. Look for places where the water turns from shallow to deep, fish will gather and feed in these areas. Also, remember to drink plenty of water when out in the sun!

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

Family and Community Fishing Ponds: Catfish stockings are in full swing around the state. Many ponds were stocked for fishing derbies last week, and there are always plenty of catfish left to enjoy once the derby has ended.

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Central Arkansas

Lake Conway:

Bates Field and Stream (501-470-1846) said the water is at normal level and steady. Bream are biting well on worms and crickets. Bass fishing is fair with worms and buzzbaits. Catfishing is fair with shiners and rice slicks. Crappie are slow.

Little Red River:

Lindsey's Resort (501-302-3139) said two generators are running around noon each day. Fishing has been good on the Little Red River. Spinnerbaits and Power Bait worms are the best bait for fishing in high water. If fishing in low water, Power Bait nightcrawlers are working well.

Greers Ferry:

As of Tuesday, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers reports the lake's elevation at 462.21 feet MSL (Normal conservation pool – 461 MSL).

Tommy Cauley of [Fish Finder Guide Service](#) said black bass are in their summer pattern. They are out on ledges, river bends and creek bends. A few are still shallow, chasing bream, but the deeper bite is the best bet. Deeper fish can be caught with Texas-rigged worms, football head jigs and Carolina rigs. Shallow fish can be caught on top-water lures early and late. Bream are excellent in the shallows on nightcrawlers and crickets. Catfish are biting all over the lake. Try live bream on trotlines and

jugs for flatheads and prepared bait for all the other species. Crappie are biting in the pole timber suspended in 15-20 feet of water over 60 feet of water and in brush piles in 15-20 feet of water on the bottom of points; try jugs tipped with minnows. The whites and hybrids are good. Some small fish are schooling with a few bigger fish under them; the better fish are on point tips, humps and river bends. Try spoons, in-line spinners and some top-water baits. The walleye bite is still off. Some fish are shallow and some are out at 28 feet. The best bet for walleye is dragging crawlers on jigheads in 13-28 feet.

Cody Smith of [Fish Greers Ferry and Trout Troller Guide Service](#) (501-691-5701) said the lake is currently a foot over normal pool and falling. The surface temperature is 84 degrees. Walleye have improved over the past two weeks but are still slow. They are being found in anywhere from 12 to 32 feet of water. Hybrids and whites are schooling daily on the north end by Higdon Bay and Mill Creek. Top-water bites are seen almost every morning. They are also biting on spoons fished in 20 to 45 feet of water. The smallmouth bite has been inconsistent over the past week, but jigs, crawfish imitations, flukes and drop-shot rigs fished off flat long points have been producing bites. Catfishing is still good but continues to move deeper. The best catches have been on the main lake humps and points in 12 to 22 feet of water. For more information about Greers Ferry Lake, go to www.fishgreersferry.com.

(Updated 6-9-2010) Shiloh Marina (501-825-6237) said the water temperature is 80 degrees and the water is at normal level. Crappie are biting well on minnows. No other reports.

Harris Brake Lake:

[Coffee Creek Landing](#) (501-889-2745) said the lake is about a foot low but stable. Bream are fair to good on worms and crickets. Catfishing is fair to good with worms. Bass are fair, and crappie are poor.

[Greer's Sporting Goods](#) (501-889-2011) had no report.

Lake Overcup:

[Overcup Landing](#) (501-354-9007) said crappie are biting well on red/blue/clear sparkle jigs and white/chartreuse jigs fished in 8 to 10 feet of water. Bream are biting around the banks on crickets and redworms. Catfish are fair on cut bait and bream. Bass have slowed but are still biting on plastic worms and spinnerbaits.

Brewer Lake:

[Overcup Landing](#) (501-354-9007) said crappie are biting well on small minnows and white/chartreuse jigs fished around brush tops. Bream are biting on redworms and crickets fished around the bank. Bass are fair on jigs and buzzbaits. Catfish are fair on bream and nightcrawlers.

Lake Maumelle:

[Jolly Roger's Marina](#) said the water is at normal level, and the surface temperature is 82 degrees. Black bass are biting well on worms, jerk baits and spinnerbaits fished in 4 to 12 feet of water around the edges of grass and off the points in the afternoon. White bass are biting well in the North shore area of the lake on minnows, Rooster Tails and swimbaits. Crappie are good on 1/32-ounce jigs, minnows and shad-colored grubs fished in 15 to 20 feet of water. Bream are biting excellently on crickets or redworms in 15 to 20 feet of water. Catfishing is excellent on trotlines with cut shad, bream and prepared bait. Saugeye are good in the early morning and late afternoon on small crappie jigs, Rogues and minnows. They are being caught by trolling around the points.

[JB's Guide Service](#) had no report.

Lake Valencia:

Hatchet Jack's Sport Shop (501-758-4958) said catfishing is excellent with chicken livers and nightcrawlers. There was no report on bream, crappie or bass.

Lake Willastein:

Hatchet Jack's Sport Shop (501-758-4958) said bream are biting excellently on crickets and redworms. Bass are fair to good on minnows and top-water stick baits. Catfishing is excellent with chicken liver and nightcrawlers.

Sunset Lake:

Turbyfill's Outdoor Sports (501-315-3061) said the water is at its normal level. Bream are fair on crickets fished in 10 to 18 feet of water. Bass are biting well, early and late, on top-water lures and small, white buzzbaits. Catfish and crappie are slow.

Saline River Access in Benton:

Turbyfill's Outdoor Sports (501-315-3061) said the river is muddy, and the water is very swift. Bream are biting well on yellow and black rooster tails. Bass are biting well on top-water lures. Catfishing has been good in shallow, shady areas with chicken liver and live bait. Crappie are slow.

Arkansas River at Morrilton:

Charley's Hidden Harbor in Oppelo said the water flow is good and there have been more boaters back on the water. Catfishing is getting better using whole shad. The best times to fish are early and in the late evening. Bream are biting well on crickets fished in shallow water close to sandbars and on the downstream side of the jetties. Whites are schooling late and early in Copper Gap, across from the Petit Jean River. Wobble spoons and Devil's Horses in white have been producing good catches. Black bass are settling in shallow water near timber. Black crankbaits will work best. Kentucky bass are biting on a chatterbaits fished on top of the jetties or near rocks, like the bluffs in front of Petit Jean.

Arkansas River (Maumelle Pool):

Hatchet Jack's Sport Shop (501-758-4958) said on the Maumelle River, bream are biting excellently on crickets and redworms. Bass are biting well, early and late, on stick baits, Gilmore jumpers and black/red tubes. Catfishing is excellent with limb lines, trotlines and jugs baited with slicks, cut shad and chicken hearts. For the Little Maumelle River, use the same baits as the Maumelle River. At Palarm Creek, bream are biting excellently on crickets and redworms. Bass are biting well on black/blue jigs. Catfishing is excellent with cut bait and skip jack. Crappie are poor.

Arkansas River (Little Rock Pool):

Vince Miller from [Fish N' Stuff](#) (501-834-5733) said fishing is fair to good on the river. Bass are biting on crankbaits and jigs fished on the jetties. Catfish are biting on nightcrawlers. Bream are good on crickets. He predicts the water will rise over the next week due to all the rain in Oklahoma.

Hatchet Jack's Sport Shop (501-758-4958) said at Murry Lock and Dam, bass are fair on live minnows and jigs. Catfishing is excellent on shad, chicken hearts and rice field slicks. Bream, crappie and stripers are slow. At Burns Park, bass are fair to good, early and late, on black, chartreuse, black/red tubes and crankbaits. Catfishing is good on trotlines baited with shad and chicken hearts placed around the jetties. There was no report for Fourche Creek.

McSwain Sports Center (501-945-2471) said the water is normal. Bream are biting excellently on crickets. Crappie are fair on jigs. Bass are fair to good on plastics. Catfishing is excellent. For channels and blues, cut bait is working best. Brooder minnows and goldfish are bringing in flatheads.

Clear Lake:

McSwain Sports Center (501-945-2471) said the lake is at normal level and clear. Bream are biting excellently on worms and redworms. Crappie are fair on minnows. Bass are biting well on spinnerbaits. Catfishing is good with nightcrawlers.

Peckerwood Lake:

Herman's Landing (870-241-3731) said bass are biting well. Catfishing has been excellent with just about anything including crickets, shrimp and worms. Crappie and bream are slow.

Lake Pickthorne:

Hatchet Jack's Sport Shop (501-758-4958) said bream are fair on crickets and redworms. Catfishing is excellent with chicken livers and nightcrawlers. Crappie and bass are slow.

North Arkansas

White River:

Sportsman's White River Resort (870-453-2424) said 6 to 8 generators are running around the clock to lower lake levels. Fishing has been good to excellent, although the heavy amounts of moss have become a hassle.

(Updated 6-9-2010) [Cotter Trout Dock](#) said fishing is very slow. The best time to try to get a bite is early morning or just after dark. Fishing during the first hour of generation may produce a bite. Fishing for stripers by the dam is recommended.

[Guide Davy Wotton](#) said high water levels have continued on the White River this week. The upper White has seen good clean water conditions unless there has been a low flow and a heavy rise. There has been low water at Norfolk providing wade fishing once generation levels have allowed fish to adjust. On the White, early morning and dusk are the prime times to fish. Drift fishing with streamers using sink tip and full sink lines have been producing catches. Sow bugs, white tail, Prism, Blood and Zebra midges in sizes 14 to 18 have been producing catches in the Bull Shoals Dam trophy zone. If there is no generation, sow bugs, midge pupae, midge emergers, dries and micro worms will work well. Below the dam during high generation, long leader indicator systems used in slow water zones will work best. If you are in fast water, increase fly size and try using lures in bright colors such as red, orange or pink jigs, worms and eggs. There have been very nice Sulphur hatches spotted. There are plenty of fish in the water and there has generally been low pressure on the river. Spin and bait fishermen have both done well when fishing.

White River (From Buffalo City to Red's Landing):

Jim Brentlinger at [Linger's Guide Service and Fishing Lodge](#) (870-499-5185) said eight generators have been running around the clock. The best baits are black/gold/white countdown Rapalas fished close to the bank. White River Zig Jigs are popular baits also.

Buffalo River:

Zachary Hoyt at [Just Fishing Guides](#) had no report.

Crooked Creek:

Zachary Hoyt at [Just Fishing Guides](#) had no report.

Bull Shoals Lake:

As of Tuesday, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers reports the lake's elevation at 662.92 feet MSL (Normal conservation pool – 654 MSL).

Bob Pauletti at [Bull Shoals Lake Boat Dock](#) had no new report.

Lake Norfolk:

As of Tuesday, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers reports the lake's elevation at 558.73 feet MSL (Normal conservation pool: Sept.-April – 552 MSL, April-Sept. – 554 MSL).

(Updated 6-9-2010) [101 Grocery and Bait](#) (870-467-5223) said the surface temperature is in the mid 70s. The fishing has been good overall on Lake Norfolk. Bluegill are biting well on crickets. Crappie are good on minnows fished along the bluffs and around brush piles. Bass are biting well on any plastic baits, spinnerbaits and buzz baits. White bass are fair using spoons and inline spinnerbaits. Stripers are biting well on live bait such as shiners and shad, crankbaits, Road Runners and spoons. The best time to fish for stripers is in the morning or late evening. Catfishing has been good using worms, shiners and stink bait.

[Guide Steve Olomon](#) (870-491-5142) said the lake is at 559 feet and the water temperature is in the low 80s. Fishing early in the morning or at night will provide the best fishing. Look for fish chasing baitfish to the surface in the creeks and on the main lake. Dropping a jigging spoon in 40 to 60 feet of water will produce a catch. Also, fish a Texas-rigged worm or jig outside the brush.

Guide Tom Reynolds of [STR Outfitters](#) (877-246-4896) said stripers are in their summer pattern on the south end of the lake, and have been feeding on crawdads and shad. When fishing, use your depth finder to locate fish that are feeding on the bottom. Fishing around the point sides and humps will produce catches. If you do not want to fish south, Float Creek and Panther Bay are good fishing spots.

Norfolk Tailwater:

(Updated 5-26-2010) Jim Brentlinger at [Linger's Guide Service and Fishing Lodge](#) (870-499-5185) said there have been nice browns and cutthroats caught in catch and release area. Black/gold/white countdown Rapalas with "barbless" hooks have been producing catches. Ginger Zig Jigs will also produce, but be sure to let the jig hit the bottom before bringing it back in.

Zachary Hoyt at [Just Fishing Guides](#) had no new report.

Northwest Arkansas

Beaver Lake:

As of Tuesday, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers reports the lake's elevation at 1,125.85 feet MSL (Normal conservation pool – 1,120 MSL).

[Bailey's Beaver Lake Guide Service](#) (479-366-8664) said the stripers are moving back to the lower section of the lake, and are actively feeding. They have begun their summer pattern and most are found in 10 to 25 feet of water. The best bite has been by 8 a.m. but if it is an overcast day there will most likely be bites all day. Night fishing has been good. Shad, minnows and spoons are catching whites, hybrids, stripers and some walleye when fished under lights near Rocky Branch and Point 5. For daily Beaver Lake levels and flow data go Bailey's [Web site](#) and click on the Daily Beaver Lake Level and Flow info link.

(Updated 6-9-2010) [JT's Crappie Guide Service](#) (479-640-3980) said bass fishing has been very good early, late and at night on top-water baits in and around flooded cover. During the day try soft plastics worked along bluff faces and steep shaded banks. At night work dark colored plastics along gravel banks. Crappie fishing has been good early, late and at night on jigs or minnows fished 10 to 20 feet deep over brush piles and standing timber in 25 to 40 feet of water. At night try fishing under lights along creek channels close to brush in 25 feet of water. Good places to night fish have been in Prairie Creek, Monte-NE and Eden's Bluff. White Bass have been biting well at night along any bluff line that is close to the main channel. Good places to fish have been 12 Bridge, Hickory Creek, Horseshoe Bend and Eden's Bluff. Catfish have been biting well from the bank lake wide on cut bait, liver and nightcrawlers. Bluegill have also been biting well on crickets around the shade of docks and bluffs.

Southtown Sporting Goods (479-443-7148) said the water is about 7 feet high and rising. Bream are biting well on crickets. Crappie are fair on minnows and trolling crankbaits. Bass fishing is good early and late on top-water lures. Spinnerbaits and plastic worms are producing in shallow water, while crankbaits and Carolina rigs are working in deep water. Catfishing is good with prepared bait. Walleye are being caught on live nightcrawler rigs and by trolling crankbaits.

Beaver Tailwater:

Zachary Hoyt at [Just Fishing Guides](#) had no new report.

Kings River:

[Just Fishing Guides](#) had no new report.

Lake Fayetteville:

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

Lake Sequoyah:

Lake Sequoyah Boat Dock (479-444-3475) said the water is dingy and at normal level. Bream are biting well on crickets and worms fished in 8 feet of water around stumps. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and Roadrunners fished in 8 to 10 feet of water around stumps and weed beds. Bass are biting well on small spinnerbaits, crankbaits, plugs and worms fished around the rocky points, weed beds and stumps. Catfishing is slow, but worms and chicken livers will be your best bait if you are up for the challenge.

Northeast Arkansas

Lake Poinsett:

[Lake Poinsett State Park](#) said fishing has been slow due to the hot weather and they have had only a few reports. Catfish are biting excellently on liver and worms in the evenings. Bream are biting well during the early hours.

Crown Lake:

[Boxhound Marina](#) (870-670-4496) said the water is clear and at normal level. There have not been a ton of fishermen on the water due to all the boaters. All fishing is fair. Catfishing has been best at night.

Lake Frierson:

[Lake Frierson State Park](#) said the water is muddy and at normal level. Catfishing is good with stink bait and chicken liver. There was no report on bream, crappie or bass.

Spring River:

Mark Crawford at [Spring River Fly Shop](#) said the river is running at 430cfs and the water is clear. Since the water level is below average, it is providing great opportunities for wade fishing. Trout are biting well on woolly buggers and emergers that are fished deep. Check out [Mark's Blog](#) for daily updates on river conditions and what they might be biting.

Southeast Arkansas

Lake Chicot:

(Updated 6-9-2010)[Lake Chicot State Park](#) (870-265-5480) said catfish have been biting well on crickets and worms. Bream have also been doing well on crickets. Crappie and bass have been slow.

Cane Creek Lake:

[Cane Creek State Park](#) (870-628-4714) said crappie are biting well on minnows fished in 2 to 4 feet of water. Bass are biting on buzzbaits and plastic flukes. Catfishing is good with worms and other live bait. There was no report on bream.

Lake Monticello:

Fishing guide Greg Gullede (870-723-3928) of [MonticelloBigBass.com](#) said bass are biting on dark-colored worms fished in 8 to 16 feet of water. The best time to fish is early or late because there has been a lot of schooling action. Rat-L-Traps, Chug Bugs and swimbaits have also been producing. Dark soft plastics have been the best for night fishing.

Southwest Arkansas

Millwood Lake:

As of Tuesday, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers reports the lake's elevation at 259.85 feet MSL (Normal conservation pool – 259.2 MSL).

Mike Siefert at [Millwood Lake Guide Service](#) said the lake level is 8.4 inches above normal pool and the water temperature is between 77 and 85 degrees. Bass are biting best early and late in shallow water around vegetation. Yum BuzzFrogs, twitch assassins, bass assassin shads and blue fleck 10-inch Power Worms have been producing catches. Rat-L-Traps in Millwood Magic, gold Tennessee shad and bull bream colors are working well around creek channel mouths, standing timber and stumps. White bass were schooling over the weekend during early morning hours in Horseshoe and McGuire oxbows. Crappie are biting well on live shiners, jigs, smoke grubs and Blakemore Road Runners fished around planted brush in 15 to 17 feet of water. Longnose gar are still being seen shallow in groups. The back of creeks and oxbows up Little River are the best spots to find good-sized gar. Bream are biting well on crickets, redworms and grubs fished around boat docks and Millwood State Park. Blue and channel cats are biting best on chicken livers.

White Oak Lake:

Local angler John Tilley is out of town so there is no new report for White Oak Lake.

Lake Columbia:

Steve's Outdoor Sports (870-234-2222) said the water is in good condition. Bream, bass and catfish are all biting well on numerous baits.

Lake Erling:

Steve's Outdoor Sports (870-234-2222) said the water is low. Bream, bass and catfish are all biting well on numerous baits.

Lake Greeson:

As of Tuesday, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers reports the lake's elevation was 549.61 MSL (Flood pool – 548 MSL).

Lakeside Grocery and Bait (870-398-5304) said fishing is poor on Lake Greeson due to dirty and high water. When the lake clears up, the fishing should pick back up.

Cossatot River:

Cossatot River State Park had no new report.

DeGray Lake:

As of Tuesday, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers reports the lake's elevation was 408.62 feet MSL (Flood pool – 408 MSL).

Local angler George Graves said the water temperature is in the mid 80s and the clarity of the lake depends on your location. The water is clear at the lower end of the lake, dingy at mid lake and muddy in the upper section. Crappie are biting on 2-inch Tennessee shad grubs or tubes on a 1/16-ounce jig head fished near fish attractors in mid lake. The best bite is early in the morning in 20 to 25 feet of water. Bass are biting on Texas-rigged worms, baby brush hogs or Carolina-rigged worms fished around the deeper points and humps in mid lake. The best colors are red shad and green pumpkin. There have also been catches reported in the upper section of the lake in discolored water. Hybrid and white bass are slow, and there has been very little schooling reported. If you are fishing for these fish, try a heavy spoon or big inline spinner fished in about 20 feet of water. The best spots to fish are the Iron Mountain area and the south side of the State Park from DeRoche Ridge to Caddo Bend. Bream fishing is good all over the lake. A cricket or worm fished in 6 to 10 feet of water in any cove having a lot of shore line should ensure a bite. Catfishing is good on trotlines and noodles, at night, baited with live bream or big minnows. Point 10 and Ozan point have produced nice catfish.

West-Central Arkansas

Lake Nimrod:

As of Tuesday, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers reports the lake's elevation was 345.25 feet MSL.

Greer's Sporting Goods (501-889-2011) had no new report.

Lake Dardanelle:

Regina Olson at Spadra Marina said that fishing has been good on Lake Dardanelle over the past week. For largemouth bass, which are becoming harder to find, try using bright colored and white buzzbaits. Fish these around rocks and weed beds. White bass are schooling, and anything with a small hook should catch them. Crappie are still biting well on crappie or bass minnows fished in the river. Catfish are biting well on Danny King's Punch Bait during the day, and cut shad, chicken liver or hearts at night. Bream are biting well on crickets and worms.

Blue Mountain Lake:

As of Tuesday, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers reports the lake's elevation was 378.12 feet MSL.

Teresa at CD's Quick Stop (479-947-2178) said the water is high and muddy. She has not had any specific fishing reports but many fishermen have been hitting the water.

Lake Ouachita:

As of Tuesday, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers reports the lake's elevation was 578.83 MSL (Flood pool – 578 MSL).

Larry Hurley from [Poorman's Guide Service](#) said bass fishing is good with green pumpkin Old Monster worms fished around standing timber. Striper fishing is very good, and they are being caught trolling. Walleye are slowing down and moving deeper, but spoons and spinnerbaits will still produce some catches.

(Updated 6-9-2010) [Mountain Harbor Resort](#) said the water is 78 to 84 degrees. Largemouth bass are good on Texas-rigged worms, football jigs and creature baits. Top-water action is still good on Zara Spooks and Boy Howdies. Walleye are good and being caught on deep jerk baits and spoons. Stripers are good with live bait and downrigged hair jigs. Large shad-colored swim baits are working as well. Bream are still excellent on worms or crickets in water 10 to 25 feet deep. Crappie are good and being caught near brush in water 15 to 20 feet deep. Minnows or crappie grubs are still working best. Tennessee shad and white are the best colors for artificial baits. Catfish are very good and being caught on cut bait and live bait on jug lines and trotlines.

Lake Hamilton:

[Trader Bill's Outdoor Sports](#) said the lake temperature is in the upper 80s and the water is clear. The lake is at full pool and weekend boat traffic is here. Bream and catfish spawns are slowing, but a few bream beds can be seen in some pockets. Bass are being caught on many types of lures. Carolina-rigged and Texas-rigged worms are working well. Top-water season is here and many fish can be caught on the mainlake points in the morning.

Lake Catherine:

Shane Goodner, owner of [Catch'em All Guide Service](#), (501-624-8757) said the water temperature is 55 degrees below Carpenter Dam during periods of generation. Rainbow trout fishing is very slow. Live bait such as nightcrawlers, redworms and wax worms will produce a catch if there is one. White and yellow spinnerbaits and gray 1/8-ounce jigs have been working well to produce white bass. Trolling small crankbaits below the bridge has also worked. Hybrid bass and stripers have been spotted schooling below the bridge in the early morning hours. Soft-plastic baits cast into the top-water action has been the best technique for these fish. Some walleye have been caught in the main channel on trolled crankbaits.

Lake Hinkle:

Bill's Bait Shop (479-637-4719) said the water is in good condition. Catfish are biting excellently on worms, chicken liver, goldfish and soap. Night fishing for catfish has been very successful. Bass are biting well on top-water lures. Bream are biting on crickets. Crappie are slow, but if you are determined to catch some fish in deep water.

Lake Atkins:

Ken Vinson at Lucky Landing (479-641-7615) said the water is clear and hot. Bass are biting best just before sundown. Bream are biting along the banks in shaded areas. Catfish are biting on minnows and shrimp fished in deep water. Crappie are biting well on minnows fished on the bottom around stumps.

South Central Arkansas

Moro Bay:

[Moro Bay State Park](#) at the junction of the Ouachita River, Raymond Lake and Moro Bay said the Ouachita River is only a few feet higher than normal and is falling slowly. Bream fishing is the best it's been in the last several years. Most anglers have reported catching from 50 to 100 big bream on crickets in the bay. Some are also catching bream in the lake. Catfish have been hitting shad and bream on trotlines in the bay as well. Crappie and bass fishing have been slow.

Ouachita River Oxbows:

Things are picking up. Crappie are starting to bite in the oxbows on blue/chartreuse jigs about 4 feet deep. People have been catching some nice redear sunfish on fly rods and popping bugs around the cypress trees. Bass have been hitting well. Early morning top-water bites are a given, but during the day, bass seem to be moving to the front of the trees and are hitting better on either brush hogs or shallow-running crankbaits.

Tri-County Lake:

No report.

East Arkansas

Arkansas River at Pine Bluff:

The Tackle Box (870-534-1498) said bream are biting excellently on worms, crickets, and wax worms. Crappie are fair on minnows fished in 10 to 14 feet of water. Bass are biting well on crankbaits and plastic worms. Catfishing has been excellent; fishermen have been snagging using cut bait.

White River:

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

Maddox Bay:

Maddox Bay Landing (870-462-8317) said the water is high, but in good condition. Everything has been biting in Maddox Bay. Crappie are biting well on minnows and jigs. Bream are biting excellently. Bass are biting well, with many fishermen catching their daily limits. Catfishing is good either on trotlines or with rod and reel.

Island 40 Chute:

Daily's Boat Dock (870-739-3478) said the water is in good condition, and about 3 feet high. Catfishing is good on nightcrawlers, chicken livers and Doc's stink bait. Bream are fair on crickets fished on the island side. Crappie and bass are both slow.

Horseshoe Lake:

Local angler Clyde Gregory said the water is in good condition. Bream are biting well on crickets and worms fished around lily pads and trees in shallow water. Crappie are biting well on minnows and jigs fished in shallow water and around piers. Bass are fair to good on white spinnerbaits fished in shallow water around cypress trees. Catfishing is good on cut bait and nightcrawlers fished in deep water.

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