



IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Iowa Fishing Report

Conservation and Recreation



[Top Iowa Fishing Spots for the Week of July 3](#)

This weekly fishing report is compiled from information gathered from local bait shops, angler creel surveys and county and state parks staff. For current information, contact the district fisheries office at the phone number listed at the end of each district report.

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NORTHWEST

[Clear Lake](#)

The water temperature is in the upper 70's. **Walleye** - Fair: Anglers are having success slip bobber fishing the rock reefs with a jig and leech and fishing under docks with a minnow. **Channel Catfish** - Good: Fish the windswept shore and rocky areas with cut bait or crawlers fished on the bottom. **Yellow Bass** - Fair: Fish the edge of vegetation in 4 to 6 feet of water with a small piece of crawler or leech.

[Crystal Lake](#)

Largemouth Bass - Good: Try spinnerbaits fished on the edge of the vegetation. **Bluegill** - Good: Use a small piece of crawler fished under a bobber in 2 to 3 feet of water. **Black Crappie** - Fair: Drift fish a minnow or tube jig in the dredge cut.

[Silver Lake \(Worth\)](#)

Largemouth Bass - Good: Bass are biting on a variety of baits. **Bluegill** - Good: Use a small piece of crawler fished under a bobber in 2 to 3 feet of water.

For information on the lakes and rivers in the north central area, contact the Clear Lake Fish and Wildlife office at 641-357-3517.

East Okoboji Lake

Bluegill - Good: Fish have moved shallow; fish deeper wooden docks for the best action or from docks at dusk for good action.

Five Island Lake

Channel Catfish - Good: Local bait shop reports a good bite with large fish being caught. **Walleye** - Fair: Some fish are being caught.

Lake Pahoja

Bluegill - No Report: Recent surveys show good numbers of angler acceptable size and larger bluegill in the lake.

Lost Island Lake

Walleye - Fair: Report of 14 – 18 inch fish being caught. **Yellow Bass** - Fair: Anglers report that the yellow bass action has started. **Channel Catfish** - Good: Good numbers of large angler acceptable size fish continue to be caught. Use cut bait to provide plenty of pole bending action.

Silver Lake (Dickinson)

Walleye - Good: Boat anglers report that walleye fishing has been hit or miss. Troll crankbaits or other popular walleye baits for the best action. **Yellow Perch** - No Report: Recent surveys show good numbers of fish approaching 11 inches.

Spirit Lake

Walleye - Good: Good walleye fishing continues with fish caught throughout the day. Use leeches and slip bobbers in weed edges or troll crankbaits. **Yellow Perch** - Good: Yellow perch action is improving. Try a yellow and white mini jig tipped with wigglers fished in the outside edges of the weed beds. Move often to find active fish.

Trumbull Lake

Northern Pike - Good: Cast traditional northern baits below the spillway areas with calm spots.

West Okoboji Lake

Bluegill - Good: Bluegill action has picked up; fish the outside weed edges for larger sized bluegill.

For more information throughout the week, contact the Spirit Lake Fish Hatchery at 712-336-1840.

NORTHEAST

Brinker Lake

Largemouth Bass -Fair. **Crappie** - Fair.

Cedar River (Nashua to La Porte City)

River flows are high - about twice the normal flow for this time of year. Anglers are having some success targeting channel catfish on the Cedar River. **Channel Catfish** -

Good: Target the upper end of log jams fishing on the bottom with heavy sinker and stink baits, cut baits or chubs.

Manchester District Streams

Trout streams are in good condition, as of today. Heavy rain is possible over the next couple of days, contact your local hatcheries for stream conditions over the next week or call the stocking number at 563-927-5736.

[Maquoketa River \(above Monticello\)](#)

River flows are high - about twice the normal flow for this time of year. Reports of anglers catching a few walleye, smallmouth bass and quite a few trout. **Smallmouth Bass** - Fair: Casting spinnerbaits or crankbaits; target rocky or rip-rap shorelines. **Walleye** - Fair: Cast crankbaits for larger fish; target rocky or rip-rap shorelines and woody structure.

[Shell Rock River \(Greene to Shell Rock\)](#)

River flows are high - about twice the normal flow for this time of year. There are no reports for the Shell Rock River at this time.

[Silver Lake \(Delaware County\)](#)

Good place to take the kids fishing - catch small bluegill and a few largemouth bass.

[Wapsipinicon River \(Tripoli to Troy Mills\)](#)

River flows are high; about ten times the normal flow for this time of year. There are no reports for the Wapsipinicon River at this time.

River reports are slow with most anglers targeting channel catfish. Trout streams are in good to excellent conditions. Call the N.E. Iowa district office at 563-927-3276 for more information.

MISSISSIPPI RIVER

[Mississippi River Pool 9](#)

River level at Lansing is up 3 feet to 12 feet and is expected to level off next week. Water temperature is 76 degrees. Lansing ramp is accessible. New Albin ramp remains closed due to flood damage to Army Road. **Yellow Perch** - Fair: Try light tackle tipped with minnows fished near shoreline vegetation. **Largemouth Bass** - Good: Look for bass near spawning areas in backwaters. **Black Crappie** - Slow: A few crappie are still being caught, but the bite has slowed. **Bluegill** - Good: Look for bluegills near good spawning areas in upper ends of backwater areas. **Northern Pike** - Good: Some nice pike are being caught by anglers fishing for bass. **Flathead Catfish** - Slow: Try golden shiners or small bluegill on heavy tackle in deep channel areas. **Channel Catfish** - Good: Channel catfish will start spawning soon and may be aggressive towards minnows floated under a bobber along rocky areas. **Freshwater Drum** - Good: Drum bite will be getting good. Fish a worm on the bottom along main channel borders.

[Mississippi River Pool 10](#)

River level at Lynxville has risen 2 feet to 21.1 feet and is predicted to rise slightly before leveling out this week. Bussey Lake ramp is open. Sny Magill ramp is still closed. Noble's Island is open. Water temperature is 78 degrees. **Yellow Perch** - Fair: Try light tackle

tipped with minnows fished near shoreline vegetation. **Largemouth Bass** - Good: Look for bass near spawning areas in backwaters. **Bluegill** - Good: Look for bluegills near good spawning areas in upper ends of backwater areas. **Northern Pike** - Good: Some nice pike are being caught fishing for bass. **Flathead Catfish** - Good: Flathead catfish are feeding before the spawn. Try golden shiners or small bluegill on heavy tackle in deep channel areas. **Channel Catfish** - Fair: Channel catfish will start spawning soon and may be aggressive towards minnows floated under a bobber along rocky areas. **Freshwater Drum** - Good: Drum bite will be getting good. Fish a worm on the bottom along main channel borders.

[Mississippi River Pool 11](#)

River level at Guttenberg has risen to 12.2 feet and is expected to reach 12.8 feet next week. **NOTICE:** the Guttenberg South city ramp will close for fireworks from 8 pm to 11 pm, Saturday July 6th. Vehicles on the lot will be towed. For more information, call the Guttenberg City Office at 563-252-1161. Mud Lake and Finley's Landing ramps are open. Water temperature is 72 degrees at the lock & dam. **Yellow Perch** - Fair: Try light tackle tipped with minnows fished near shoreline vegetation. **Largemouth Bass** - Good: Look for largemouth bass near spawning areas in backwaters. **Bluegill** - Good: Look for bluegills near good spawning areas in upper ends of backwater areas. **Northern Pike** - Good: Some nice pike are being caught fishing for bass. **Flathead Catfish** - Fair: Flathead catfish are feeding before the spawn. Try golden shiners or small bluegill on heavy tackle in deep channel areas. **Channel Catfish** - Good: Channel catfish will start spawning soon and may be aggressive towards minnows floated under a bobber along rocky areas. **Freshwater Drum** - Good: Drum bite will be getting good. Fish a worm on the bottom along main channel borders.

Upper Mississippi River levels are once again rising after recent rains. Most boat ramps are accessible, but are covered with mud and debris. Water is turbid. Water temperature is in the upper 70's.

[Mississippi River Pool 12](#)

Water levels are expected to rise a bit this week. Levels are well below flood stage at 12.3 feet at the Dubuque Lock and Dam and 14.2 feet at the RR bridge. Water clarity is good. The water temperature is 78 degrees. Many boat ramps still have flood debris on them. Please be patient for cleanup efforts at ramps and parks. **Channel Catfish** - Good: Channel catfish bite is best in high water conditions. Float bobbers along rock lines and use leaches for bait. **Largemouth Bass** - Fair: Bass are starting to bite in the tailwater areas; use flashy spinners. Recent poor water quality has clouded the water making it difficult for site predators, like bass, to see lures. **White Bass** - Fair: Some schools of white bass are being found feeding along flooded shorelines or in the tailwaters. **Bluegill** - Good: Good numbers of bluegills are starting to be caught out of slack water areas. **Walleye** - Good: A brief flurry of walleye were reported before the recent rise. Crankbaits work best. The bite seemed to diminish considerably due to the recent bump in water levels and muddy water conditions.

Mississippi River Pool 13

Water levels are expected to hold somewhat steady week. Bellevue tailwater is 13.4 feet at Lock and Dam 12; the dam gates are still open. Water clarity is poor. The water temperature is 79 degrees. Most boat ramps are closed or have debris on them. The Bellevue City Ramp is open; the DNR ramp has water on it once again. Please be patient for cleanup efforts at ramps and parks. **Largemouth Bass** - Good: Clear flooded areas like Spring Lake have been good. Green Island wildlife area has been good for bass at times this year. **White Bass** - Fair: Small white bass are being caught in the tailwaters with small spinners. The white bass bite has tailed off with the recent rains and cloudy water. **Channel Catfish** - Good: Float a bobber and leach along rock lines for spawning channel cats. **Bluegill** - Good: Good numbers of bluegills are starting to be caught out of slack water areas. **Walleye** - Fair: A brief flurry of walleye were reported before the recent rise. Crankbaits work best. The bite seemed to diminish considerably due to the recent bump in water levels and muddy water conditions. **Pumpkinseed** - Good: Good catches of this colorful sunfish are being reported in clear backwater areas and in Green Island wildlife area. Simple bobber and worm works best.

Mississippi River Pool 14

Water levels are rising at 13 feet at Fulton Lock and Dam, 15 feet at Camanche and 9 feet at LeClaire. Water clarity is poor. The water temperature is around 79 degrees. Many boat ramps will have flood debris on them. Please be patient for cleanup efforts at ramps and parks. **White Bass** - Fair: Use small spinners in the tailwater areas. **Largemouth Bass** - Good: Finding clear water in the upper ends of backwaters can yield some nice largemouth bass. **Channel Catfish** - Good: Catfish are abundant and easily caught in flooded conditions. Fish near the shorelines, especially in rock habitats. Anglers often float bobbers and leaches along rock lines.

Mississippi River Pool 15

Water levels are 13.3 feet at Rock Island. This is action flood stage. Water clarity is fair. The water temperature is around 72 degrees. Boat ramps are flooded or will have debris on them. Please be patient for cleanup efforts at ramps and parks. **Channel Catfish** - Fair: Float a bobber and leach along rock piles as the water recedes. Channel cats are nearing their spawning times. **Freshwater Drum** - Good: Lots of drum are in the system; use a simple egg sinker and worm rig in moderate current areas.

Water levels rose this week. Fortunately, only near Rock Island is re-entering action flood stage. It will take some time to get all the boat ramps and campgrounds open, and some will remain closed or will have debris on them for a while. Water levels are predicted to hold somewhat steady this week. If you have any fishing questions, please contact the Bellevue Fisheries Station 563-872-4976.

Mississippi River Pool 16

Tailwater stage is 13.20 feet at Lock and Dam 15 in Davenport and is rising. Tailwater stage has risen 1.35 feet in the last 24 hours. Flood stage is 15 feet at Davenport. River stage is 13.30 feet at Fairport and flood stage is 14 feet. **Walleye** - Fair: Some walleyes are being caught trolling from the mouth of the Rock River to Sunset Marina. There have been some reports of walleyes being caught in Sunset Marina on jigs and twister

tails. **Channel Catfish** - Fair: Use stink bait fished around brush piles and snags along the main channel or side channels. Some channel catfish are being caught floating crawlers under a bobber along rocky shores. **Largemouth Bass** - Fair: Some largemouth bass are being caught in Sunset Marina. **Bluegill** - Fair: Some bluegills are being caught in Sunset Marina and the Andalusia Island complex. Try fishing with pieces of worm or waxworms under a bobber.

[Mississippi River Pool 17](#)

Tailwater stage is 12.08 feet at Lock and Dam 16 in Muscatine and is rising. Flood stage is 15 feet. River stage is 14.01 feet at Muscatine and flood stage is 16 feet. The gates are still out of the water at the lock and dam. The ramps at Muscatine are open. Kilpeck and Big Timber boat ramps are still closed. We have not received any fishing report information for this pool due to the high water.

[Mississippi River Pool 18](#)

Tailwater stage is 13.67 feet at Lock and Dam 17 above New Boston and is rising. Current forecast has the tailwater stage reaching 14.6 feet over the weekend. Flood stage is 15 feet at Lock and Dam 17. River stage is 13.22 feet at Keithsburg and flood stage is 14 feet. The Toolsboro landing is closed due to high water. The hawkeye dolbee access is also under water. We have not received any fishing report information for this pool this week due to the high water.

[Mississippi River Pool 19](#)

Tailwater stage is 9.66 feet at Lock and Dam 18 above Burlington and is rising. Current forecasts has the tailwater stage reaching 10.9 feet by Sunday. Flood stage is 10 feet at Lock and Dam 18. River stage is 14.70 feet at Burlington and flood stage is 15 feet. Recent forecasts has the river reaching 15.8 feet at Burlington by Sunday. River stage at Fort Madison is 527.74 feet and flood stage is 528 feet. We have not received any fishing report information for this pool this week.

Mississippi River Pools 16-19 are still high. With recent heavy rains, the river level has been rising. Some boat ramps are still closed due to high water. Main channel water clarity is poor. Main channel water temperature is around 80 degrees. We have not received much for fishing reports this week. If you have questions on fishing Pools 16-19 contact the Fairport Fish Hatchery at 563-263-5062.

SOUTHEAST

[Big Hollow Lake](#)

The heat has driven the water temperature up to the low 80's. Look for the fish to have moved to deeper water. **Largemouth Bass** - Fair: Anglers are picking up a few bass in 5 to 6 feet of water around the flooded timber. **Bluegill** - Fair: With the heat, switch to fishing early mornings and late evening. Concentrate your efforts around the brush piles near the upper end and the flooded timber near deep water at the lower end. **Black Crappie** - Slow: Look for crappies out in the trees and brush piles in 6 to 7 feet of water. The bite slowed some since last week, maybe because the bluegill bite is drawing

more anglers. **Channel Catfish** - Good: Fish near the rocks on the dam jetties and island to catch some nice catfish.

[Iowa River \(Columbus Junction to Mississippi River\)](#)

Still remains not that far below bank full. Thunderstorms forecast for the next few days won't help matters.

[Lake Belva Deer](#)

The recent heat wave has jumped the water temperature into the 80's. **Largemouth Bass** - Fair: Look for bass around the mounds in the deeper water at the upper end and around the rip-rap at the lower end of the lake. Early morning or late evening is best. **Bluegill** - Fair: The increase in water temperature has pushed the bluegills out into deeper water. Start out in 10 to 12 foot of water early in the morning. **Channel Catfish** - Fair: Most catfish have moved into deeper water; start along the old creek channel.

[Lake Darling](#)

The recent hot weather jumped the water temperature into the low 80's last Friday. Water clarity isn't bad. **Largemouth Bass** - Fair: Find bass in the post-spawn hideout around the thicker cover in 6-8 feet of water around the rock piles. **Bluegill** - Fair: Most bluegills have moved off into deeper water (8-10 feet) around the rock piles and brush piles. **Channel Catfish** - Fair: Catfish have wrapped up the spawn. Try drift fishing with cut bait along the old creek channel in the lake. **Black Crappie** - Good: The bite has been a little spotty with the unsettled weather. Work the deeper habitat in 10-12 feet of water or slow troll over the same area. A storm front coming through really messes it up. Early morning or late evening is best.

[Lost Grove Lake](#)

Water temperature has climbed into the 80's. Water clarity is decent. **Largemouth Bass** - Good: Anglers continue to catch bass; work them out along the edges of the weed beds and around the trees and brush piles in 4-6 feet of water using soft plastics. **Black Crappie** - Good: The bite continues to improve for crappies out around edges of the flooded timber in 8 to 10 foot of water. Try vertical jigging or using a slip bobber and minnow. **Bluegill** - Fair: The hot weather has put a quick end to the spawn. Look for the bluegills around the deeper habitat now. **Channel Catfish** - Fair: The spawn is mostly over. Start working the areas below the flow under the causeway and along the creek channel.

[Skunk River \(Rose Hill to Coppock\)](#)

The spotty heavy rains Friday made the Skunk River go up fast; it's dropping just as fast.

For more information on the above lake, call the Lake Darling Fisheries Office at 319-694-2430.

[Cedar Lake](#)

Bluegill - Good: Lots of 6-7 inch fish are along the shore. **Largemouth Bass** - Fair: Fish plastics along shorelines.

Central Park Lake

Bluegill - Fair: Fish up to 8 inches have been reported. **Largemouth Bass** - Fair: Most fish are 11-12 inches.

Coralville Reservoir

The lake level as of July 3 is 687 feet (normal summer pool is 683 feet) and is slowly falling. It is predicted to reach normal pool around July 12th. **Channel Catfish** – Slow.

Diamond Lake

Channel Catfish - Good: Stink bait or chicken liver works best. Best bite is early and late in the day. **Bluegill** - Fair: Try deeper brush with worms or small jigs. **Black Crappie** - Fair: Try deeper brush or drift the basin with jigs for suspended fish.

Hannen Lake

Bluegill - Fair: Bluegills are spawning. Nice sized fish can be caught in the shallows. **Largemouth Bass** – Fair. **Black Crappie** - Slow: Look for suspended fish around deeper brush. Numbers are low, but size is good.

Iowa Lake (Iowa County)

Bluegill - Fair: Some nice sized fish are being caught. **Largemouth Bass** – Slow. **Black Crappie** – Slow. **Channel Catfish** - Fair: Early and late in the day is best.

Lake Macbride

Only outboards 10 hp or less may be operated on the lake. Water temperatures are in the low 80 degrees. **Walleye** - Fair: Troll or cast in 8-10 feet of water; target weed or rock edges. **Black Crappie** - Slow. **Wiper (Hybrid Striped Bass)** - Fair: Cast crankbaits or swimbaits along windblown rock or rock breaks. Topwaters can work early and late in the day. **Largemouth Bass** - Fair: Try fishing around the weed edges and shallow rock/weed. **Channel Catfish** - Fair. **Bluegill** - Good: Target rock reefs in 8-12 feet of water or around shoreline rip-rap. Size is marginal.

Pleasant Creek Lake

The main ramp and parking lot will be closed starting July 8 for repaving. It will most likely be closed for a couple months. **Bluegill** - Fair: Use small jigs or worms in shallow pockets. **Muskellunge** – Slow: A few fish were reported this week. **Yellow Perch** - Slow: Some 8 inch perch are being caught.

Rodgers Park Lake

Bluegill - Good: Fish are in the shallows. Small jigs and worms work best. **Largemouth Bass** – Slow.

Sand Lake

You must have a trout stamp to fish for and/or possess trout. **Rainbow Trout** - Fair: 16-18 inch trout are being caught. **Wiper (Hybrid Striped Bass)** - Fair: Schools of wipers around 16 inches are being caught on occasion.

For more information, contact the Lake Macbride Fisheries Station at 319-624-3615.

Hawthorn Lake

Largemouth Bass - Fair: Try rubber worms or spinnerbaits along the rock jetties and the

face of the dam. **Channel Catfish** - Fair: Try dead chubs or nightcrawlers in 4-8 feet of water. **Bluegill** - Fair: Use small jigs tipped with a waxworm. Sorting is needed for larger fish.

Lake Miami

Bluegill - Fair: Try small jigs tipped with a chunk of nightcrawler around the rock jetties. **Largemouth Bass** - Good: Use rubber worms or spinnerbaits around the fishing jetties and along the face of the dam. Try also topwater lures in the mornings and evenings. **Channel Catfish** - Fair: Use nightcrawlers or chicken liver around the rocky shores.

Lake Sugema

Largemouth Bass - Good: Try spinnerbaits or crankbaits in areas with rip-rap. **Black Crappie** - Fair: Use jigs tipped with a minnow around the flooded timber and submerged structure. Keep moving until you find active fish. **Bluegill** - Fair: Try small jigs tipped with a waxworm or chunk of nightcrawler around the shoreline. Also try open areas in the aquatic vegetation. **Channel Catfish** - Fair: Use chicken liver or dead chubs along the rocky shores.

Lake Wapello

Channel Catfish - Fair: Use cut bait or dead chubs along the rocky shores. Don't fish too deep, most lakes have stratified. **Largemouth Bass** - Fair: Try rubber worms or spinnerbaits around rock jetties and submerged cedar trees. **Bluegill** - Fair: Try small jigs along the shorelines and around the aquatic vegetation.

Rathbun Reservoir

The current lake level is 912.59 msl. Normal operating elevation is 904.0 msl. Lake Rathbun has zebra mussels, so make sure to properly drain, clean, and dry equipment before transporting to another water body. **Channel Catfish** - Good: Try cut bait or shad sides in areas with flowing water. **Black Crappie** - Slow: Crappie fishing has slowed with recent rains; it has been very hit and miss. Try jigs and minnows along rocky shores and around structure. Sorting is needed for larger fish. **Wiper (Hybrid Striped Bass)** - Good: Anglers have been successful trolling crankbaits along rocky shores. Anglers are also catching wipers with slip bobbers and nightcrawlers. **Walleye** - Slow: Try trolling over submerged points or along rocky shores.

Red Haw Lake

Channel Catfish - Fair: Use cut bait or dead chubs along the shorelines. **Bluegill** - Fair: Try small jigs fished around the shores and submerged structure. Tip your jig with a waxworm. **Largemouth Bass** - Good: Try rubber worms or spinnerbaits around brush piles and other submerged structure.

The district includes Mahaska, Lucas, Wayne, Monroe, Appanoose, Wapello, Davis and Van Buren counties. Contact the Rathbun Fish Hatchery at 641-647-2406 with questions about fishing in south central Iowa.

SOUTHWEST

Cold Springs District Farm Ponds

Most ponds have cleared up and fishing has been good. Always get permission to fish privately owned ponds. **Bluegill** - Fair: Use small jigs and crawlers suspended down 4 to 6 feet. **Black Crappie** - Fair: Crappie fishing has been good in ponds that support a crappie population. They have moved to deeper structure; use minnows or jigs. **Largemouth Bass** - Good: Cast a variety of lures to catch active largemouth bass. **Channel Catfish** - Good: Catfish are spawning; target structure this time of year.

Greenfield Lake

Greenfield Lake has a good population of black crappies and fair numbers of walleyes. The lake also has large channel catfish. **Black Crappie** - Fair: Find crappies around tree piles and flats close to the channel. **Largemouth Bass** - Fair: Greenfield has a good population of 12 to 15 inch bass. **Bluegill** - Slow: Bluegills will average 8 inches. **Channel Catfish** - Fair: Cast cut bait around the jetties to catch large channel catfish.

Lake Anita

Anglers report catching bluegills suspended 8 feet down. Catch crappies around tree piles and roadbeds. **Black Crappie** - Fair: Cast or slow troll around tree piles for 10 inch crappies. **Bluegill** - Fair: Bluegills are moving away from spawning locations. Look for fish suspended in the water column close to structure. **Largemouth Bass** - Good: Cast along vegetation edges and around structure to find largemouth bass of all sizes. **Channel Catfish** - Fair: Anglers report catching large catfish around the roadbed in the south arm of the lake.

Lake Manawa

Anglers are picking up a few walleyes on the west side of the lake. Manawa has a good catfish population. **Walleye** - Fair: Cast live bait on the west shoreline at the mouth of tubes going into the canal. **Channel Catfish** - Fair: Look for spawning catfish on rocky shores this time of year.

Littlefield Lake

Catfish are biting at Littlefield. Water clarity is 36 inches at this time. **Bluegill** - Slow: Try drifting with 1/64th ounce jigs tipped with crawler. The large size of bluegills in Littlefield are 9 inches. **Largemouth Bass** - No Report: Recent fisheries surveys show good numbers of largemouth bass up to 15 inches. **Black Crappie** - No Report: Littlefield has a small population of large black crappies. **Channel Catfish** - Good: Anglers are catching channel cats in the corners of the dam using blood bait.

Prairie Rose Lake

Prairie Rose water is extremely clear. **Bluegill** - Slow: Fish around tree piles with crawlers. A few anglers report catching bluegills drifting or slow trolling. **Largemouth Bass** - Good: Prairie Rose is full of 12 to 14 inch bass that is providing fun [catch and release fishing](#).

Viking Lake

Black Crappie - Fair: Look for crappies around tree piles. Cast and slowly retrieve a small 1/64th or 1/32nd ounce jig or minnow under a bobber. **Largemouth Bass** - Good: Viking Lake has a good population of bass up to 20 inches. Fish rocky shores and flats

close to the channel. **Channel Catfish** - Fair: Anglers report catching catfish around rocky shores using cut bait.

Anglers are finding panfish suspended and around structure now. Catfish are being caught around rocky shores. For more information, contact the Cold Springs office at 712-769-2587.

Green Valley Lake

Bluegill - Fair: Catch bluegill up to 8 inches using small jigs or worms under a bobber fished near cedar tree brush piles. **Black Crappie** - Fair: Catch crappie up to 9 inches with small jigs or minnows fished near cedar tree brush piles.

Lake Icaria

Bluegill - Slow: Try jigs tipped with a nightcrawler fished under a bobber along the fish mounds or cedar tree brush piles. **Channel Catfish** - Good: Catch channel catfish of all sizes with prepared baits or cut bait fished near the silt dam or main lake points.

Little River Watershed Lake

Bluegill - Good: Catch bluegill up to 9 inches with small jigs or nightcrawlers fished near cedar tree brush piles. **Largemouth Bass** - Good: Try finesse plastics or topwater baits fished in the early morning or late evening along the weed line for largemouth bass of all sizes. **Walleye** - Slow: Try jigs tipped with a leech or minnow fished along main lake points or the roadbed for walleye up to 22 inches. **Channel Catfish** - Slow: Catch Channel Catfish up to 10 pounds with worms or prepared baits fished along main lake points.

Three Mile Lake

Walleye - Slow: Catch walleye up to 22 inches with jigs tipped with a leech or minnow fished near main lake points, fish mounds or the roadbed. **Bluegill** - Fair: Catch bluegill up to 8 inches with nightcrawlers under a bobber fished along cedar tree brush piles.

Twelve Mile Creek Lake

Largemouth Bass - Fair: Try topwater baits fished along the weed line in the early morning or late evening for largemouth bass of all sizes. **Yellow Perch** - Slow: Catch yellow perch up to 12 inches with a leech or nightcrawler fished under a slip bobber. **Walleye** - Slow: Use crankbaits fished along main lake points or the roadbed for walleye up to 22 inches.

Water temperature in most Mount Ayr district lakes is in the low to mid-80's. For more information, please call the Mount Ayr Fisheries office at 641-464-3108.

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