



IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Iowa Fishing Report

Conservation and Recreation



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NORTHWEST

[Black Hawk Lake](#)

Surface water temperatures are in the low to mid-60s. Water levels are about 11 inches below the crest of the spillway. Expect shore fishing action to pick up as water temperatures gradually cool. **Black Crappie** - Fair: Fish are 8- to 11-inches. Panfish action has picked up with the cooler water temperatures. Try along Ice House Point and around the fish house and stone piers in Town Bay. **Bluegill** - Slow: Find bluegills along shore near Ice House Point and the rock pile by Gunshot Hill. Fish are 6- to 7-inches. **Largemouth Bass** – Fair. **Yellow Perch** - Fair.

[Browns Lake](#)

Water levels remain low; use caution when launching boats.

[Brushy Creek Lake](#)

Water temperatures are in the mid-60s. Water clarity is about 3 feet. Water levels are below the crest of the spillway. **Black Crappie** - Fair: Find crappie near submerged woody structure in 5-10 feet of water. Use a small jig tipped with a crawler or small minnow. **Bluegill** - Fair: Drift jigs tipped with crawlers in 5-15 feet of water anywhere along weed lines or near submerged trees. **Largemouth Bass** - Fair: Try plastics and traditional bass lures along submerged woody structure and weed lines near shore.

[Storm Lake \(incl Little Storm Lake\)](#)

All walleye between 19 and 25-inches must be immediately released unharmed at Storm Lake; no more than one walleye longer than 25-inches can be taken per day. **Black Crappie** - Fair. **Channel Catfish** - Fair: Storm Lake has a good population of 4-6 pound catfish. Try cut bait, liver or crawlers fished on the bottom along shore. **Walleye** - Fair: Try

trolling crankbaits using crawler harnesses and drifting leeches near the edges of the dredge cuts. Try along shore with live bait or crankbaits in mornings or evenings. **Yellow Bass** - Fair: Fish are 5- to 11-inches long. Use a small piece of crawler fished under a bobber.

Surface water temperatures are in the low 60s in most area lakes. For more information, contact the Black Hawk District office at 712-657-2638.

Beeds Lake

Black Crappie - Fair: Troll or drift small crappie jigs along to north shore. **Largemouth Bass** - Fair. **Yellow Bass** - Fair.

Clear Lake

The lake is 7 inches below crest. Water temperature is in the low 60s. Water clarity is about 35 inches. **Clear Lake has a protected slot on walleye. All walleye between 17 and 22 inches must be immediately released unharmed. No more than one walleye longer than 22 inches may be taken per day.** **Largemouth Bass** - Fair: Try jigs and spinnerbaits near the vegetation edge. **Muskellunge** - Fair: September is an excellent time to target muskies. Cast baits near docks vegetation beds and reef areas. **Walleye** - Fair: Use jigs and live bait near vegetation. **Yellow Bass** - Fair: Try small jigs tipped with crawler or minnows. Stay mobile and search for the schools of yellow bass. **Yellow Perch** - Slow.

Rice Lake

Any water west of the North boat ramp is a waterfowl refuge and is closed to all activity from Sept. 1st through the final day of the duck season. **Largemouth Bass** - Fair: **Yellow Perch** - Slow:

Silver Lake (Worth)

Bluegill - Good: Catch nice-sized bluegill with small jigs. **Largemouth Bass** - Fair: Use spinnerbaits and jigs fished near vegetation. **Yellow Perch** - Fair: Try small jigs tipped with a piece of crawler or minnows.

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

East Okoboji Lake

Lake temperature is in the low 60s. The water level is 5 inches below crest. There has been a fairly good crappie and bluegill and yellow perch bite recently. Bigger fish are out deeper in 12-17 feet of water; smaller fish are closer to shore. Trolling has been working fairly well. **Black Crappie** - Good: Best bite is in 10-15 feet of water along weed lines. **Bluegill** - Good: Try tube jigs, plastics or other small jigs. Live bait such as wax worms, wigglers and red worms work well. **Muskellunge** - Good: **Walleye** - Fair: Try spinners, crankbaits and long and shallow shad raps in the main basins. Best bite is an hour before and after sunset. **Yellow Bass** - Good.

Lost Island Lake

Fishing/trolling is getting easier as aquatic vegetation subsides as water temperatures fall. **Black Crappie** – Fair. **Walleye** – Slow: Try trolling crankbaits or with lindy rigs off weed lines. Best bite is an hour before and after sunset. **Yellow Perch** – Fair.

Minnewashta Lake

Bluegill and crappie fishing has been good; some sorting may be needed. **Black Crappie** -

Good. **Bluegill** - Good.

Silver Lake (Dickinson)

The late afternoon bite has been fair. Many anglers are targeting fish schools during the day. Many large schools of young of the year bullhead are swimming around the lake. **Walleye** - Fair: Try spinners, crankbaits and long and shallow shad raps.

Spirit Lake

The lake is currently 7 inches below crest. **The walleye season is currently open.** The water temperature is in the low 60s. The yellow perch and walleye bite has been fair to good lately. Most species are out in 15+ feet of water, but some yellow perch are being caught in shallower water. **Black Bullhead** - Fair: Try fishing the northern grade of Spirit Lake. **Black Crappie** - Fair: Use a tube jig and bobber. **Bluegill** - Fair: Use tube jigs, plastics or other small jigs. Live bait such as wax worms, wigglers and red worms work well. **Muskellunge** - Good: **Walleye** - Fair: Try spinners, crankbaits and long and shallow shad raps; try to find weed lines to troll or jig off of. **Yellow Perch** - Good: Many perch can be caught, you may need to sort for size.

West Okoboji Lake

Water temperature is in the low 60s. The water level is 5 inches below crest. Most fish are out in 15+ feet of water, but are slowly been making their way shallower. Rocky points and areas with vegetation lines have seen the most success. Some panfish have been moving more shallow, especially in the evening. **Black Crappie** - Good: Use crankbaits or shad raps. **Bluegill** - Good: Try tube jigs, plastics or other small jigs. Live bait such as wax worms, wigglers and red worms work well. **Largemouth Bass** - Good: Try weed lines and docks. **Muskellunge** - Good: **Smallmouth Bass** - Good: Try fishing off points with surface baits or jerk baits. **Walleye** - Fair: Try fishing off points by trolling crankbaits or with lindy rigs. Best bite is an hour before and after sunset. Some fish have been caught while trolling for crappie.

Most area lake temperatures are in the low 60s. The forecast is for cooler conditions. Fishing from and around docks is getting better. Fishing has started to pick up with cooler water temperatures. For current conditions, call the Spirit Lake District Office at 712-336-1840.

NORTHEAST

Cedar River (above Nashua)

Water levels are very, low limiting some boat accesses. **Channel Catfish** - Slow: Dead chubs fished on the river bottom works well for a hungry catfish. **Smallmouth Bass** - Good: Try artificial lures or a lure tipped with a minnow. **Walleye** - Good: Use jig tipped with a minnow or worm.

Decorah District Streams

Beginning this Saturday, October 1, all stream stockings will be unannounced. Streams continue to be stocked through the end of the month. Streams are in good condition. Hunting seasons are in full swing. Be visible to hunters. Anglers fishing for trout using any kind of light weight rods and reels with spinnerbaits or a hook tipped with a small piece of crawler, cheese, or dough can be just as successful as fly anglers. **Brook Trout** - Good: Hoppers beetles or anything else buggy work well this time of year. Please pick up trash. **Brown Trout** - Good: Use hair jigs, spinnerbaits or small, shallow water crankbaits for aggressive fish.

Thank a landowner for allowing stream access on private land. **Rainbow Trout** - Excellent: Try fishing along grassed edges, undercut banks, pools and around boulders.

Lake Hendricks

The green algae bloom continues. Clarity is less than a foot. Water temperature is in the low 60s. **Black Crappie** - Good: Use a small minnow or lure in deeper water. **Bluegill** - Good: Find gills along rocky shorelines. Use a small piece of worm fished under a bobber near shore. **Largemouth Bass** - Fair: Use plastics and topwater lures for best luck fished near shore.

Lake Meyer

Water clarity less than 2 feet. Water temperature is in the low 60s. Water has a brownish tint. **Black Crappie** - Slow: Find crappie suspended in 10-13 feet water. Use a jig tipped with a minnow. **Bluegill** - Good: Find bluegills along rocky shorelines in water less than 5 feet. Try a small jig tipped with a small piece of worm. **Largemouth Bass** - Fair: Find bass in shallow water. Use topwater lures or a jig tipped with a plastic tail.

Turkey River (above Clermont)

Water levels are low, but clear. **Smallmouth Bass** - Good: Try topwater lures or jig tipped with a variety of plastic tails. Run your lure along vegetated edges or along woody debris. **Walleye** - Good: Find walleye in deeper pools or eddies. Use live bait for best luck.

Upper Iowa River (above Decorah)

Water levels are low, but clear. Water temperatures are falling. **Smallmouth Bass** - Good: Find smallies in eddies or near rock ledges. Use crankbaits or jigs. Fish are active. **Walleye** - Good: Find walleye in deeper pools or near log jams or other woody debris.

Volga Lake

Water clarity is less than 2 feet due to a continuing algae bloom. Water temperature is in the low 60s. **Black Crappie** - Good: Use minnows or small jigs in 5 to 8 feet of water. **Bluegill** - Good: Find gills along rocky shoreline. Use a small jig tipped with small piece of worm under a bobber. **Channel Catfish** - Fair: Use a dead chub, worm or squished minnow fished on the bottom in 10 feet or less of water near stumps or other woody structure. **Largemouth Bass** - Fair: Try crankbaits or jigs with plastic tails.

Temperatures are in the upper 60s to lower 40s. Rivers and streams are in good condition with good clarity. Many are low creating difficulties for boat access. For current fishing information, please call the Chuck Gipp Decorah Fish Hatchery at 563-382-8324.

MISSISSIPPI RIVER

Mississippi River Pool 9

Water level is near 8 feet at Lansing and is expected to remain steady this week. Water temperature is 61 degrees. Fishing is good with stable water conditions. **Black Crappie** - Good: Expect the crappie bite to improve as we move into fall. Hair jigs work well. **Bluegill** - Good: Use light tackle tipped with piece of worm in areas away from current along the weed edges in backwaters. **Channel Catfish** - Excellent: Try cut bait or stink bait fished in deeper holes along current breaks of side channels. **Flathead Catfish** - Good: Try a shiner or small bluegill for bait to catch bigger catfish. **Freshwater Drum** - Excellent: Freshwater drum bite is coming on. Use a weighted crawler rig in the current anywhere from shore. **Largemouth Bass** - Good: Cast jigs or jerk baits in woody cover in the shallows of backwaters. **Northern**

Pike - Fair: Cast crankbaits off vegetation lines or near the mouth of tributary streams. **Smallmouth Bass** - Excellent: Smallmouth are getting more active along main channel rock structure. Cast inline spinners or crankbaits along the faster current. **Walleye** - Good: Troll crankbaits off the wing-dams and side channels. **White Bass** - Fair: Watch for schools of white bass chasing minnows out of the water. Cast spinnerbaits or shad colored crankbaits for feeding white bass. **Yellow Perch** - Good: Use a jig tipped with a crawler.

Mississippi River Pool 10

Water level is stable 612.9 feet at Lynxville. Water temperature is 64 degrees at the Lynxville dam. Water clarity is good. Early fall fishing is picking up. **Black Crappie** - Fair: Expect the crappie bite to improve as we move into fall. Hair jigs work well. **Bluegill** - Excellent: Use light tackle tipped with piece of worm in areas away from current along the weed edges in backwaters. **Channel Catfish** - Good: Try cut bait or stink bait fished in deeper holes along current breaks of side channels. **Flathead Catfish** - Good: Try a shiner or small bluegill for bait to catch bigger catfish. **Freshwater Drum** - Excellent: Freshwater drum bite is coming on. Use a weighted crawler rig in the current anywhere from shore. **Largemouth Bass** - Good: Cast jigs or jerk baits in woody cover in the shallows of backwaters. **Northern Pike** - Fair: Cast crankbaits off vegetation lines or near the mouth of tributary streams. **Smallmouth Bass** - Excellent: Smallmouth are getting more active along main channel rock structure. Cast inline spinners or crankbaits along the faster current. **Walleye** - Good: Troll crankbaits off the wing-dams and side channels. **White Bass** - Fair: Watch for schools of white bass chasing minnows out of the water. Cast spinnerbaits or shad colored crankbaits for feeding white bass. **Yellow Perch** - Good: Use a jig tipped with a crawler.

Mississippi River Pool 11

Water level is low and stable around 4.5 feet at Guttenberg. Water temperature is near 61 degrees. Fish are on the early fall feed. **Black Crappie** - Fair: Expect the crappie bite to improve as we move into fall. Hair jigs work well. **Bluegill** - Good: Use light tackle tipped with piece of worm in areas away from current along the weed edges in backwaters. **Channel Catfish** - Good: Try cut bait or stink bait fished in deeper holes along current breaks of side channels. **Flathead Catfish** - Good: The flathead bite has been good with the warmer temperatures. Try a shiner or small bluegill for bait. Lots of bank pole fishing with anglers using live bullheads or green sunfish for bait. **Freshwater Drum** - Excellent: Freshwater drum bite is coming on. Use a weighted crawler rig in the current anywhere from shore. **Largemouth Bass** - Good: Cast jigs or crankbaits in woody cover in the shallows of backwaters. **Northern Pike** - Fair: Cast crankbaits off vegetation lines or near the mouth of tributary streams. **Smallmouth Bass** - Excellent: Smallmouth are getting more active along main channel rock structure. Cast inline spinners or crankbaits along the faster current. **Walleye** - Good: Troll crankbaits off the wing-dams and side channels. **White Bass** - Fair: Watch for schools of white bass chasing minnows out of the water. Cast spinnerbaits or shad colored crankbaits for feeding white bass. **Yellow Perch** - Good: Use a jig tipped with a crawler.

Upper Mississippi River levels are low and predicted to remain stable, making for good fall fishing. Water temperatures are in the low 60s. Boaters are advised to use caution to avoid backing off the end of ramps with the extreme low water levels. Walleye slot length limits now apply on the entire Iowa border of the Mississippi River. All walleyes less than 15 inches long and between 20-27 inches must be immediately released. One walleye over 27 inches may be kept. Walleye/sauger combined daily limit 6/possession 12.

Mississippi River Pool 12

River conditions are low. Use caution to avoid backing a boat off the ends of the boat ramps.

Mississippi River Pool 13

River conditions are low. Use caution to avoid backing a boat off the ends of the boat ramps. Water clarity is excellent. **Black Crappie** - Good: Use small jigs and minnows in brush piles in the larger sloughs. **Bluegill** - Good: Try a floating bobber and worm along rock lines. **Channel Catfish** - Good: Most channel cats are being caught on worm rigs, but some anglers are still using stink baits. **Freshwater Drum** - Excellent: A simple worm rig fished on the bottom in moderate current areas will produce plenty of drum. **Largemouth Bass** - Good: Bass fishing will heat up this fall as they start to feed heavily on shad. **Walleye** - Good: Try crankbaits fished on the wing-dams.

Mississippi River Pool 14

River conditions are low. Use caution to avoid backing a boat off the ends of the boat ramps. **Black Bullhead** - Good: Hit areas like Rock Creek backwaters near Camanche; try fishing in brush piles with deeper water near them. **Bluegill** - Good: Bobber and worms work best along old vegetation beds. **Freshwater Drum** - Excellent: Use a worm and egg sinker rig in areas of moderate current. Drum are abundant on the Mississippi River and can be good eating if prepared correctly. **Largemouth Bass** - Good: Bass fishing will heat up this fall as they start chasing gizzard shad in the backwater lakes. **Smallmouth Bass** - Good: Try crankbaits and spinners fished in rock lines in moderate current areas. **Walleye** - Good: Use crankbaits on the wing-dams.

Mississippi River Pool 15

River conditions are low. Use caution to avoid backing a boat off the ends of the boat ramps. Water clarity is excellent. **Channel Catfish** - Fair: Most anglers are catching catfish on nightcrawlers, but some are still using stink bait rigs. **Freshwater Drum** - Excellent: Use an egg sinker and worm rig in moderate current areas. **Smallmouth Bass** - Good: Try crankbaits and spinners fished in rock lines in moderate current areas.

Fishing conditions are excellent on the Mississippi River. Water levels are low and stable throughout the district. The water temperature is in the mid-60s. Water clarity is good. Use caution when backing off boat ramps with the low river levels. Use the minimum amount of ramp to float your boat to avoid backing off the ends of short ramps. If you have angling questions, please call the Bellevue Fisheries Management Station at 563-880-8781.

SOUTHEAST

Big Hollow Lake

Water temperature is dropping fast the last few days; it was in the 80s last week, down into the mid-60s now. **Bluegill** - Fair: Look for them to move into shallower water as they adjust to the cooler temperatures.

Iowa River (Columbus Junction to Mississippi River)

The Iowa River is holding steady this week. **Channel Catfish** - Fair: Look for the deep water; that's where they will be at these water levels. Try night crawlers or grass (leopard) frogs as bait this time of year.

Lake Belva Deer

Water temperature is in the low 60s. **Black Crappie** - Slow: Slow trolling for crappies from the beach to the dam continues to improve with the cooler weather. **Bluegill** - Slow: Try a worm and slip bobber in the flooded timber from 8-9 feet.

Lake Darling

The water temperature was 81 degrees Sept. 20; this morning it is 62 degrees. Water is fairly clear, but has a green cast to it with phytoplankton. **Bluegill** - Fair: Bluegill fishing slowed down with the drastic water temperature drop. Expect the bite to pick up once the weather levels out for a few days and the fish adapt to the cooler weather.

Lost Grove Lake

Water temperature was 64 degrees on Sept. 27; cooler than that today. **Bluegill** - Slow: Cooled down to fast for them to stay active; the bite should pick back up as they adapt to the cooler water temperatures. **Largemouth Bass** -Slow: Dropping water temperatures slowed them down some. Smaller bass are in shallow feeding on the baby bluegills and green sunfish. With a little south wind chop on the water, bigger bass are also moving in shallow to feed.

Skunk River (Coppock to Mississippi River)

The Skunk River dropped more this week; lost the rise from last week. **Channel Catfish** - Fair: Find catfish in deeper holes; there isn't any water elsewhere for them to hide in.

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

Hawthorn Lake

Bluegill - Fair: Try small jigs tipped with a nightcrawler around submerged structure. **Channel Catfish** - Fair: Look for catfish around the jetties and along the dam or other areas with large rocks. **Largemouth Bass** - Fair: Use crankbaits and plastics around submerged structure and the jetties.

Lake Miami

Bluegill - Fair: Use small jigs around the submerged cedar tree piles or drift for suspended bluegill. **Channel Catfish** - Fair: Use dead chubs around the jetties and shoreline. **Largemouth Bass** - Fair: Try spinnerbaits and crankbaits around the jetties and cedar tree piles.

Lake Sugema

Black Crappie - Fair: Look for suspended crappies in 6-8 feet of water; drift or slow troll through these areas. **Bluegill** - Fair: Try small jigs around shorelines and the edge of vegetated areas. **Channel Catfish** - Fair: Use nightcrawlers around the fishing jetties. **Largemouth Bass** - Good: Try plastics or spinnerbaits around the rock jetties and along the face of the dam.

Lake Wapello

Black Crappie - Fair: Drift or slow troll in 6-8 feet of water using jigs. Crappie will move into shallower water as the water cools off. **Bluegill** - Fair: Use small jigs around the cedar tree piles and rock jetties. **Channel Catfish** - Fair: Try nightcrawlers around the fishing jetties. **Largemouth Bass** - Fair: Use rubber worms or other plastics fished around the cedar tree piles.

[Rathbun Reservoir](#)

The current lake level is 903.93 msl; recreation pool is 904 msl. **Prairie Ridge boat ramp and campground is closed. Bridgeview and Island View campgrounds close on Sept.**

30th. Lake Rathbun has zebra mussels, so make sure to properly drain, clean and dry equipment before transporting to another waterbody. **Black Crappie** - Fair: Try jig and minnow combos around docks and over submerged structure. **Channel Catfish** - Fair: Use dead chubs or liver. **Walleye** - Fair: Troll nightcrawler rigs or crankbaits over underwater rock piles. **Wiper (Hybrid Striped Bass)** - Fair: Try vertically jigging around rock piles or trolling crankbaits near the old river channel.

[Red Haw Lake](#)

Red Haw State Park has partially reopened. Visitors can access the beach and north boat ramp area, but are asked to avoid the campground. **Bluegill** - Fair: Try small jigs along the shoreline. **Channel Catfish** - Fair: Use nightcrawlers around the dam and the rock jetties. **Largemouth Bass** - Fair: Try spinnerbaits around underwater structure near the rock jetties.

Contact the Rathbun Fish Hatchery at 641-647-2406 with questions about fishing in south central Iowa.

SOUTHWEST

[Big Creek Lake](#)

Black Crappie - Fair: Catch crappies in the early morning and evenings off rock jetties casting twister tail jigs or fishing live minnows under a float. **Walleye** - Fair: Try jigging or trolling live bait rigs or shad imitating plastics and crankbaits over humps, near points and where shallow flats drop off to deeper water. A good starting area is out from the marina around to the beach. Target depths of 5 to 15 feet.

[Des Moines River \(Saylorville to Red Rock\)](#)

Channel Catfish - Good: Catfishing on the river has been good for both channels and flatheads. Anglers are catching fish on live bait and cut bait. **White Bass** - Good: Cast twister tails, swimbaits, spoons and in-line spinners below the dams in Des Moines. **Wiper (Hybrid Striped Bass)** - Good: Try twister tails, swimbaits or live minnows on jigs below the dams in Des Moines and below Red Rock.

[Des Moines River \(Stratford to Saylorville Lake\)](#)

Channel Catfish - Good: Try dip baits or cut bait just upstream and under log piles and fallen trees.

[Red Rock Reservoir](#)

White Bass - Fair: Try drifting or trolling small plastics or live minnows in wind protected coves off the main lake and Whitebreast Arm.

For information on Central Iowa lakes and rivers contact Ben Dodd at 641-891-3795 or Andy Otting at 515-204-5885.

Cold Springs Lake

Channel Catfish - Good: Channel catfishing has been good using cut bait. Most channel catfish are 4 to 6 pounds.

Farm Creek Lake (a.k.a. Young's Pond)

Water clarity is good. **Bluegill** - Slow. **Largemouth Bass** - Good: Anglers are having success casting the vegetation edges to catch largemouth bass.

Lake Anita

Water temperature is in the low 60s. Water clarity is good. **Black Crappie** - Fair: Look for crappies drifting the roadbeds and around deep tree piles. Fish average 9 inches. **Bluegill** - Slow: Try slow trolling or drifting; tipping your jigs with a crawler or powerbait helps. **Largemouth Bass** - Fair: Lake Anita has a good bass population. Try casting the lily edges.

Mormon Trail Lake

Water clarity is good. **Bluegill** – Slow. **Largemouth Bass** - Good: Cast the shoreline with small crankbaits or spinnerbaits in the morning; transition to a slower presentation mid-day.

Orient Lake

Bluegill fishing has been good with good shoreline access. **Bluegill** - Fair: Cast small jigs or worm under a bobber to catch 8-inch bluegill. Fish will average 8 inches.

Prairie Rose Lake

Water clarity is good. **Black Crappie** - Slow: Look for 9.5-inch crappie around deep tree piles. **Bluegill** - Fair: Look for bluegills slow trolling or casting around structure; tipping jigs with crawler or powerbait helps. Fish will average 8.5-inches. **Largemouth Bass** - Good: There is a high percentage of 14- to 16-inch bass in Prairie Rose.

Viking Lake

All boat ramps are usable. Water clarity is good. **Black Crappie** - Slow: Crappies are being caught casting around the flooded terrestrial vegetation. Minnows and slip bobbers work well around tree piles. **Bluegill** - Slow: Anglers are slow trolling or fishing around tree piles to catch bluegill. Tipping jigs with small piece of crawler helps. **Largemouth Bass** - Fair: Bass anglers are casting the shoreline and fishing tree piles to catch largemouth bass of all sizes.

For information on lakes in the Southwest District call the Cold Springs office at 712-769-2587.

Green Valley Lake

Bluegill - Fair: Try nightcrawlers fished along the fishing jetties or shallow coves to catch bluegills up to 8.5-inches.

Little River Watershed Lake

The dock is in at main ramp. **Black Crappie** - Good: Catch crappie up to 10.5 inches with jigs fished along rocky shorelines. **Bluegill** - Slow: Try nightcrawlers under a bobber fished in shallow coves to catch bluegills up to 8.5 inches. **Largemouth Bass** - Good: Catch all sizes of largemouth bass with finesse plastics fished near cedar tree brush piles or rocky shoreline areas.

Three Mile Lake

Courtesy docks are in at the main ramp. **Bluegill** - Fair: Catch bluegill up to 8.5-inches with

nightcrawlers under a bobber fished in shallow coves. **Walleye** - Fair: Try trolling crankbaits along the roadbed or main lake points to catch walleye of all sizes.

Twelve Mile Creek Lake

The dock is in at the main ramp. **Black Crappie** - Good: Catch black crappie up to 11-inches with jigs tipped with a minnow fished near cedar tree brush piles or rockpiles. **Bluegill** - Slow: Use small jigs tipped with a nightcrawler fished near brush piles or shallow coves to catch bluegill up to 8.5-inches. **Largemouth Bass** - Fair: Catch all sizes of largemouth bass with finesse plastics fished near rock piles.

Water temperature is in the mid to upper 60s at most Mount Ayr district lakes. For more information, call the Mount Ayr Fisheries office at 641-464-3108.

