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NORTHWEST

[Black Hawk Lake](#)

Courtesy docks are in. Anglers are picking up fish in Town Bay, along shore near Ice House Point, and in the fish house. The inlet bridge area has also been productive. **Black Crappie** - Fair: Anglers are picking up crappie along Ice House Point shoreline and from the fish house using small jigs. Boat anglers are having luck fishing in 4-6 feet of water. **Walleye** - Fair. **Yellow Perch** - Fair: Use minnows and jigs near Ice House Point and from the inlet bridge area.

[Brushy Creek Lake](#)

The lake is ice-free. Boat ramp courtesy docks are in.

[North Twin Lake](#)

The lake is ice-free. Water levels remain low; use caution when loading boats at the ramps.

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

Water temperatures are in the low 40s, but will warm up fast this week with the warmer weather. Expect shore fishing opportunities as water temperatures warm climb. All walleye between 19 and 25-inches must be immediately released unharmed at Storm Lake; and no more than one walleye longer than 25-inches can be taken per day. DNR staff are conducting walleye broodstock collection throughout the week with gillnets set near shore during evenings and nights.

Water temperatures are in the low 40s, but will likely warm fast throughout the week. For more information, contact the Black Hawk District office at 712-657-2638.

Clear Lake

The lake is ice-free. Water temperature is in the mid-30s. Lake level is 3.3 inches above crest. The boat ramp courtesy docks are not in yet. 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. **Channel Catfish** - Fair: It's time to target catfish; use cut bait from the wind-swept shore. **Walleye** - Slow: Anglers are having some success fishing from the jetties and wader fishing along the east shore after sunset. The bite will continue to improve as the water temperature rises over the next several days. **Yellow Perch** - Slow.

Lake Cornelia

The courtesy dock is in at the boat ramp.

Winnebago River

Water levels are dropping to 6.19 feet. **Northern Pike** - Slow. **Walleye** - Slow: Use a jig head and minnow along current breaks.

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

Ice conditions are ok in some areas; access can be hard to find. Expect conditions to diminish. **The walleye season is closed. Black Crappie** - Good: Try small jigs tipped with a minnow or tube jig and bobber. **Bluegill** - Good: Use tube jigs, plastics, or other small jigs. **Northern Pike** - Good: Tip-ups are working well. **Yellow Perch** - Fair: Minnows are working well; some sorting may be needed.

Ingham Lake

A large portion of the lake is open. **Walleye** - Fair.

Lost Island Lake

Ice conditions are very poor. **Black Crappie** - Good. **Walleye** - Good.

Minnewashta Lake

Large portions of the lake are starting to open up. **Black Crappie** - Fair. **Bluegill** - Fair.

Silver Lake (Dickinson)

A large portion of the lake is open; ice conditions should continue to diminish. **Walleye** - Fair.

Spirit Lake

A few areas, like Anglers Bay, can still be fished safely on foot; most lake access is diminished. **The walleye season is closed. Black Crappie** - Good. **Yellow Perch** - Good: Use small jigs tipped with a minnow. Sorting may be needed.

West Okoboji Lake

Lake access is heavily diminished; if you are able to safely get on the ice, much of the ice is still safe for foot traffic. **The walleye season is closed. Black Crappie** - Fair: Try small jigs tipped with a minnow. **Bluegill** - Fair: Use tube jigs, plastics, or other small jigs. **Yellow Perch** - Fair: Try small jigs tipped with a minnow. Sorting may be needed.

Ice conditions are still ok for foot traffic in a few areas; finding a safe way to get on the ice may be difficult as shorelines and some bays are starting to open up. The weather forecast calls for much warmer weather; expect ice conditions to quickly diminish. Open water season is coming

soon. **The walleye season on the Iowa Great Lakes is closed until May 6th.** For current conditions, call the Spirit Lake District Office at 712-336-1840.

NORTHEAST

Cedar River (above Nashua)

The river is up about 2 feet and is steady. Clarity is poor. Fish activity is slow. **Black Crappie** - Slow: Use a minnow fished in a backwater or near current breaks. **Channel Catfish** - Slow: Try a dead chub or worm fished near bottom near current breaks. **Walleye** - Slow: Use a minnow or worm below the dams or eddies. Try using a 3-way with just enough weight to keep the weight on the bottom or use a worm harness for nightcrawlers.

Decorah District Streams

The first week of [catchable trout stocking](#) is almost complete. Area streams are looking good. Make sure you have a [fishing license and trout fee](#), trout map, stocking calendar, and your favorite gear ready. **Brook Trout** - Fair: Insect hatches are taking place on sunny afternoons. Use midge, minnow or scud patterns for fish looking to get more bang for their effort. **Brown Trout** - Good: Meltwater flowing into streams is bringing a fresh supply of foods for curious brownies. Try fishing near or around structure. Spinner or crankbaits work well. **Rainbow Trout** - Excellent: Use small spinnerbaits, hair jigs or hooks tipped with imitation eggs floating past structure. Freshly stocked fish are waiting to take your bait.

Lake Hendricks

Few anglers were out this week.

Lake Meyer

Water clarity is fair. Bite is slow. Few anglers have been out.

Turkey River (below Clermont)

Water levels up about 2 feet. Water temperatures is the upper 30s. Water clarity is poor.

Upper Iowa River (below Decorah)

Water levels are down; poor clarity after rain earlier in week. Water temperatures remain in upper 30s. **Walleye** - Slow: Use a hook tipped with a minnow fished in an eddy or off a current break.

Volga Lake

Fish activity is slow. Choppy conditions due to winds. Water clarity is declining with resuspension of sediment.

Temperatures range from the mid-60s to upper 30's; breezy. Parking lots and gravel roads are sloppy. Use care when parking on roadsides. Area rivers are up and muddy from weather events earlier in week. For current fishing information, please call the Chuck Gipp Decorah Fish Hatchery at 563-382-8324.

Manchester District Streams

Anglers have had success catching brown trout on Spring Branch Creek. There has been some good insect hatches occurring with the recent warmer temperatures. **Brook Trout** - Fair: Try matching insect hatches using a flyrod or casting small flashy spinners with a spincast rod.

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

Walleye - No Report: Cast jigs and ringworm plastics tipped with a minnow.

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

Walleye - No Report: Cast jigs and ringworm plastics tipped with a minnow.

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

Walleye - No Report: Cast jigs and ringworm plastics tipped with a minnow.

Interior rivers have risen with the recent rainfall; most are fairly turbid. Trout streams are in excellent condition. [Stocking season](#) kicked off this past Monday. The upcoming ten day forecast looks fairly warm and dry. Contact your local bait shop for the most recent angling opportunities. For more information, contact the Manchester Hatchery at 563-927-3276.

MISSISSIPPI RIVER

[Mississippi River Pool 9](#)

Water level is 10.4 feet at Lansing and is expected to reach 11.8 feet this week. New Albin Army Road is closed due to water over the road. Rollers are out of the water at the dam. Fish are biting, but it's harder to find them with high water conditions. Water temperature is near 42 degrees. **Channel Catfish** - Fair: Try a crawler in the current seams as water temperatures rise this week. **Northern Pike** - Fair: Northern pike are spawning. The bite is picking up, but fish are scattered with high water. Expect the bite to pick up post-spawn. **Sauger** - Slow: Try vertical jigging with a minnow in the Lock and Dam tailwaters. **Shorthead redhorse** - Excellent: Redhorse are running; they are fun to catch. Drop a weighted crawler into the current breaks. **Walleye** - Slow: Walleye are spawning. Fishing in Lock and Dam tailwaters has slowed some. Bottom bounce a jig with twister tails in the Lock and Dam tailwaters. **Yellow Perch** - Fair: Try a jig tipped with with a minnow or a bit of crawler fished in the tailwaters and side channels.

[Mississippi River Pool 10](#)

Water level is to 620 feet at Lynxville and is expected to reach 622 feet this week. The road to Sny Magill ramp is going under water and is closed. Rollers are out of the water at the dam. Fish are biting, but it's harder to find them with high water conditions. Water temperature is near 45 degrees. **Channel Catfish** - Fair: Try a crawler in the current seams as water temperatures rise this week. **Northern Pike** - Fair: Northern pike are spawning. The bite is picking up, but fish are scattered with high water. Expect the bite to pick up post-spawn. **Sauger** - Slow: Bottom bounce a jig with twister tails in the Lock and Dam tailwaters. **Shorthead redhorse** - Excellent: Redhorse are running; they are fun to catch. Drop a weighted crawler into the current breaks. **Walleye** - Slow: Walleye are spawning. Fishing in Lock and Dam tailwaters has slowed some. Bottom bounce a jig with twister tails in the Lock and Dam tailwaters. **Yellow Perch** - Fair: Try a jig tipped with a minnow or a bit of crawler fished in the tailwaters and side channels.

[Mississippi River Pool 11](#)

Water level is near 11 feet at Guttenberg and is predicted to rise to near 14 feet over the next week. Rollers are out of the water at the dam. Fish are biting, but it's harder to find them with high water conditions. Water temperature is near 42 degrees. **Channel Catfish** - Fair: Try a crawler in the current seams as water temperatures rise this week. **Northern Pike** - Fair: Northern pike are spawning. The bite is picking up, but fish are scattered with high water. Expect the bite to pick up post-spawn. **Sauger** - Slow: Bottom bounce a jig with twister

tails in the Lock and Dam tailwaters. **Shorthead redhorse** - Excellent: Redhorse are running; they are fun to catch. Drop a weighted crawler into the current breaks. **Walleye** – Slow: Walleye are spawning. Fishing in Lock and Dam tailwaters has slowed some. Bottom bounce a jig with twister tails in the Lock and Dam tailwaters. **Yellow Perch** - Fair: Try a jig tipped with a minnow or a bit of crawler fished in the tailwaters and side channels.

Upper Mississippi River levels continue to rise. Fish are active. Conditions are constantly changing; watch out for floating debris. Try fishing in areas out of the heavy current. Water temperatures are in the 40s. Walleye slot length limits now apply on the entire Iowa border of the Mississippi River. All walleyes less than 15 inches 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](#)

The water level is rising to 10.6 feet at Lock and Dam 11 and 12.6 feet at the RR bridge. Water temperature is around 45 degrees; the water is stained. **Bluegill** - No Report: As usual, this year's ice fishing catch was all over the board, but in general the catch of bluegills this winter was good. **Northern Pike** - No Report: Early spring northern pike action usually kicks off in places like O'Leary's Lake. Try floating large shiners on bobber rigs. Pike are spawning. **Sauger** - No Report: Still receiving some nice reports on catching walleye and sauger. Most anglers are using a jig and minnow rig. **Yellow Perch** - No Report: Lots of smaller yellow perch are in the system; this is a good indicator for yellow perch fishing this upcoming year. Tailwater anglers are catching a few perch.

[Mississippi River Pool 13](#)

The water level is rising to 11.5 feet at Lock and Dam 12 at Bellevue. Water clarity is stained. Water temperature is around 47 degrees. The City of Bellevue boat ramp and the Iowa DNR ramp are open. At the DNR ramp, water will get up on the parking lot later this week making it difficult to launch. **Bluegill** - No Report: We received many good reports on bluegills this ice fishing season, but many small fish were reported. **Paddlefish** - No Report: Paddlefish season is open through April 15th. Check the paddlefish regulations (page 11 of the [Iowa Fishing Regulations](#)) before you go out snagging. **Rainbow Trout** - Excellent: The Bellevue kids trout pond is open and relatively vegetation free. It is a nice safe place to fish with kids on warmer days. If you plan on keeping fish please only keep two fish per child. This pond will be covered in vegetation in a month or so; now is the time to fish it. **Sauger** - No Report: Conditions have been good this spring. Most anglers are using jigs and minnow rigs or three-way-weights with a crankbait. Fishing has been temperamental the past few weeks with some poor days sprinkled in with good catches. Seems to be a nice upcoming year class of 10- to 13-inch walleye and sauger. **Walleye** - No Report: Small walleye and an occasional keeper are being reported. Better fish are taken on a three-way crankbait rig. Walleye will spawn over the next coming weeks. **Yellow Perch** - No Report: Smaller yellow perch are in the system; this is a good indicator for yellow perch fishing this upcoming year.

[Mississippi River Pool 14](#)

The water level is 10.6 feet at Fulton, 13.5 feet at Camanche, and 8.0 feet at LeClaire. The river is rising. Water clarity is stained. Water temperature is near 47 degrees. **Bluegill** - No Report: Many good reports in general on all panfish species in Pool 14 over the winter season. Hope this translates into a good open water season. **Paddlefish** - No Report: Paddlefish season is open through April 15th. Check the paddlefish regulations (page 11 of the [Iowa Fishing Regulations](#)) before you go out snagging. **Sauger** - No Report: Small walleye and

small sauger are being reported with an occasional keeper reported. Most anglers are using a jig and minnow rig. **Shorthead redhorse** - Good: Redhorse will soon start to bite and will run up rivers like the Wapsipinicon. They can provide good early season fishing action. **Walleye** - No Report: Walleye spawning season has started; high water and winds have hampered any attempts to angle for them.

[Mississippi River Pool 15](#)

The water level is 11.8 feet and rising at Rock Island. Water clarity is stained. Water temperature is 48 degrees.

Many game species (walleye, sauger, yellow perch and pike) are starting to spawn. A rising river and strong spring winds have hampered angling. Water levels are soon to hit the low action flood stage over the coming week in many locations. If you have angling questions, please call Bellevue Fisheries Management at 563-880-8781.

[Mississippi River Pool 16](#)

Tailwater stage is 11.16 feet at Lock and Dam 15 in the Quad Cities and is rising. River stage is forecast to reach 12.7 feet by Sunday. Flood stage is 15 feet. Tailwater fishing for walleye and saugers is slow. **Sauger** - Slow: Look for saugers below the Lock and Dam or in Sylvan Slough. Try vertical jigging with minnows or trolling three-way rigs with minnows. **Walleye** - Slow: Look for walleyes below the Lock and Dam or in Sylvan Slough. Try vertical jigging with minnows or trolling three-way rigs with minnows.

[Mississippi River Pool 17](#)

Tailwater stage is 9.87 feet at Lock and Dam 16 in Muscatine and is rising. Tailwater stage is forecast to keep rising over the weekend and reach 12.8 feet by Wednesday. Flood stage is 15 feet. The gates are out of the water at the Lock and Dam. Tailwater fishing for walleye and sauger is slow. **Sauger** - Slow: Try vertical jigging with minnows or trolling three-way rigs with minnows. **Walleye** - Slow: Try vertical jigging with minnows or trolling three-way rigs with minnows. Some walleyes can also be caught by GPC.

[Mississippi River Pool 18](#)

Tailwater stage is 11.19 feet at Lock and Dam 17 and is rising. Tailwater stage is forecast to rise over the weekend and reach 14.3 feet by Wednesday. Flood stage is 15 feet. The gates are out of the water at the Lock and Dam. The Toolsboro ramp may close soon based on recent river level predictions. Tailwater fishing for walleyes and saugers has been slow. **Sauger** - Slow: Try vertical jigging with minnows or pulling three-way rigs with minnows. **Walleye** - Slow: Try vertical jigging with minnows or pulling three-way rigs with minnows.

[Mississippi River Pool 19](#)

Tailwater stage is 7.61 feet at Lock and Dam 18 and is rising. Flood stage is 10 feet. We have not received any fishing report information for this pool this week. **Sauger** - No Report: Look for saugers in the tailwaters. Try vertical jigging with minnows or trolling three-way rigs with minnows. **Walleye** - No Report: Look for walleyes in the tailwaters. Try vertical jigging with minnows or trolling three-way rigs with minnows.

Tailwater stages have been on the rise this week due to recent rains. River stages are forecast to rise over the weekend. Main channel water clarity has been fair to poor. Water temperature is around 47 degrees. Tailwater fishing for walleyes and saugers has been slow. If you have

questions on fishing Pools 16-19, contact the Fairport Fish Hatchery at 563-263-5062.

SOUTHEAST

Big Hollow Lake

The water temperature is around 50 degrees when the sun is out. **Black Crappie** - Fair: A few anglers have been out and picked up some decent crappies. Not big numbers yet, but they are catching a few. Work around some of the flooded trees on the north side that get the sun in the afternoons; keep moving until you find them. **Largemouth Bass** - Fair: Anglers are starting to catch some bass as the water warms. Mostly working soft plastics slowly along the bottom in 3-4 feet of water.

Discovery Park Pond

Largemouth Bass - Fair: A few bass are also being caught by anglers looking for trout now that the water is warming up. **Rainbow Trout** - Good: Still some trout left from the spring release a couple of weeks ago. They have found their hiding spots and have settled down. Bait and bobber or small jigs work well; don't hesitate to put on a spinner to see if there is a more aggressive one around looking for some action. You need a valid fishing license and pay the trout fee to fish for or possess trout.

Jefferson Co. Park New Pond

This pond in Jefferson County Park south of Fairfield has lots of places for the trout to hide. You need a valid fishing license and pay the trout fee to fish for or possess trout. **Rainbow Trout** - Good: Still good numbers of rainbows left from the stocking a couple of weeks ago. At the upper end, work the flooded stumps by the foot bridge. Most of the rest of the pond also has some nice stumps and tree to look for trout to catch.

Lake Belva Deer

Water temperature is between 46 and 47 degrees. Water clarity is about 3-4 feet. Just a few boats have been out. **Largemouth Bass** - Fair: With the warming water temperatures, look for some pre-spawn bass action on the north side of the lake around the rocks on the warmer afternoons.

Lake Darling

Water temperature is 50 degrees. Water clarity is about 24 inches, colored by the storm runoff. **Largemouth Bass** - Good: Very little angler activity lately; 50 degree water normally marks the beginning of the pre-spawn bass action. With the water clarity as it is, start with a slow worked crankbait to get their attention.

Lake Geode

The lake is fully stocked with bass, redears, bluegills, crappies, and catfish. While still growing to size, it's a good place to take kids fishing. **Bluegill** - Fair: Bluegills are getting close to a keeper-size. Try fishing the sunny bays that are a little warmer and you should be able to catch enough to keep it interesting. **Largemouth Bass** - Fair: While still below the 15 inch size limit, these fish are more than eager to hit your bait on warmer days.

Lost Grove Lake

Water temperature is in the low 40s. The wind makes it interesting. **Channel Catfish** - Fair: Let the wind work for you; try fishing the shoreline that is getting hit with the wind. Using cut bait, work the shallow close to shore where catfish are hunting for dead fish pushed there by the wind. **Largemouth Bass** - Fair: Anglers are starting to pick up a few bass that have been

working the rocks along the north shore of the lake. Try a slow retrieved crankbait or jig bounced off the underwater rocks.

Wilson Lake

Water temperature is in the low 50's. **Rainbow Trout** - Good: Plenty of places for trout to hide in this lake. Work the cedar trees and brush piles near shore and you should be able to find them. You need a valid fishing license and pay the trout fee to fish for or possess trout.

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

Cedar River (La Porte City to Cedar Rapids)

Reports of anglers catching fish this week. The Cedar River is on the rise and turbid. **Walleye** - Fair: Cast jigs and ringworm plastics tipped with a minnow.

Central Park Lake

Water temperatures are in the mid to upper 40s. Very little fishing activity here.

Coralville Reservoir

The lake level is 683.6 feet. Water temperature is around 50 degrees. **Channel Catfish** - Fair: Try cut bait on the upper end towards 380/965. **White Crappie** - Fair: Use bright jigs or minnows in brush piles.

Diamond Lake

The boat dock and kayak launch are available. Water temperature is in the upper 40s. . Most facilities should be opening next week. **Black Crappie** - Slow: A few fish are being caught on jigs tipped with waxies in 4-6 feet of water off the jetties.

Lake Macbride

The docks are in. Water temperature is in the mid-40s. Any sized motor may be used at 5 mph. The fish cleaning station should be open later in the month. **Black Crappie** - Fair: Try fishing over brush in 10-20 feet of water with a jig or minnow. **Largemouth Bass** - Slow. **Walleye** - Fair: Some fish, especially males, will be coming shallow in the evenings to spawn. Target rock/gravel areas in the evenings and adjacent deeper areas during the day. **Wiper (Hybrid Striped Bass)** - Slow.

Liberty Centre Pond

Rainbow Trout - Good: Trout were recently stocked. Try small jigs, spinners, scented baits or live bait. You need a valid fishing license and pay the trout fee to fish for or possess trout.

Otter Creek Lake

The lake is drained for the ongoing renovation project.

Pleasant Creek Lake

The docks are in. Water temperature is in the mid 40s. Pit toilets are available; the modern bathroom and fish cleaning station won't be available until May. **Black Crappie** - Fair: Try fishing over brush in 7-15 feet of water. **Walleye** - Fair: Try fishing in rock in 10-20 feet of water during the day and shallower rock towards evening.

Prairie Park Fishery

Rainbow Trout - Good: Trout were recently stocked. Try small jigs, spinners, scented baits or live bait. You need a valid fishing license and pay the trout fee to fish for or possess trout.

[Wapsipinicon River \(Troy Mills to Oxford Junction\)](#)

Dam removal has started at Central City. Public access below the dam is not permitted during the project. **Black Crappie** - Fair: Target backwater areas, especially around brush. **Walleye** - Fair.

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

[Hawthorn Lake](#)

Try cut bait for channel catfish. **Largemouth Bass** - No Report: Target rip-rapped shorelines fishing slowly with jigs and plastics.

[Lake Miami](#)

As the water temperature increases, look for bluegill and largemouth bass to get closer to shore.

[Lake Sugema](#)

Black Crappie - No Report: Look for crappie to start gathering around structure as the water temperature increases. Try small jigs in these areas. **Channel Catfish** - No Report: Try cut bait on wind-blown shorelines.

[Lake Wapello](#)

Channel Catfish - No Report: Try cut bait along the shorelines. **Largemouth Bass** - No Report: Try jigs or plastics in areas with structure. Fish slower until the water temperature increases.

[Ottumwa Park Pond South \(Trout Pond\)](#)

Trout were stocked recently. You need a valid fishing license and pay the trout fee to fish for or possess trout. **Rainbow Trout** - Good: Try spinners or trout bait. Adjust the retrieval speed of your lure until you find what the trout are interested in.

[Rathbun Reservoir](#)

The current lake level is 904.87 msl; recreation pool is 904 msl. Courtesy docks have been installed at the Dedication Point boat ramp, Honey Creek State Park and Bridgeview. The Corps campgrounds are still closed. Lake Rathbun has zebra mussels so make sure to properly drain, clean and dry equipment before transporting to another waterbody. **Channel Catfish** - No Report: Ice-out catfish are usually caught on the wind-blown shorelines using dead shad or chubs. **Walleye** - No Report: There is a 15-inch minimum length limit on walleye at Lake Rathbun. This was effective January 1st. All walleyes measuring less than 15-inches must be immediately released unharmed.

[Red Haw Lake](#)

Visitors are asked to avoid the campground area due to the continued storm damage cleanup. **Bluegill** - No Report: As the water temperature increases, look for bluegill to start to move closer to shore. Try small jigs, changing your retrieval speed until you find one the fish like.

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

SOUTHWEST

[Ada Hayden Heritage Park Lake](#)

Rainbow Trout - Good: Trout were stocked recently. Use small in line spinners, spoons 1/8 ounce or smaller, twister tail jigs or live bait under a float. You need a valid fishing license and pay the trout fee to fish for or possess trout.

[Big Creek Lake](#)

All docks are in at the Big Creek boat ramps. **Walleye** - Fair: Catch walleyes in the evenings, during and after sunset, near rocky shorelines. Cast and slowly retrieve jigs tipped with twister tails, swimbaits or live bait.

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

Channel Catfish - Good: Catch channel catfish out of the main current or in the mouths of feeder creeks using dead shad. **Walleye** - Fair: Catch walleye through early April below Saylorville Dam, the dams in Des Moines, and deeper pools on jigs tipped with twister tails, swimbaits or live minnows.

[Lake Petocka](#)

Rainbow Trout - Good: Trout will be stocked Saturday, April 8 at noon. There will be some tagged trout for prizes offered by the City of Bondurant. Catch trout using small in line spinners spoons 1/8 ounce or smaller twister tail or hair jigs or live bait under a float. You need a valid fishing license and pay the trout fee to fish for or possess trout.

[Triumph Park West](#)

Rainbow Trout - Good: Trout were stocked recently. Try small in line spinners, spoons 1/8 ounce or smaller, twister tail jigs or live bait under a float. You need a valid fishing license and pay the trout fee to fish for or possess trout.

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

[Lake Anita](#)

Overall, the fish population looks good at Anita for 2023. Black crappie will start to move up into the pontoon arm of the lake as water temperatures warm.

[Lake Manawa](#)

Lake Manawa is a good lake to catch channel catfish in early spring. **Channel Catfish** - No Report: Try shad sides or cut bait on windy shorelines. Catch catfish of all sizes.

[Prairie Rose Lake](#)

Prairie Rose will offer excellent fishing in 2023. The largemouth bass, bluegill and black crappie populations look very good.

[Viking Lake](#)

The Viking Lake water level is close to full and will offer good fishing opportunities in 2023. **Channel Catfish** - No Report: Try cut bait on wind-blown shorelines.

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

[Green Valley Lake](#)

Docks are in at the beach and dam boat ramps. **Channel Catfish** - Slow: Try cut bait fished along wind-blown shorelines to catch all sizes of channel catfish. **Largemouth Bass** - Slow:

Catch largemouth bass up to 20 inches with finesse plastics fished along rocky shoreline areas.

[Little River Watershed Lake](#)

The dock is in at the main boat ramp. **Black Crappie** - Good: Try using minnows fished along cedar tree brush piles to catch crappies of all sizes.

[Three Mile Lake](#)

Docks are in at main ramp.

[Twelve Mile Creek Lake](#)

The dock is in at main boat ramp.

[West Lake \(Osceola\)](#)

Docks are in at main boat ramp.

Mt. Ayr district lakes are ice-free. Water temperature is in the upper 40s to low 50s in most lakes. For more information, call the Mount Ayr Fisheries office at 641-464-3108.

