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NORTHWEST

[Black Hawk Lake](#)

Water temperature are in the low 50s. Water clarity is around 12 inches and levels are 6 inches below the crest of the spillway. **Black Crappie** - Fair: Pick up crappie in and around the fish house in Town Bay, along Ice House Point shoreline, and near the inlet bridge. Crappie are up to 10- to 12-inches. **Bluegill** - Fair: Use a small hair or tube jig tipped with a small piece of bait near shore areas and under docks as water cools. Bluegill numbers are not high, but large individuals are here. **Walleye** - Good: Bite is picking up. Walleye have moved close to shore. Try fishing along Ice House Point, the east shore near the outlet, and Shotgun Hill in the morning and evening. Throw twisters or fish a crawler near the bottom or under a slip bobber.

[Brushy Creek Lake](#)

Water temperatures are in the mid 50s. **Black Crappie** - Slow: Find crappie in 5-10 feet of water. **Bluegill** - Slow: Find bluegill near submerged structure in 3-10 feet of water. **Largemouth Bass** – Fair: Look for largemouth bass along shore. Target areas with wood structure. **Walleye** - Slow: Pick up walleye in on rock piles. Also look near shore and along the foot bridges in the evening. **Yellow Perch** – Fair. Anglers are catching decent numbers of yellow perch when they find schools; some sorting is needed as many are small.

[North Twin Lake](#)

Water levels are around 20 inches below crest. **With low water levels, use caution launching boats at the boat ramps.** **Channel Catfish** - Slow: Try fishing from shore in 2-6 feet of water along rocky structure and the wooded shores in Muddy Bay. A recent survey showed good numbers of 16-inches to 24-inches fish (~1 to 3 pounds). **Walleye** - Slow. Find walleyes around docks and boat lifts. Cast around those structures; move often to find actively feeding fish.

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

Water level are below crest. Water temperatures are in the low 50s. **Largemouth Bass** - Slow. Storm Lake has a bass population, but the only place really targeting them is the marina. **Walleye** - Slow: Pick up walleyes while trolling; most are small (10-inches or less).

The Chautauqua Jetty and Frank Starr Park attract a lot of walleyes in the evenings. If there is flow coming through the inlet, it is worth fishing.

Water temperatures are in the mid to low 50s in most area lakes. For more information, contact the Black Hawk District office at 712-657-2638.

Clear Lake

Water level is 12.6 inches below crest. Water temperature is in the low 50s with clarity about 23 inches. **The courtesy docks at McIntosh and Ventura access have been taken out for the season.** Courtesy docks at the city ramp will be removed November 1st. **Walleye** - Fair: Anglers are catching walleye with live bait and jigs. Try rock reefs areas and near the edge of vegetation. Anglers fishing docks after sunset are having success. **White Bass** - Slow. **Yellow Bass** - Slow: Anglers are catching a few yellow bass while targeting walleye. Live bait below slip bobbers or drifting works best.

Crystal Lake

The courtesy docks have been removed for the season. **Black Crappie**- Fair: Drift fish or troll small jigs in the dredge cut. **Bluegill** - Fair: Use a jig tipped with a piece of crawler near shore. **Walleye** - Slow: Try fishing near vegetation edge and along the old roadbed.

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. Signs across the lake mark this area. **Bluegill** – Slow. **Walleye** - slow. **Yellow Perch** - Fair. Fish a jig and a piece of crawler near vegetation.

Silver Lake (Worth)

Bluegill – Fair: Try a piece of crawler under a bobber near edges of vegetation. **Yellow Perch** - slow.

Winnebago River

River level is 4.51 feet. **Smallmouth Bass** - Fair. Fish a jig in the deeper pools. **Walleye** - Fair.

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

East Okoboji Lake

Lake level is just below crest. **Black Crappie** - Good: **Bluegill** - Good: Many bluegill seen; easily catchable around docks. **Largemouth Bass** - Fair: Bass are a ways off shore; you can find some around docks and structure. **Yellow Perch** - Good: Many perch seen; sorting most likely needed.

Ingham Lake

Walleye - Fair: Morning and afternoon bite is best.

Silver Lake (Dickinson)

Lake level is below crest and experiencing a large algae bloom. **Walleye** - Good: Bite hit-or-miss, but very good when bite is on.

Spirit Lake

Black Crappie - Good: Anglers are finding quality-size crappie up to 14 inches. **Bluegill** - Good. **Walleye** - Good: Evening bite is best with leech and bobber from shore or crankbaits and slip bobbers by boat. **Yellow Perch** - Good: Sorting is needed; anglers are finding many of acceptable size.

West Okoboji Lake

Lake level is below crest. **Black Crappie** - Fair: **Bluegill** - Good. **Largemouth Bass** - Good. **Pumpkinseed** - Good.

Water temperatures are dropping quickly. Area buoys have been pulled for the season. The bite for most species has been good. Most fish are moving closer to shore as temperatures drop. Weedlines have been slowly fading back. Most public docks can be fished from. For current conditions, call the Spirit Lake District Office at 712-336-1840.

NORTHEAST

Cedar River (Nashua to La Porte City)

Anglers are catching channel catfish, smallmouth bass, and walleye. **Smallmouth Bass** - Fair: Use lead head jigs with twister tails. **Walleye** - Fair: Cast and retrieve lead head jigs tipped with a nightcrawler.

Interior rivers are at usual to low levels this time of year and angling reports are very slow. Lakes in and around Cedar Falls are producing catches of panfish. There have been no reports for lakes in and around Cedar Falls/Waterloo. Trout streams remain in excellent condition. For more information, contact Manchester Hatchery at 563-927-3276.

MISSISSIPPI RIVER

Mississippi River Pool 9

Water level is near 8.2 feet at Lansing and is predicted to remain stable next week. Water temperature is 58 degrees. **Boaters should use caution in low water to avoid backing off the end of the ramp at New Albin.** **Black Crappie** - Good. Crappie are on the fall feed. Fish fallen trees and stumps in back waters using a small jig tipped with a minnow. **Bluegill** - Good: Use light tackle with hooked tipped with a small piece of worm. **Channel Catfish** - Good: Anglers are catching channel cats on crawlers and stink bait. **Flathead Catfish** - Good: Use live bluegill or shiners in tailwaters of Lock & Dams and large tree snags in deeper sloughs. **Freshwater Drum** - Fair: Try a piece of crawler off the bottom along main channel and side channel current. **Largemouth Bass** - Good: Cast frog baits along weed edges in upper portions of backwaters. **Northern Pike** - Fair: Try fishing the shallows along weed beds in backwater lakes. **Sauger** - Fair. Sauger have started moving up to tailwaters of dams with colder water temperature. **Smallmouth Bass** - Excellent: Smallmouth are biting in areas with moderate current. Cast spinners and crankbaits along the main channel rock shorelines. **Walleye** - Fair: Troll crankbaits on three-way rigs along deep side channel borders and wing-dams. Expect walleye to start moving up to tailwaters of dams with colder water temperature. **White Bass** - Good: Throw inline spinners along current breaks. Watch for schools of minnows jumping as white bass are feeding. **Yellow Perch** - Fair: Jig for perch in the vegetation off the edge of cuts in 6-8 feet of water.

Mississippi River Pool 10

Water level is 613.3 feet at Lynxville and predicted to rise slightly next week. Water temperature 59 degrees. **Avoid backing off the ramp during low water conditions.** **Black Crappie** - Good. Crappie are on the fall feed. Fish fallen trees and stumps in backwaters using a small jig tipped with a minnow. **Bluegill** - Good: Use light tackle with hooked tipped with a

small piece of worm. **Channel Catfish** - Good: Anglers are catching a few channel cats on crawlers. **Freshwater Drum** - Fair: Try a piece of crawler off the bottom along the main channel and side channel current. **Largemouth Bass** - Good: Cast frog baits along weed edges in upper portions of backwaters. **Northern Pike** - Good: Try fishing shallows along weed beds in backwater lakes. **Sauger** - Fair: Sauger have started moving up to tailwaters of dams with colder water temperature. **Smallmouth Bass** - Excellent: Smallmouth are biting in areas with moderate current. Cast spinners and crankbaits along main channel rock shorelines or spillway. **Walleye** - Fair: Troll crankbaits on three-way rigs along deep side channel borders and wing-dams. Expect walleye to start moving to tailwaters of dams with colder water temperature. **White Bass** - Good: Throw inline spinners along current breaks. Watch for schools of minnows jumping as white bass are feeding. **Yellow Perch** - Fair: Jig for perch in vegetation off edge of cuts in 6-8 feet of water.

Mississippi River Pool 11

Water level is up a foot from last week at 5.0 feet and expected to rise at Guttenberg in the tailwaters and is expected to remain there next week. Water temperature is 58 degrees at the Lock & Dam. **Guttenberg City Ramp, the furthest south lane has a scour hole at end of ramp. Avoid backing trailers in too far when water levels are extremely low. Black Crappie** - Good: Crappie are on the fall feed. Fish fallen trees and stumps in backwaters using a small jig tipped with a minnow. **Bluegill** - Excellent: Bluegill have moved off spawning beds into deeper water. Use light tackle on flooded shorelines and weed beds. **Channel Catfish** - Good: Anglers are catching a few on crawlers. **Flathead Catfish** - Good: Use live bluegill or shiners in the tailwaters of the Lock & Dams and large tree snags in deeper sloughs. **Freshwater Drum** - Fair: Try a piece of crawler off the bottom along the main channel and side channel current. **Largemouth Bass** - Good: Cast frog baits along weed edges in upper portions of backwaters. **Northern Pike** - Fair: Fish shallows along weed beds in backwater lakes. **Sauger** - Fair: Sauger have started moving up to tailwaters of dams with colder water. **Smallmouth Bass** - Excellent: Fish are biting in areas with moderate current. Cast spinners and crankbaits along main channel rock shorelines. **Walleye** - Fair: Troll crankbaits on three-way rigs along deep side channel borders and wing-dams. Expect walleye to start moving up to tailwaters of dams with colder waters. **White Bass** - Good: Throw inline spinners along current breaks. Watch for schools of minnows jumping as white bass are feeding. **Yellow Perch** - Fair: Jig for perch in vegetation off edge of cuts in 6-8 feet of water.

Upper Mississippi River levels at Pools 9 -11 have risen slightly but remain extremely low. **Boaters should use caution to avoid backing off the end of ramps.** Water temperatures have cooled into the mid-50s. Fall fishing is picking up. Fish are on the feed in preparation for cold weather and will start moving into overwintering holes.

Mississippi River Pool 12

Water level stable at 4.6 feet at Dubuque Lock and Dam and 7.3 feet at the RR bridge. Water is clear and 56 degrees. **Black Crappie** - Good: Hit brush piles with small jigs and minnows. **Bluegill** - Good: Bluegills can be difficult to find in low water; concentrate along deeper rocky banks or tree falls. **Freshwater Drum** - Excellent: Use big crayfish to catch big drum. Try a simple egg sinker worm rig in areas of moderate current. **Largemouth Bass** - Excellent: Bass are stacked up along shoreline weed edges. **Northern Pike** - Good: Lots of small young of the year pike reported. This bodes well for future pike fishing. **Smallmouth Bass** - Excellent: Try small crankbaits or spinners along rock lines. **Walleye** - Good: Some angling is starting in tailwaters as walleye and sauger make their annual movements to dams. Walleye and sauger are reported by crappie anglers in brush piles as well. **White Bass** - Excellent: White bass have been a consistent in the creel. Try flashy spinners in tailwater areas.

Mississippi River Pool 13

Water level is stable and very low near 3.8 feet at Bellevue and 57 degrees. Water is clear. **Black Crappie** - Good: Crappie starting to show up in the creel; use minnows in brush piles in larger sloughs. **Bluegill** - Excellent: Some sorting may be needed to find nicer bluegill; many caught with worm rigs along main channel shoreline. **Channel Catfish** - Good: Cats can be found on mud flats with stink or cheese bait. Catfish often bite much later in the year than

most people expect. **Freshwater Drum** - Excellent: Drum are a consistent biter in moderate current areas; use an egg sinker and worm rig. **Largemouth Bass** - Excellent: Anglers are using jig baits along slough brush piles in side channel areas. Fish are concentrating on woody habitats. **Northern Pike** - Good: Pikes are biting while folks are bass fishing along channel edges. **Smallmouth Bass** - Excellent: Try spinners or jigs around rock lines to catch abundant smallies. Fish areas with strong current. **Walleye** - Good: Some angling is beginning to take place in tailwaters as walleye and sauger make their annual movement to dams. Walleyes and saugers reported by crappie anglers in brush piles as well. **White Bass** - Excellent: Try white jigs or small spinners in Bellevue tailwaters.

Mississippi River Pool 14

The water level is stable at 4.4 feet at Fulton, 9.2 feet at Camanche and 4.2 feet at LeClaire. Water is clear and around 59 degrees. **Black Crappie** - Good: Crappie are starting to show up in the creel; use minnows in brush piles in larger sloughs. **Bluegill** - Excellent: Some sorting needed to find nicer bluegill; many caught with worm rigs along main channel shoreline. **Channel Catfish** - Excellent: Try stink baits in moderate current in 2-8 feet of water. Move often if you do not find fish. Floating nightcrawlers along rock lines can produce nice channel cats. **Freshwater Drum** - Excellent: Worm rig with egg sinker fished along shore in moderate current will catch this consistent biter. **Largemouth Bass** - Excellent: Frog lures and spinnerbaits work best. Concentrate on woody habitats area. **Northern Pike** - Good: Pike have returned to the creel with anglers mainly using flashy spinner baits. White is preferred. **Smallmouth Bass** - Excellent: Use spinners or jigs next to rock lines with strong current. **White Bass** - Excellent: Try flashy spinners or small white jigs along shorelines near the tailwater.

Mississippi River Pool 15

The water level is stable and 4.3 feet at Rock Island. The water is clear and around 59 degrees. **Freshwater Drum** - Excellent: Worm rig with egg sinker fished along shore in moderate current will catch this consistent biter. **Smallmouth Bass** - Good: Try fishing along the many rock lines with moderate current to catch abundant smallmouth bass. Pool 15 can be an overlooked spot for smallmouth; fish along the abundant rock lines in moderate to fast current. Smallies live in rock areas with current.

Water levels are low. **Boaters should use caution to avoid backing off end of ramps.** Fall fishing can be great until ice in. If you have angling questions, please call Bellevue Fisheries Management at 563-880-8781.

Mississippi River Pool 16

Tailwater stage is 4.50 feet at Lock and Dam 15 in the Quad Cities. **Channel Catfish** - No Report: Look for channel catfish around brush piles and snags along the main channel and side channels. Try cut shad or dip baits. Channel catfish can also be caught fishing wing-dams. With lower water, look for catfish toward the ends of wing-dams where there is more flow. **Sauger** - No Report: We have not received any reports of catching saugers below the Lock and Dam and in Sylvan Slough. Fishing should improve as water temperatures fall. Try vertical jigging with minnows or trolling three-way rigs with minnows. **Walleye** - No Report: Look for walleyes on wing-dams; cast or troll crankbaits. Walleyes can also be caught on jigs and nightcrawlers. With low water conditions, look for walleyes towards ends of wing-dams with current. **White Crappie** - No Report: Look for crappies around brush piles and snags in the backwaters and side channels. Use minnows under a bobber or jigs and plastics.

Mississippi River Pool 17

Tailwater stage is 3.61 feet at Lock and Dam 16 in Muscatine. Tailwaters rising slightly this past week. **Channel Catfish** - No Report: Look for channel catfish around brush piles and snags along the main channel and side channels. Try cut shad or dip baits. Channel catfish can also be caught fishing wing-dams. With lower water, look for catfish toward ends of the wing-dams where there is more flow. **Largemouth Bass** - No Report: Try around logs in areas like Big Timber. **Sauger** - No Report: Fishing should improve as water temperatures fall. Try vertical jigging with minnows or trolling three-way rigs with minnows. **Walleye** - No Report: Look for

walleyes on wing-dams; cast or troll crankbaits. Walleyes can also be caught on jigs and nightcrawlers. With low water conditions, look for walleyes towards ends of wing-dams where there is more current. **White Crappie** - No Report: Look for crappies around brush piles and snags in backwaters and side channels. Use minnows under a bobber or jigs and plastics.

Mississippi River Pool 18

Tailwater stage has risen slightly to 3.22 feet at Lock and Dam 17 at New Boston. **Channel Catfish** - No Report: Look for channel catfish around brush piles and snags along main channel and side channels. Try cut shad or dip baits. Channel catfish can also be caught fishing the wing-dams. With lower water conditions, look for catfish toward ends of wing-dams where there is more flow. **Sauger** - No Report: We have not received reports of catching saugers below the Lock and Dam. Fishing should improve as water temperatures fall. Try vertical jigging with minnows or trolling three-way rigs with minnows. **Walleye** - No Report: Look for walleyes on wing-dams; cast or troll crankbaits. Walleyes can also be caught on jigs and nightcrawlers. With low water, look for walleyes towards ends of wing-dams where there is more current. **White Crappie** - No Report: Look for crappies around brush piles and snags in backwaters and side channels. Use minnows under a bobber or jigs and plastics.

Mississippi River Pool 19

Tailwater stage is 1.17 feet and rising at Lock and Dam 18 above Burlington. **Channel Catfish** - No Report: Look for channel catfish around brush piles and snags along main channel and side channels. Try cut shad or dip baits. Channel catfish can also be caught fishing wing-dams. With lower water conditions, look for catfish toward ends of wing-dams with more flow. **Sauger** - No Report: We have not received any reports of catching saugers below the Lock and Dam. Fishing should improve as water temperatures fall. Try vertical jigging with minnows or trolling three-way rigs with minnows. **Walleye** - No Report: Look for walleyes on wing-dams; cast or troll crankbaits. Walleyes can also be caught on jigs and nightcrawlers. With low water, look for walleyes towards ends of wing-dams with more current. **White Crappie** - No Report: Look for crappies around brush piles and snags in backwaters and side channels. Use minnows under a bobber or jigs and plastics.

Tailwater stages have risen slightly this past week. River conditions are low. Main channel temperature is around 60 degrees. Water clarity fair. If you have questions on fishing Pools 16-19, contact the Fairport Fish Hatchery at 563-263-5062.

SOUTHEAST

[Coralville Reservoir](#)

Lake level is 685.5 feet. **Black Crappie** - Fair: Try jigs or minnows along rock walls or over rock bluffs or sunken brush with minnows or bright jigs. **Channel Catfish** - Fair: Slow troll cut bait in the channel. **Largemouth Bass** - Fair: Try rock banks or laydowns with artificials. **White Crappie** - Fair: Fish rock bluffs or sunken brush with minnows or bright jigs.

[Lake Macbride](#)

Any sized motor may be used at 5 mph or less. Water temperatures are in the low 50s. **Black Crappie** - Good: Try jigs or minnows around brush in 5-15 feet of water. **Largemouth Bass** - Fair: Try fishing near shallow to mid-depth structure. **Walleye** - Slow: Fish windblown rocks. Evening are best. **Wiper (Hybrid Striped Bass)** - Slow: Troll crankbaits for suspended fish during the day and target windblown banks towards evening.

[Pleasant Creek Lake](#)

The fish cleaning station and modern bathrooms are closed for the season. Pit toilets are available. **Walleye** - Fair. Fish rocky areas preferably with wind towards evening and after dark.

[Union Grove Lake](#)

The west boat ramp dock has been removed for the year. **Bluegill** - Fair.

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

Smallmouth Bass - Fair. Use crankbaits or soft plastics along rocky areas with current. **Walleye** - Fair: Fish deeper pools with crankbaits or jigs.

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

[Hawthorn Lake](#)

Black Crappie - Fair: Try jig and minnow combinations in brush piles. **Bluegill** - Fair: Use jigs along shoreline and open areas in the vegetation. Tip jigs with a chunk of nightcrawler. **Largemouth Bass** - Good: Use plastics around the fishing jetties and rip-rapped shorelines.

[Lake Keomah](#)

Lake Keomah is drained for a lake restoration project. Please keep out of the lake bed. Dried silt appears solid, but is very soft.

[Lake Miami](#)

Black Crappie - Fair: Use jigs and minnows along cedar tree brush piles or drift over brush piles. **Bluegill** - Fair: Try small jigs in brush piles and along shore. **Largemouth Bass** - Good: Use plastics around brush piles and along rip-rapped shorelines.

[Lake Sugema](#)

Black Crappie - Fair: Try jigs and minnows in standing timber along rocky shorelines. **Bluegill** - Fair: Use small jigs around submerged brush piles and shoreline. **Largemouth Bass** - Good: Try plastics or spinnerbaits along rip-rapped shorelines and around submerged structures.

[Lake Wapello](#)

Black Crappie - Fair: Target tree piles with small jigs. **Bluegill** - Fair: Try small jigs around brush piles. **Largemouth Bass** - Good: Use plastics and crankbaits around brush piles and rip-rapped shoreline.

[Rathbun Reservoir](#)

The current lake level is 903.21 msl; recreation pool is 904 msl. Lake Rathbun has zebra mussels; [properly drain, clean and dry equipment](#) before transporting to another waterbody. **Black Crappie** - Fair: Try jigs around submerged cedar tree piles. Target brush piles in 15-20 feet of water. Trolling for suspended crappies can also be effective. As water cools, try around docks and shallow brush piles. **Walleye** - Slow: Try trolling crankbaits or crawler harnesses around rock piles and old river channel. **All walleye less than 15-inches must be immediately released unharmed.** **Wiper (Hybrid Striped Bass)** - Fair: Use jigging spoons or crankbaits over rock piles and submerged islands.

[Red Haw Lake](#)

Bluegill - Fair: Try small jigs around shorelines and submerged structure near campground shoreline. **Largemouth Bass** - Fair: Try plastics around fishing jetties and along face of the dam. Slow down your presentation as water cools.

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

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

Walleye - Fair: Cast jigs tipped with live minnows, twister tails or swim baits below Saylorville dam, city dams and any deeper pool with slow current.

[Don Williams Lake](#)

Black Crappie - Fair: Drift or troll light jigs with minnows or twister tails from the main boat ramp area to about three quarters up the lake. Crappie are suspended in 2-6 feet of water away from shore.

[Hickory Grove Lake](#)

Black Crappies - Good: Try slowly trolling small twister tail or swim baits in 3-6 feet of water in the upper two thirds of the lake. **Bluegill** - Fair: Drift live bait over habitat in 15 feet of water or less.

[Red Rock Reservoir](#)

Black Crappie - Slow: Fall crappie bite has been slow so far but water temperatures are dropping which may trigger a window of good crappie fishing. Drift or troll small plastic or jigs tipped with minnow in bays and arms 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.

[Greenfield Lake](#)

Black Crappie - No report. Anglers are catching some 10-inch crappies around jetties.
Largemouth Bass - No report.

[Lake Anita](#)

Water clarity is good. **Black Crappie** - No report: Black crappie caught slow trolling. Sorting is needed for larger fish. **Bluegill** - No report: Slow troll small jigs to catch 8-inch bluegill. Tipping with a nightcrawler or Berkley helps. The north arm and around the beach is a good place to start. **Largemouth Bass** – Fair.

[Meadow Lake](#)

Black Crappie - Fair: Find 9-inch black crappies in the cedar tree piles. **Bluegill** - Fair: Anglers are catching bluegills around reefs. Fish average 8-inches.

[Prairie Rose Lake](#)

Water clarity is poor. **Black Crappie** - No report: Find submerged tree piles and vertical jig to catch 10- to 12-inch black crappie. **Bluegill** - Slow: Anglers are catching a few fish slow trolling deep water.

[Viking Lake](#)

Black Crappie - No report: Boat anglers can find black crappies in tree piles. Sorting needed for larger fish. **Bluegill** - No report: Bluegill average 7.5-inches. **Largemouth Bass** - Fair.

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

[Green Valley Lake](#)

Largemouth Bass- Fair: Use finesse plastic fished near cedar tree brush piles up to 19 inches.

[Little River Watershed Lake](#)

The dock is in at the main boat ramp. **Black Crappie** - Slow. Try jigs tipped with live bait fished along creek channels in flooded timber of all size. **Bluegill** - Slow. Catch bluegill up to 8.5 inches with jigs tipped with live bait fished along creek channels in flooded timber.

[Three Mile Lake](#)

Lake level is 11 feet below normal pool. **Boat ramp lanes are out of the water at the main boat ramp.**

[Twelve Mile Creek Lake](#)

The dock is in at the main boat ramp. **Black Crappie**- Fair: Use jigs tipped with livebait fished along creek channels in flooded timber up to 10 inches crappies. **Bluegill** - Fair: Use jigs tipped with livebait fished along creek channels in the flooded timber for gills up to 8.5 inches.

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

Lake level increased with recent rains, but still about 1 foot below normal. Boaters can use boat ramps at their own risk.

Water temperatures are in the upper 50s in most Mount Ayr district lakes. For more information, call Mount Ayr Fisheries office at 641-464-3108.



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