

Fishing News

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NORTHWEST

Black Hawk Lake

Water levels are several inches over the crest of the spillway. Anglers are doing well from shore and boat. **Black Crappie** - Slow: Anglers have picked up a few from the fish house. Shore fishing will improve once water temperatures continue to warm. **Walleye** - Fair: Anglers are picking up fish. Cast jigs along the east shore. Town Bay, Ice House Point shoreline and the inlet bridge area have been productive. Use a jig or a slip bobber with minnows **Yellow Perch** - Fair.

Brushy Creek Lake

The courtesy docks are in place.

North Twin Lake

Water clarity is about 2 feet. Water levels are about 12 inches below crest. Courtesy docks are in.

Storm Lake (incl Little Storm Lake)

Water temperatures are in the mid-50s. Anglers are catching crappie, walleye, and yellow bass in the marina. Expect shore fishing to improve as water temperatures continues to warm. **Black Crappie** - Slow: Anglers have picked up a few fish in the marina. **Walleye** - Fair: Look for shore fishing to improve as fish start to increase post-spawn feeding activity. Cast jigs and twisters or use a minnow on a slip bobber near shore. **Yellow Bass** - Fair: Anglers are catching bass in the marina. **Yellow Perch** - Fair.

For more information, contact the Black Hawk District office at 712-657-2638.

Clear Lake

Water temperatures is in the upper 40s. Water level is 3.2 inches below crest. **Walleye** - Good: Anglers wading and boat fishing are catching walleye. Try jigs, minnows, or slow retrieved crankbaits near reefs and shallow rocky shorelines. **Yellow Bass** – Slow: Fish will move shallow on the north shore on warm afternoons.

Crystal Lake

The courtesy dock is in at the boat ramp. **Black Crappie** - Slow: Crappie are suspended in the dredge cuts. **Walleye** - Slow.

Rice Lake

Yellow Perch - Slow: Try fishing near the cattail edges on warmer days.

Winnebago River

Water level is 5.5 feet. **Northern Pike** - Fair: Use suckers, chubs, and jigs in slack current areas and where tributaries enter the river.

For additional information, contact Clear Lake Fisheries Office at 641-357-3517.

East Okoboji Lake

The walleye season is closed. **Black Crappie** - Fair: **Bluegill** - Fair. **Largemouth Bass** - Fair: **Yellow Perch** - Fair: Many fish have been observed; sorting will most likely be needed.

Ingham Lake

Walleye - Fair: Morning and afternoon bite is best.

Silver Lake (Dickinson)

Walleye - Fair: The bite is hit-or-miss.

Spirit Lake

The walleye season is closed. The Marble Beach fish cleaning station is inoperable; the projected timeline for repair is to have it open again by walleye weekend. **Black Crappie** - Fair: Anglers are finding quality-size fish up to 14-inches. Anglers report some success around

Templar Lagoon. **Bluegill** - Fair. **Yellow Perch** - Fair: Sorting is needed; anglers are finding many of acceptable size.

West Okoboji Lake

The walleye season is closed. Black Crappie - Fair: **Bluegill** - Fair.

A handful of courtesy docks are in and useable at boat ramps. Water temperatures are still relatively low. Most lake are close to crest level. **The walleye season on the IGL's is closed until May 3rd.** For current conditions, call 712-330-2542.

NORTHEAST

Cedar River (above Nashua)

Water temperatures in the upper 50s. Water levels are relatively steady. A slight bump may occur with rainfall. **Black Crappie** - Fair: Action is picking up. Try minnows for best luck. **Channel Catfish** - Excellent: Anglers using a dead chub or piece of carp fished on the bottom are finding good action in impoundments and off channel areas. **Smallmouth Bass** - Fair: Action remains variable. Use a jig tipped with plastic tail or crankbait fished through a deeper hole out of current. **Walleye** - Fair: Find walleye in deeper holes and out of current using minnows or worms.

Decorah District Streams

Catchable trout stockings are weekly with streams announced once a month. Trout streams are in excellent condition. Afternoon insect hatches are improving. Turkey season is in full swing. Avoid wearing red, white, or blue; these colors look like a turkey head. **Brook Trout** - Slow: Good hatches of gnats and midges occurring on warm sunny afternoons. Use care not to alarm fish when approaching streams with clear water. **Brown Trout** - Good: Try fishing near or around undercut banks. Spinnerbaits work well, especially in windy conditions. Use steamers on larger waterbodies for some exciting action. Brown trout prefer slightly off-color water. **Rainbow Trout** - Excellent: Use spinnerbaits, hair jigs, or hooks tipped with a small piece of worm, dough ball, or cheese floated through deeper water. Use bait if you plan to keep your catch.

Lake Hendricks

Fish activity slowed with cooler water temperatures. **Black Crappie** - Slow: Try angling higher in the water column in the late afternoon and along the rocky shoreline where water warms quicker. **Bluegill** - Slow. **Largemouth Bass** -Fair: Use crankbaits along drop-offs or around structure.

Lake Meyer

Fish activity slowed with cooler water temperatures. **Black Crappie** -Slow. **Bluegill** - Fair: Use small jig tipped with waxworm or red worms around jetties. **Largemouth Bass** - Fair: Find bass along drop-offs or near woody structure near shore.

Turkey River (below Clermont)

Water temperatures is in the mid to upper 50s. Water levels steady. **Walleye** – Fair. **White Sucker** – Fair.

Upper Iowa River (above Decorah)

Water levels are steady. Water temperature is in the 50s. **Smallmouth Bass** - Slow. **Walleye** - Fair: Use a jig tipped with minnow. Find fish in slack water below dams. **White Sucker** - Slow: Sucker bite is variable. Use a worm on the stream bottom.

Volga Lake

Few anglers are out due to windy weather. **Black Crappie** - Slow: Find crappie around woody structure. Use a flashy lure to attract attention. **Bluegill** - Slow: Find bluegills around structure near shore. Use small jigs tipped with waxworms or a small piece of nightcrawler. **Largemouth Bass** - Fair: Try crankbaits or spinnerbaits in the drop-offs, downed trees, or rocky areas.

Rain and thunderstorms possible Thursday through Monday. Rain amounts are variable. Temperatures will be in the mid-50s to low 30s. **Turkey Hunting is in full swing until May 11.** For more information, contact the Chuck Gipp Decorah Fish Hatchery at 563-382-8324.

Alice Wyth Lake

Anglers are catching crappie. **Black Crappie** - Fair: Try a live minnow under a slip bobber or cast various colored tube or hair jigs.

Cedar River (Nashua to La Porte City)

Anglers are catching walleye, channel catfish, suckers and smallmouth bass. **Channel Catfish** - Fair: Anglers are taking a few catfish on stink baits or chubs. **Smallmouth Bass** - Fair: Try a jig head with plastics with or without a live minnow or cast and retrieve crankbaits or spinnerbaits. **Walleye** - Fair: Use a jig head with plastics with or without a live minnow. Look for the deeper pools current breaks and tail ends of riffles. **White Sucker** - Excellent: Cast a piece of nightcrawler on a small to medium size hook using a flat sinker in riffle areas.

Heritage Pond

Heritage Pond will be stocked with catchable rainbow trout on Saturday April 26th. You need a valid fishing license and pay the trout fee to fish for or possess trout.

Lake Delhi

Anglers are starting to catch a few crappie. Avoid mid-afternoons and weekends due to heavy boat traffic. **Black Crappie** - Fair: Try a live minnow under a slip bobber or cast various colored tube or hair jigs near structure.

Manchester District Streams

Trout streams are in excellent condition. **Trout stream stocking** is in full swing. Next week's forecast calls for temperatures near the 60s; should be good aquatic insect hatches to provide great trout fishing.

Maquoketa River (above Monticello)

Anglers are catching walleye, smallmouth bass, and suckers. **Smallmouth Bass** - Fair: Try fishing a jig head with plastics with or without a live minnow or cast and retrieve crankbaits or spinnerbaits. **Walleye** - Good: Use a jig head with plastics with or without a live minnow. Look for the deeper pools, current breaks, and tail ends of riffles. **White Sucker** - Excellent: Cast a piece of nightcrawler on a small to medium size hook using a flat sinker in riffle areas.

North Prairie Lake

North Prairie Lake will be stocked with catchable rainbow trout on Saturday April 26th. You need a valid fishing license and pay the trout fee to fish for or possess trout.

Shell Rock River (Greene to Shell Rock)

Anglers are catching walleye and suckers. **Walleye** - Fair: Use a jig head with plastics with or without a live minnow. Look for the deeper pools, current breaks, and tail ends of riffles. **White Sucker** - Good: Cast a piece of nightcrawler on a small to medium size hook using a flat sinker in riffle areas.

Wapsi River (Tripoli to Troy Mills)

Anglers are catching walleye, smallmouth bass, northern pike and suckers. **Northern Pike** - Fair: Try a live chub or shiner underneath a bobber or cast and retrieve spoon or spinnerbaits in backwater areas or the main channel. **Smallmouth Bass** - Fair: Use a jig head with plastics with or without a live minnow or cast and retrieve crankbait or spinnerbaits. **Walleye** - Fair: Try a jig head with plastics with or without a live minnow. Look for the deeper pools, current breaks, and tail ends of riffles. **White Sucker** - Excellent: Cast a piece of nightcrawler on a small to medium size hook using a flat sinker in riffle areas.

Interior river levels continue to fall. Angling conditions remain stable to good. Anglers are catching walleye, smallmouth bass, channel catfish and suckers. Anglers are starting to catch a few crappie on smaller area lakes in and around Black Hawk County. For more information contact your local area bait and tackle shop.

MISSISSIPPI RIVER

Mississippi River Pool 9

Water level has dropped to 8.0 feet at Lansing and is expected to remain steady over the next week. Water temperature is near 52 degrees. **Northern Pike** - Excellent: Pike are on the feed after the spawn. Try larger flashy spinnerbaits in the shallows and weedy shorelines. **Sauger** - Fair: Reports of lots of smaller fish with some nicer ones mixed in. Use a hair jig tipped with a minnow in the tailwaters of the Lock and Dam. **Smallmouth Bass** - Fair: Use spinners along the rocks on shorelines with current. **Walleye** - Good: Try vertical jigging with hair jigs tipped with a minnow in the tailwaters. Anglers are catching walleye downriver on closing dams. Expect the bite to pick up post-spawn. **Yellow Perch** - Good: Use a crappie rig tipped with worms or a minnow in the current seams off shore.

Mississippi River Pool 10

Water level has fallen to 16 feet at Lynxville and is expected to gradually fall next week. Fishing away from the current below the Lock and Dam or side channels has been good. Water temperature is 52 degrees. Sny Magill landing is open. **Northern Pike** - Excellent: Pike are on the feed after the spawn. Try larger flashy spinnerbaits in the shallows and weedy shorelines. **Sauger** - Fair: Reports of lots of smaller fish with some nicer ones mixed in. Use a hair jig tipped with a minnow in the tailwaters of the Lock and Dam. **Smallmouth Bass** - Fair: Use spinners along the rocks on shorelines with current. **Walleye** - Good: Try vertical jigging with hair jigs and minnows in the tailwaters. Anglers are catching walleye downriver on closing dams. Expect the bite to pick up post-spawn. **Yellow Perch** - Good: Use a crappie rig tipped with worms or a minnow in the current seams off shore.

Mississippi River Pool 11

Water level has fallen to 7.8 feet at Guttenberg and is expected to gradually fall over the next week. Water temperature is near 52 degrees. **Northern Pike** - Excellent: Pike are on the feed after the spawn. Try larger flashy spinnerbaits in the shallows and weedy shorelines. **Sauger** - Fair: Reports of lots of smaller fish with some nicer ones mixed in. Use a hair jig tipped with a minnow in the tailwaters of the Lock and Dam. **Smallmouth Bass** - Fair: Use spinners along the rocks on shorelines with current. **Walleye** - Good: Try vertical jigging with hair jigs and minnows in the tailwaters. Anglers are catching walleye downriver on closing dams. **Yellow Perch** - Good: Use a crappie rig tipped with worms or a minnow in the current seams off shore..

Upper Mississippi River water levels are on a gradual fall. During high water, find areas away from the current to fish. The bite is improving as fish become more active with warmer water temperatures. Water temperature is in the mid-50s.

Mississippi River Pool 12

Water level at Dubuque Lock and Dam is receding to 7.3 feet and 8.7 feet at the RR Bridge. The water is clear. Water temperature is around 53 degrees in the main channel. **Black Crappie** - Fair: It takes a bit of fishing in brush piles, but anglers can catch a few crappie on minnow rigs. **Bluegill** - No report: Bluegill populations are strong; no reports of anglers fishing for them since ice out. Some backwaters still have remnant ice. **Freshwater Drum** - Good: Easily catch drum on an egg sinker and worm rigs. **Northern Pike** - Slow: Pike fishing has been very good early spring. It has slowed; should pick up again after water warms a bit. **Walleye** - Slow: Walleye bite is slow during their spawning seasons. **Yellow Perch** - Fair: Try jig and worm rigs in the tailwater areas.

Mississippi River Pool 13

Water level is receding to near 8.2 feet at Bellevue. Water is stained. Water temperature is around 54 degrees in the main channel. **Bluegill** - No report: Anglers caught lots of bluegills during the ice fishing season; expect a good open water fishing season. **Bowfin** - Good: Bowfin are good early season biters. Try backwater area like the Green Island Wildlife area for early season fun. **Brown Bullhead** - Good: The lower pool access sites are good places to fish off the bank to catch brown bullhead and an occasional catfish. Bullheads are good early season biters. **Northern Pike** - No report: Expect pike to start biting again soon; populations are very good in Pool 13. **Paddlefish** - **No Report: Paddlefish snagging season is closed.** **Rainbow Trout** - Excellent: The Kids' trout pond north of the DNR fisheries station is stocked with trout and should remain good fishing until April/May when it will weed over. **Walleye** - Fair: Most anglers are using a jig and minnow rig. Some small walleye are being reported along with a few fish approaching 10 pounds. Walleye spawning is underway and nearly done. **Yellow Perch** - Good: Try small jigs and worm rigs in the tailwaters.

Mississippi River Pool 14

Water level is receding to near 7.4 feet at Fulton, 10.8 feet at Camanche, and 5.9 feet at LeClaire. Water is stained. Water temperature is around 55 degrees. **Bluegill** - No report: It was a good ice fishing season this year; hopefully that translates to a good open water season. **Channel Catfish** - Good: Seems early, but good channel catfishing is occurring using blood baits. **Northern Pike** - No Report: Pike are done spawning; bite should pick up

soon. **Paddlefish - No Report: Paddlefish snagging season is now closed. Walleye - Fair:** Hit-or-miss bite.

Mississippi River Pool 15

Water level is receding to near 8.0 feet at Rock Island. Water is clear. Water temperature is around 55 degrees.

Water temperature is back on the rise to around 55 degrees throughout the district. Water levels are receding. If you have angling questions, call Bellevue Fisheries Management at 563-880-8781.

Mississippi River Pool 16

Tailwater stage is 7.9 feet and falling at Lock and Dam 15 in the Quad Cities. Tailwater stage is forecast to keep falling. Flood stage is 15 feet. **Sauger** - No Report: Look for saugers below the Lock and Dam and in Sylvan Slough. Try jigs and minnows or troll three-way rigs with minnows or crankbaits. **Walleye** - No Report: Look for walleyes below the Lock and Dam and in Sylvan Slough. Use jigs and minnows or troll three-way rigs with minnows or crankbaits.

Start looking for walleyes on the wing-dams as they transition from spawning areas. **White Crappie** - No report: Look for crappies in the backwaters around brush piles as water temperatures start to warm. Try minnows under a bobber or jigs and minnows.

Mississippi River Pool 17

Tailwater stage is 6.6 feet at Lock and Dam 16 in Muscatine and is falling. Flood stage is 15 feet. **Sauger** - No Report: Look for saugers below the Lock and Dam. Try jigs and minnows or troll three-way rigs with minnows or crankbaits. **Walleye** - No Report: Use jigs and minnows or troll three-way rigs with minnows or crankbaits below the Lock and Dam. Start looking for walleyes on the wing-dams. **White Crappie** - No Report: Look for crappies in the backwaters around brush piles as water temperatures start to warm. Try minnows under a bobber or jigs and minnows.

Mississippi River Pool 18

Tailwater stage is 7.96 feet at Lock and Dam 17 at New Boston and is forecast to keep falling next week. Flood stage is 15 feet. **Sauger** - No Report: Look for saugers below the Lock and Dam. Try jigs and minnows or troll three-way rigs with minnows or crankbaits. **Walleye** - No Report: Try vertical jigging with minnows or troll three-way rigs with minnows or crankbaits below the Lock and Dam. Start looking for walleyes on the wing-dams as the spawn ends. **White Crappie** - No Report: Look for crappies in the backwaters around brush piles as water temperatures start to warm. Try minnows under a bobber or jigs and minnows.

Mississippi River Pool 19

Tailwater stage is 5.01 feet at Lock and Dam 18 above Burlington and is forecast to keep falling. Flood stage is 10 feet. **Sauger** - No Report: Look for saugers below the Lock and Dam. Try jigs and minnows or troll three-way rigs with minnows or crankbaits. **Walleye** - No Report: Look for walleyes below the Lock and Dam. Use jigs and minnows or troll three-way rigs with minnows or crankbaits. Start looking for walleyes on the wing-dams as the spawn comes to an end. **White Crappie** - No Report: Look for crappies in the backwaters around brush piles as water temperatures start to warm. Try minnows under a bobber or jigs and minnows.

River stage has been falling this past week and is forecast to keep falling. Tailwater stage has fallen close to 3 feet. Main channel water temperature is around 53 degrees. Water clarity is

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

SOUTHEAST

Big Hollow Lake

With the strong winds, Big Hollow has picked up a few more anglers; it's more protected from the wind than most other area lakes. **Black Crappie** - Fair: Crappie have moved back into 6-7 feet of water in the flooded timber. Slowly work small jigs floated under a small bobber. **Channel Catfish** - Fair: If you can get a south wind, work the islands and jetties on the north side where there is little wave action to stir up the bottom. **Largemouth Bass** - Slow: Work the windward side of the lake along the spots where the waves are hitting the shoreline.

Lake Belva Deer

Water temperature is 54-56 degrees. Water is clear. Recent strong winds are keeping anglers numbers down. **Black Crappie** - Fair: Crappies have moved in around the trees in 6-7 feet of water and are suspended at about 4-5 feet down. **Bluegill** - Fair: Anglers are catching a few bluegills while fishing for the crappies using small jigs. They may not turn down a worm and bobber rig either.

Lake Darling

Water temperature is 56 degrees. Water is fairly clear despite the wind. **Black Crappie** - Fair: Bite is hit-and-miss. Catch a limit one day and just 3 or 4 the next. They continue to hang out around the habitat under 3 or 4 feet of water. **Bluegill** - Fair: Anglers are picking up bluegills with small jigs while crappie fishing.

Lake Geode

Water temperature is in the upper 50s. **Black Crappie** - Good: Find crappies suspended above rock piles or trees in about 6-8 feet of water. Slowly work a Bobber and minnow or small jig. **Largemouth Bass** - Fair: Bass are starting to get a little more aggressive, but still prefer a subtle presentation.

Lost Grove Lake

The strong winds continue to cut down the number of anglers. Shoreline anglers should try off the ends of the old 230th avenue gravel road and in the area around the red barn boat ramp. (Southside middle ramp). **Black Crappie** - Fair: Anglers are catching crappie in about 8 feet of water suspended at about 4 feet deep in the flooded trees. **Channel Catfish** - Fair: Find catfish along the face of the dam; use cutbait.

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

Diamond Lake

Black Crappie - Fair: Anglers are catching black and white crappies in the mornings.

[Hannen Lake](#)

Black Crappie - Fair: Anglers are catching 8- to 11-inch crappie around brush piles. **Bluegill** - Fair: Anglers are catching mostly small bluegill 4- to 7-inches around brush piles.

[Iowa Lake \(Iowa Co.\)](#)

Water temperatures are 50-55 degrees. **Black Crappie** - Fair: Crappies are moving shallower. Anglers are catching crappie in 6-10 feet of water. **Largemouth Bass** - Fair.

[Iowa River \(Coralville Lake to River Junction\)](#)

Spotted Bass - Fair: Walleye anglers are catching a few spotted bass. **Walleye** - Fair: Try paddletails on current seams and below dams. **Wiper (Hybrid Striped Bass)** - Slow: Walleye anglers are catching a few.

[Iowa River \(Marshalltown to Coralville Lake\)](#)

Walleye - Slow: Anglers are catching a few walleye with slow plastics.

[Lake Macbride](#)

Largemouth Bass - Fair: Try jigs, spinnerbaits, or chatterbaits in brush piles and rocky areas. **Spotted Bass** - Fair: Use jigs, spinnerbaits, or chatterbaits in brush piles and rocky areas. **White Crappie** - Fair: Find crappies near the causeway on rocks and in brush piles.

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

Smallmouth Bass - Fair: Try leadhead and plastics in eddies. **Walleye** - Fair: Use leadhead and plastics on current seams and holes. **White Sucker** - Good: Try nightcrawlers.

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

[Hawthorn Lake](#)

Channel Catfish -Slow: Try shad guts or dead minnows on wind-blown shorelines. **Largemouth Bass** - No report: Largemouth bass should start to move into shallow water as temperatures warm. Use plastics fished slowly.

[Lake Keomah](#)

Lake Keomah is drained for a lake restoration project. **Please stay out of the lakebed.**

[Lake Miami](#)

Channel Catfish - Slow: Try dead minnows on wind-blown shorelines. **Largemouth Bass** - No report: Look for bass to start to move into shallow water along the dam.

[Lake Sugema](#)

Bluegill - No report: Bluegill should start to move shallow as the water temperature increases. Use small jigs. **Channel Catfish** - Slow: Try shad guts or dead chubs on wind-blown shorelines.

[Lake Wapello](#)

Black Crappie - No report: Crappies should start to move into shallow water as the water temperature increases. Use small jigs around structure. **Channel Catfish** No report: Try dead minnows on wind-blown shorelines.

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

You need a valid fishing license and pay the trout fee to fish for or possess trout. Try in-line spinners, chunks of nightcrawlers or prepared trout baits.

[Rathbun Reservoir](#)

The current lake level is 903.94 msl; recreation pool is 904 msl. Water temperatures are in the lower 50s. Lake Rathbun has zebra mussels; [properly drain, clean and dry equipment](#) before transporting to another waterbody. **Black Crappies** - No Report: Water temperatures are still pretty cool for crappies to move shallow. Some will start to move as water temperatures warm; most move in about the first two weeks of May. **Channel Catfish** - Slow: Use shad guts or dead chubs on wind-blown shorelines. **Walleye** - No Report: [Walleye broodstock collections](#) have been completed for the season.

[Red Haw Lake](#)

Bluegill - No report: Bluegills should start to move shallow with warmer water temperatures. **Channel Catfish** - Slow: Try dead minnows on the shorelines.

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

SOUTHWEST

[Big Creek Lake](#)

Walleye - Fair: Day bite has been slow. Find walleye in shallow near rip-rap shoreline and jetties around sunset and after. Cast jigs with twister tails, swim baits or minnows.

Boone District Farm Ponds

Community ponds are the quickest to warm up after ice out, creating a fair to good pre-spawn largemouth bass and crappie bite. Check the [Fish Local page](#) to find ponds with public access. **Black Crappie** – Fair: Slowly retrieve small twister tails or swim baits. If it exists in the pond, target edges of cattail stands and any wood habitat. **Largemouth Bass** - Good: Slowly retrieve plastics and shallow diving crankbaits.

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

Walleye - Fair: Cast jigs with twister tails, swimbaits or live minnow below the Saylorville Spillway and Des Moines dams. **White Bass** - Fair: Cast small jigs with plastics or minnows below the dams.

For information on Central Iowa lakes and rivers contact Andy Otting at 515-204-5885.

[Greenfield Lake](#)

Channel Catfish - Fair Use shad sides or cut bait along wind-blown shorelines. Greenfield has a good channel catfish population. **Largemouth Bass** - No report: Greenfield has a good largemouth bass population.

[Lake Anita](#)

Lake Anita has good bass, bluegill and crappie populations. **Black Crappie** - Fair: There is a

big year class of 9-inch fish. **Bluegill** - Slow: Anglers should be able to catch bluegills around deep structure. **Largemouth Bass** - Fair.

Littlefield Lake

Black Crappie - No Report: Littlefield has a good population of 9-inch black crappie.

Mormon Trail Lake

Black Crappie - Fair: Bite will pick up along the dam and around the jetties. **Largemouth Bass** - Fair: Mormon Trail has a good largemouth bass population with a good percent of fish over 15-inches.

Prairie Rose Lake

Prairie Rose has an excellent largemouth bass population, large bluegills and black crappies. **Bluegill** -Slow. **Largemouth Bass** - Fair: Anglers are catching largemouth bass around the jetties.

Viking Lake

Water clarity is good. **Black Crappie** - Slow: Bite in the pontoon arm should pick up on warm sunny days. **Channel Catfish** - Fair: Use shad sides or cut bait on the windy shoreline. **Largemouth Bass** - Good: Anglers are having good luck casting the shoreline.

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

Alliant Energy customers in the Greenfield area can purchase up to two trees per planting address at \$25 per tree. [You must preorder online.](#) Find details and pick-up location, date and time on the [DNR Residential Tree Programs webpage.](#)

Green Valley Lake

The dock is in at the main boat ramp. **Largemouth Bass** - Fair: Catch largemouth bass up to 19-inches with finesse plastics along wind-blown rocky shorelines.

Little River Watershed Lake

The dock is in at main boat ramp. **Black Crappie** - Slow: Use jigs fished in shallow coves to catch all sizes of crappie.

Three Mile Lake

****Driving is prohibited on any service roads used to access the lakebed and the lakebed itself.**** Lake level is 10 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** - Slow: Catch crappies of all sizes with jigs in shallow coves.

Water temperature is in the mid to upper 50s in most district lakes. For more information, call Mount Ayr Fisheries office at 641-931-6031.

Take It Outside Camps for Kids

Take It Outside State Park Camps are 5-day immersive adventures where campers explore what makes each state park unique and amazing, from its habitats to its history, plants and animals, and the interconnectedness of it all.

The camps are for students entering 3rd-6th grade. Activities incorporate STREAM (science, technology, research, engineering, the arts and math) concepts through exciting adventures focused on forestry, fisheries, wildlife and ecology.

- [Walnut Woods State Park](#) (West Des Moines): June 23-27
- [Maquoketa Caves State Park](#) (Maquoketa): July 14-18
- [Ledges State Park](#) (Madrid): July 21-25

[Registration is open until May 30.](#) Enrollment is limited to 30 students per camp.

