

April 1, 2024

Table Rock Lake Cape Fair Fishing Report

Lake Level: 912.77

Water Clarity: Mostly Clear, Upper James to Point 9

Water Temp: 49 to 54 degrees

Bass

The bass fishing has been improving with the raising water temperatures and the warmer days that we have been having. The fish are beginning to move shallow and the bait fish are also. A lot of nice fish are being caught in two to twelve feet of water on many different baits. My Ex-Boss Scott Phelps and his partner, Monte, caught a really nice limit of bass that included Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass. The largest two bass were a 5 ½ pound Largemouth and a 5 pound Smallmouth. The fish were caught on a White/Chartreuse Spinner Bait in the Aunts Creek Area. Another active pattern has been the A-Rig, Flash Mob or Flash Mob Jr. loaded with natural colored boot tail baits (2.5 to 3.5 inch in size). These fish are being caught on flat main lake points and secondary points in coves or creek arms. If shad happen to be present flat gravel banks are also producing some nice keeper bass. The shakey head worm is still producing fish on TRD and Finese TRD rigged on a ned head or shakey head jig. The best colors have been Goby and Green Pumpkin. These fish are being caught in the same areas of the lake near spawning banks dragging the bottom in 2 to eight feet of water. This bait is still catching some isolated fish on bluff ends with ledges. Another active pattern is those using forward facing sonar are dropping Damiki Rigs with smaller shad type baits to some really nice Kentucky Bass located around large shad schools. These fish have been between ten to twenty feet deep and may be suspended in the middle of creek arms or suspended around deeper main lake points.

Blue Gill

This bite has really picked up on these warm days. They can be found anywhere around boat docks in the coves and creeks. The fish are about 3 to 4 feet down around and under those docks. On shady days the fish are really aggressive and will strike live baits, as soon as, it's introduced.

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In the creeks and cove banks around any visible cover, wood lay-downs or larger rocks. Some larger fish have been found around standing timber on creek channel banks. The preferred bait is live night crawlers, Bluegill bites and small jigs. I have observed some really nice stringers and I'm certain they are really delicious eating.

Crappie

The Crappie have been really active and some nice limits are being taken. The fish still are being caught around brush piles and standing timber on main lake flats in approximately 8 to 12 feet. The best baits have been crappie jigs (Marabou in natural colors). Sometimes the anglers are tipping the jigs with a crappie nibble or a swimmer. Live bait (minnows) have also produced some good stringers. These fish are also being taken on shallow points in larger coves or creeks and the crappie rigs are being dragged around on those point that have some structure present. The crappie are still on the move and getting ready to spawn.

Walleye

The Walleye bite has been really spotty, an occasional fish can be caught around shad schools while bass fishing. These fish are reacting to shad type baits.

Spoonbill

Large numbers of fish are showing on electronic's from the Cape Fair Area to Point 15 and beyond. I have observed a bunch of large fish that were caught, the biggest being in the 140 pound class. Come on to the lake and get yours; we'll look forward to seeing you.

The Cape Fair Marina will be open with our normal services. Please stop by and take a look at our sale on crank baits and many other tackle items. If you don't see the tackle you want, please let us know and we will try to order to fit your needs.

Note to Friends: Please wear a life jacket, at all times. Please have a Blessed and Safe Day on the water.