

Fishing Report week ending 10/05/2020

Area Ponds- Fishing is picking up in area ponds. Largemouth bass have been most active from 10am to 4pm. Crankbaits in the 2' to 4' depth range have been productive as well as soft plastics worked slowly on the bottom. Other effective baits have been spinnerbaits, chatterbaits, and senko's. Crankbaits in the 2' size have been most productive.

Riverbend Park- water clarity 4'+, water temperatures upper 60's. Smallmouth are located mostly in main current and main current seams and deep ledges. 3" and 4" tubes in crawfish colors worked slowly on bottom with 1/16 or 1/8oz weights have been the most productive for catching smallmouth bass. Flukes and small swim baits in baitfish colors fished weightless have almost been equally productive. Grass is mostly gone at this time so small square bill crankbaits in 2" sizes diving up to 4' are also in play. Anglers fishing live worms on bobbers have been reporting slow action for panfish in the shallow shoreline areas.

Shenandoah River- We had one report from the South Fork of the Shenandoah River. Top water poppers for fly fisherman were the better choice than streamers or weighted nymphs for catching smallmouth bass and panfish. Anglers using spinning gear used 6- and 8-pound test line with small swimbaits and 3" grubs on 1/16 and 1/8oz jig heads. Smallmouth bass ranged from 9" up to 16".

Kerr Reservoir- Found Largemouth bass on deep flooded banks in flooded Nut Bush. Fished Bluestone Creek. Water clarity was stained in creek but clear on main river. Largemouth Bass up to 3 pounds were caught on 1/2oz spinner baits in chartreuse/white skirt with painted blades. Weightless 5" senkos were almost as effective at catching fish.

If you would like to submit a fishing report for review please submit to Dan.Grulke@fairfaxcounty.gov

Our fishing reports are designed to give anglers a head start on their angling adventures. We general locations, baits/lures used, and techniques that will help the angler become successful. We purposely do not provide specific locations/spots to discourage overcrowding, spot burning, and over harvesting of fish species. These reports are provided by F.C.P.A staff and are their actual fishing experiences for the week. There are many lures and techniques that will work so remember "do not limit yourself by the experience of others".