

John Morgan's Fishing Report – July 2, 2015

The weather this summer has really changed some of the summer time patterns. We have had more rain than normal here around the lakes and also a cicada hatch that was the biggest I've ever seen. Water levels are supposed to rise up to a foot in the next 7 to 10 days according to TVA and 3 to 6 inches of rain is forecast for the week of the 4th.

The bass have been on and off of the river ledges for the last four to five weeks. My last two trips I have done much better on secondary channel ledges and even drops in the bays have produced. I think the fish have scattered out with the rising water and are also feeding on a couple of large willow fly hatches that have happened over the last few days.

My lures of choice have been a 6 inch Sinko on a 3/4 ounce wobble head and or a stand up head. Green pumpkin and watermelon with red flake and black with red flake have been good. I have also been throwing a 3/4 ounce spinnerbait and a kitech swimbait on a 3/4 ounce scrounger head.

Most of the fish on the river have been from 18 to 22 feet. The fish that I am catching on the secondary have been from 8 to 17 feet.

The crappie fishing has been really good over the last few days. Lots of fish being caught here in Blood River on brush piles in 10 to 14 foot. I am casting 16 ounce hand-tied flies over the top of these brush piles until they quit biting then I verticle fish over the top with long pole and minnows. I am catching half on minnows and half on jigs. The more aggressive fish will hit the jigs first and then you can pull over the top and catch the less aggressive fish on the minnows.

You won't know if you don't go.

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