

Fishing Report week ending Oct. 16, 2020

Area Ponds- Fishing is consistently good in area ponds. Bass are still actively feeding to store up for winter. Water temps are gradually dropping. As the water temps drop use slower-moving lures for more success. Best baits have been shallow crankbaits that dive 0 feet to 2 feet, crankbaits that dive 2 feet to 4 feet, plastic worms and creature baits fished slow on the bottom. For catfish try either chicken livers or bait shrimp fished on the bottom with a Texas rig.

Riverbend Park- water clarity 4 feet and more, crystal clear. Water temperatures upper 60s and dropping. Some smallmouths are feeding on minnows in shoreline eddies. Most smallmouth and the bigger ones are being caught in deeper areas of 3 feet to 4 feet. Use smaller-sized jig-and-pigs, tubes, and 3-inch swimbaits on 1/16- to 1/8-ounce jig heads. Smaller-sized, 3-inch shallow diving jerk baits have also been effective

Shenandoah River- The South Fork and Main Steam of the Shenandoah River have been slow with numbers caught, but the big smallmouth bass are making an appearance. Smallies up to 19 inches were caught. Most productive lures were Ned rigs on 1/6-ounce jig heads, small jig-and-pigs in 3/16-ounce, and 3-inch swimbaits on 1/8-ounce jig heads. The water clarity in most locations was 6-feet deep and crystal clear.

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 discuss 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 Fairfax County Park Authority 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."