



WEEKLY FISHING REPORTS



WATER Lake Mattoon

FISHING REPORT DATE: 12-11-05

NO FISHING REPORT UNTIL SPRING

FISHING REPORT DATE: 11-11-05

WATER CONDITIONS: 2' low, good clarity, with temperature of water in the mid 50's.

FISH: crappie ... Good, 8-10" on jigs and minnows both boat and bank at end of docks in brush.

FISH: bluegill ... Fair, 5-6" on wax worms, red worms, and nightcrawlers, both boat and bank, close to the banks in brush & timber.

FISH: channel catfish ... Fair, 1.5 to 12 lbs. on chicken livers, shrimp, shad, cheesebait, and nightcrawlers both boat and bank just about anywhere both deep and shallow. Best in early AM or late PM.

FISH: largemouth bass ... Fair, 2-4 lbs. on spinner baits and/or crank baits by boat around shoreline in brush and trees.

NOTES: Reported by Joel Pittman of the Mattoon Park Dept.

FISHING REPORT DATE: 11-04-05

WATER CONDITIONS: 2' low, good clarity, with temperature of water in the mid 50's.

FISH: crappie ... Good, 8-10" on jigs and minnows both boat and bank at end of docks in brush.

FISH: bluegill ... Fair, 5-6" on wax worms, red worms, and nightcrawlers, both boat and bank, close to the banks in brush & timber.

FISH: channel catfish ... Fair, 1.5 to 12 lbs. on chicken livers, shrimp, shad, cheesebait, and nightcrawlers both boat and bank just about anywhere both deep and shallow. Best in early AM or late PM.

FISH: largemouth bass ... Fair, 2-4 lbs. on spinner baits and/or crank baits by boat around shoreline in brush and trees.

NOTES: Reported by Joel Pittman of the Mattoon Park Dept.

FISHING REPORT DATE: 10-28-05

WATER CONDITIONS: 2' low, good clarity, with temperature of water in the low 60's.

FISH: crappie ... Good, 8-10" on jigs and minnows both boat and bank at end of docks in brush.

FISH: bluegill ... Fair, 5-6" on wax worms, red worms, and nightcrawlers, both boat and bank, close to the banks in brush & timber.

FISH: channel catfish ... Fair, 1.5 to 12 lbs. on chicken livers, shrimp, shad, cheesebait, and nightcrawlers both boat and bank just about anywhere both deep and shallow. Best in early AM or late PM.

FISH: largemouth bass ... Fair, 2-4 lbs. on spinner baits and/or crank baits by boat around shoreline in brush and trees.

NOTES: Reported by Joel Pittman of the Mattoon Park Dept.

FISHING REPORT DATE: 10-21-05

WATER CONDITIONS: 2' low, good clarity, with temperature of water in the low 70's.

FISH: crappie ... Good, 8-10" on jigs and minnows both boat and bank at end of docks in brush.

FISH: bluegill ... Fair, 5-6" on wax worms, red worms, and nightcrawlers, both boat and bank, close to the banks in brush & timber.

FISH: channel catfish ... Fair, 1.5 to 12 lbs. on chicken livers, shrimp, shad, cheesebait, and nightcrawlers both boat and bank just about anywhere both deep and shallow. Best in early AM or late PM.

FISH: largemouth bass ... Fair, 2-4 lbs. on spinner baits and/or crank baits by boat around shoreline in brush and trees.

NOTES: Reported by Joel Pittman of the Mattoon Park Dept.

FISHING REPORT DATE: 10-14-05

WATER CONDITIONS: 2' low, fair clarity, with temperature of water in the low to mid 70's.

FISH: crappie ... Good, 8-10" on jigs and minnows both boat and bank at end of docks in brush.

FISH: bluegill ... Fair, 5-6" on wax worms, red worms, and nightcrawlers, both boat and bank, close to the banks in brush & timber.

FISH: channel catfish ... Good, 1.5 to 12 lbs. on chicken livers, shrimp, shad, cheesebait, and nightcrawlers both boat and bank just about anywhere both deep and shallow. Best in early AM or late PM.

FISH: largemouth bass ... Fair, 2-4 lbs. on spinner baits and/or crank baits by boat around shoreline in brush and trees.

NOTES: Reported by Joel Pittman of the Mattoon Park Dept.

FISHING REPORT DATE: 10-07-05

WATER CONDITIONS: 2' low, fair clarity, with temperature of water in the high 70's.

FISH: crappie ... Fair, 8-10" on jigs and minnows both boat and bank at end of docks in brush still in deep water.

FISH: bluegill ... Spotty.

FISH: channel catfish ... Fair, 1.5 to 12 lbs. on chicken livers, shrimp, shad, cheesebait, and nightcrawlers both boat and bank just about anywhere both deep and shallow. Best in early AM or late PM.

FISH: largemouth bass ... Spotty.

NOTES: Reported by Joel Pittman of the Mattoon Park Dept.

FISHING REPORT DATE: 09-30-05

WATER CONDITIONS: 2' low, fair clarity, with temperature of water in the high 70's.

FISH: crappie ... Fair, 8-10" on jigs and minnows both boat and bank at end of docks in brush still in deep water.

FISH: bluegill ... Spotty.

FISH: channel catfish ... Fair, 1.5 to 12 lbs. on chicken livers, shrimp, shad, cheesebait, and nightcrawlers both boat and bank just about anywhere both deep and shallow. Best in early AM or late PM.

FISH: largemouth bass ... Spotty.

NOTES: Reported by Joel Pittman of the Mattoon Park Dept.

FISHING REPORT DATE: 09-23-05

WATER CONDITIONS: 2.5' low, cloudy, with temperature of water in the high 70's.

FISH: crappie ... Spotty.

FISH: bluegill ... Spotty.

FISH: channel catfish ... Spotty.

FISH: largemouth bass ... Spotty.

NOTES: Reported by Joel Pittman of the Mattoon Park Dept.

FISHING REPORT DATE: 09-16-05

WATER CONDITIONS: 2' low, cloudy, with temperature of water in the high 70's.

FISH: crappie ... Spotty.

FISH: bluegill ... Spotty.

FISH: channel catfish ... Spotty.

FISH: largemouth bass ... Spotty.

NOTES: Reported by Joel Pittman of the Mattoon Park Dept.

FISHING REPORT DATE: 09-09-05

WATER CONDITIONS: 2' low, clear, with temperature of water in the low 80's.

FISH: crappie ... Spotty.

FISH: bluegill ... Spotty.

FISH: channel catfish ... Spotty.

FISH: largemouth bass ... Spotty.

NOTES: Reported by Joel Pittman of the Mattoon Park Dept.

FISHING REPORT DATE: 09-02-05

WATER CONDITIONS: 1.5' low, fair, with temperature of water at 80 degrees.

FISH: crappie ... Spotty.

FISH: bluegill ... Spotty.

FISH: channel catfish ... Spotty.

FISH: largemouth bass ... Spotty.

NOTES: Reported by Joel Pittman of the Mattoon Park Dept.

FISHING REPORT DATE: 08-26-05

WATER CONDITIONS: 1' low, fair, with temperature of water in the low 80's.

FISH: crappie ... Fair, between 8-10" on minnows and jigs around brush and ends of docks moving back into deeper water both boat and bank.

FISH: bluegill ... Fair, hand size about 5-6" on wax worms, red worms, or nightcrawlers both boat and bank in the brush and end of docks.

FISH: channel catfish ... Fair, 1.5 to 12 lbs. on chicken livers, shrimp, cheesebait, shad, shadgut, or nightcrawlers both boat and bank just about anywhere on the lake both deep and shallow especially early AM or late PM.

FISH: largemouth bass ... Good, 2-5 lbs. on spinner baits and/or crank baits from a boat around the shoreline in the brush and downed trees.

NOTES: Reported by Joel Pittman of the Mattoon Park Dept.

FISHING REPORT DATE: 08-19-05

WATER CONDITIONS: 1' low, murky, with temperature of water in the low 80's.

FISH: crappie ... Fair, between 8-10" on minnows and jigs around brush and ends of docks moving back into deeper water both boat and bank.

FISH: bluegill ... Fair, hand size about 5-6" on wax worms, red worms, or nightcrawlers both boat and bank in the brush and end of docks.

FISH: channel catfish ... Fair, 1.5 to 12 lbs. on chicken livers, shrimp, cheesebait, shad, shadgut, or nightcrawlers both boat and bank just about anywhere on the lake both deep and shallow especially early AM or late PM.

FISH: largemouth bass ... Good, 2-5 lbs. on spinner baits and/or crank baits from a boat around the shoreline in the brush and downed trees.

NOTES: Reported by Joel Pittman of the Mattoon Park Dept.

FISHING REPORT DATE: 08-12-05

WATER CONDITIONS: 1' low, murky, with temperature of water in the high 80's.

FISH: crappie ... Fair, between 8-10" on minnows and jigs around brush and ends of docks moving back into deeper water both boat and bank.

FISH: bluegill ... Fair, hand size about 5-6" on wax worms, red worms, or nightcrawlers both boat and bank in the brush and end of docks.

FISH: channel catfish ... Excellent, 1.5 to 12 lbs. on chicken livers, shrimp, cheesebait, shad, shadgut, or nightcrawlers both boat and bank just about anywhere on the lake both deep and shallow especially early AM or late PM.

FISH: largemouth bass ... Good, 2-5 lbs. on spinner baits and/or crank baits from a boat around the shoreline in the brush and downed trees.

NOTES: Reported by Joel Pittman of the Mattoon Park Dept.

FISHING REPORT DATE: 08-05-05

WATER CONDITIONS: 1' low, murky, with temperature of water in the high 80's.

FISH: crappie ... Fair, between 8-10" on minnows and jigs around brush and ends of docks moving back into deeper water both boat and bank.

FISH: bluegill ... Fair, hand size about 5-6" on wax worms, red worms, or nightcrawlers both boat and bank in the brush and end of docks.

FISH: channel catfish ... Excellent, 1.5 to 12 lbs. on chicken livers, shrimp, cheesebait, shad, shadgut, or nightcrawlers both boat and bank just about anywhere on the lake both deep and shallow especially early AM or late PM.

FISH: largemouth bass ... Good, 2-5 lbs. on spinner baits and/or crank baits from a boat around the shoreline in the brush and downed trees.

NOTES: Reported by Joel Pittman of the Mattoon Park Dept.

FISHING REPORT DATE: 07-29-05

WATER CONDITIONS: 8 to 10" low, cloudy, with temperature of water in the high 80's.

FISH: crappie ... Fair, between 8-10" on minnows and jigs around brush and ends of docks moving back into deeper water both boat and bank.

FISH: bluegill ... Fair, hand size about 5-6" on wax worms, red worms, or nightcrawlers both boat and bank in the brush and end of docks.

FISH: channel catfish ... Good, 1.5 to 12 lbs. on chicken livers, shrimp, cheesebait, shad, shadgut, or nightcrawlers both boat and bank just about anywhere on the lake both deep and shallow especially early AM or late PM.

FISH: largemouth bass ... Good, 2-5 lbs. on spinner baits and/or crank baits from a boat around the shoreline in the brush and downed trees.

NOTES: Reported by Joel Pittman of the Mattoon Park Dept.

FISHING REPORT DATE: 07-22-05

WATER CONDITIONS: 8 to 10" low, clear, with temperature of water in the mid 80's.

FISH: crappie ... Fair, between 8-12" on minnows and jigs around brush and ends of docks moving back into deeper water both boat and bank.

FISH: bluegill ... Fair, hand size about 5-6" on wax worms, red worms, or nightcrawlers both boat and bank in the brush and end of docks.

FISH: channel catfish ... Excellent, 1.5 to 12 lbs. on chicken livers, shrimp, cheesebait, shad, shadgut, or nightcrawlers both boat and bank just about anywhere on the lake both deep and shallow especially early AM or late PM.

FISH: largemouth bass ... Good, 2-5 lbs. on spinner baits and/or crank baits from a boat around the shoreline in the brush and downed trees.

NOTES: Reported by Joel Pittman of the Mattoon Park Dept.

FISHING REPORT DATE: 07-15-05

WATER CONDITIONS: Normal pool, clear, with temperature of water in the low 80's.

FISH: crappie ... Fair, between 8-12" on minnows and jigs around brush and ends of docks moving back into deeper water both boat and bank.

FISH: bluegill ... Fair, hand size about 5-6" on wax worms, red worms, or nightcrawlers both boat and bank in the brush and end of docks.

FISH: channel catfish ... Excellent, 1.5 to 12 lbs. on chicken livers, shrimp, cheesebait, shad, shadgut, or nightcrawlers both boat and bank just about anywhere on the lake both deep and shallow especially early AM or late PM.

FISH: largemouth bass ... Good, 2-5 lbs. on spinner baits and/or crank baits from a boat around the shoreline in the brush and downed trees.

NOTES: Reported by Joel Pittman of the Mattoon Park Dept.

FISHING REPORT DATE: 07-08-05

WATER CONDITIONS: Normal pool, clear, with temperature of water in the low 80's.

FISH: crappie ... Fair, between 8-12" on minnows and jigs around brush and ends of docks moving back into deeper water both boat and bank.

FISH: bluegill ... Good, hand size about 5-6" on wax worms, red worms, or nightcrawlers both boat and bank in the brush and end of docks.

FISH: channel catfish ... Good, 2-5 lbs. on chicken livers, shrimp, cheesebait, or nightcrawlers both boat and bank just about anywhere on the lake both deep and shallow.

FISH: largemouth bass ... Good, 2-5 lbs. on spinner baits and/or crank baits from a boat around the shoreline in the brush and downed trees.

NOTES: Reported by Joel Pittman of the Mattoon Park Dept.

FISHING REPORT DATE: 07-01-05

WATER CONDITIONS: Normal pool, clear, with temperature of water in the middle 80's.

FISH: crappie ... Fair, between 8-12" on minnows and jigs around brush and ends of docks moving back into deeper water both boat and bank.

FISH: bluegill ... Fair, hand size about 5-6" on wax worms, red worms, or nightcrawlers both boat and bank in the brush and end of docks.

FISH: channel catfish ... Fair, 2-5 lbs. on chicken livers, shrimp, cheesebait, or nightcrawlers both boat and bank just about anywhere on the lake both deep and shallow.

FISH: largemouth bass ... Fair, 2-5 lbs. on spinner baits and/or crank baits from a boat around the shoreline in the brush and downed trees.

NOTES: Reported by Joel Pittman of the Mattoon Park Dept.

FISHING REPORT DATE: 06-17-05

WATER CONDITIONS: Normal pool, clear, with temperature of water at 76 degrees.

FISH: crappie ... Fair, between 8-12" on minnows and jigs around brush and ends of docks moving back into deeper water both boat and bank.

FISH: bluegill ... Good, hand size about 5-6" on wax worms, red worms, or nightcrawlers both boat and bank in the brush and end of docks.

FISH: channel catfish ... Good, 2-5 lbs. on chicken livers, shrimp, cheesebait, or nightcrawlers both boat and bank just about anywhere on the lake both deep and shallow.

FISH: largemouth bass ... Good, 2-5 lbs. on spinner baits and/or crank baits from a boat around the shoreline in the brush and downed trees.

NOTES: Reported by Joel Pittman of the Mattoon Park Dept.

FISHING REPORT DATE: 06-10-05

WATER CONDITIONS: Normal pool, clear, with temperature of water at 78 degrees.

FISH: crappie ... Fair, between 8-12" on minnows and jigs around brush and ends of docks moving back into deeper water both boat and bank.

FISH: bluegill ... Good, hand size about 5-6" on wax worms, red worms, or nightcrawlers both boat and bank in the brush and end of docks.

FISH: channel catfish ... Fair, 2-5 lbs. on chicken livers, shrimp, cheesebait, or nightcrawlers both boat and bank just about anywhere on the lake both deep and shallow.

FISH: largemouth bass ... Good, 2-5 lbs. on spinner baits and/or crank baits from a boat around the shoreline in the brush and downed trees.

NOTES: Reported by Joel Pittman of the Mattoon Park Dept.

FISHING REPORT DATE: 06-03-05

WATER CONDITIONS: Normal pool, muddy, with temperature of water at 74 degrees.

FISH: crappie ... Good, between 8-12" on minnows and jigs around brush and ends of docks moving back into deeper water both boat and bank.

FISH: bluegill ... Excellent, hand size about 5-6" on wax worms, red worms, or nightcrawlers both boat and bank in the brush and end of docks.

FISH: channel catfish ... Good, 2-5 lbs. on chicken livers, shrimp, cheesebait, or nightcrawlers both boat and bank just about anywhere on the lake both deep and shallow.

FISH: largemouth bass ... Good, 2-5 lbs. on spinner baits and/or crank baits from a boat around the shoreline in the brush and downed trees.

NOTES: Reported by Joel Pittman of the Mattoon Park Dept.

FISHING REPORT DATE: 05-27-05

WATER CONDITIONS: Normal pool, cloudy, with temperature of water at 72-73 degrees.

FISH: crappie ... Fair, between 8-12" on minnows and jigs around brush and ends of docks moving back into deeper water both boat and bank.

FISH: bluegill ... Good, hand size about 5-6" on wax worms, red worms, or nightcrawlers both boat and bank in the brush and end of docks.

FISH: channel catfish ... Good, 2-5 lbs. on chicken livers, shrimp, cheesebait, or nightcrawlers both boat and bank just about anywhere on the lake both deep and shallow.

FISH: largemouth bass ... Fair, 2-4 lbs. on spinner baits and/or crank baits from a boat around the shoreline in the brush and

downed trees.

NOTES: Reported by Joel Pittman of the Mattoon Park Dept.

FISHING REPORT DATE: 05-20-05

WATER CONDITIONS: Normal pool, clear, with temperature of water in the low 70's.

FISH: crappie ... Excellent, between 8-12" on minnows and jigs around brush and ends of docks in the shallows both boat and bank.

FISH: bluegill ... Good, hand size about 5-6" on wax worms, red worms, or nightcrawlers both boat and bank in the brush and end of docks in the shallows.

FISH: channel catfish ... Good, 2-5 lbs. on chicken livers, shrimp, cheesebait, or nightcrawlers both boat and bank off the bottom.

FISH: largemouth bass ... Good, 2-4 lbs. on spinner baits and/or crank baits from a boat around the shoreline in the brush and downed trees.

NOTES: Reported by Joel Pittman of the Mattoon Park Dept.

FISHING REPORT DATE: 05-13-05

WATER CONDITIONS: Normal pool, clear, with temperature of water in the high 60's.

FISH: crappie ... Excellent between 8-12" on minnows and jigs around brush and ends of docks in the shallows both boat and bank.

FISH: bluegill ... Good, hand size about 5-6" on wax worms, red worms, or nightcrawlers both boat and bank in the brush and end of docks in the shallows.

FISH: channel catfish ... Good, 2-5 lbs. on chicken livers, shrimp, cheesebait, or nightcrawlers both boat and bank off the bottom.

FISH: largemouth bass ... Fair, 2-4 lbs. on spinner baits and/or crank baits from a boat around the shoreline in the brush and downed trees.

NOTES: Reported by Joel Pittman of the Mattoon Park Dept.

FISHING REPORT DATE: 05-06-05

WATER CONDITIONS: Normal pool, cloudy, with temperature of water at 56 degrees.

FISH: crappie ... Fair between 8-12" on minnows and jigs around brush and ends of docks both boat and bank.

FISH: bluegill ... Good, hand size about 5-6" on wax worms, red worms, or nightcrawlers both boat and bank in the brush coming into the banks.

FISH: channel catfish ... Fair, 2-5 lbs. on chicken livers, shrimp, cheesebait, or nightcrawlers both boat and bank off the bottom.

FISH: largemouth bass ... Good, 2-4 lbs. on spinner baits and/or crank baits from a boat around the shoreline in the brush and downed trees.

NOTES: Reported by Joel Pittman of the Mattoon Park Dept.

FISHING REPORT DATE: 04-29-05

WATER CONDITIONS: Normal pool, cloudy, with temperature of water in high 50's.

FISH: crappie ... Fair between 8-12" on minnows and jigs around brush and ends of docks both boat and bank.

FISH: bluegill ... Fair to good, hand size about 5-6" on wax worms, red worms, or nightcrawlers both boat and bank in the brush coming into the banks.

FISH: channel catfish ... Fair to good, 2-5 lbs. on chicken livers, shrimp, cheesebait, or nightcrawlers both boat and bank off the bottom.

FISH: largemouth bass ... Good, 2-4 lbs. on spinner baits and/or crank baits from a boat around the shoreline in the brush and downed trees.

NOTES: Reported by Joel Pittman of the Mattoon Park Dept.

FISHING REPORT DATE: 04-22-05

WATER CONDITIONS: Normal pool, cloudy, with temperature of water at 68 to 72 degrees.

FISH: crappie ... Fair between 8-12" on minnows and jigs around brush and ends of docks both boat and bank.

FISH: bluegill ... Fair to good, hand size about 5-6" on wax worms, red worms, or nightcrawlers both boat and bank in the brush coming into the banks.

FISH: channel catfish ... Fair to good, 2-5 lbs. on chicken livers, shrimp, cheesebait, or nightcrawlers both boat and bank off the bottom.

FISH: largemouth bass ... Good, 2-4 lbs. on spinner baits and/or crank baits from a boat around the shoreline in the brush and downed trees.

NOTES: Reported by Joel Pittman of the Mattoon Park Dept.

FISHING REPORT DATE: 04-15-05

WATER CONDITIONS: Normal pool with fair clarity and temperature of water at 59 degrees.

FISH: crappie ... Fair between 8-9" on minnows and jigs around brush and ends of docks both boat and bank.

FISH: channel catfish ... Fair 2-5 lbs. on chicken livers, shrimp, or nightcrawlers from the bank fishing off the bottom.

NOTES: Reported by Joel Pittman of the Mattoon Park Dept.

FISHING REPORT DATE: 04-08-05

WATER CONDITIONS: Normal pool with fair clarity and temperature of water in low 50's.

FISH: crappie ... Fair between 8-9" on minnows and jigs around brush and ends of docks both boat and bank.

NOTES: Reported by Joel Pittman of the Mattoon Park Dept.

FISHING REPORT DATE: 04-01-05

WATER CONDITIONS: Normal pool and clear with temperature of water at 44 degrees

FISH: bluegill ... Good at around 8" on wax worms around brush and docks both boat and bank.

FISH: crappie ... Good between 8-12" on minnows and jigs around brush and docks both boat and bank.

NOTES: Reported by Joel Pittman of the Mattoon Park Dept.

