

Pickwick Fishing report

Date: 09/18/2016

Water Level: 412.5 and falling

Water temp: low to mid 80's

Clarity: Stained to clear ( Stained 1-2' visibility, clear 3-5')

Fishing forecast: getting better everyday

PTL September will soon be behind us here on Pickwick!. Fishing has been tough to say the least. We have had some good days mixed in with a bunch of poor to so-so days. The Daryl Worley, River Run tournament held on Sept.10,2016 had some of the best sticks on the lake in it and yet it only took 17lb to win. That's very indicative of how things have been. The bass just don't seem to want to chase much. We have started picking up a few on top waters but not many. I have been catching most of my bass on a Strike King Game Hawg or Cutter worm,Texas rigged w/1/4 or 3/16 Tungsten weight and no bead Green Pumpkin in color. I have been fishing it very slow around the deeper grass. Just about as simple as it gets. Many of the bites are coming by "dead sticking" the bait. When I feel the bait come off cover or out of the grass I have been letting it sit for a few seconds before I start working it again. When the bass are in a funk like they have been, you need to be stealthy, methodical and patient in your approach. These fish have seen every form of lure known to the civilized world this season. The fishing pressure on them has been high. I think the bait popping off the grass or the cover gets their attention and provokes a reaction bite from them. With this in mind I started fishing with a Red Eye shad lipless crankbait from Strike King. Covering water until I get a bite or two then I'll slow down and scour the area with the Texas rig. Once the water gets to winter pool of 409 and cools off some things should pick up in a big way. The top water and spinner bait bite will pick up dramatically. Good luck and please be aware of where you are on the lake. The water level is falling and many of the shallow humps will be dangerous here before too long.

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