



October Fishing Forecast for Pickwick:

Water temperature: 78

Clarity: 2-3' some what clearer around grass

Lake level: 413 on slow fall

We have had some really unstable weather in the past couple of weeks. With more rain on the way, look for the current to be consistent. Fishing has been great one day and tough the next day. The bass are on the move and chasing shad. Best bets are to stay put on a spot and wait on them to show up or stay on the move with them. Most tournaments are being won with 20+ pounds. There are still some fish out on the river ledges in 15-22ft. of water. The current should help this bite a little.

Look for the schooling activity to pick up as the days begin to get shorter and water temps cool. Because the shad will begin to move into the creeks and hollows along the river and the Largemouth & Smallmouth will be right behind them. Have topwater bait or lipless crankbait (Red Eye Shad in ¼ & ½ oz) tied on at all times and be ready to throw into the feeding frenzy. There are tons of small fish in and around the grass. It has topped out along the bank all over the lake.

We have been using the Strike-King's: series 1 & 3 crankbaits, Quad Shad or the New "Burner" spinnerbaits, Pure Poison swimming jigs and Spittin' King poppers for the shallow fish. Carolina rigged Game Hawgs and lizards as well as deep running crakbaits are accounting for the fish out in the 15-20 foot depths.

The catfishing has been excellent this fall. The mouths of the major hollows and old sloughs along the river are producing good numbers and sizes.

You can call TVA @ 1-800-238-2264 and follow the prompts for water level and current flow information. Please use caution when boating on the river, recent heavy rains have washed debris into the river and it can pose a hazard to navigation.

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