Local Fishing Report

LAKE JOCASSEE

» **Trout: Fair to good.** Captain Steve Pietrykowski advises that numbers are a little down in the heat, but especially for quality fish the catch rate has overall been pretty good.

» **Black Bass: Slow to fair.** Captain Pat Bennett says fish are well into their summertime habits of staying offshore and they are focused on roaming schools of baitfish.

LAKE KEOWEE

» **Largemouth and Spotted Bass: Slow.** Guide Brad Fowler reports that catching bass continues to be tough on Lake Keowee. Fish are suspended out in deep water and sometimes feeding on top, and they are likely to be found roaming out in the middle of nowhere where they are related to moving schools of bait.

LAKE HARTWELL

» **Striped and Hybrid Bass: Fair.** Captain Bill Plumley reports that fish can be found from the mid-lake to the dam concentrated around deep timber.

» **Catfish: Fair to good.** Captain Bill Plumley reports that blue catfish remain out in the deep timber and very difficult to catch, but channel catfish are biting pretty well.

» **Crappie: Little fishing activity.** Captain Bill Plumley reports that few anglers are pursuing them but crappie can still be caught at night around bridges in 15-30 feet of water by anglers putting out lights and fishing with minnows.

» **Black Bass: Slow.** Guide Brad Fowler reports that he is still fishing the same pattern but fishing has really slowed down. A recent Saturday tournament took only 10 pounds to win, and even catching small keepers can be difficult.

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