

Fishing on Lake Parker by Lloyd Klinger

It is time to get out the fishing tackle and get it ready for spring fishing. I have already bought some new lures and line. Lake Parker has a wide variety of fish available and if you choose your lures carefully (guess right), at the end of the day you can note that you have hooked several species. They may not all be keepers, but in the long run it is the experience (fun) that counts.

My son and I have landed just about every species in the lake: bass (large mouth and small mouth), pickerel, yellow perch, white perch, blue gill (pumpkin seed) catfish, dace, and trout (when stocked) all on lures. We use light tackle, 1/8oz. lures usually. As you can imagine, sizes run the spectrum, from fry about the size of the lure to around four pounds. The great thing about this lake is that the small size makes it easy to fish the whole lake in a day and catch fish almost anywhere on the lake.

Spring fishing usually produces the most catches per unit of time spent. Spawning and water temperature contribute to nearly ideal conditions to catch the active bass and pickerel. As time progresses to mid-summer, the fish are not as easy to fool and they are not as active. However, they are still in the lake and are catchable if you persevere.

The summer months bring times to get the kids out with live bait (worms). It is just as much fun to take the children and grandchildren out in a boat or on the dock and with bobber and worm to enjoy the thrill of the first catch. Perch and blue gill are eager to take a worm all summer long. Sometimes you get lucky and they hook something much different and they become hooked on fishing as well. My granddaughter still talks about the fish that took her bobber across the lake at a good clip and when she took hold of the rod the bobber went under then came up without hook and worm. She is convinced that it was a big-big fish. She was hooked.

Fishing on a relatively small lake is a lot of fun. There is a lot of wildlife to see, not a lot of high speed boating, and nice neighbors to talk to as time passes.

I hope to see you on the lake this summer. Good luck.

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