



Callaway Outdoors fishing report September 2019

Temp: Mid 80s

Clarity: Clear.

Bass: Fair. As the days start to get a little shorter and the temps cool just a little, expect a slow improvement in the bass fishing at Mountain Creek lake. A few largemouth bass are still being caught in deeper channels and off deeper set brush piles in the main-lake area, basically holding to a summer pattern. Try big deep-diving crankbaits or Texas-rigged Ol' Monster worms. Also, drop-shooting can be effective in these areas. The best fishing is around brush piles or other structure in these areas, if you can find them. Might try downsizing baits in these same areas and improve your chances for bass. A few fish will remain shallow, and the shallow pattern should improve as the water cools. Topwater baits such as Rebel Pop-Rs, Zara Spooks and Poppin' frogs can still be effective for shallow bass, especially around grass beds and weeds. Try targeting the mouths of feeder creeks south end of the lake. Also have a jig handy to pitch into wood cover in these same areas. Fishing will always be slower till the water temp cools down. Also try dragging a Carolina-rigged Zoom Finesse worm or mini Lizard around on the bottom. Also try a small Texas-rigged worm or a jig 'n pig around blowdown trees. Actively schooling groups of bass will also hit the Flash Mob Jr. rig, a personal favorite in the early fall."

Crappie: Fair Summertime crappie will typically move out and hold on deeper brush & structure or under docks. Fish are holding mostly between 15 and 25 feet deep and tight to cover or shade. Try dropshotting grub or shooting bridge near deep water for the best results.

Bream: Good. Don't forget about our bream and shellcracker at Mountain Creek Lake. Finding an active bed can take a little effort, but when you do, you can have a ball. Bedding usually takes place on the full moon cycles in July. Look for shallow cover in the backs of pockets. Sandy flats and stump beds tend to draw the fish like a magnet. Use live pink worms, crickets and small jigs for the best results.

Good luck, but don't stop fishing!

Just remember fall will come!

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