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TIP OF THE WEEK

In the high country, these cooler nights are helping keep trout more active. This will hopefully continue a couple of more weeks before they go into their deeper summer feeding patterns. Just pick your favorite mountain lake and go. The only wrong decision is not taking advantage of this extended good bite. In many years, the Memorial Day weekend is the swan song for the spring bite.



THE REEL DEAL

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Tiger trout have arrived in Arizona at four lakes: Carnero and Becker got tigers the first week in May, and Woods Canyon and Willow Springs just receive their loads.

This hybrid trout is **new to Arizona** and already anglers are saying these are some aggressive-fighting (and gorgeous) fish.

Bring a friend! One-day fishing licenses are half-off through May 30. **Purchase yours.** This is also a good time to **purchase – or renew – your license** for 365 days. (We want you to know that the proceeds go back into fish stockings, conservation of all wildlife species, etc.)

Last week's fishing report detailed some recommend Memorial Day weekend fishing spots.

Our state's Free Fishing Day is June 4. No license is required that day for those fishing in public waters. At Goldwater Lake, some **monster Gila trout will be bending rods.**

See a schedule of all our upcoming fishing events.

Otherwise, be sure to check out our **summer trout stocking schedule.**

If you're hip to social media, search for #AZfishtracker for confirmed, up-to-date fish stockings. Or **follow me on Twitter at @NickFishAZ** as well as our **Fish AZ blog**, to get the first word on what's biting. Here's the latest tweet announcing this week's trout stockings:





#AZfishtracker: More trout stocking info. Also receiving some excellent trout reports for Lynx Lake--spnrs/PwrBt.

If you didn't hear, we're adjusting some trout stockings due to a few of Arizona's state and federal fish hatcheries having tested positive for Bacteria Kidney Disease. [Read more.](#)



Tiger trout

Wed.: Woods Canyon Lake, Willow Springs Lake.

Rainbow trout

Wed.: Show Low Creek; Tues.: Nelson Res.; Mon.: Chevelon Canyon Lake (fingerlings); Silver Creek, West Fork Little Colorado River-Greer; Canyon Creek; Sun.: Bunch Res., Tunnel Res.; River Res..

Catch of the week

Here's what's new with your fellow adventurers!



Photo by @jlpalmer11

Use #ADVENTURERENEWED for your chance to get featured on the Catch of the Week.

Latest news from the Fish AZ blog

One day fishing licenses are half-off: get yours before the holiday weekend

Your next outdoor adventure just got more affordable: through May 30, the Arizona

Game and Fish Department is offering half-price discounts on short-term fishing licenses. The license discount is only available online.

[Read more.](#)



"Roosevelt fishing enhancements continue: 40,000 bass stocked"

Florida-strain largemouth bass stockings continued at Roosevelt Lake on Tuesday, with a morning stocking of 40,000 fingerlings. [Read more.](#)

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Angler Reports

(Send reports and pictures to BFishing@AZGFD.gov)

Willow Springs Lake

Good day fishing at Willow Springs. All caught using No. 6 pistol petes. No tigers though.

Knoll Lake

Tom L.: Was back at Knoll Lake for my annual fishing trip there on May 20-22. It wasn't the best weekend of fishing I've had there but it certainly wasn't the worst either. Winds were probably 20-30 mph, sustained all weekend, with gusts pushing 45 mph. If we were able to get our lure out at least 30 feet we were able to get on the fish. We caught 24 rainbows over the weekend. We were catching them mostly on golden Z-Ray's and Super Duper's. However a few were caught on silver Super Duper's and silver Kastmasters. Couple people were catching them on PowerBait fished off the bottom but I didn't ask what color they were using and they didn't catch as many as those that were using lures.





Lynx Lake

Shane S.: Loaded the stringer today. Caught one just over 17 inches -- much larger than the rest. Wind was tough for boaters, and shore fishing was a better bet in protected coves. Could see fish in some of the coves swimming as the water was clear. We got a later start (7:30 a.m.) and fish were finicky but biting on some small spinners and PowerBait.

Scratched out a limit in about 3 hours for myself, and my buddy Jim also caught 4 of his own. Shout out to Game & Fish Officer "L. Wood" who stopped by to check our licenses and admire our catch. We swapped some good stories.

Saw him on the way out and he said everyone in the water near the bathrooms and boat ramp had at least one fish on

the stringer.

He also wanted to measure our "lunker" and said one other guy he checked had a 19-inch trout on his stringer.

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