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TIP OF THE WEEK

Lake Powell can be an angler's dream this time of year for striped bass, smallmouth bass, largemouth bass and walleye. With around 1,750 miles of shoreline, you can sometimes go days without seeing another angler ... unless you want to.



THE REEL DEAL

Striper fishing can be average to "gangbusters" at Lake Pleasant, Lake Mead, Lake Havasu, and the Colorado River below Davis Dam. Many anglers took advantage of the recent new moon to pull in some stripers at night under submersible lights. [See a recent Fish AZ blog article](#) about fishing boils -- the action should still be great at night.

Flathead catfish are also a good bet at Pleasant, where top-water action can also be a hot spot this time of the year.

The big bass hot spot in the state is Saguaro Lake. Try dropshot-rigged plastic worms just before sundown ...

Crappie fishing should be picking up at Alamo Lake. This time of the year, nighttime anglers can catch 20-30 crappie a night by the dam using crappie lights and jigging minnows.



Latest from the Fish AZ blog

"Fishing cool: Beating Arizona's sultry summers"

If you're the type of angler who likes sweat-soaked, year-round fishing opportunities in Arizona, here are a few simple tips to stay safe — and cool.

[Read more.](#)

"Saturday Striper Tips: Baits and Boils"

Since we're in the summer season, and top-water/boil action will become more common, I thought I'd share helpful tips with everybody. [Read more.](#)

Join our adventures! [Follow the blog](#) (and look for the 'FOLLOW THE BLOG' prompt in the upper-right side of the screen.) The Fish AZ blog is a collection of up-to-date fishing reports tailored to the novice, beginner and those who've never picked up a rod.

Catch of the week

Here's what's new with your fellow adventurers! Use #ADVENTURERENEWED for your chance to get featured on the Catch of the Week.



Angler Reports

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Lake Mead

Ray and Yoli P.: Finally figured out how to fish for nighttime stripers! Wife and I caught 160 nice fat keepers in a span of about 5 hours. Non-stop action and no sunburn!



Roper Lake

Tim S.: My friend and I had great success over the weekend of July 2-3 at Roper Lake. We were fishing with crankbaits in about 12 feet of water from a Jon boat. We caught 11 largemouth bass ranging from .75 pounds to this 4.1-pound hawg!

My friend Ryan caught a 2- inch beast on a black gizzard Strike King #5 that we call "Lucky Lure." The water is very murky and dark-colored crankbaits were producing the best bites.

Stocking report

Rainbow trout

Tuesday, July 5 -- Canyon Creek, Woods Canyon.

Monday, July 4 -- West Fork Little Colorado River-Greer, Silver Creek.

Friday, July 1 -- Silver Creek, East Fork Black River, Bear Canyon Lake, Long Tom Tank, Willow Springs Lake, Woods Canyon Lake.

Thursday, June 30 -- Woods Canyon Lake.

Wednesday, June 29 -- River Reservoir, Show Low Creek.

Tuesday, June 28 -- Bunch Reservoir, Tunnel Reservoir, River Reservoir, Rose Canyon Lake, Knoll Lake, Oak Creek,

Bluegill

Tuesday, July 5 -- Mesa Riverview Lake.

How do you get an AZ fishing license?

So you hate long lines. We agree: clicking is easier. Just head online and click away for a fishing license. Our licenses are valid 365 days from the date of purchase. [Get yours.](#)

Thank you, anglers!

Arizona fishing opportunities wouldn't be possible without the Sport Fish Restoration Program. It was created through the Dingell-Johnson Act of 1950 (Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Act) and the Wallop-Breaux amendments of 1984.

Through a federal excise tax paid by manufacturers on fishing gear and motorboat fuels, it provides grant funds for fishery conservation, boating access, and aquatic education.

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