

District News: 2014 Fishing Forecast

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The annual [Fishing Forecast](#), [Fishing Atlas](#) and [Fishing Regulations Summary](#) are now available for 2014 at ksoutdoors.com.

Channel Catfish should be good this year at Marion Reservoir, Marion County Lake, and Harvey County East and West lakes.

Crappie should be good at Marion Reservoir, Marion County Lake and Harvey County East Lake, and poor at Harvey County West Lake.

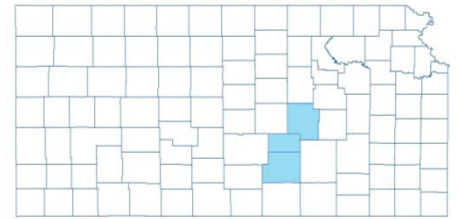
Bluegill fishing should be fair at Marion Reservoir and good to excellent at Marion County Lake and the Harvey County Lakes.

Largemouth Bass are poor at Marion Reservoir, good at Marion County Lake and Harvey County East and fair at Harvey County West.

Wiper are good to excellent at Marion Reservoir.

Walleye are good at Marion Reservoir.

Saugeye are fair at Marion County Lake and Harvey County East Lake.



Fishing Q&A

Q: What are the best online resources to get up-to-date fishing information?

A: Many agencies and anglers are turning to social media to stay in touch. The benefits of being able to post immediate and timely updates can sometimes make us forget that part of the fun in fishing is going for the sake of figuring it out on our own. While Facebook, Twitter and the Weekly Fishing Reports are great ways to find general information about stocking schedules and what's biting, depending too heavily on the internet or a "bad" fishing report might keep you from the catch of a lifetime!

KDWPT provides the annual [Fishing Forecast](#), which is a good place to start. From there, you can learn about fishing, hunting, boating and more on our [YouTube Channel](#). Seasonal updates and breaking news are posted on our [Twitter feed](#) and [Facebook page](#). Additionally, many of our wildlife areas and state parks now provide specific information via Facebook pages. Our newest page provides a lot of great information about the fisheries in Northeast Kansas, and I'm sure there will be more to come.

The bottom line – use the information for what it's worth, but don't depend entirely on technology. There's still excitement in just getting out there and experiencing it all for yourself without the filter of a computer screen. <'))><



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White Bass
(*Morone chrysops*)

Species Profile: White Bass

The white bass is a freshwater fish in the temperate bass family Moronidae (mo-ron'-i-de). This family of fish has small scales and long, sharp spines on their fins, and includes striped bass, wipers and white perch.

White bass are very active in the spring during their spawn, when schools of fish swim upstream in the upper ends of Kansas reservoirs. Once the young hatch, they grow very quickly – sometimes up to 8 inches in one year!

White bass usually don't live longer than about 3-4 years, so fast growth is a necessity to their survival.

White bass usually feed at the surface of the water on smaller fish (especially shad), crustaceans and insects. In Kansas, anglers have the best luck fishing for white bass during the spring spawn as they move upstream, or in the fall as the schools of fish are chasing after schools of shad. The best methods to catch white bass use a lure that mimics a small shad, but they can also be caught on a jig/worm combination. <'><

Hook, Line and Sinker: Kansas Critters

New publication will feature the “Wet and Wild” creatures of Kansas.

Kansas Critters: Wet and Wild is the fourth in a series of books published by the Great Plains Nature Center in Wichita featuring art and literature entries created by Kansas kids in grades K-8. The deadline for entries has passed, and the book is now in production!

This book will focus on 27 wetland critters found in Kansas, including: green-winged teal, plains minnow, channel catfish, diamondback water snake, common snapping turtle, bullfrog, maple leaf mussel, Graham’s crayfish snake, beaver, white-fronted goose, bluegill, Topeka shiner, great blue heron, painted turtle, plains leopard frog, floater mussel, Halloween pennant dragonfly, mink, mallard, orangethroat darter, largemouth bass, American avocet, red-eared slider, kingfisher, northern crayfish and black-crowned night heron.

Other books in the series have been *Kansas Critters: Bugs*, *Kansas Critters: Mammals* and *Kansas Critters: Birds*. This project is made possible by generous contributions from the Lattner Family Foundation, Cargill Cares, the Kansas Health Foundation and the Wichita Cultural Funding Committee.

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I hope you enjoyed this issue of the Marion District Newsletter. To subscribe to this newsletter, click [HERE](#). If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to send them in. To reach me by email, click [HERE](#).

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