
**GO FISH!
(W.VA. DNR)**

Monongahela River

Water levels have returned to normal but ice cover may limit fishing opportunities except for tailwater areas. Saugers and walleyes usually begin feeding at dusk in the tailwaters but will be active during the day when the water is turbid. The Westover side of the river below the Morgantown lock can be productive during high water conditions. Jigs with minnows are always good baits but 3-inch plastic grubs will also be productive. Muskies can be caught by trolling large crank baits.

Cheat Lake

The winter boat ramp at the Cheat Lake Park is open for reliable boat access when there is no ice cover. Cheat Lake has an excellent channel catfish population and they can be caught throughout the winter at the park. Ice fishing is not safe because of fluctuating water levels. Surprise your friends with a winter channel catfish fry when the ice melts. Keep track of the lake elevation and predicted daily changes in elevation at cheatlaketoday.com.

Tygart Lake

The lake is about 50 feet below the summer level, ice covered and unsafe for fishing. Call the Corps of Engineers hotline at 304-265-5953 for the lake elevation and tailwater conditions. The tailwater temperature is 34 degrees. There are trout and walleye in the tailwater for hardy anglers.

Stonewall Jackson

The lake is at winter pool and milky. For bass, try shallow water and around structure. Crappie are in deeper water. Try trolling with minnows and around bridges in 15 feet of water. A few

musky have been caught this week trolling. Before heading to the lake, contact the Corps of Engineers, at 304-269-7463.

Stonecoal Lake

The lake is 5 feet below summer pool and clear. A few trout have been caught this past week on powerbait. Bass and panfish are also being caught in and around structure. A few catfish are also being caught in the evenings. Crappie have moved up and are being caught on minnows and jigs.

