

**REND LAKE FISHING REPORT****May 24, 2018**

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**MAIN LAKE AND TRIBUTARIES**

| SPECIES         | RATING    | BAIT OF CHOICE  | SUGGESTED LOCATIONS   | REGULATIONS  |
|-----------------|-----------|---|---|--|
| LARGEMOUTH BASS | Good      | Minnows, spinner baits, worms, and black and blue jigs, soft plastics.                      | Reports of fish being caught around Waltonville and Bonnie near the wildlife refuge, and below the dam. Fish in shallow bays near brush cover and bushes. Fish around bridges and along the rocks.  | 14" minimum length limit, 6 daily creel limit.<br>1 fish daily creel limit in <b>PONDS</b> 14" minimum length. |
| CRAPPIE         | Fair      | Small & medium minnows on Slip-Corks (1-3 ft. deep). Quarter-ounce pink and white tub jigs. | Still Shallow! (2-5 ft.) Fish attractors! From shore, fish near structures, hot spots are Jackie Branch, Sandusky (Lay-downs), Sailboat Harbor, North and South Marcum (in the Buck Brush), and Ina Boat Ramp. Set your hook about half of water depth. Bigger fish are staying tight to cover. | 25 fish daily creel limit with no more than <b>10</b> fish <b>10 inches</b> or longer                          |
| BLUEGILL        | Good      | Small jigs, worms, meal worms, wax worms, crickets.   | From shore try Sailboat Harbor and Mine 21 Road. Fish shallow with crickets, worms or small jigs. Set bait at half of water depth. Fish in the back of necks and on flat shallow banks and on the rocks.  | 10 fish daily creel limit in <b>PONDS</b> .  |
| CHANNEL CATFISH | Excellent | Large minnows, leeches, cut shad, shrimp, dip bait, night crawlers, and Sonny's stink bait. | Try leeches in moving water. Drift fish the flats. Set line 3-4' from the shore over rocks and in shallow bays. Try Turnip Patch, and N Sandusky day-use area. All creeks and middle-back of coves.   | 6 fish daily creel limit in <b>PONDS</b> .<br>Jugs must be attended at all times while fishing.                |
| WHITE BASS      | Fair      | In-line spinners, jig and curly tail grubs.   | Reports of fish being caught around the 154 bridges. Fish around along the rocks and drop-offs. Fish in shallow bays near brush cover and bushes.   | 20 fish creel limit.<br>No more than 3 fish 17" or longer daily  |

Information as of: 05/24/2018

LAKE LEVEL: 408.16 AVERAGE POOL FOR THIS DATE: 408.62 WATER TEMP: 81°F

Use of a minnow seine, cast net, or shad scoop for bait collecting within 1000 yards downstream of the Rend Lake dam and spillway is prohibited. Maps of the Fish Attractor tree locations along with GPS locations are available at the Rend Lake Corps of Engineers Project Office or online at [www.enjoyrend.com](http://www.enjoyrend.com). Contact Mark Cazier for more information at (618) 724-2493.