2019

Holmes is almost ice free. Most of the pond is open water with plenty of fishing

area. The water clarity is also fantastic. However, since it has been a while since

it has been stocked there seems to be little to no fish in the pond. I would recommend

waiting until it is stocked again before heading back out. **(Report from: 3/20/19)**

The pond is ice free. Fish are starting to come up to the surface to feed, but

it is still a little early for a good bite to get going. Fishing with small spoons

might get you a bite along with fishing on the bottom. All in all, the fishing is

still slow, but it is improving with the warmer temperatures. **(Report from: 3/25/19)**

The fishing is getting fast after the recent stocking. Most fishing methods

will catch fish. We found that fishing with a small red and white Kamlooper worked

very well for fish on the surface. If you are fly fishing you will need to get your

fly out a long way, or get in pontoon boat to be successful. We also saw other

people catch stuff bottom fishing. All around the fishing is great. **(Report from: 4/1/19)**

After a recent stocking of another 1,700 fish the fishing is getting really

good. Fishing with spoons is what we found to be the best option. Try using spoons

like Kamloopers or Pot-O-Golds. The best colors are red, white, and gold. The fishing

is best in the morning and early afternoon before it dies off in the middle of the

day. **(Report from: 4/13/19)**

Fishing is still slow. However, there is a lot of surface activity from small

Bluegill and Bass in close while the trout tend to mostly be farther out, but a

few will sometimes come in close. Water clearly is not very good right now, but

we hope it will get better in the coming weeks. **(Report from: 9/19/19)**

2020

While there is a fair amount of fish in the lake that are in close and hitting

the surface, the fishing is still a little slow. Spinners and spoons are quite

doing good yet, and tube jigs are also not performing well either. The only success

that we had was fishing with woolly bugger flies. We also some other people catch

a few fish off the bottom using worms. But mainly for right now it seems as if the

fishing is still slow. **(Report from: 3/26/20)**

Fishing is still extremely slow even through there is at times a lot of fish

surfacing near the shore. The only spinner that worked for us was a #2 sliver and

green Bluefox. We also got one hit on a fly, but beyond that there was nothing. **(Report from: 4/3/20)**

Fishing is still fairly slow. While there are still fish jumping near shore,

spinners and spoons still don't work that well. The only spinner that got hit for

us was a red Jake. Another method that worked was fishing on the bottom with a

small piece of rainbow powerbait with about a 1-foot leader. **(Report from: 4/19/20)**

Water clarity is okay right now, and the fishing is hit and miss. Spoons and

spinners are the best option. The best spinner is a sliver and green #2 Bluefox,

but green Jake's will also sometimes work. The best spoon is a red and white junior

Kamlooper, but fire tiger Daredevls and red Thunderbolt's will also work but they

are a little big for the fish, so you might get some hits but have a hard time

hooking up. **(Report from: 9/30/20)**

2021

Water clarity is pretty good and the water temperature is cold as well. Fishing

is slow right now, but because there was a recent stocking, we are hoping that the

fishing will get better once the water warms up a little more. The best lures for

us were a red, white, and gold junior Kamlooper and a #2 silver and green Bluefox.

We also had some bites and follows on a lil green Jake and some small tube jigs.

We also tried flies, but with no success. **(Report From: 3/31/21)**

The water temperature has increased and because of that the fishing is hot.

Spoons are the best way to go because most of the fish are still a ways offshore,

so having a little extra casting distance is key. The spoon that dominated everything

else that we used was a red, white, and gold junior Kamlooper. You may have to try

varying your retrieve speed to get them to bite. Sometimes they like it moving

faster and sometimes they like it moving slower. The fish are also heavily schooled

up right now, so if you catch a fish in one area, keep casting in that same area

until the school moves on. Then try casting in slightly different areas to try to

find that same school or a different school. Just always keep in mind that the

schools are constantly moving around. **(Report From: 4/9/21)**

Fishing is still good with spoons. However, because the water is starting to

warm up, the fish are starting to move farther offshore into deeper water. This

means that you have to use bigger spoons to get out farther to them. The best spoon

right now, is a fire tiger Daredevl. Sometimes a junior red, white, and gold Kamlooper

will work as well, but it doesn't get out as far as the Daredevl so it sometimes

struggles to get bites. **(Report From: 4/20/21)**

Fishing is still pretty good with spoons. Most of the fish are still pretty

far offshore so using larger spoons remains the way to go. The best spoon right

now seems to be a fire tiger Daredevl, and a junior red, white, and gold Kamlooper

will also still work but not as well because it can't cast as far out as the Daredevl. **(Report From: 4/28/21)**

The water level is very low, but the clarity is pretty good. Fishing is also

good right now with spoons. Bigger spoons seem to be working better at the moment,

the best spoon for us was a fire tiger Daredevl, but standard size yellow and gold

Kamloopers also worked. Most of the fish are still quite a ways out, so having

a bigger spoon is also good for distance. When fishing with the spoons, it seems

to be best to let the spoon sink all the way to the bottom before retrieving, and

sometimes the fish will hit right after it comes off the bottom. Most of the fish

a very small 5-8". **(Report From: 9/20/21)**

The water level has dropped a little more, but the clarity remains pretty good.

Fishing has slowed a little because of the warmer temperatures recently, and

most of the fish are quite a ways off shore, but are still within casting range of

larger spoons. The best spoons right now are yellow and gold standard size Kamloopers

and fire tiger Daredevls. It is best to let your spoon sink to the bottom before

retrieving because the fish are also close to the bottom where it is cooler as

well. Most of the time the fish will hit right after you start retrieving the

spoon off the bottom. **(Report From: 9/27/21)**

The water level has come up some and the clarity has dropped too. However,

fishing is still okay. Most of the fish are on or near the bottom now most of the

time, so bottom fishing with bait or bottom bouncing jigs are what will work best.

For bottom fishing, worm and a marshmallow on about a 1 to 1.5' leader is the best,

and for jigs, a small white beetle jig tipped with a pink maggot is the way to go.

The fish are not very far out right now, so you don't need to cast bottom gear

out very far to have success. **(Report From: 11/3/21)**