

Fishing Lures:

There are literally thousands of lures and colors to pick from, all of which will catch fish from time to time. There are no magic lures but some have passed the test of time as reliable baits that catch fish. You don't need a lot of baits just some basic ones that you learn to fish well.

Minnow type like Rapala's floating, topwater, countdown and X-Rap suspending baits work well. Floaters & topwater are used more in the early morning or late evening. Crank baits like KVD 1.5 & 2.5, Rapala's Shad Rap, DT series and Excalibur Fat Free Shad are good baits that run true. Crankbaits are designed to run at different depths and it pays to have some shallow, medium and deep runners to get to the fish zone as fish move to deeper waters. Colors that have worked on these type baits are shad or natural color and different shades of green.

Plastic worms, grubs and tube baits used with 1/8 and 1/4 ounce jig heads are effective baits for finicky bass. Jig heads with a silver spinner like the Road Runners used with a fluke give a little more flash and seem to help the bite. White and green tubes can work well.

Worm fishing is probably the most popular technique used on Keowee but also more difficult to master. Strikes are difficult to detect at times and it takes patients to fish this way as the baits are moved very slowly across the lake bottom. Either Carolina or Texas rigged worms are used. Worm colors vary, but natural, chartreuse or green seems to work well. Weights from 1/4 ounce to 3/4 ounce are used depending on the depth to be fished.

Remember that all lures don't work all the time. It pays to master different lure techniques / presentations and give the bass what they want. Finding them is the more difficult task.