



Lake Tangipahoa 2017 REEL FACTS

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General Information: Lake Tangipahoa is a 490 acre State Park Lake fed by the Tangipahoa River. It was opened in 1939. The lake was drained in 2012 as a result of damage from Hurricane Isaac. Dam repairs were completed in 2014, and reopened to fishing in 2016.

Location: Within Percy Quin State Park six miles south of McComb, MS

Fishery Management: Largemouth Bass, bream, crappie, and catfish

Lake Depth Map: http://www.mdwfp.com/media/358764/lake_tangipahoa_depth_oct_2016.pdf

Purchase a Fishing License: <http://www.mdwfp.com/license/fishing-license.aspx>

Amenities

- 1 boat ramp with courtesy pier, parking lot, fish cleaning station, and public restroom
- Marina and 3 handicapped fishing piers
- 100 camp sites with water/electric hookups, 27 cabins, 4 cottages, 9 motel rooms, and 2 golf villas
- 18 hole golf course
- Playground, 4 pavilions, and 5 tennis courts

Creel and Size Limits

- Bream: 50 per day
- Catfish: 10 per day
- Crappie: 20 per day
- Largemouth Bass: Slot limit, bass 16 - 22 inches in length must be released, 7 bass per day creel limit, only one may be over 22 inches in length

Regulations

- Rod and reel or pole fishing is allowed. No trotlines, FFFD's, jugs, yo-yo's, limblines, throwlines, or set hooks are allowed.
- Sport fishing licenses and fishing permits are required except on designated days during National Fishing and Boating Week.
- Lake is designated as No Wake around the marina and levee.

Forage Species

- Gizzard Shad
- Threadfin Shad
- Golden Shiners
- Spotted Suckers
- Sharpfin Chubsuckers
- Creek Chubsuckers
- Crawfish

Fishing Tips

Bream

- Try crickets, red wigglers, and wax worms in shallow areas during late spring and summer.

Catfish

- Try tightlining liver or blood scented bait along the creek channel and levee.

Crappie

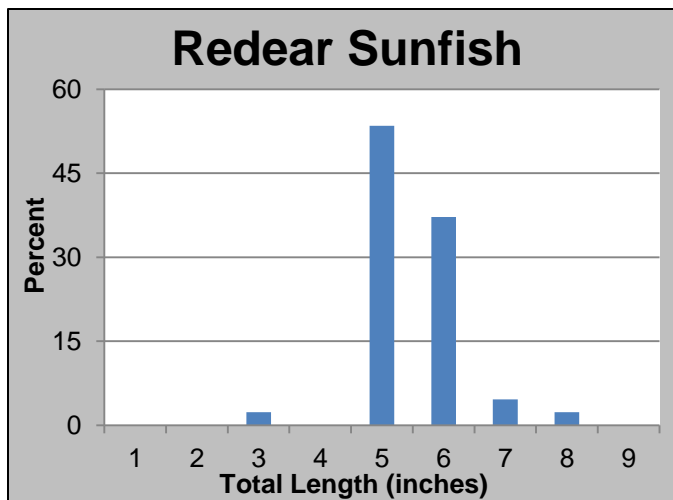
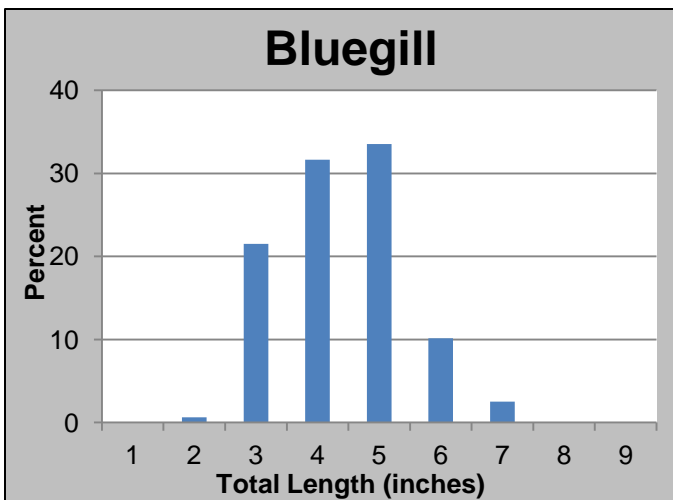
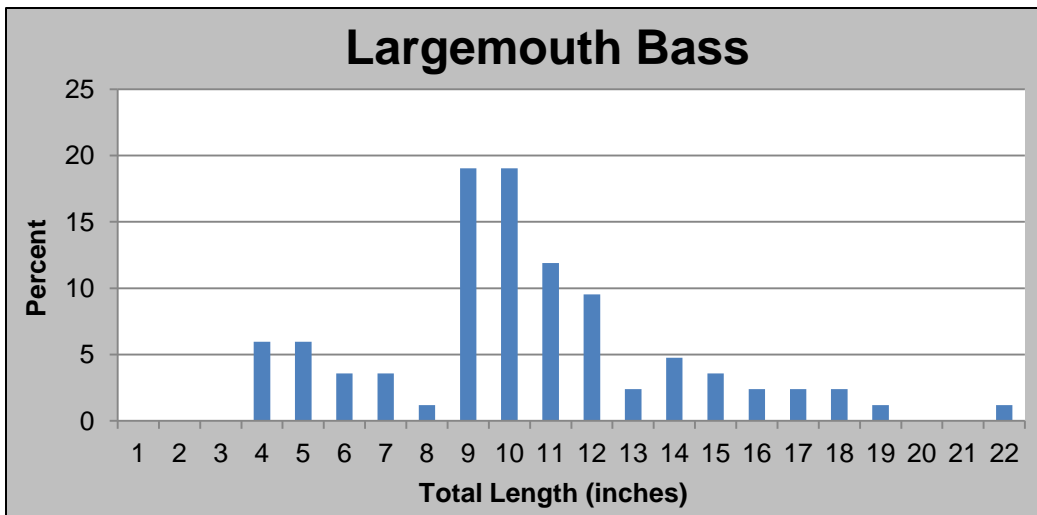
- Target brush and willow trees along the creek channel with jigs and minnows. The marina is another good spot to try.

Largemouth Bass

- Target willow trees with junebug or green pumpkin colored soft plastics. Shad colored chatterbaits and spinnerbaits are good choices around emergent vegetation. The river can be a good area after rain events.

Below: Results from the 2016 fall electrofishing survey conducted at Lake Tangipahoa. The lake supports a diverse fish assemblage, due to the Tangipahoa River. This provides a strong forage base for sport fish such as Largemouth Bass, Spotted Bass, Black Crappie, White Crappie, and Chain Pickerel.

| Species | # of fish collected | % of sample | Average Length (inches) | Maximum Length (inches) | Average Weight (pounds) | Catch Rate – Adult fish (fish/mile) |
|---------------------|---------------------|-------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Bluegill | 158 | 39.8 | 4.8 | 7.8 | 0.1 | 55.9 |
| Largemouth Bass | 84 | 21.2 | 10.8 | 22.9 | 1.0 | 24.4 |
| Gizzard Shad | 66 | 16.7 | 10.0 | 14.6 | - | 23.7 |
| Redear Sunfish | 43 | 10.8 | 6.0 | 8.5 | 0.1 | 15.4 |
| Chain Pickerel | 20 | 5.0 | 14.2 | 25.4 | 1.1 | 6.1 |
| Brown Bullhead | 7 | 1.8 | 9.1 | 11.0 | - | 2.5 |
| Sharpfin Chubsucker | 5 | 1.3 | 11.2 | 14.4 | - | - |
| Spotted Sucker | 3 | 0.8 | 14.4 | 14.8 | - | - |
| Channel Catfish | 3 | 0.8 | 16.4 | 17.9 | 1.2 | 1.1 |
| Warmouth | 2 | 0.5 | 5.6 | 5.9 | 0.1 | 0.7 |
| Black Crappie | 1 | 0.2 | 11.4 | 11.4 | 0.8 | 0.4 |
| White Crappie | 1 | 0.2 | 12.2 | 12.2 | 0.8 | 0.4 |
| Black Bullhead | 1 | 0.2 | 6.3 | 6.3 | - | 0.4 |
| Yellow Bullhead | 1 | 0.2 | 10.3 | 10.3 | - | 0.4 |
| Longear Sunfish | 1 | 0.2 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 0.1 | 0.4 |
| Creek Chubsucker | 1 | 0.2 | 14.8 | 14.8 | - | - |

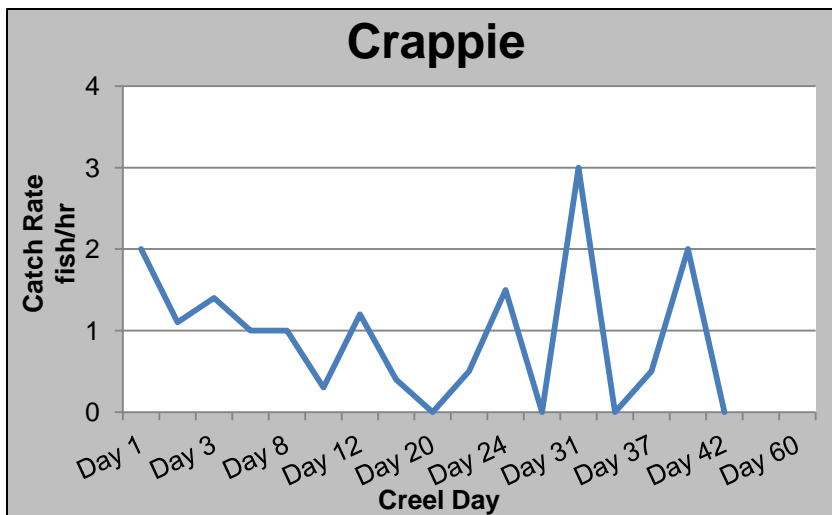
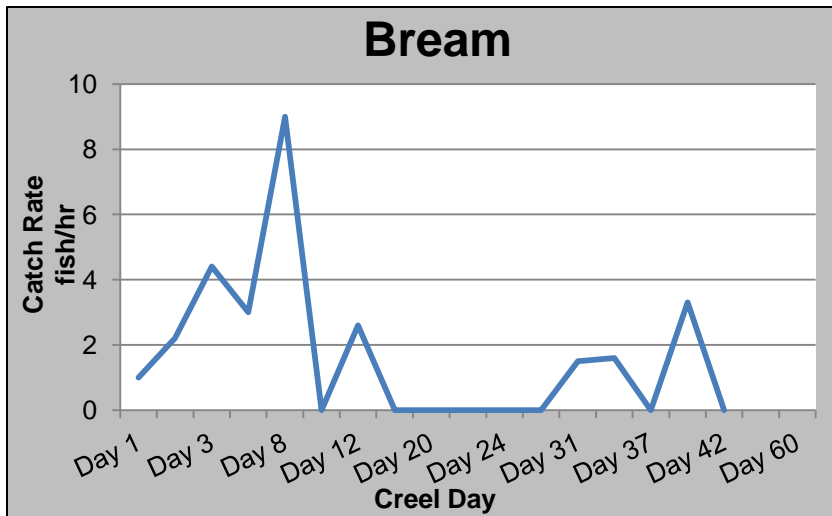
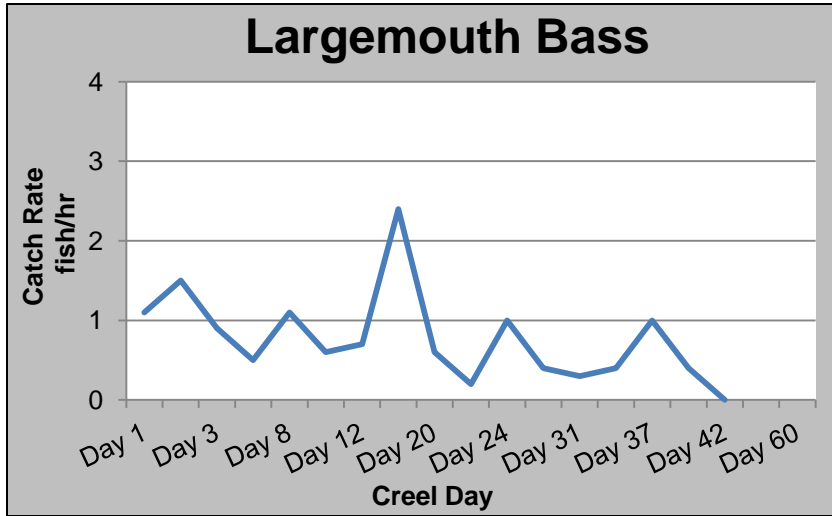


Above: Length distributions for Largemouth Bass, Bluegill, and Redear Sunfish collected during 2016 fall electrofishing.



Above: Lake Tangipahoa already harbors Largemouth Bass over the 16 to 22 inch slot limit. The lake also has one of the best Chain Pickerel populations in the state.

Below Left: Angler catch rates for Largemouth Bass, bream, and crappie based on creel data since lake reopening. There has been a gradual decline in the bass catch rate since reopening. Catch rates for bream and crappie have been more variable, but still show a decline. This is a common occurrence after a lake reopens to fishing.



Above: Young anglers had a great deal of success during the Youth Day on September 17th catching a variety of fish species.