



# Alligator Lake 2017 REEL FACTS

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**General Information:** Alligator Lake is a 16 acre oxbow lake located at Leroy Percy State Park.

**Location:** Leroy Percy State Park is located 5 miles west of Hollandale off Mississippi Highway 12 in Washington County.

**Fishery Management:** Catfish, bream, Largemouth Bass, and Magnolia Crappie

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

**Leroy Percy State Park Web link:** <http://www.mdwfp.com/parks-destinations/ms-state-parks/leroy-percy.aspx>

## Creel Limits

- 10 catfish per day
- 5 Largemouth Bass per day
- 30 crappie per day
- 100 bream per day.

## Lake and Park Amenities

- Public boat ramp
- Fishing pier
- Cabins
- Primitive and developed camping facilities
- Nature trails
- Playground and picnic area
- Disc golf course
- Wildlife management area

## Fun Fact

Leroy Percy State Park was built in 1930's and is the oldest state park in Mississippi.

## Fish Stockings

2016  
Channel Catfish  
2,400

2015  
Blue Catfish  
300

2013  
Blue Catfish  
18,500  
Bluegill Sunfish  
5,100

2012  
White Crappie  
2,500

2011  
Magnolia Crappie  
2,500

## Sportfishing Tips

### Largemouth Bass

- Target brush piles, submerged structure, and cypress knees with spinner baits or soft plastics.

### Catfish

- Fish on the bottom along the southern shoreline with nightcrawlers, chicken liver, or stink bait.

### Crappie

- In the spring use minnows or brightly colored jigs near piers and structure along the banks.

### Bream

- Target similar areas as spring crappie with crickets or red worms, especially during late spring and summer.

**Below:** Results from the 2015 electrofishing survey on Alligator Lake. Alligator Lake is sampled in the fall every 2-3 years. Catch rates for Largemouth Bass and crappie dropped in 2015, but average weights for bass and crappie increased slightly from previous electrofishing surveys. Catch rates for bream had increased, but average weights of fish was below average for Delta oxbows. Rough fish comprised 24% of the total catch by number in 2015.

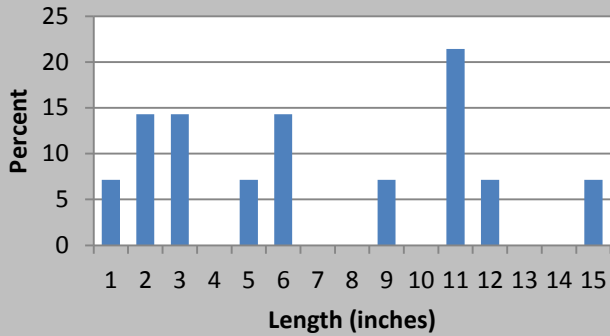
Species	# of fish collected	% of sample	Average Length (inches)	Maximum Length (inches)	Average Weight (pounds)	Catch Rate Adult fish (fish/mile)
Bluegill Sunfish	88	48	3.8	7.0	0.1	80
Buffalo	28	15	12.1	19.6		23
Channel Catfish	18	10	11.1	16.1	0.5	11
Largemouth Bass	14	8	9.4	17.5	1.2	10
Crappie	12	7	9.4	12.8	0.6	14
Longear Sunfish	8	4	3.6	4.2		9
Yellow Bullhead	6	3	11.1	13.4		8
Bowfin	3	2	18.6	22.6		1
Freshwater Drum	3	2	18.2	18.3		3
Spotted Gar	1	>1	21.3	21.3		1
Green Sunfish	1	>1	3.9	3.9		1
Warmouth	1	>1	5.0	5.0		2

**Right:** The fishing pier at Alligator Lake makes for good access without having to bring a boat.

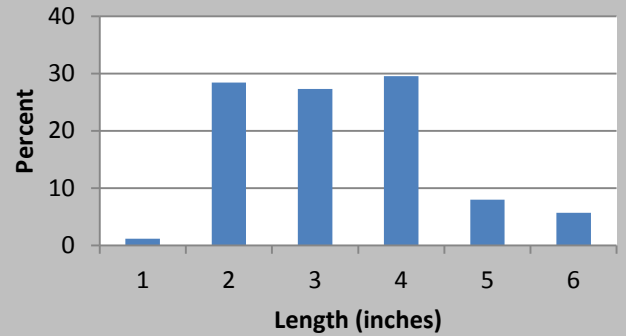


**Below:** Length distributions for sport fish and catfish from the 2015 electrofishing survey at Alligator Lake.

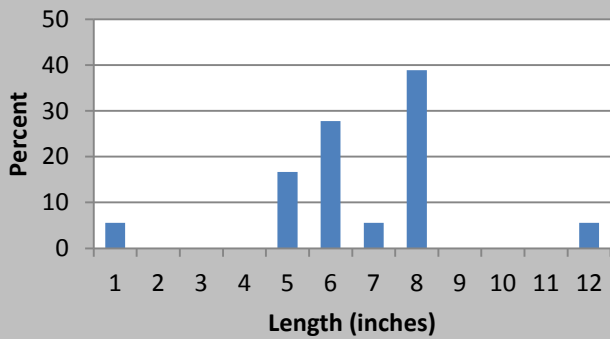
### Largemouth Bass



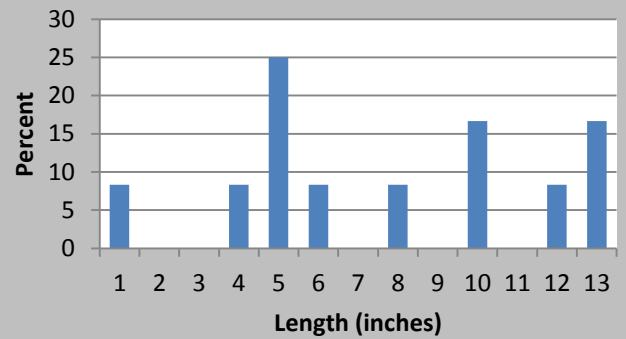
### Bluegill



### Catfish



### Crappie



**Left:** A view from the banks of Alligator Lake showing the cypress trees that line the shoreline. The cypress knees provide great fish habitat and are good locations to fish around. Alligator Lake gets its name from the resident alligators that are often seen basking on logs or swimming in the lake.





**Above:** An alligator at Leroy Percy State Park.

**Below:** Depth map for Alligator Lake (also known as Brushy Lake).

