



Charlie Capps Lake 2017 REEL FACTS

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General Information: Charlie Capps WMA Lake is a 40 acre impoundment located on Charlie Capps Wildlife Management Area. The lake was drained in 2005 then re-stocked in 2010 and opened in 2013.

Location: Off Highway 8 in Bolivar County, 5 miles east of Rosedale and 15 miles west of Cleveland.

Fishery Management: Largemouth Bass, bream, Magnolia Crappie, and catfish.

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

Amenities

- 2 fishing piers
- Small primitive boat launch

Regulations

- All anglers except those exempt from purchasing a fishing license must have a WMA user permit.
- Only bank fishing and non-motorized boats may be used (*trolling motors are legal*).
- Lake open daily from February 15 – October 31 each year.

Creel Limits

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

Fish Stockings

2016

Channel Catfish
3,200

2015

Grass Carp
250

2014

Magnolia Crappie
2,500

Grass Carp
275

Redear Sunfish
2,500

2013

Magnolia Crappie
2,500

Redear Sunfish
2,500

2011

Magnolia Crappie
2,500

Largemouth Bass
2,000

Redear Sunfish
4,000

Sportfishing Tips

Largemouth Bass

- Target submerged structure along shoreline during the spring.
- During the summer and fall look for fish in deeper water along the dam or off from the earthen piers.

Bream

- Use crickets or red worms near the piers or in shallow water along the northern and eastern shorelines.
- Bream fishing usually best from early summer through the fall.

Crappie

- Jig around submerged structure in deeper areas of the lake, including by the drainage pipe.

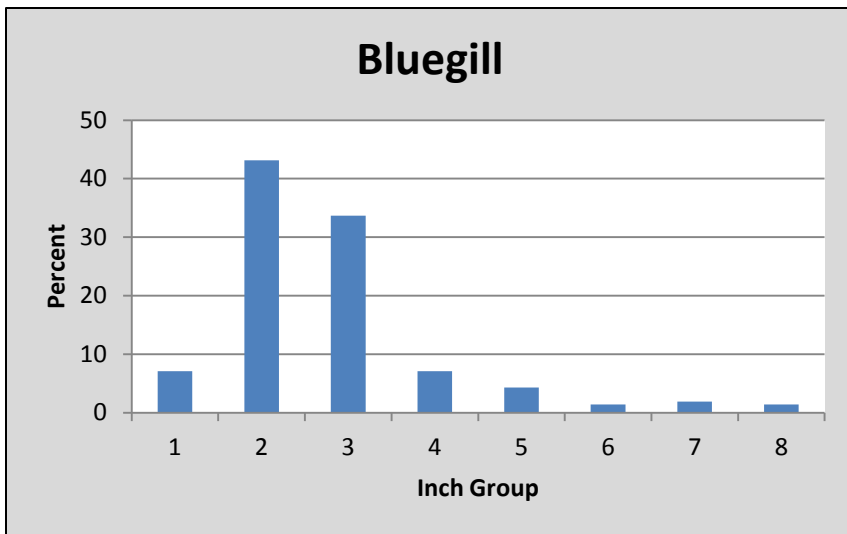
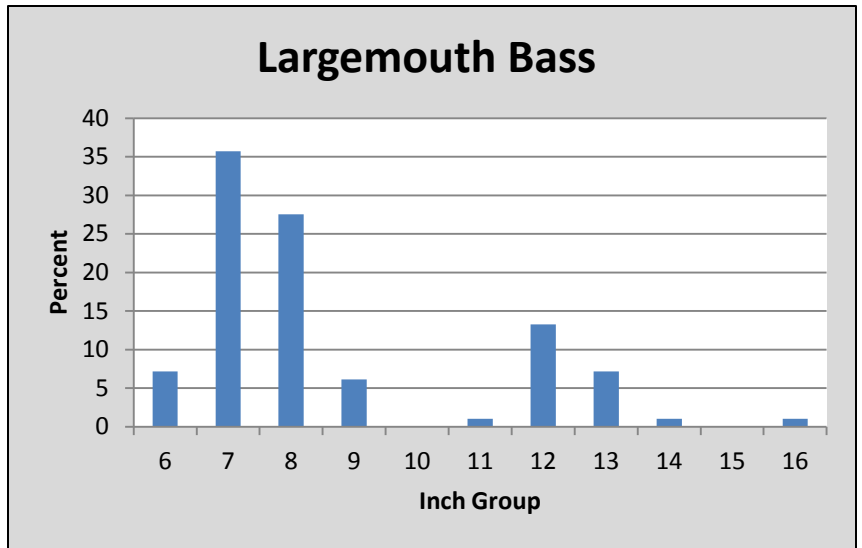
Below: Results from the 2016 electrofishing survey on Charlie Capps WMA Lake. This lake is sampled by electrofishing every 1 to 2 years during the fall. Catch rates of adult Largemouth Bass continue to increase annually. Catch rates of bream were much higher in 2016 compared to 2015. Redear Sunfish catch rates also increased from the previous year.

Species	# of fish collected	% of sample	Average Length (inches)	Maximum Length (inches)	Average Weight (pounds)	Catch Rate – Adult fish (fish/mile)
Bluegill Sunfish	211	50.4	3.2	8.7	0.3	162.6
Largemouth Bass	98	23.4	9.2	16.9	0.6	109.2
Redear Sunfish	86	20.5	4	8.5	0.5	83.4
Green Sunfish	14	3.3	4.6	7.2	0.2	19.7
Magnolia Crappie	5	1.2	7.2	8	0.2	8.7
Warmouth	3	0.7	3.7	4.1		4.9
Golden Shiner	2	0.5	4.9	5		0

Below: Photograph of Charlie Capps WMA Lake.

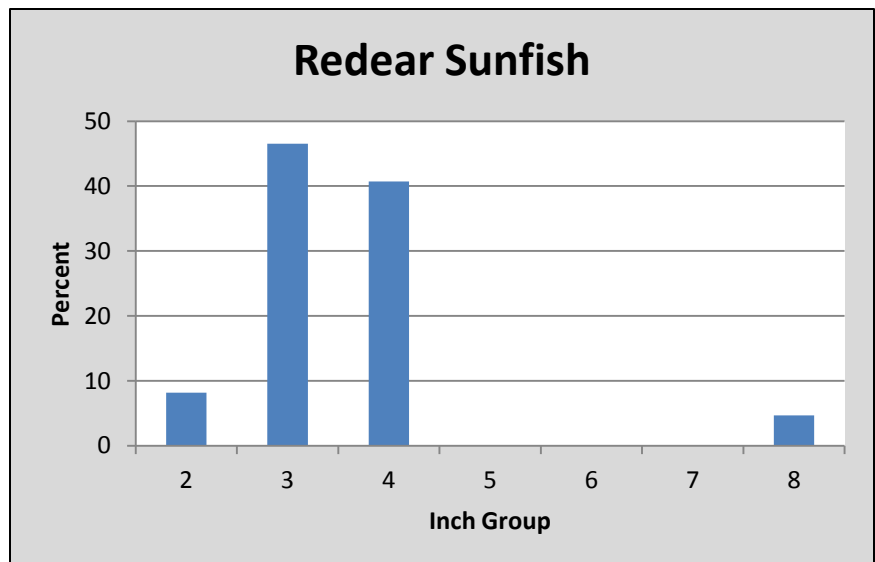


Right: Largemouth Bass length distribution for Charlie Capps WMA Lake from the 2016 electrofishing survey. The large number of 7 & 8 inch fish indicate a very strong spawn in the spring of 2016. The average size of bass was relatively low at 9 inches and 0.6 lbs.



Left: Bluegill length distribution for Charlie Capps WMA Lake from the 2016 electrofishing survey. Good reproduction is evident, and most adult fish are catchable size with some over 8.5 inches long.

Right: Redear Sunfish length distribution for Charlie Capps WMA Lake from 2016 electrofishing survey. The majority of these fish were between 3 and 4 inches and the largest Redear Sunfish was 8.5 inches.



Right: Bluegill are the most sought after species by anglers fishing at Charlie Capps WMA Lake. Redear Sunfish, Green Sunfish, Largemouth Bass, and Magnolia Crappie are also present in the lake.



Below: Depth map for Lake Charlie Capps.

