



# Lake Bogue Homa 2017 REEL FACTS

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**General Information:** Lake Bogue Homa, at 882 acres, is the largest state fishing lake managed by MDWFP. It is a popular destination for bass tournaments and for recreational anglers.

**Location:** Lake Bogue Homa is located in Jones County, 6 mi. E of Laurel on Hwy 84.

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

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

**Depth Map:** [https://www.mdwfp.com/media/4618/lake\\_bogue\\_homa.pdf](https://www.mdwfp.com/media/4618/lake_bogue_homa.pdf)

## Amenities

- Three handicapped access fishing piers
- Two boat ramps
- Skiing allowed daily from noon to sunset
- Restrooms
- Two camping pads with electrical/water hook up
- Pavilion
- Picnic areas with grills

## Creel and Size Limits

- Black bass: 5 per person per day; all bass 15 inches and smaller must be released
- Catfish: 10 per person per day
- Bream: 100 per person per day
- Crappie: 30 per person per day
- Statewide creel limits apply to all other species

## Regulations

- Only rod and reel or pole fishing is allowed on State Fishing Lakes except that carp, gar, buffalo, and bowfin may be taken by use of bow and arrow at night only after purchasing a valid permit for fishing and/or boating. No other gear is allowed at these lakes.
- Fishing is not allowed from courtesy piers adjacent to boat ramps. Night fishing is allowed from the bank or boats which are in compliance with state and coast guard regulations.
- Fishing licenses and permits may be purchased in the lake office
- Contact the lake office at (601) 425-2148

## Fishing Tips

### Crappie

Target shallow structure in coves along the shoreline during the spring.

### Largemouth Bass

Fish any areas with heavy cover or structure (such as sunken logs) below the water surface.

### Catfish

Use a pungent bait such as liver to attract catfish.

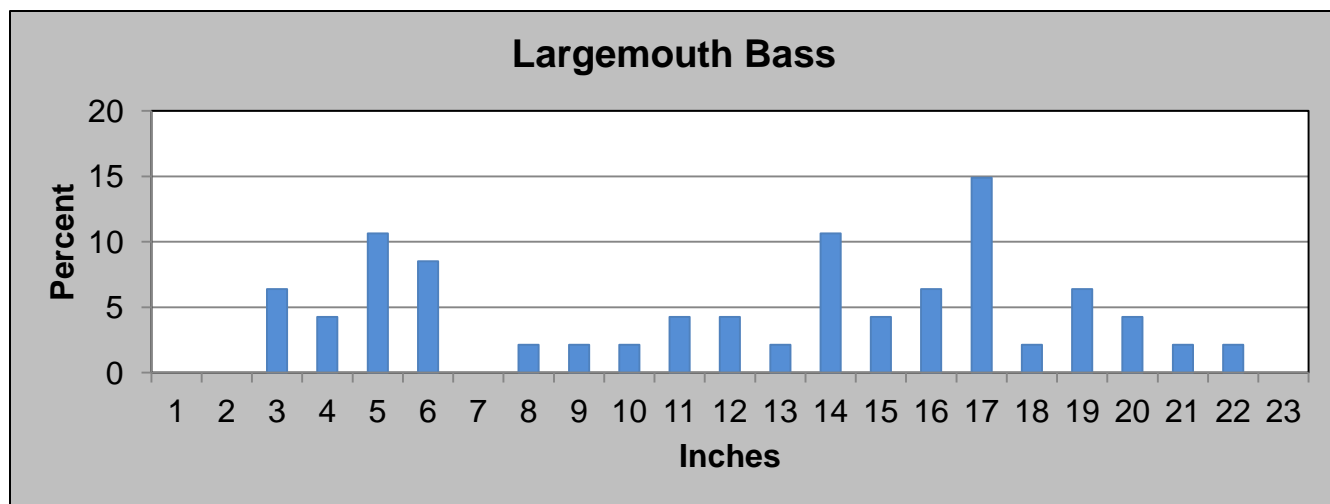
### Bream

For Redear Sunfish and Bluegill fish areas along the bank with underwater vegetation.

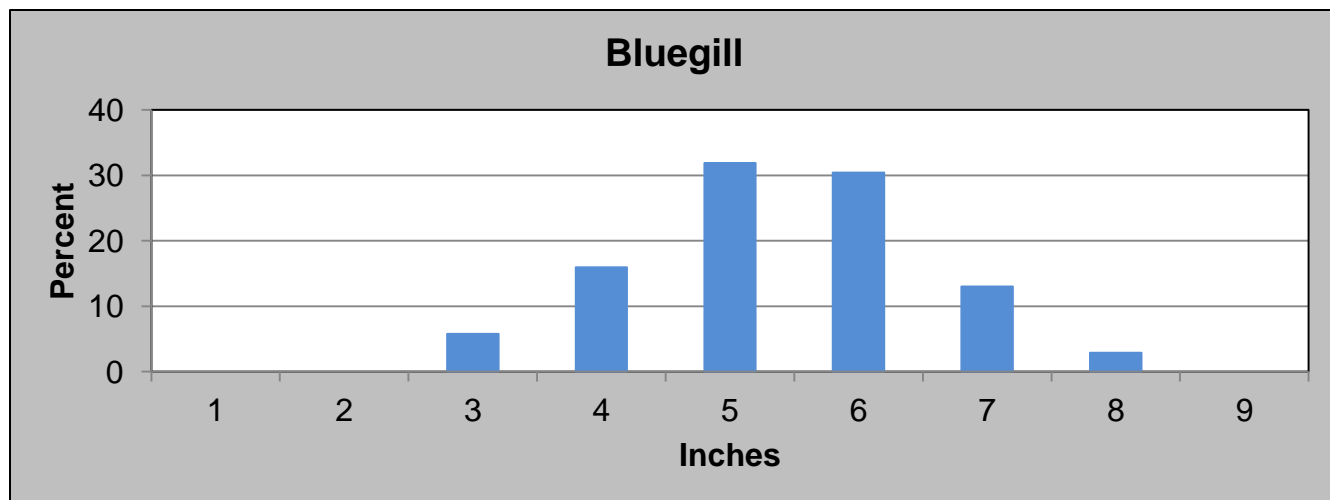
**Below:** Results from the 2016 fall electrofishing survey conducted on Lake Bogue Homa.

Species	Number	% of sample	Average Length (inches)	Maximum Length (inches)	Catch Rate – Adult fish (fish/mile)
Bullhead Catfish	1	0.6	18.2	18.2	0
Warmouth	1	0.6	7.1	7.1	1
Bluegill	69	39.2	4.9	7.4	64
Longear Sunfish	1	0.6	3.9	3.9	1
Redear Sunfish	30	17.0	6.6	9.0	29
Largemouth Bass	47	26.7	11.8	21.1	32
White Crappie	8	4.5	9.1	16.2	7
Black Crappie	19	10.8	7.7	12.9	16

**Below:** Length distribution of Largemouth Bass collected during fall 2016 electrofishing.



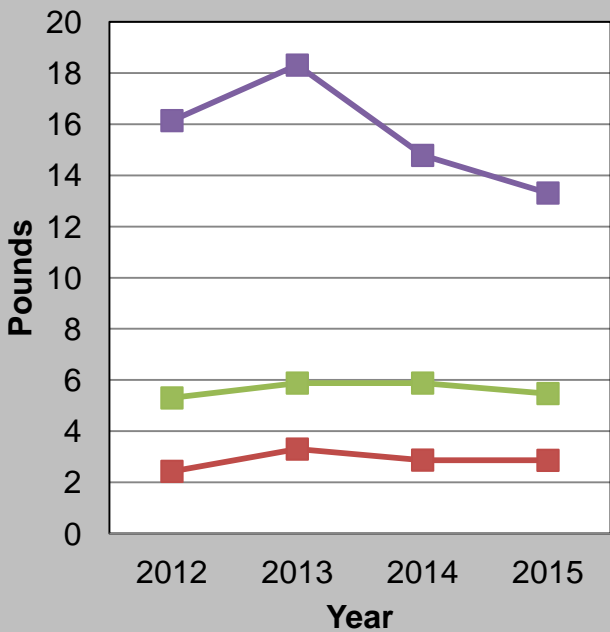
**Below:** Length distribution of Bluegill collected during fall 2016 electrofishing.





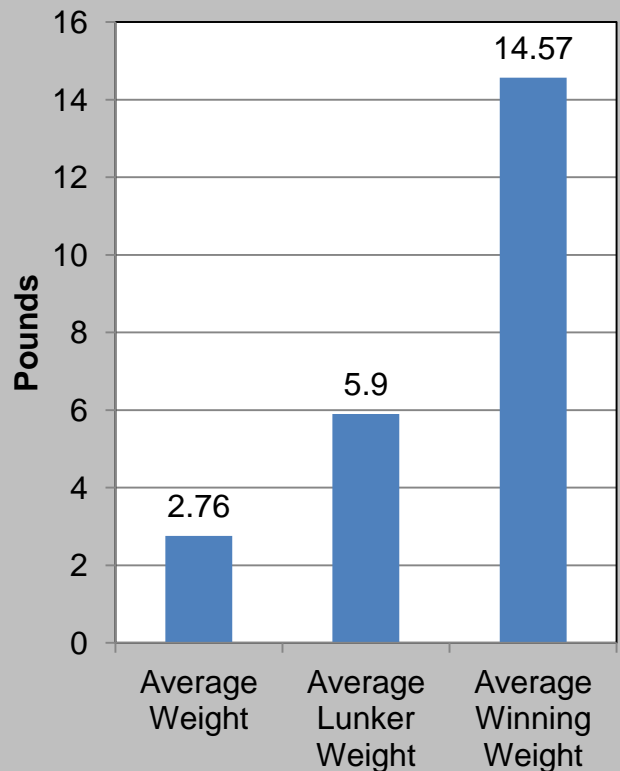
**Below:** Lake Bogue Homa is a popular destination for bass tournaments. The graph on the left shows the average weight of individual bass caught, the average weight of the lunker bass and the average 1<sup>st</sup> place weight of the tournaments since 2012. In 2015, over 1,100 anglers competed in over 20 tournaments throughout the year. The graph on the right summarizes data from 2015 tournaments.

### Bass Tournament Data



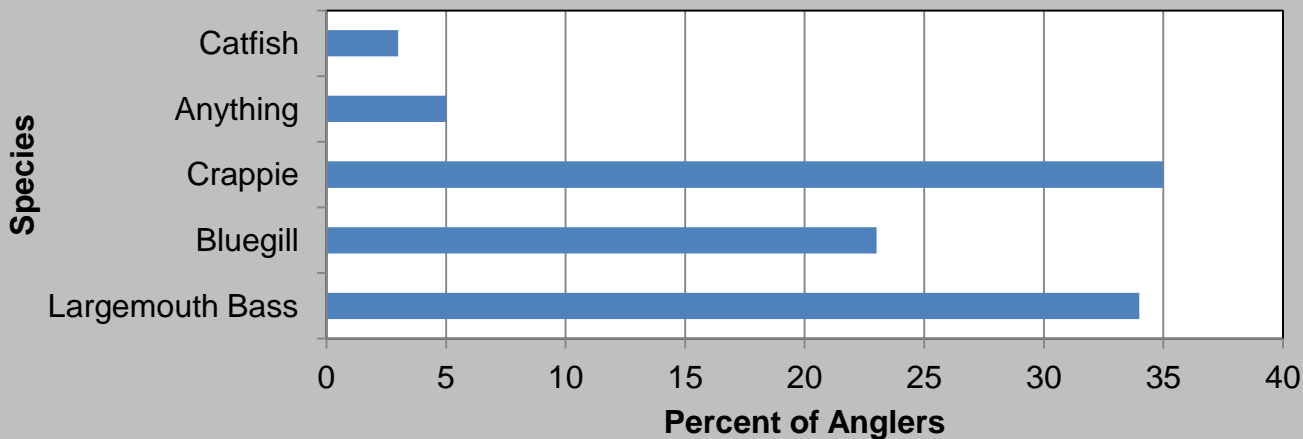
- Average Weight
- Lunker Bass
- Average 1st Place

### Average Weights for 2015 Tournament Bass



**Below:** In 2016, 63 anglers were interviewed at Lake Bogue Homa during the Spring creel surveys.

### Targeted Species



### 2016 Angler Catch Summary

