



Lake Lamar Bruce 2016

REEL FACTS

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General Information: Lake Lamar Bruce which first opened in 1965, has a surface area of 300 acres. Known for its large Redear Sunfish and Bluegill, the lake also supports a good population of Largemouth Bass. Complete renovations in recent years have included construction of two new levees, fish attractors, fishing piers, and a new pond.

Location: Just outside the city limits of Saltillo on Cemetery Street/CR 813.

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

Lake Depth Map: http://www.mdwfp.com/media/128257/lamar_bruce_depth_map_2015.pdf

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

Amenities

- 1 public concrete boat ramp with courtesy piers.
- 5 handicap accessible fishing piers.
- 6 earthen piers
- Campground with 11 sites with water and electrical hookups. Primitive camping is also available.
- Picnic areas with grills.
- Pavilion.
- Restrooms and showers.

Creel Regulations

- Largemouth Bass: Slot limit, bass 16–22 inches must be released immediately, 10 bass per day creel limit, only one may be over 22 inches
- Crappie: 30 per day per angler.
- Bream: 100 per day per angler combined.
- Catfish: 10 per day per angler.
- Walleye: All Walleye caught must be released immediately.

Regulations

- Fishing is not allowed from the courtesy piers adjacent to the boat ramp.
- Rod and reel 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 and can be purchased at the lake office.
- Licenses and permits are not required on designated free fishing days during National Fishing and Boating Week.
- Skiing is allowed on Thursday, Sunday, Memorial Day, July 4th, and Labor Day from noon to sunset.
- Lake is designated as No Wake all other times.
- PFD's are required.

Fishing Tips

Largemouth Bass

- Target main lake points and creek channels with Carolina/Texas-rigged plastics, jigs, or crankbaits.
- In the spring, target coves with spinner baits, T-rigged lizards, and weightless soft plastics.

Crappie

- In the spring, target brush along the deeper banks with small jigs or live bait under a cork.
- Target suspended fish near the dam and other deep water refuges.

Bream

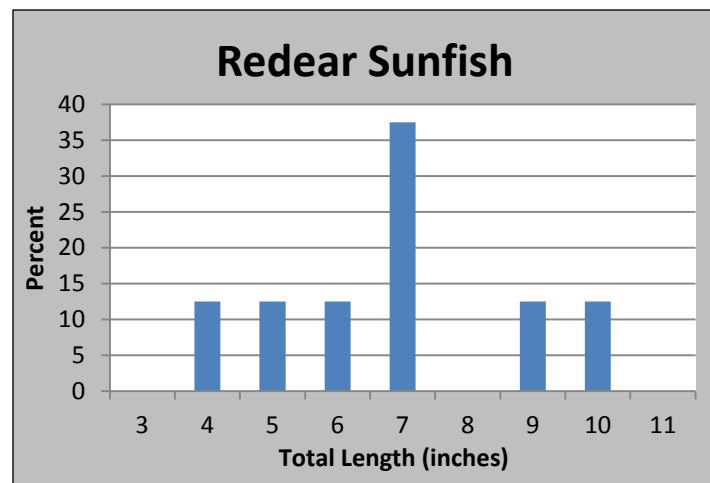
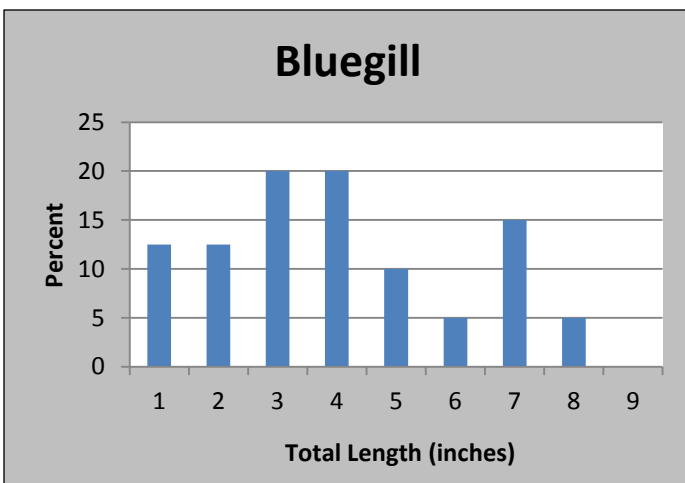
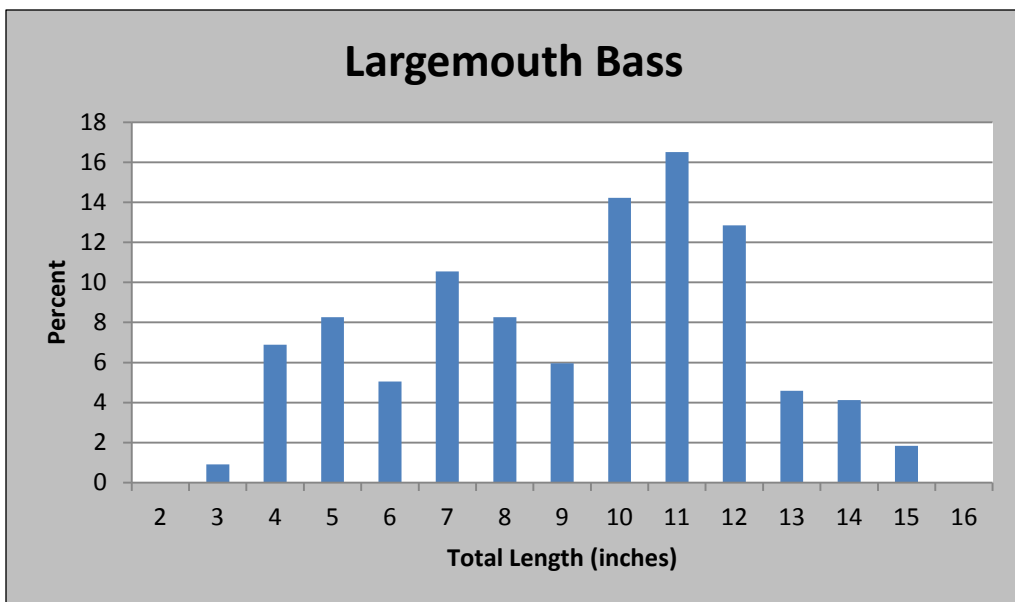
- Fish gravel beds near the boat ramp and campground.

Catfish

- Target creek channels and deeper areas just off earthen piers.

Below: Complete results from the 2016 fall electrofishing survey on Lake Lamar Bruce. Boat electrofishing was completed during November with five random samples taken throughout the lake totaling 3.1 miles. Lake Lamar Bruce is sampled every fall.

Species	# of Fish Sampled	% of Sample	Average Length	Maximum Length	Average Weight	Catch Rate
			inches	inches	pounds	Adult fish (fish/mile)
Largemouth Bass	218	64.5	9.7	15.3	0.6	49.4
Bluegill	103	30.4	3.4	9.0	0.3	18.4
Redear Sunfish	8	2.3	7.5	10.5	0.4	2.6
Warmouth	6	1.7	5.4	7.5	0.2	1.6
Walleye	3	0.8	19.6	20.8	2.7	1.0



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

Below: Lake Lamar Bruce record fish. Record fish must be weighed and verified by the lake manager, lake supervisor, or fisheries biologist. Anglers who catch a lake record fish will receive a certificate acknowledging their catch. There is no minimum weight for any open lake record.

Fish Species	Weight (pounds)	Angler	Date Caught
Largemouth Bass	9.17	Mickey Pounds	7-4-2017
Crappie	Open	-	-
Redear Sunfish	0.88	Dennis Cox	7-4-2017
Bluegill	0.82	James Patton	6-25-2017
Catfish	5.71	Jack Rakestraw	7-4-2017

Below: MDWFP personnel conducted creel surveys during the lake reopening in May 2015 to better understand both the resource and the anglers. Information such as number and size of fish caught, along with angling effort and demographics were recorded. This information is vital to help manage the public waters of Mississippi.



Above: Lake Lamar Bruce underwent extensive renovation from late 2011 through early 2015. During renovation, two new levees were created. One levee created a 3-acre pond for bank anglers. In the winter of 2015-16, rainbow trout were stocked into the pond, creating the first public rainbow trout fishery in the state.

Have you been interviewed on Lake Lamar Bruce in 2015?	%
Yes	34
No	66
Did you fish Lake Lamar Bruce before it was renovated?	
Yes	79
No	21
Considering all factors, how satisfied are you with the fishing/improvements at Lake Lamar Bruce?	
Very Satisfied	57
Satisfied	40
Neutral	2
Dissatisfied	0
Very Dissatisfied	0
Home County	
Lee	47.5
Prentiss	11.1
Union	9.2
Monroe	5.8
Pontotoc	5.5
Itawamba	4.6

Left: Throughout the first year of operation, 839 anglers were interviewed following the reopening of Lake Lamar Bruce in May 2015. Sixty-six percent of the anglers interviewed had not been previously interviewed by MDWFP which shows that we have many new anglers eager to try the recently renovated lake. Also, 79 percent answered they had fished the lake prior to the renovation. Ninety-seven percent of anglers interviewed said they had a positive outlook for the fishing at Lake Lamar Bruce, and no anglers reported having a negative outlook. During the first year of reopening, interviewed anglers hailed from 18 different Mississippi counties, and out-of-state anglers were interviewed 10 times. The majority (47.5%) of the anglers were from Lee County. Prentiss, Union, Monroe, Pontotoc, and Itawamba counties made up the remainder of the top 6 anglers' home counties.

Below: A multitude of youth anglers, along with their adult counterparts, participate in the annual fishing rodeo at the pond that was added during the renovation of Lake Lamar Bruce.

