



Charlie Capps Lake 2018

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

2017

Magnolia Crappie
2,500
Redear Sunfish
80,000
Largemouth Bass
20 (Adult fish)

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

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.

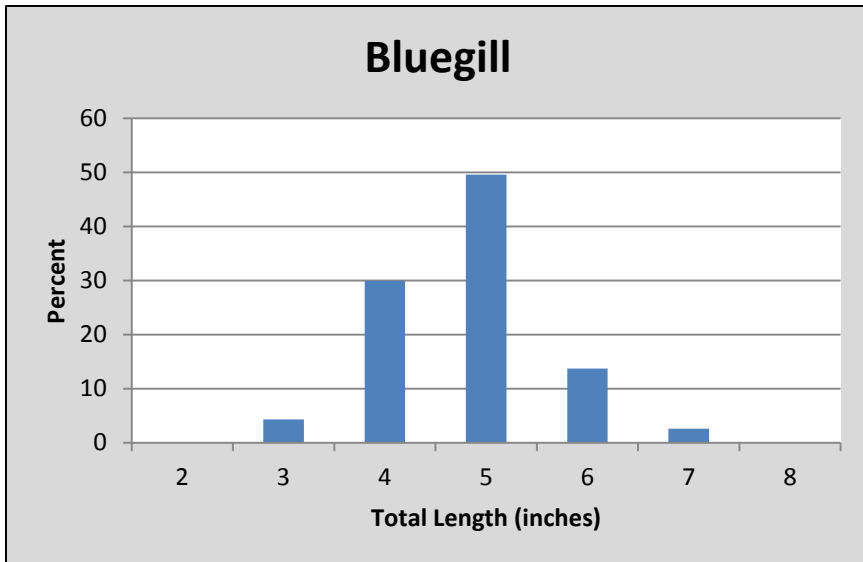
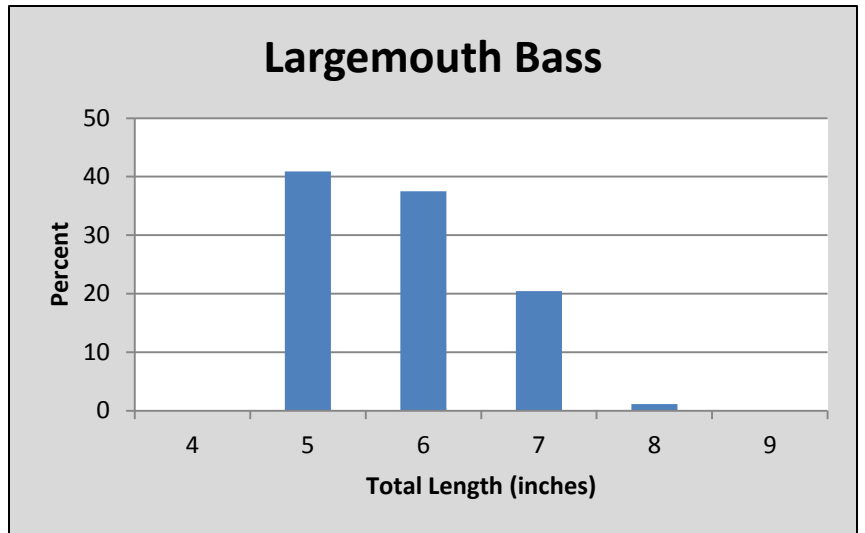
Below: Results from the 2017 electrofishing survey on Charlie Capps WMA Lake. This lake is sampled by electrofishing every 1 to 2 years during the fall. A fish kill caused by low oxygen levels occurred on Charlie Capps WMA Lake in 2017 causing a decrease in catch rates of most species of fish as well as a decrease in size of fish collected.

| Species | # of fish collected | % of sample | Average Length (inches) | Maximum Length (inches) | Average Weight (pounds) | Catch Rate- Adult fish (fish/mile) |
|-----------------|---------------------|-------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Green Sunfish | 169 | 45 | 3.8 | 5.9 | NA | 185.1 |
| Bluegill | 117 | 31 | 4.4 | 7.0 | 0.1 | 157.7 |
| Largemouth Bass | 88 | 23 | 5.3 | 7.1 | NA | 119 |
| Redear Sunfish | 2 | 1 | 4.8 | 4.9 | NA | 2.96 |

Below: Photograph of Charlie Capps WMA Lake.



Right: Largemouth Bass length distribution for Charlie Capps WMA Lake from the 2017 electrofishing survey. Only smaller bass survived the fish kill.



Left: Bluegill length distribution for Charlie Capps WMA Lake from the 2017 electrofishing survey. The fish kill also took its toll on the larger Bluegill.

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.

