



# Elvis Presley Lake 2018

## REEL FACTS

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**General Information:** Elvis Presley Lake which first opened in 1971, has a surface area of 322 acres. Historically, the lake is known for its good bream fishing. On April 28, 2014 an EF-4 tornado made a direct hit at Elvis Presley Lake damaging approximately 80% of the facility. The lake is open and all activities are available to visitors.

**Location:** North 1/2 mi. off Hwy 78 on Veteran's Blvd. Right on CR 1460 to CR 995.

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

**Lake Depth Map:** <http://www.mdwfp.com/media/5445/elvis-presley-lake.pdf>

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

### Amenities

- 2 public concrete boat ramps with courtesy piers.
- 2 fishing piers.
- Campground with 16 sites with water and electrical hookups. Primitive camping is also available.
- Picnic areas with grills.
- Rental pavilion.
- Restrooms and showers.

### Creel Regulations

- Black bass (largemouth and spotted): 10 bass per day per angler.
- Crappie: 30 per day per angler.
- Bream: 100 per day per angler combined.
- Catfish: 10 per day per angler.

### Regulations

- Fishing is not allowed from the courtesy piers adjacent to the boat ramps.
- 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 daily from noon till sunset.
- PFD's are required.

### Fishing Tips

#### Largemouth Bass

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

#### Crappie

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

#### Bream

- Try shallow coves with cover. Tightline both crickets and redworms.

#### Catfish

- Target laydowns and deeper areas around fishing piers.

**Below:** Elvis Presley Lake 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	8.60	Steve Hopper	2-26-2016
Crappie	Open	-	-
Redear Sunfish	Open	-	-
Bluegill	Open	-	-
Catfish	26.0	Faron Scott	10-2-2016



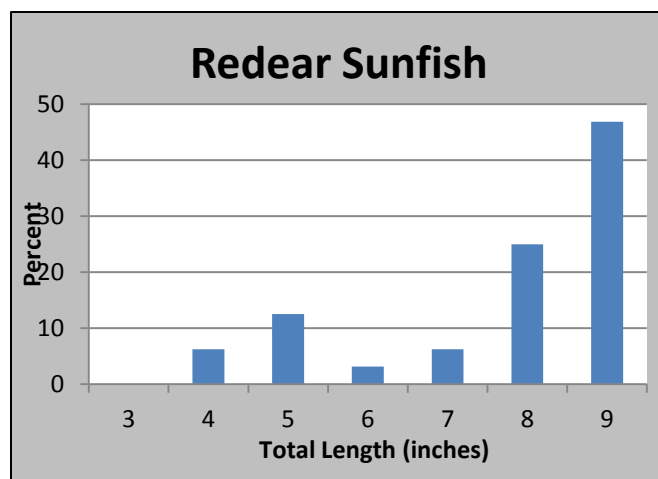
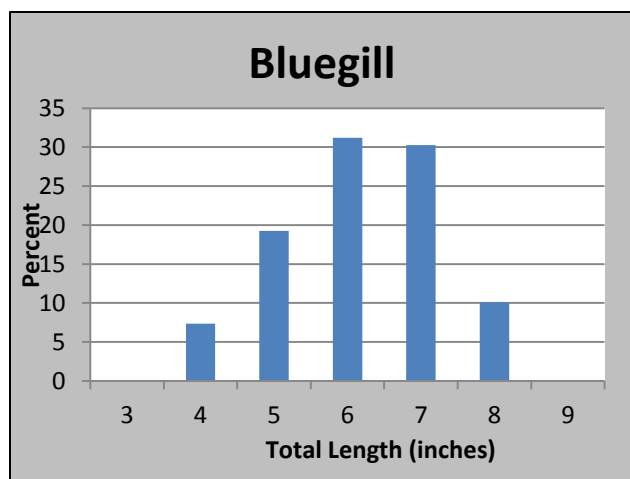
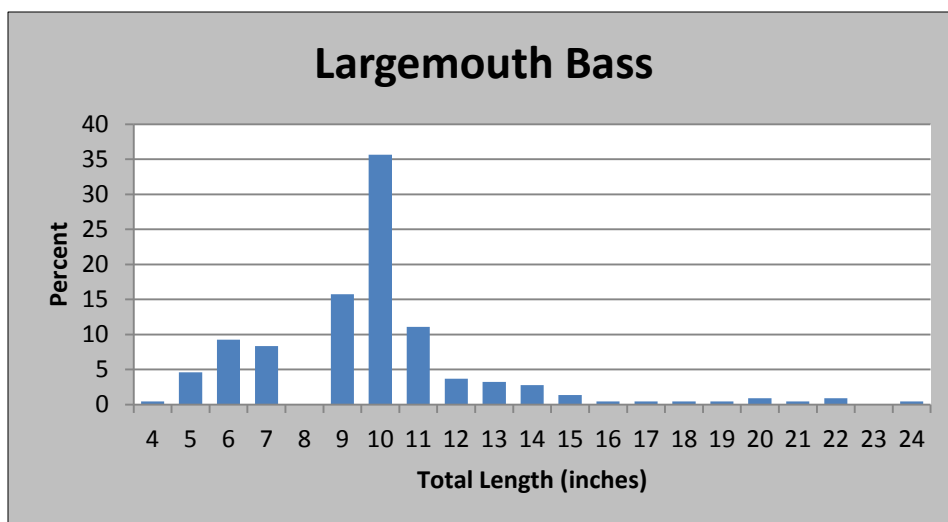
**Left:** Many anglers fish Elvis Presley Lake in hopes of catching quality catfish. Most of the effort comes in the twilight and evening hours. The lake record is pictured here. Anglers typically tightline various bait like night crawlers, chicken liver, or even Kool aid flavored chicken.

**Right:** Elvis Presley Lake is bass crowded, and anglers are encouraged to harvest smaller bass when visiting the lake. Even though the average size bass are smaller than desired, if anglers know where to look, some quality largemouth can be caught.



**Below:** Results from the 2017 fall electrofishing survey on Elvis Presley Lake. Boat electrofishing was completed during October with five random samples taken throughout the lake totaling 3.1 miles. Elvis Presley Lake 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	216	55.5	9.3	23.4	0.6	53.9
Bluegill	108	27.7	5.8	7.5	0.2	25.2
Redear Sunfish	32	8.2	7.2	9.0	0.3	10.3
Black Crappie	12	3.0	5.9	10.2	0.2	1.9
Channel Catfish	8	2.0	20.2	29.4	3.8	2.6
Warmouth	6	1.5	4.6	6.9	0.2	1.0



**Above:** Length distributions for Largemouth Bass, Bluegill, and Redear Sunfish collected during fall 2017 electrofishing.

Have you been interviewed on Elvis Presley Lake in 2017?	%
Yes	18
No	82
Do you read and/or plan your fishing trips around the MDWFP weekly fishing reports?	
Yes	15
No	85
Considering all factors, how satisfied are you with the fishing/facilities at Elvis Presley Lake?	
Very Satisfied	26
Satisfied	70
Neutral	1
Dissatisfied	0
Very Dissatisfied	0
Home County	
Lee	85
Itawamba	11
Monroe	4

**Left:** Creel data obtained during the 2017 annual creel survey shows that eighty-two percent of anglers answered they had not been interviewed previously. When asked if they used the weekly fishing reports, 15 percent answered in the affirmative. Ninety-six percent of anglers interviewed said they had a positive outlook for the fishing at Elvis Presley Lake, while no anglers reported having a negative outlook. The creel survey also indicated that fishing parties resided in only 3 counties, with Lee being the most prominent county.

**Below:** In April of 2014, a tornado ravaged the area around Tupelo including Elvis Presley Lake. Structural damage occurred to several of the lake facilities including this fishing pier. MDWFP had to close the entire facility for a short time to repair the damage that occurred. Pictured on the right is the newly repaired pier.

