



# Alligator Lake 2018

## REEL FACTS

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**General Information:** Alligator Lake is a 16 acre oxbow lake located at Leroy Percy State Park.

**Location:** Leroy Percy State Park is located 5 miles west of Hollandale off Mississippi Highway 12 in Washington County.

**Fishery Management:** Catfish, bream, Largemouth Bass, and Magnolia Crappie

**Purchase a Fishing License:** [https://www.ms.gov/mdwfp/hunting\\_fishing/](https://www.ms.gov/mdwfp/hunting_fishing/)

**Leroy Percy State Park Web link:** <http://www.mdwfp.com/parks-destinations/state-parks/leroy-percy/>

### Creel Limits

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

### Lake and Park Amenities

- Public boat ramp
- Fishing pier
- Cabins
- Primitive and developed camping facilities
- Nature trails
- Playground and picnic area
- Disc golf course
- Wildlife management area

### Fun Fact

Leroy Percy State Park was built in 1930's and is the oldest state park in Mississippi.

### Fish Stockings

2016  
Channel Catfish  
2,400

2015  
Blue Catfish  
300

2013  
Blue Catfish  
18,500  
Bluegill Sunfish  
5,100

2012  
White Crappie  
2,500

2011  
Magnolia Crappie  
2,500

### Sportfishing Tips

#### Largemouth Bass

- Target brush piles, submerged structure, and cypress knees with spinner baits or soft plastics.

#### Catfish

- Fish on the bottom along the southern shoreline with nightcrawlers, chicken liver, or stink bait.

#### Crappie

- In the spring use minnows or brightly colored jigs near piers and structure along the banks.

#### Bream

- Target similar areas as spring crappie with crickets or red worms, especially during late spring and summer.

**Below:** Results from the 2017 electrofishing survey on Alligator Lake. Alligator Lake is sampled in the fall every 2-3 years. Catch rates for Largemouth Bass and crappie had a slight drop in 2017, while average weights for bass and crappie remained about the same compared to the 2015 electrofishing survey. Catch rates for bream increased, but average weights of fish were below average for Delta oxbows. Rough fish comprised 20% of the total catch by number in 2017.

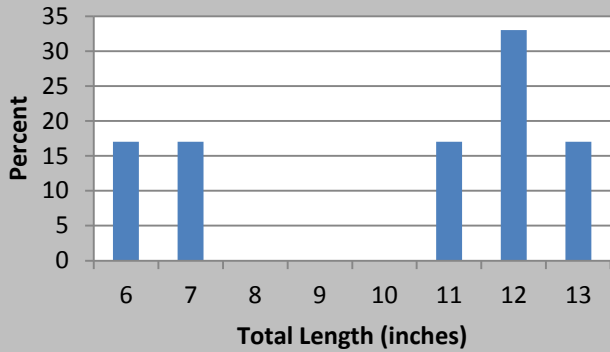
Species	# of fish collected	% of sample	Average Length (inches)	Maximum Length (inches)	Average Weight (pounds)	Catch Rate Adult fish (fish/mile)
Bluegill Sunfish	71	52.6	3.2	5.9	0.1	109.2
Longear Sunfish	19	14.1	2.8	3.6		29.2
Smallmouth Buffalo	12	8.9	14.1	15.1		18.5
White Crappie	7	5.2	6.4	10.7	0.6	10.8
Largemouth Bass	6	4.4	10.4	13.2	0.9	9.2
Bigmouth Buffalo	5	3.7	15.6	20.1		7.7
Warmouth	3	2.2	3.5	3.9		4.6
Spotted Gar	3	2.2	19.7	20.7		4.6
Green Sunfish	2	1.5	3.2	3.9		3.1
Orangespotted Sunfish	2	1.5	2.2	2.4		3.1
Channel Catfish	1	0.1	16.2	16.2		1.5
Bowfin	1	0.1	20.9	20.9		1.5
Common Carp	1	0.1	7.3	7.3		1.5
Freshwater Drum	1	0.1	14.6	14.6		1.5
Golden Shiner	1	0.1	4.6	4.6		1.5

**Right:** The fishing pier at Alligator Lake makes for good access without having to bring a boat.

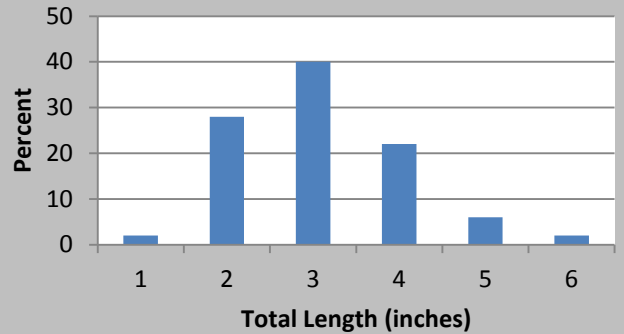


**Below:** Length distributions for sport fish from the 2017 electrofishing survey at Alligator Lake.

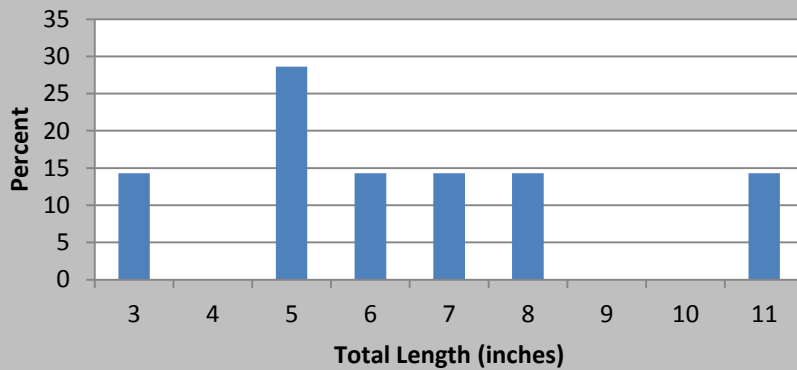
### Largemouth Bass



### Bream



### Crappie



**Left:** A view from the banks of Alligator Lake showing the cypress trees that line the shoreline. The cypress knees provide great fish habitat and are good locations to fish around. Alligator Lake gets its name from the resident alligators that are often seen basking on logs or swimming in the lake.



**Above:** An alligator at Leroy Percy State Park.

**Below:** Depth map for Alligator Lake (also known as Brushy Lake).

