



Lake Tangipahoa 2018 REEL FACTS

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General Information: Lake Tangipahoa is a 490 acre State Park Lake fed by the Tangipahoa River. It was opened in 1939. The lake was drained in 2012 as a result of damage from Hurricane Isaac. Dam repairs were completed in 2014, and reopened to fishing in 2016.

Location: Within Percy Quin State Park, six miles south of McComb, MS

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

Lake Depth Map: <http://www.mdwfp.com/media/5419/percy-quin-park-lake.pdf>

Purchase a Fishing License: https://www.ms.gov/mdwfp/hunting_fishing/

Amenities

- 1 boat ramp with courtesy pier, parking lot, fish cleaning station, and public restroom
- Marina and 3 handicapped fishing piers
- 100 camp sites with water/electric hookups, 27 cabins, 4 cottages, 9 motel rooms, and 2 golf villas
- 18 hole golf course
- Playground, 4 pavilions, and 5 tennis courts

Creel and Size Limits

- Bream: 50 per day
- Catfish: 10 per day
- Crappie: 20 per day
- Largemouth Bass: Slot limit, bass 16 - 22 inches in length must be released, 7 bass per day creel limit, only one may be over 22 inches in length

Regulations

- Rod and reel or pole 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 except on designated days during National Fishing and Boating Week.
- Lake is designated as No Wake around the marina and levee.

Forage Species

- Gizzard Shad
- Threadfin Shad
- Golden Shiners
- Spotted Suckers
- Sharpfin Chubsuckers
- Creek Chubsuckers
- Crawfish

Fishing Tips

Bream

- Try crickets, red wigglers, and wax worms in shallow areas during late spring and summer.

Catfish

- Try tightlining liver or blood scented bait along the creek channel and levee.

Crappie

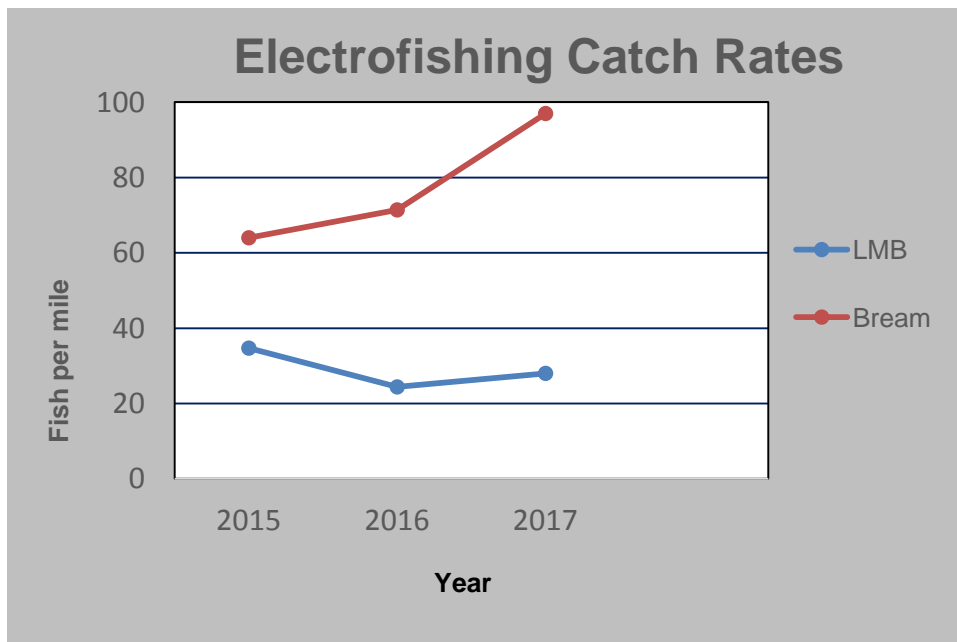
- Target brush and willow trees along the creek channel with jigs and minnows. The marina is another good spot to try.

Largemouth Bass

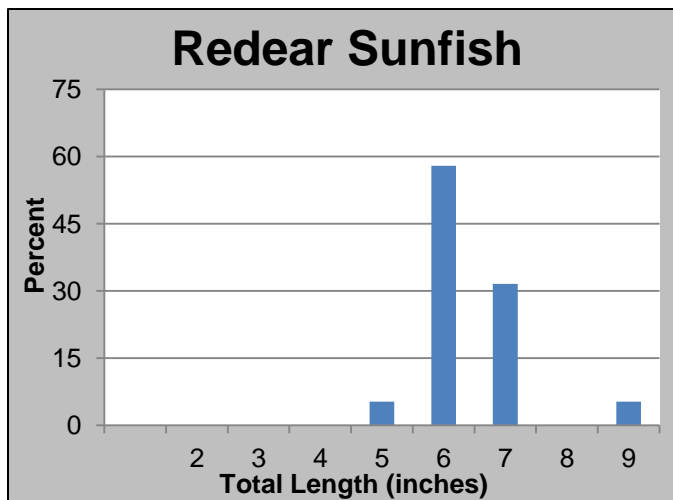
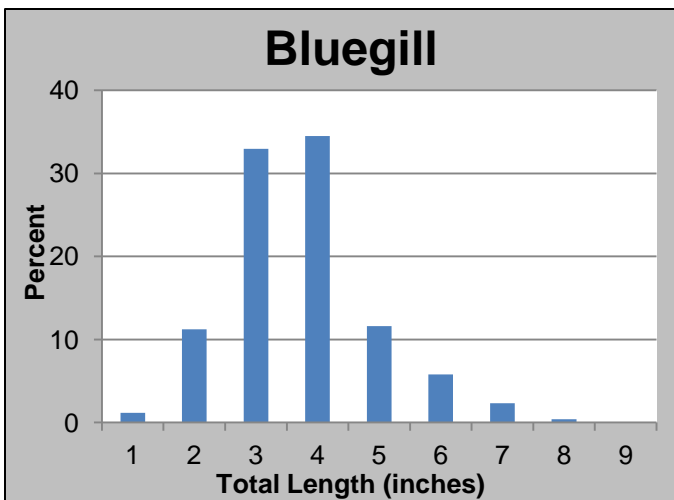
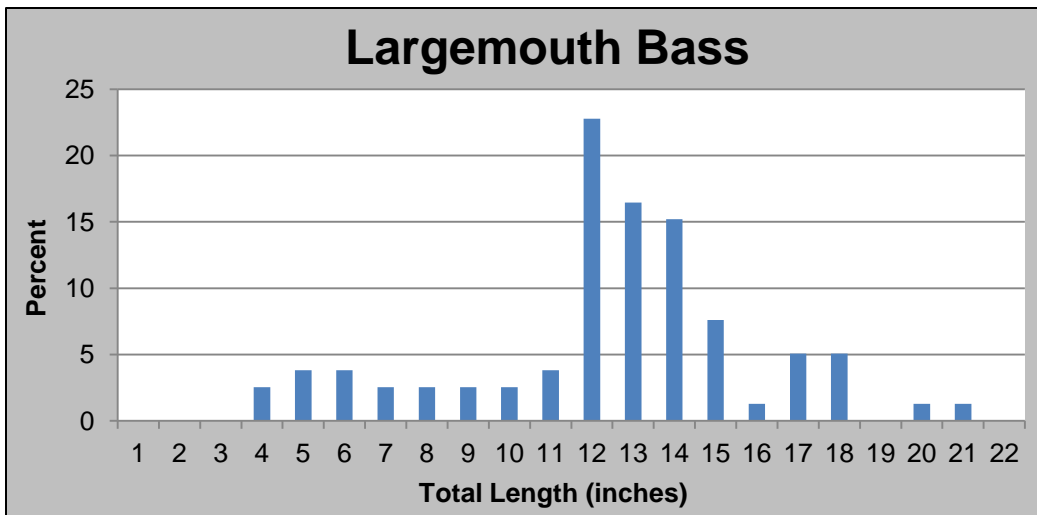
- Target willow trees with junebug or green pumpkin colored soft plastics. Shad colored chatterbaits and spinnerbaits are good choices around emergent vegetation. The river can be a good area after rain events.

Below: Results from the 2017 fall electrofishing survey conducted at Lake Tangipahoa. The lake supports a diverse fish assemblage, due to the Tangipahoa River. This provides a strong forage base for sport fish such as Largemouth Bass, Spotted Bass, Black Crappie, White Crappie, and Chain Pickerel.

Species	# of fish collected	% of sample	Average Length (inches)	Maximum Length (inches)	Average Weight (pounds)	Catch Rate – Adult fish (fish/mile)
Bluegill	258	58	4.2	8.7	0.1	89
Largemouth Bass	79	18	13	21.7	1.5	28
Gizzard Shad	76	17	-	-	-	-
Redear Sunfish	19	4	6.9	9.3	0.2	8
Chain Pickerel	7	2	16.2	22.3	1.5	3



Above: Trends in catch rates during fall electrofishing at Lake Tangipahoa.

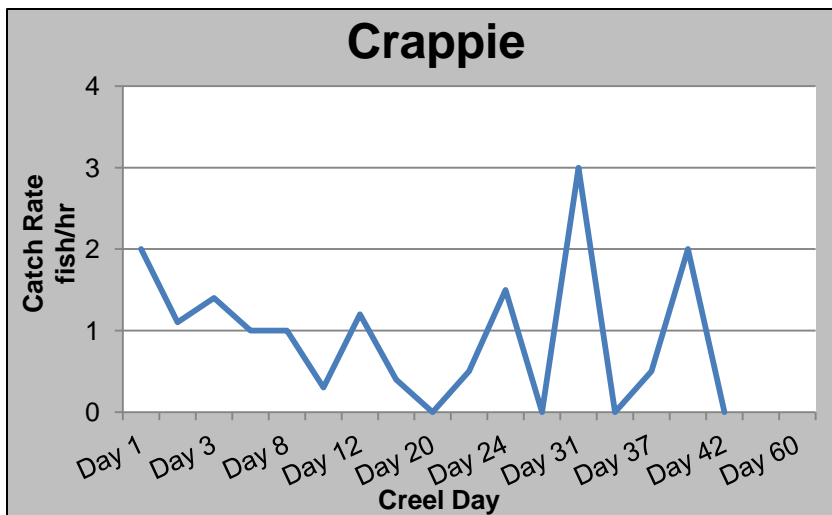
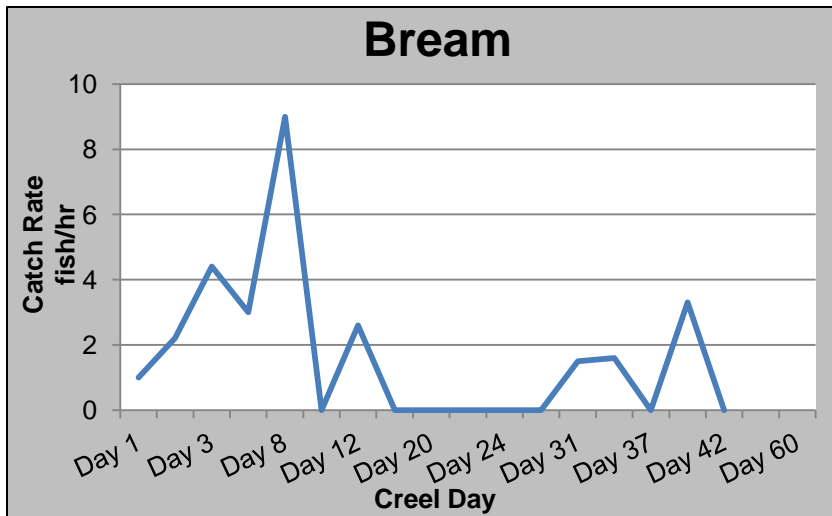
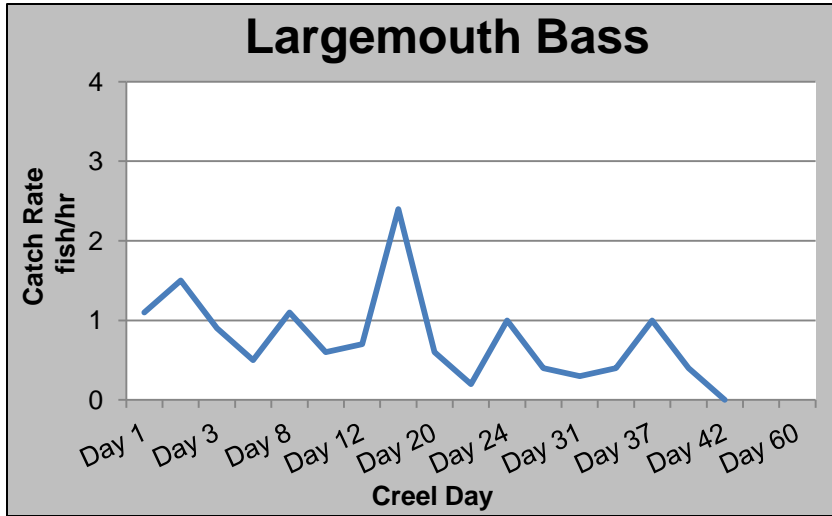


Above: Length distributions for Largemouth Bass, Bluegill, and Redear Sunfish collected during 2017 fall electrofishing.



Above: Lake Tangipahoa already harbors Largemouth Bass over the 16 to 22 inch slot limit. The lake also has one of the best Chain Pickerel populations in the state.

Below: Angler catch rates for Largemouth Bass, bream, and crappie during the first 60 of the lake's reopening. There was a gradual decline in bass catch rates. Catch rates for bream and crappie were more variable, but also showed a decline.



Above: Young anglers had a great deal of success during the Youth Day on September 17 catching a variety of fish species.