



# Lake Lamar Bruce 2018

## 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:** <https://www.mdwfp.com/media/5448/lake-lamar-bruce.pdf>

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

### 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 18–24 inches must be released immediately, 10 bass per day creel limit, only one may be over 24 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 4<sup>th</sup>, 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.

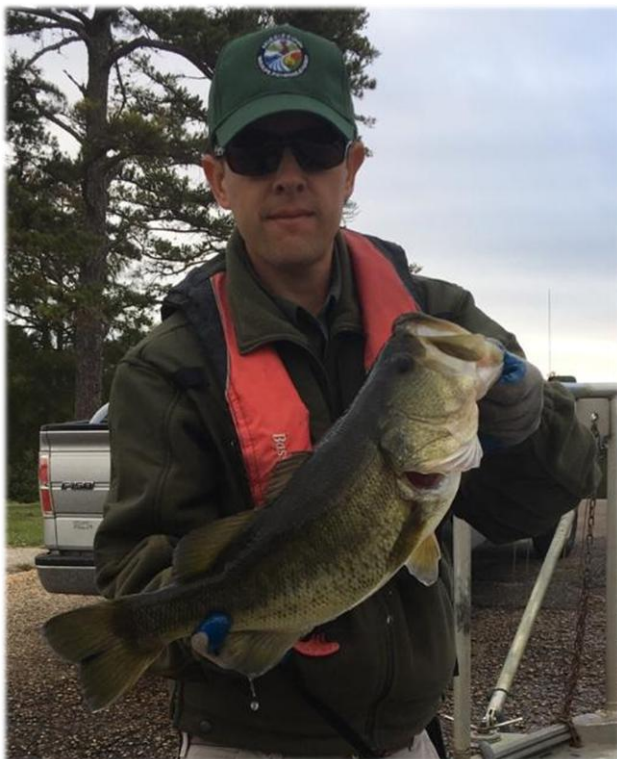
#### Catfish

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

**Below:** 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	11.82	Lamar Phillips	3-29-2018
Crappie	1.04	Larry Joe Coggins	3-2-2018
Redear Sunfish	1.8	Ray Burns	8-12-2017
Bluegill	0.82	James Patton	6-25-2017
Catfish	8.2	Keith Douell	9-23-2017

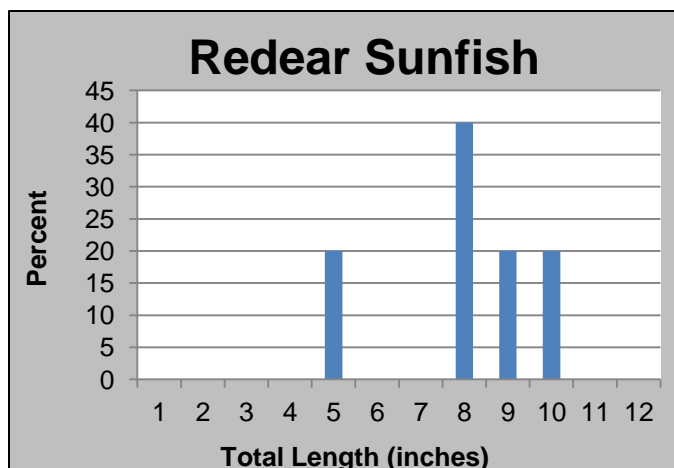
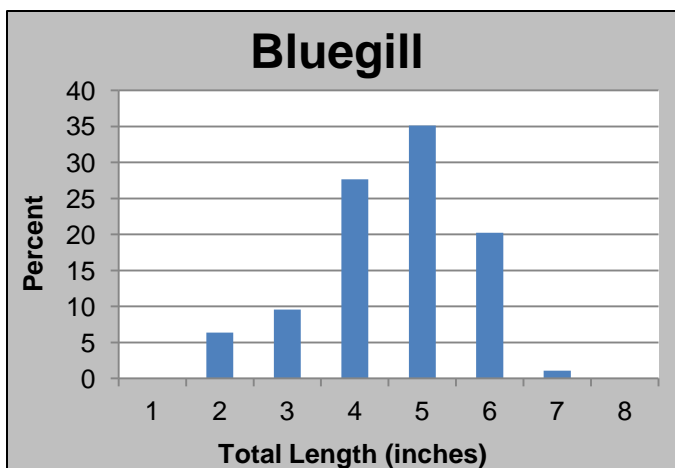
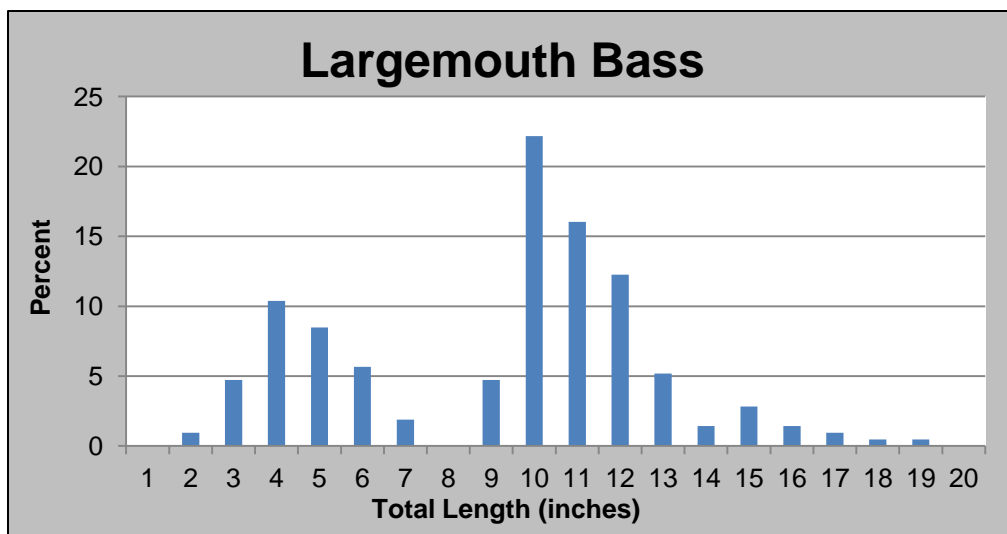
**Below:** Lake Lamar Bruce currently has an 18 to 24 inch slot limit on Largemouth Bass. The slot limit is designed to protect the initial stock of bass and create the greatest chance to produce trophy size fish following the lake renovation. Largemouth Bass in the four to five pound range are abundant, and bass over ten pounds should be caught in 2018.



**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 past two winters, rainbow trout have been stocked into the pond, creating the first public rainbow trout fishery in the state.

**Below:** Results from the 2017 fall electrofishing survey on Lake Lamar Bruce. Boat electrofishing was completed during October with five random samples taken throughout the lake totaling 3.1 miles. Lake Lamar Bruce is bass crowded, and anglers are encouraged to harvest small bass.

Species	# of Fish Sampled	% of Sample	Average Length inches	Maximum Length inches	Average Weight pounds	Catch Rate Adult fish (fish/mile)
Largemouth Bass	212	63.0	9.8	19.6	0.8	46.8
Bluegill	94	28.0	5.1	7.3	0.1	28.4
Black Crappie	20	6.0	5.2	6.5	0.1	4.2
Redear Sunfish	5	1.5	8.6	10.9	0.5	1.6
Warmouth	2	0.6	5.3	5.9	0.1	0.6
Walleye	2	0.6	21.3	21.5	2.9	0.6
Green Sunfish	1	0.3	3.9	3.9	-	0.3



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

Have you been interviewed on Lake Lamar Bruce in 2017?	%
Yes	40
No	60
Do you plan your fishing trips around the weekly fishing reports?	
Yes	29
No	71
Considering all factors, how satisfied are you with the fishing/improvements at Lake Lamar Bruce?	
Very Satisfied	22
Satisfied	71
Neutral	7
Dissatisfied	0
Very Dissatisfied	0
Home County	
Lee	56
Union	11
Prentiss	10
Itawamba	8
Monroe	5
Other Counties	10

**Left:** Sixty 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. Over 70% of the anglers do not plan their fishing trips based on the weekly fishing reports on the MDWFP website. Ninety-three 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. The majority (56%) of the anglers were from Lee County.

**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.

