



Calling Panther Lake 2016

REEL FACTS

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General Information: Calling Panther Lake is a 404 acre state fishing lake that was built in 2003 and opened in 2006. This lake offers a unique fishing experience with dense stands of submerged timber and deep creek channels.

Location: Approximately 5 miles west of Crystal Springs

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

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

Lake Depth Map: http://www.mdwfp.com/media/4582/calling_panther_lake.pdf

Amenities

- 1 public ramp, parking lot, public restroom with showers, and a nature trail
- 1 handicapped fishing pier
- 23 camping pads with water, electrical, and sewer

Creel and Size Limits

- Bream: 100 per day
- Catfish: 10 per day
- Crappie: 30 per day
- Largemouth Bass: 1 over 20 inches and 10 per day

Forage Species

- Threadfin Shad
- Crawfish

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.
- Skiing is allowed on Wednesday, Sunday, Memorial Day, July 4th, and Labor Day from noon to sunset within ski area.
- Lake is designated as No Wake all other times.

Fishing Tips

Bream

- Try crickets and worms in shallow areas during late spring and summer. Redear Sunfish are often caught by tightlining.

Catfish

- Try liver, worms, or blood scented bait along the dam and southwest bank. Night fishing is typically good.

Crappie

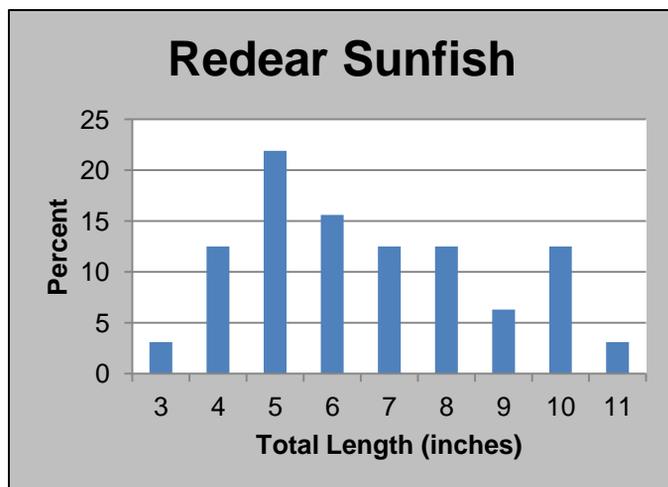
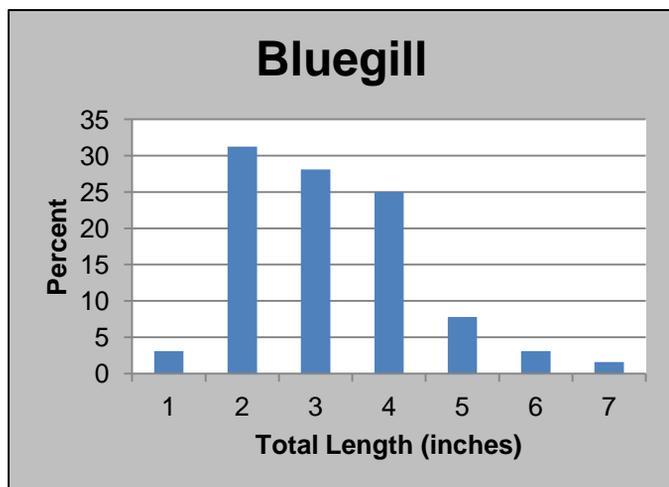
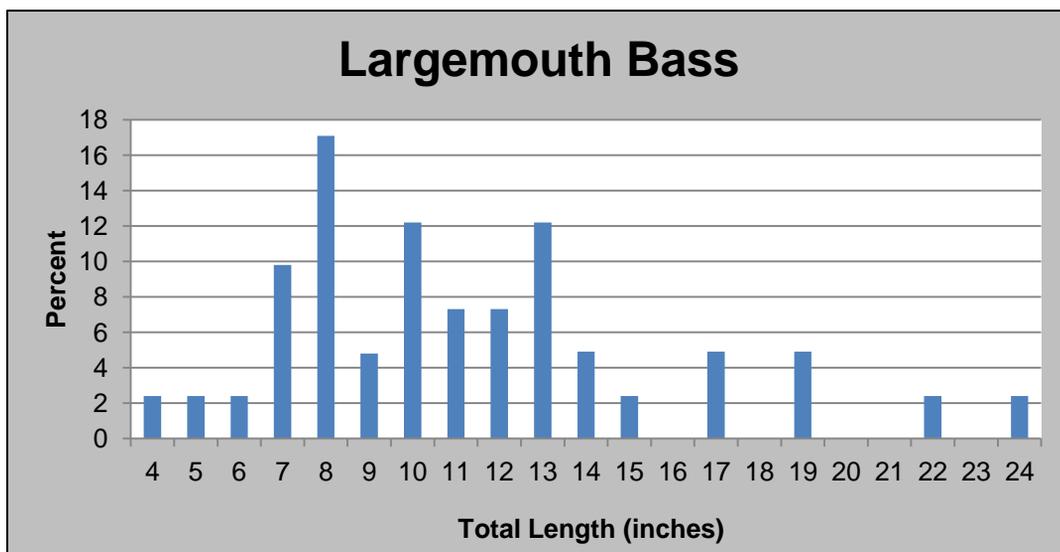
- Try minnows or jigs around vegetation in the spring. Fishing the creek channel is popular at other times of the year.

Largemouth Bass

- Target shallow flats during the spring with soft plastics. Drop offs, ledges, and creek channels are good areas during the summer. Watch for schooling activity as well.

Below: Results from the 2014 fall electrofishing survey conducted at Calling Panther Lake.

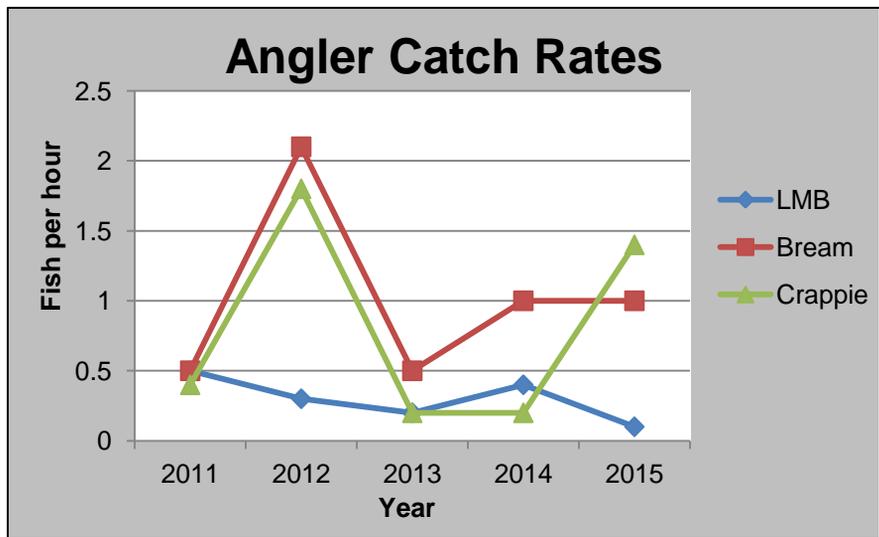
Species	# of fish collected	% of sample	Average Length (inches)	Maximum Length (inches)	Average Weight (pounds)	Catch Rate – Adult fish (fish/mile)
Bluegill	64	39.5	3.8	7.4	0.1	16.9
Largemouth Bass	41	25.3	11.8	24.6	1.3	13.7
Redear Sunfish	32	19.8	7.2	11.1	0.3	12.5
Longear Sunfish	16	9.9	3.8	5.0	<0.1	5.6
Channel Catfish	6	3.7	22.5	23.6	4.1	2.4
Brown Bullhead	1	0.6	6.4	6.4	-	0.4
Green Sunfish	1	0.6	3.3	3.3	-	0.4
Warmouth	1	0.6	1.9	1.9	-	0.0



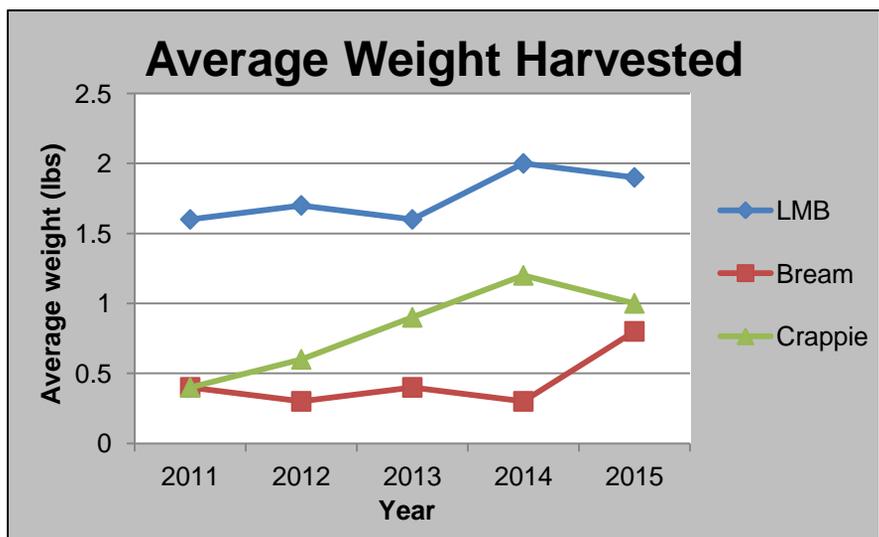
Above: Length distributions for Largemouth Bass, Bluegill, and Redear Sunfish collected during 2014 fall electrofishing. Most of the bass collected were under 14 inches and anglers are encouraged to harvest these small fish to promote a healthy fishery.



Above: Calling Panther Lake is a popular destination for anglers in southwest Mississippi. The opportunity to catch a trophy size Largemouth Bass, along with it's close proximity to Jackson, make it one of the most popular lakes in the state.

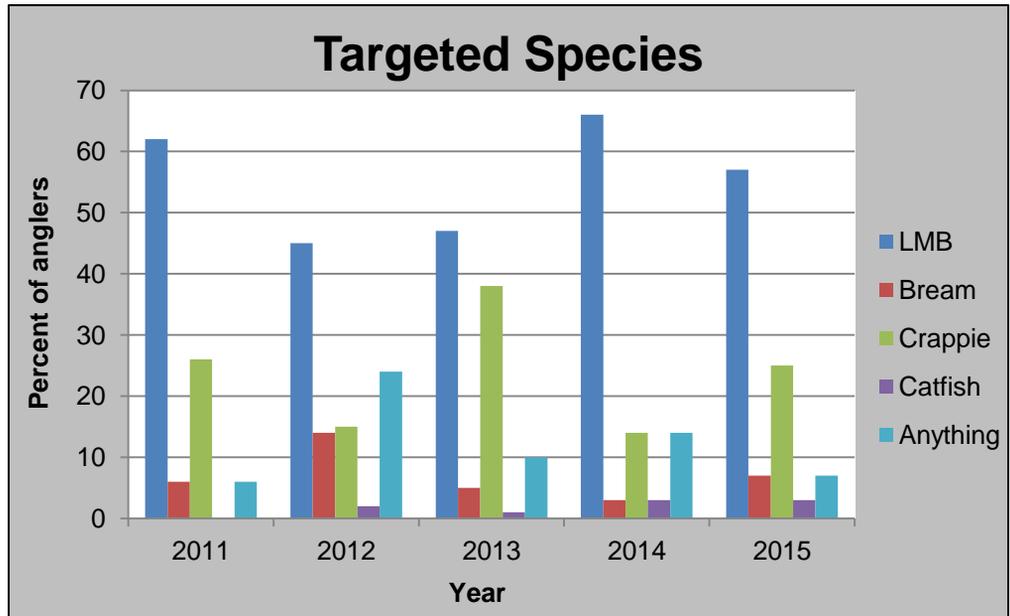


Left top: Angler catch rates for Largemouth Bass (LMB), bream, and crappie at Calling Panther Lake based on spring creel surveys. Catch rates for crappie improved during 2015 while bass catch rates decreased.

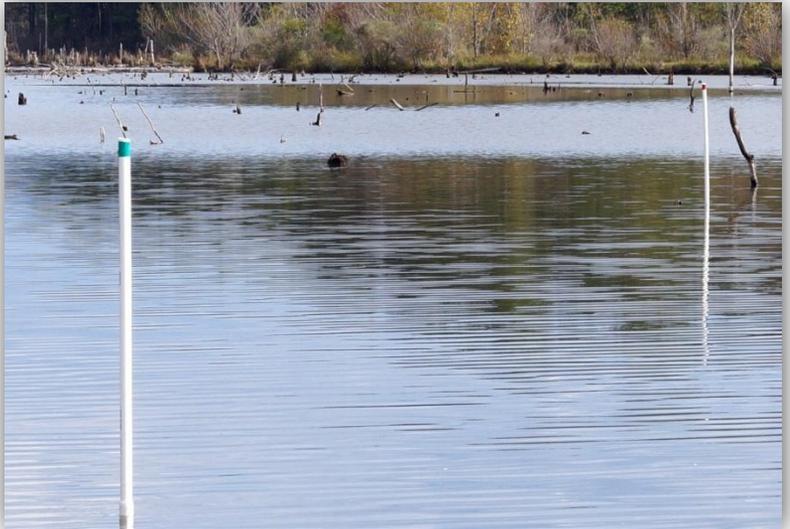


Left bottom: Average weight of harvested fish at Calling Panther Lake. Larger bream were harvested during 2015 as anglers caught good size Redear Sunfish. The average weight of harvested bass and crappie decreased slightly during 2015. Anglers are encouraged to harvest the small bass that they catch.

Top right: Percentage of anglers targeting Largemouth Bass (LMB), bream, crappie, catfish, or fishing for anything at Calling Panther Lake. Bass and crappie are the most sought after species at this lake based on spring creel surveys.



Bottom right: Boat lanes were cut during 2015 and markers were added to help with navigation through the timber. Idle speed is still required in these areas.



Left: The lake record Largemouth Bass was caught by James Allen of Crystal Springs during February 2010. This bass weighed an impressive 15.4 pounds.