



Lake Dockery 2016

REEL FACTS

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General Information: Lake Dockery is a 43.5 acre lake, owned and operated by the city of Byram. The lake was renovated in 2010. It is part of the MDWFP Community Fishing Assistance Program (CFAP), providing fishing opportunities in an urban setting.

Location: Approximately ½ mile off Siwell Rd in Byram, MS

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

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

Amenities

- 1 public boat ramp with parking lot
- Several park benches and picnic tables

Creel and Size Limits

- Bream: 25 per day
- Catfish: 5 per day
- Crappie: 30 per day
- Largemouth Bass: 5 per day

Forage Species

- Golden Shiners
- 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 are required except on designated days during National Fishing and Boating Week.
- Gasoline powered motors are prohibited. Only electric trolling motors may be used.
- Lake Dockery is open from 30 minutes before dawn to 30 minutes before sunset.

Fishing Tips

Bream

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

Catfish

- Try tightlining liver or blood scented bait along the dam and water control structure.

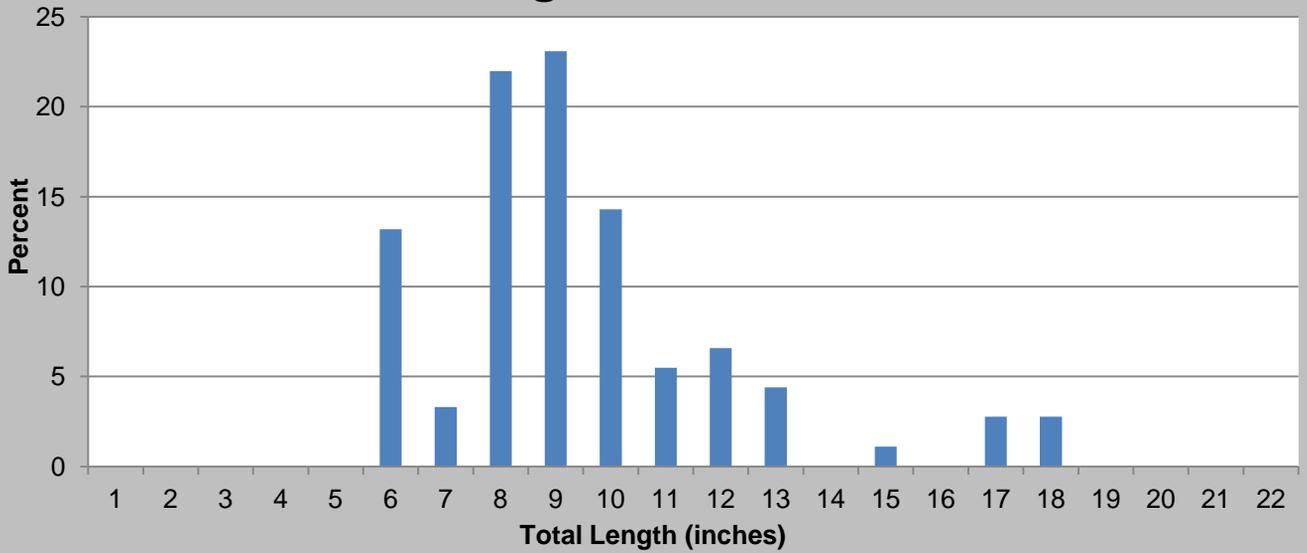
Crappie

- Target brush and laydowns in the middle of the lake with jigs and minnows. The water control structure is another popular spot.

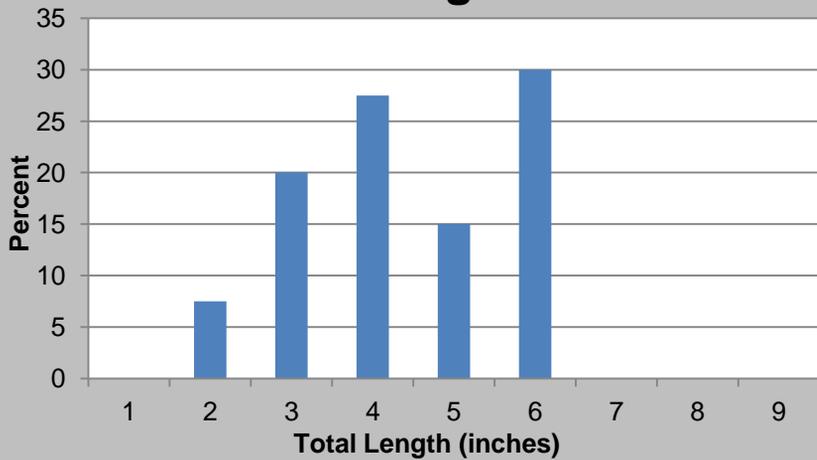
Largemouth Bass

- Fish around brush and trees with junebug or green pumpkin colored soft plastics. Topwater baits and soft stick baits are good choices around lily pads.

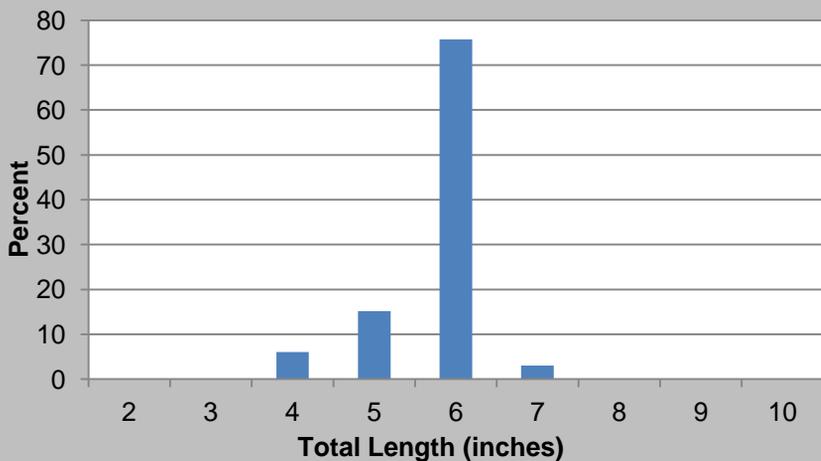
Largemouth Bass



Bluegill



Redear Sunfish



Above: Length distribution for Largemouth Bass, Bluegill, and Redear Sunfish collected during 2013 fall electrofishing.

Below: Results from the 2013 fall electrofishing survey conducted at Lake Dockery. Anglers should find an abundance of Largemouth Bass and bream at Lake Dockery, based on the results from fall surveys.

Species	# of fish collected	% of sample	Average Length (inches)	Maximum Length (inches)	Average Weight (pounds)	Catch Rate – Adult fish (fish/mile)
Largemouth Bass	91	41.6	10.0	18.8	0.6	48.9
Bluegill	80	36.5	4.8	6.8	0.1	47.6
Redear Sunfish	33	15.1	6.1	7.4	0.1	21.2
Yellow Bullhead	9	4.1	-	-	-	-
Green Sunfish	3	1.4	-	-	-	-
Channel Catfish	2	0.9	12.3	13.0	0.5	1.3
Black Crappie	1	0.4	9.6	9.6	0.4	0.6

Below: Picturesque fishing opportunities can be found within the city limits of Byram.

