



Lake Lowndes State Park Lake 2023

REEL FACTS

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General Information: Lake Lowndes State Park Lake is 150 acres. Historically, the lake has boasted a good bream population. The lake has an overabundance of Largemouth Bass, and anglers are encouraged to harvest smaller bass.

Location: Approximately 10 miles southeast of Columbus off Hwy 69, 3.5 miles on Lake Lowndes Road.

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

Lake Depth Map: <http://www.mdwfp.com/media/5429/lake-lowndes-park-lake.pdf>

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

Amenities

- 1 concrete boat ramp
- 1 handicap accessible fishing pier
- 6 Cabins and 2 cottages
- Campground with 50 sites with water and electrical hookups.
- Laundry facility
- Picnic areas with grills
- Pavilion
- Gymnasium
- Restrooms and showers
- 6 tennis courts
- 3 softball fields
- 1 football field
- 1 disc golf course
- Hiking, biking, and horse trails

Creel Regulations

- Largemouth Bass: 10 per day per angler.
- Crappie: 30 per day per angler.
- Bream: 100 per day per angler combined.
- Catfish: 10 per day per angler.

Regulations

- 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 except on designated days during National Fishing and Boating Week.
- Skiing is allowed in designated areas on weekends and holidays only.
- PFD's are required.

Fishing Tips

Largemouth Bass

- Target laydowns and near shore cover with spinnerbaits, swimbaits, and shakeyheads.
- In the summer and fall, target the creek channels with Texas/Carolina-rigged plastics, crankbaits, and jigs during the day. During twilight hours, target the flats with various topwater lures.

Crappie

- Fish around sunken brush tops and laydowns.
- Target the deeper creek channels with small jigs, or live bait under a cork.

Bream

- Target coves and fish around cover with tightlined redworms and crickets.

Catfish

- Fish creek channels and deeper laydowns with nightcrawlers or cutbait.

Below: Results from the 2021 fall electrofishing survey on Lake Lowndes. Sampling was completed in November along 1.6 miles of shoreline.

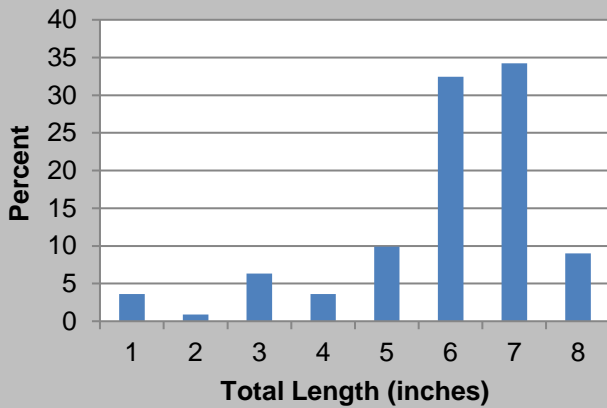
Species	# of Fish Sampled	% of Sample	Average Length inches	Maximum Length Inches	Average Weight pounds	Catch Rate Adult fish (fish/mile)
Largemouth Bass	268	67	11.9	23.9	0.9	194
Bluegill	111	28	6.5	8.9	0.3	80
Gizzard Shad	4	1	10.8	11.4	-	3
Black Crappie	2	<1	10.7	12.2	0.7	2
Redear Sunfish	7	2	9	10.3	0.5	5
Channel Catfish	6	1	31.9	35.7	15.4	5
Warmouth	1	<1	7.6	7.6	0.3	0.7



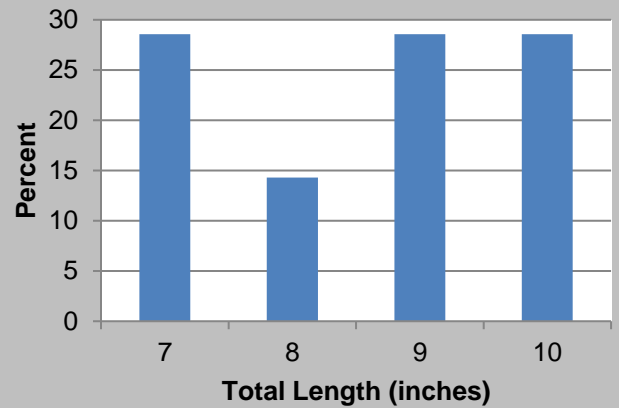
Above: Lake Lowndes State Park offers guests opportunities to view some of Mississippi's natural beauty. The picture above shows a lovely sunrise over the lake.

Below: Length distributions for Bluegill, Redear Sunfish, and Largemouth Bass collected during the fall 2021 electrofishing survey.

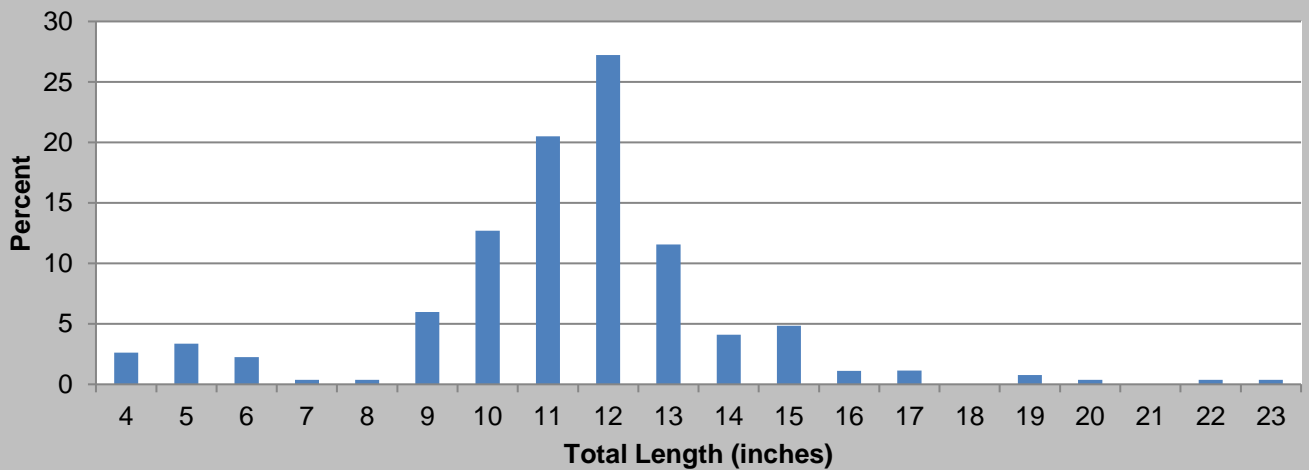
Bluegill



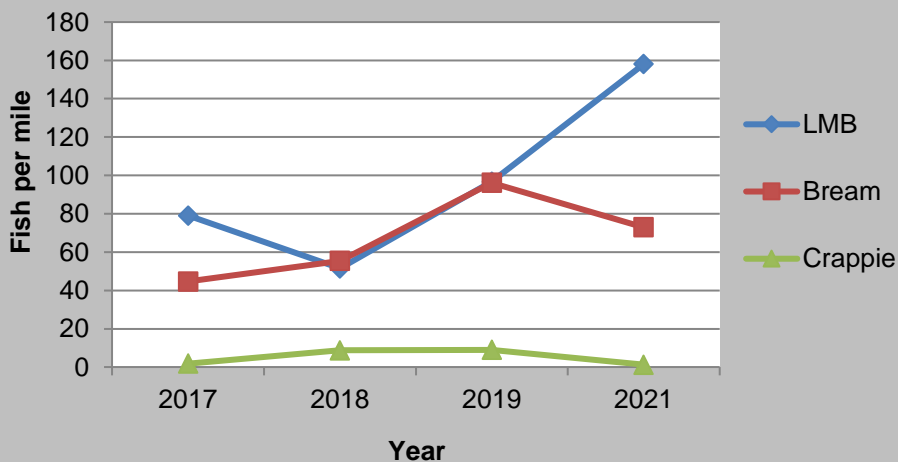
Redear Sunfish



Largemouth Bass



Electrofishing Catch Rates



Left: Catch rates during fall electrofishing surveys at Lake Lowndes show an increase in Largemouth Bass (LMB) and bream. Bream includes both Bluegill and Redear Sunfish. Crappie includes both Black Crappie and White Crappie.



Left: Even though the majority of bass are small, anglers who dedicate time and effort to fishing the lake can be rewarded with trophy fish like these. A healthy Gizzard Shad population provides larger bass with an excellent food source.



Above: Lake Lowndes crappie anglers can take advantage of a fishery that often gets overlooked. Most anglers targeting crappie use both minnows and jigs fished around or over off-shore brush tops close to deep water.