

# Tombigbee State Park Lake 2024 REEL FACTS

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**General Information:** The 90-acre lake at Tombigbee State Park was built by the Civilian Conservation Corps between 1934-1938. Historically, the lake has boasted good bream and crappie populations. The lake has an overabundance of Largemouth Bass, and anglers are encouraged to harvest smaller bass.

Location: Approximately 6 miles east of Tupelo off Hwy 6, 3 miles on State Park Road.

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

Lake Depth Map: http://www.mdwfp.com/media/5427/tombigbee-park-lake.pdf

Purchase a Fishing License: https://www.ms.gov/mdwfp/hunting\_fishing/

#### **Amenities**

- 1 public concrete boat ramp with courtesy pier.
- 2 handicap accessible fishing piers.
- 7 Cabins and 1 cottage
- Campground with 20 sites including water and electrical hookups. Primitive camping is also available.
- Children's playground.
- Sand volleyball court.
- Picnic areas with grills.
- Group camp.
- Restrooms and showers.
- 2 disc golf courses

#### **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

- Fishing is not allowed from the courtesy pier adjacent to the boat ramp.
- Rod and reel fishing is allowed.
  No trotlines, FFFD's, jugs, yoyo's, limblines, throwlines, or set hooks are allowed.
- The lake is designated as no wake.
- Licenses and permits are not required on designated free fishing days during National Fishing and Boating Week.
- Fishing licenses and permits may be purchased in the park office
- Contact the park office at (662) 842-7669.

#### **Fishing Tips**

#### Largemouth Bass

- Target main lake points with wacky rigs and Texas-rigged plastics.
- In the summer and fall, fish the weed edges with spinner baits, Texas-rigged plastics, and various topwater lures.

#### **Crappie**

- Fish sunken brush tops and laydowns.
- Target main lake points and deep weed edges with small jigs or live bait under a cork.

#### Bream

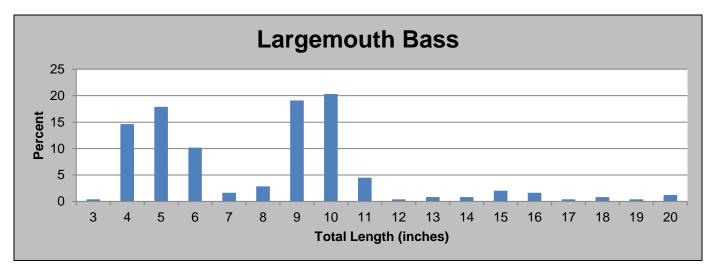
 Target coves with tightlined redworms, mealworms, and crickets.

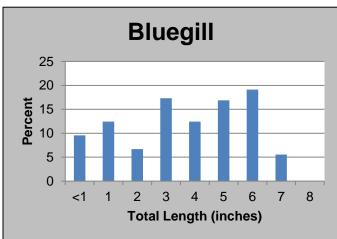
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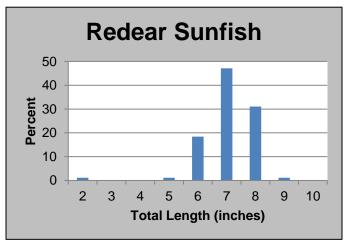
- Target main lake points with nightcrawlers, liver, or cutbait.
- Fish deep laydowns and brushtops on main lake .

**Below:** Results from the 2022 fall electrofishing on Tombigbee State Park Lake. Boat electrofishing was completed along 2.5 miles of shoreline in October.

Species	# of Fish Sampled	% of Sample	Average Length (inches)	Maximum Length (inches)	Average Weight (pounds)	Catch Rate (Adult fish/mile)
Largemouth Bass	246	31	8.6	20.6	0.6	54
Bluegill	450	56	4.2	8.0	0.2	142
Redear Sunfish	87	11	7.6	9.1	0.3	34
Channel Catfish	3	0	19.8	23.7	2.8	1
Yellow Bullhead	3	0	7.9	10.0	0.3	2
Warmouth	10	1	5.2	7.0	0.1	5



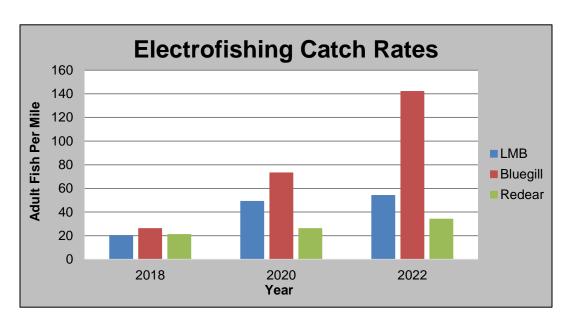




**Above:** Length distributions for Largemouth Bass, Bluegill, and Redear Sunfish sampled during fall 2022 electrofishing.

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Electrofishing catch rates for adult Largemouth Bass, Bluegill, and Redear Sunfish from electrofishing surveys in 2018, 2020 and 2022. Catch rates were up across-the-board in 2022.



Year	Species	Number	Size
2021	Channel Catfish	1,500	14"
2020	Blue/Channel Hybrid Catfish	550	14"
2018	Bluegill	70,000	1"
2017	Black Crappie	6,977	4"
2016	Triploid Grass Carp	500	11"
2015	Channel Catfish	5,000	3-5"
2015	Bluegill	31,850	1-3"
2015	Redear Sunfish	13,650	1-3"
2013	Triploid Crappie	2,000	2"
2013	Redear Sunfish	4,500	2"
2011	Grass Carp	550	8"
2008	Bluegill/Redear	4,500	1-3"

Left: Fish stocking records for Tombigbee State Park over the past 12 years.

