



# Lake Lincoln 2024

## REEL FACTS

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**General Information:** Lake Lincoln is a 550-acre State Park Lake which first opened in 1965. The lake was renovated in 2000 to repair the valve stem. Since reopening in 2002, the lake has produced good numbers of bass and crappie. Brush piles are the main form of habitat.

**Location:** Approximately 3 miles east of Wesson off Sunset Rd NE.

**Fishery Management:** Largemouth Bass, bream, crappie, catfish, and Hybrid Striped Bass.

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

### Amenities

- 1 boat ramp with courtesy pier, parking lot, and public restroom
- 3 handicapped fishing piers
- 71 camping pads with water/electric hookups, 1 cabin, and 3 cottages
- 18 hole disc golf course
- Beach volleyball court, playground, 2 pavilions, swimming area, and nature trail

### Creel and Size Limits

- Bream: 100 per day
- Catfish: 10 per day
- Crappie: 30 per day
- Hybrids: 6 per day with minimum length of 15"
- Largemouth Bass: 10 per day

### Regulations

- Fishing is not allowed from the courtesy pier adjacent to boat ramp.
- 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 within ski area. Lake is designated as No Wake in all other areas.

### Forage Species

- Gizzard Shad
- Threadfin Shad
- Golden Shiners
- Crawfish

### Fishing Tips

#### Bream

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

#### Catfish

- Try tightlining liver or blood scented bait along deep drop offs of main lake points and creek channels.

#### Crappie

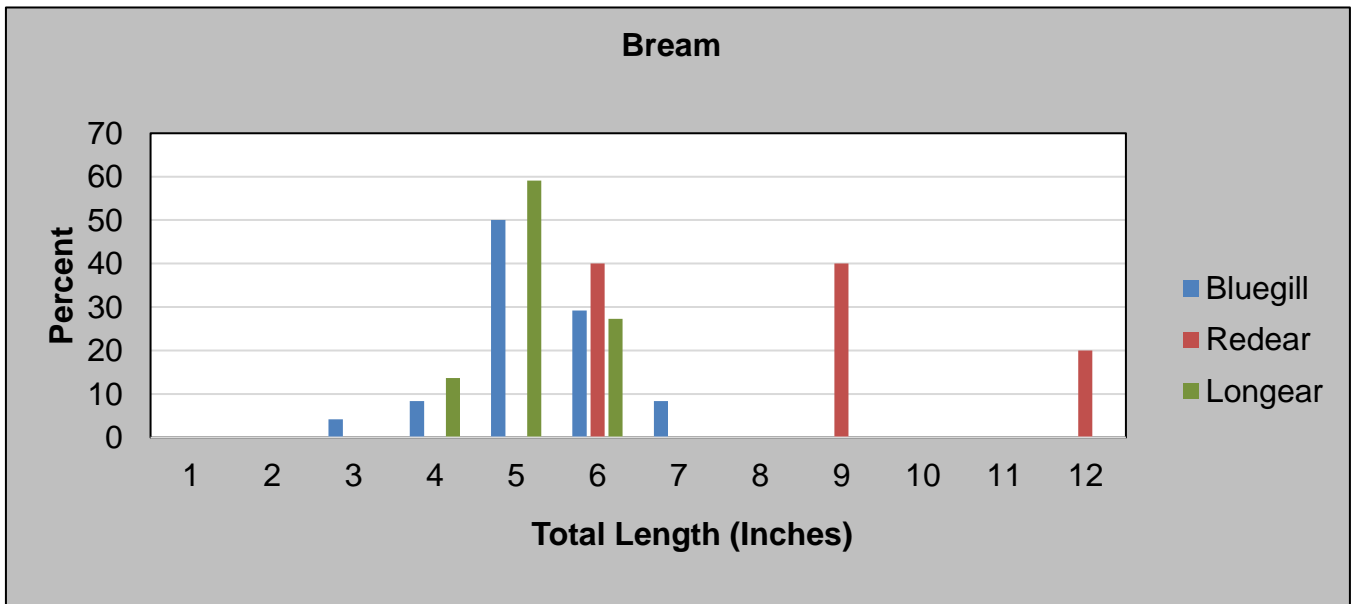
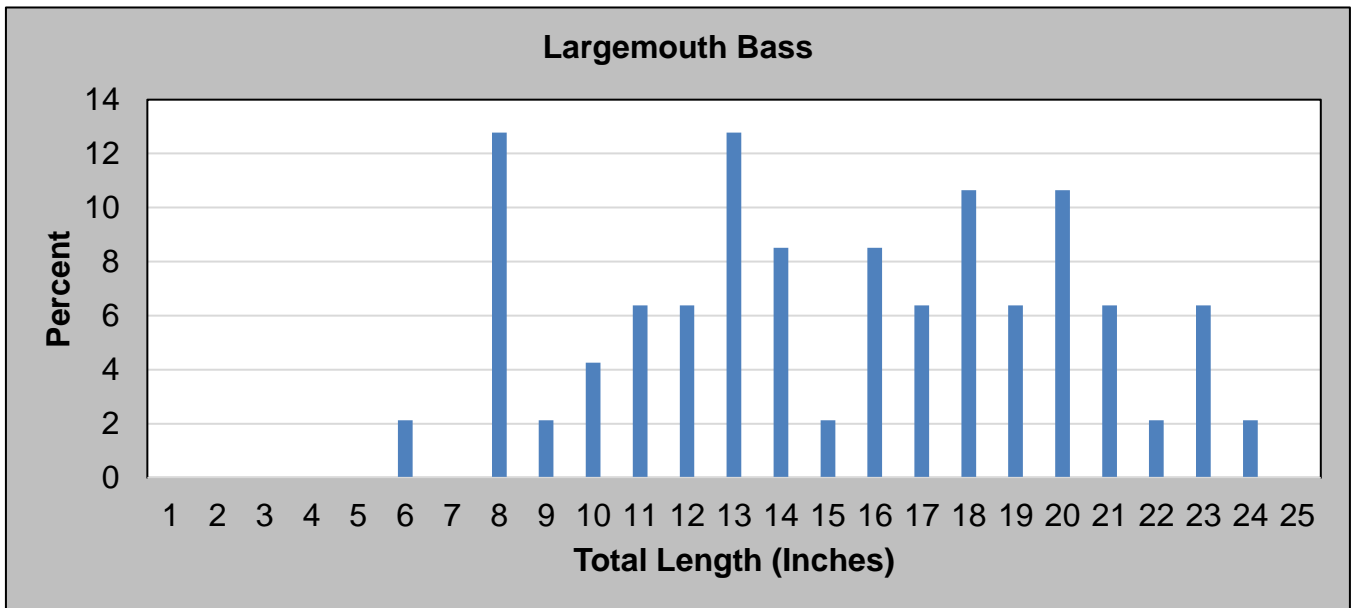
- Target brush piles around the main lake creek channels. Spider rigging is very popular with jigs and minnows.

#### Largemouth Bass

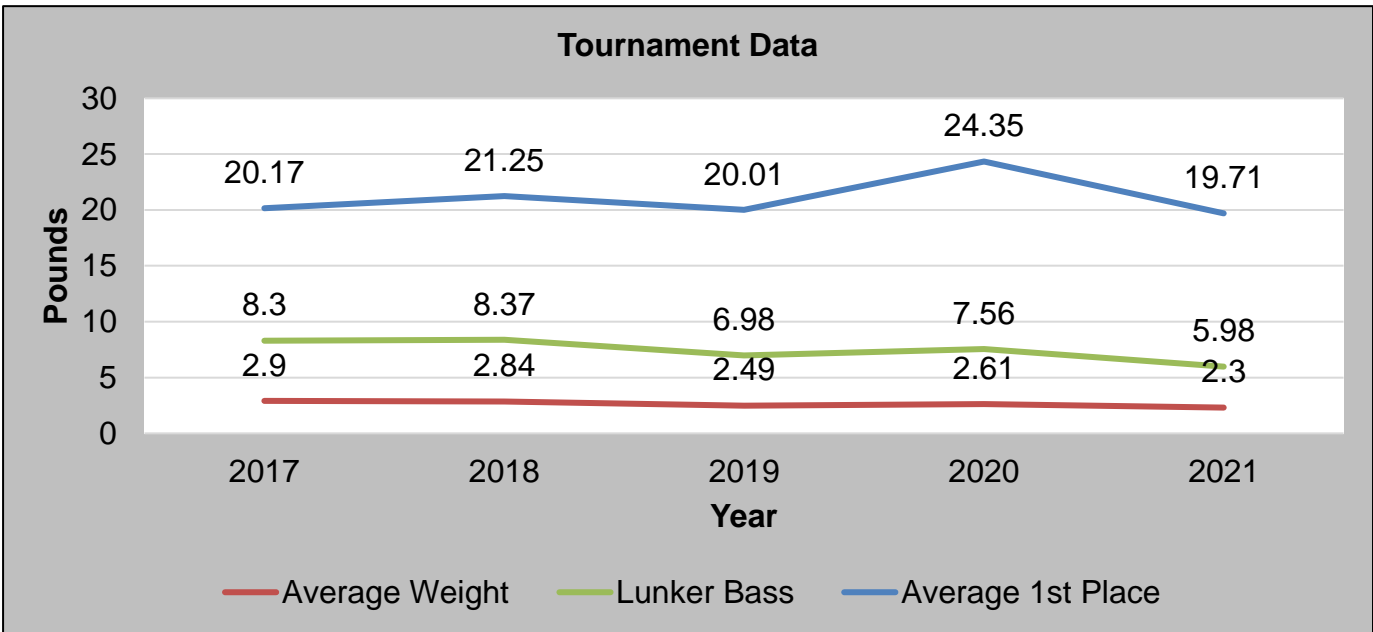
- Target brush piles with junebug, plum, or green pumpkin colored soft plastics. Topwater baits can also be good in the morning around main lake points.

**Below:** Results from the 2021 fall electrofishing survey conducted at Lake Lincoln.

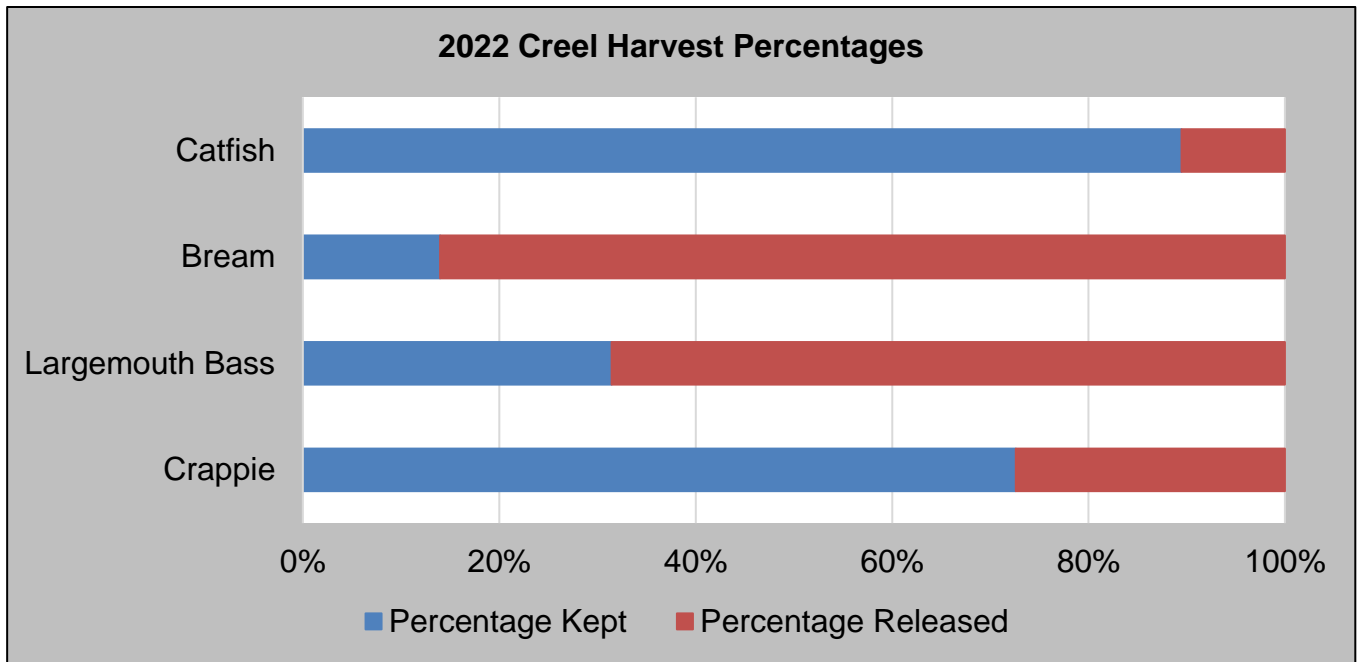
Species	# of fish collected	% of sample	Average Length (inches)	Maximum Length (inches)	Average Weight (pounds)	Catch Rate – Adult fish (fish/mile)
Channel Catfish	4	3.9	15.84	18.03	1.03	5
Bluegill	24	23.5	4.87	6.38	0.07	21
Longear Sunfish	22	21.6	4.58	5.31	0.06	22
Redear Sunfish	5	4.9	8.01	12.01	0.44	6
Largemouth Bass	47	46.1	13.73	21.06	1.65	46



**Above:** Length distributions for Largemouth Bass and Bream collected during 2021 fall electrofishing.

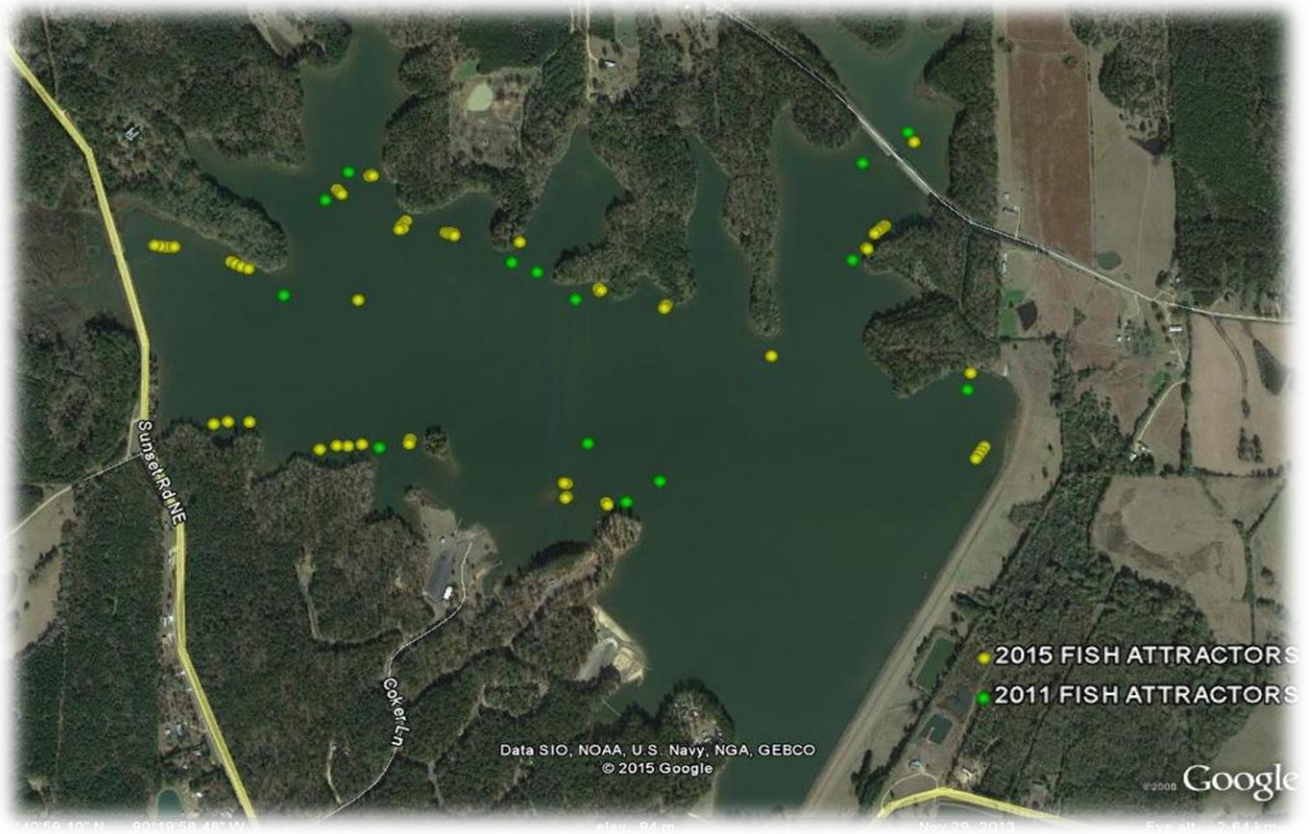


**Above:** Average weights for Bass tournaments from 2017-2021 at Lake Lincoln.



Species	Harvested	Released	Total
Catfish	17	2	19
Bream	6	37	43
Largemouth Bass	22	48	70
Crappie	106	40	146

**Above:** Creel Results for Lake Lincoln. A total of 278 fish were caught while surveying, 127 of which were released.



**Above:** Locations of fish attractors placed in Lake Lincoln in 2011 and 2015. Fish attractors are comprised of treetops placed in a variety of depths. These treetops can be excellent locations to catch Largemouth Bass, bream, and crappie throughout the year.



**Above:** Largemouth Bass and White Crappie, historically, have been the most sought-after game fish at Lake Lincoln.