



# Lake Lowndes State Park Lake 2019

## 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/](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 tigtined redworms and crickets.

#### Catfish

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

**Below:** Results from the 2018 fall electrofishing survey on Lake Lowndes. Sampling was completed during October along 3.1 miles of shoreline.

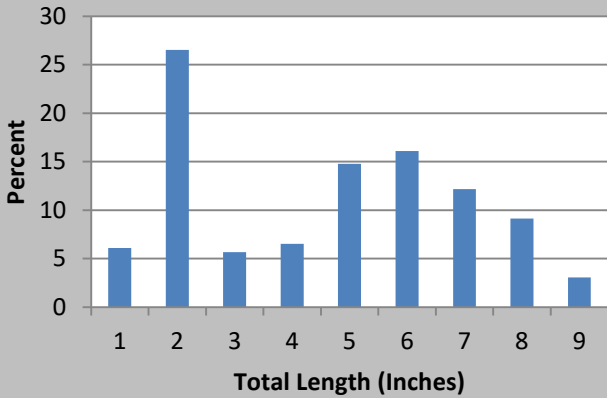
Species	# of Fish Sampled	% of Sample	Average Length inches	Maximum Length inches	Average Weight pounds	Catch Rate Adult fish (fish/mile)
Largemouth Bass	205	38.1	11.2	23.6	1.1	51.5
Bluegill	230	42.8		8.8	0.2	31.5
Gizzard Shad	40	7.4	10.3	13.4	-	-
Black Crappie	29	5.4	9.2	12.8	0.4	8.8
Redear Sunfish	29	5.4	7.3	10.7	0.3	9.5
Channel Catfish	4	0.7	27.8	30.2	8.8	1.2
Warmouth	1	0.2	4.6	4.6	-	-



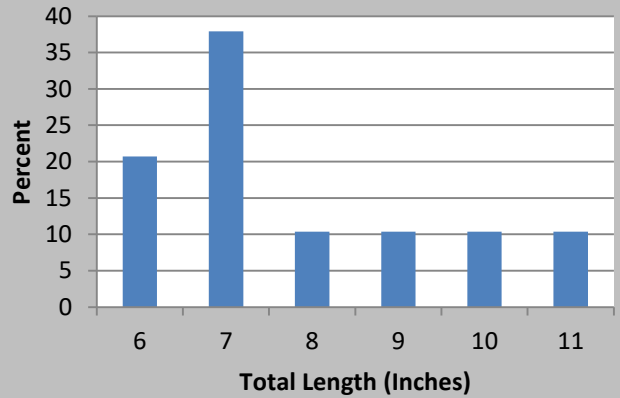
**Above:** Lake Lowndes State Park offers guests opportunities to view some of Mississippi's natural beauty. The picture above shows a lovely sunrise over the lake.

**Below:** Length distributions for Bluegill, Redear Sunfish, and Largemouth Bass collected during the fall 2018 electrofishing survey.

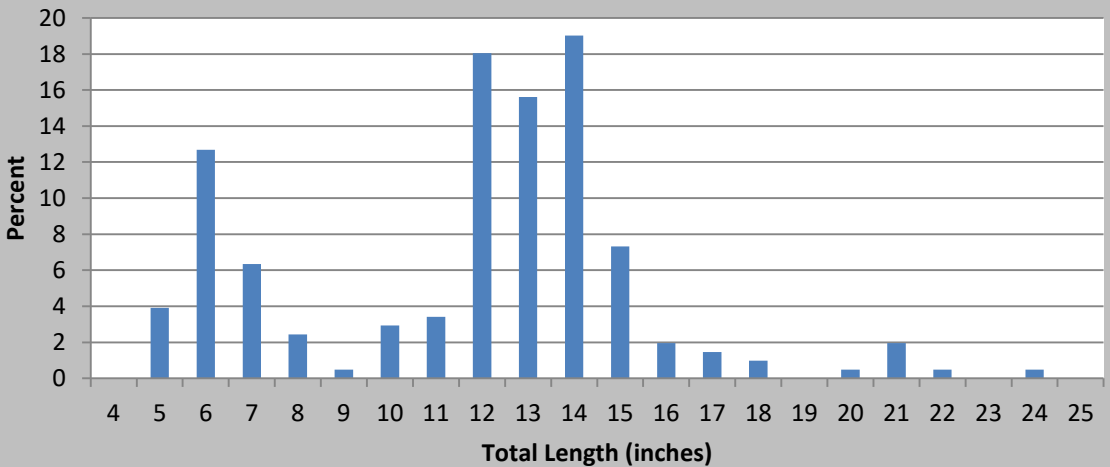
### Bluegill



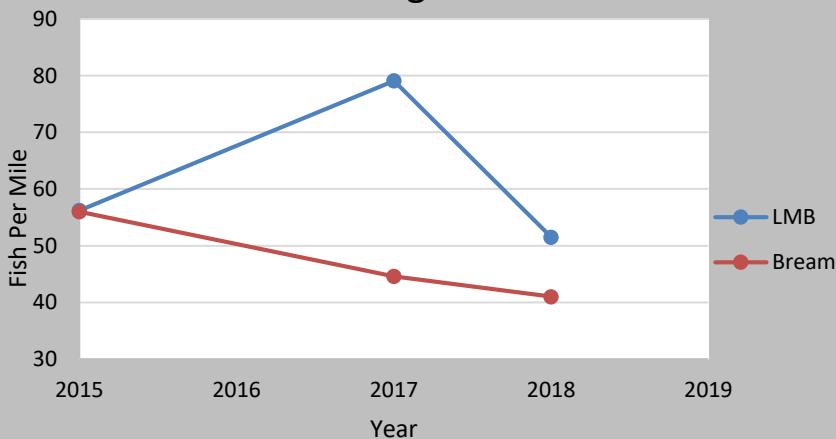
### Redear Sunfish



### Largemouth Bass



### Electrofishing Catch Rates



**Left:** Electrofishing catch rates during fall electrofishing at Lake Lowndes. Bream includes both Bluegill and Redear Sunfish.



Left: Even though a majority of the 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 crappie jigs fished around or over off shore brushtops close to deep water.