



# Elvis Presley Lake 2019

## REEL FACTS

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**General Information:** Elvis Presley Lake, which first opened in 1971, has a surface area of 322 acres. Historically, the lake is known for its good bream fishing. On April 28, 2014 an EF-4 tornado made a direct hit at Elvis Presley Lake damaging approximately 80% of the facility. The lake is open and all activities are available to visitors.

**Location:** North 1/2 mi. off Hwy 78 on Veteran's Blvd. Right on CR 1460 to CR 995.

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

**Lake Depth Map:** <http://www.mdwfp.com/media/5445/elvis-presley-12212017.pdf>

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

### Amenities

- 2 public concrete boat ramps with courtesy piers.
- 2 fishing piers.
- Campground with 16 sites with water and electrical hookups. Primitive camping is also available.
- Picnic areas with grills.
- Rental pavilion.
- Restrooms and showers.

### Creel Regulations

- Black bass (largemouth and spotted): 10 bass 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 piers adjacent to the boat ramps.
- 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 and can be purchased at the lake office.
- Licenses and permits are not required on designated free fishing days during National Fishing and Boating Week.
- Skiing is allowed daily from noon till sunset.
- PFD's are required.

### Fishing Tips

#### Largemouth Bass

- Target main lake points and creek channels with Carolina/Texas-rigged plastics, jigs, shaky heads, or crankbaits.
- In the spring, target coves with spinnerbaits, T-rigged lizards, and weightless soft plastics.

#### Crappie

- In the spring, target brush along the western banks with small jigs or live bait.
- Target suspended fish near the dam and other deep water refuges.

#### Bream

- Try shallow coves with cover. Tightline both crickets and redworms.

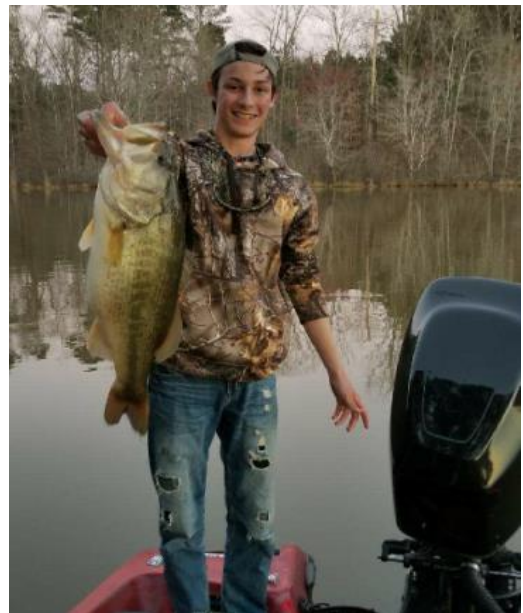
#### Catfish

- Target laydowns and deeper areas around fishing piers.

**Below:** Elvis Presley Lake record fish. Record fish must be weighed and verified by the lake manager, lake supervisor, or fisheries biologist. Anglers who catch a lake record fish will receive a certificate acknowledging their catch. There is no minimum weight for any open lake record.

Fish Species	Weight (pounds)	Angler	Date Caught
Largemouth Bass	10.0	Zachery Brown	March 3, 2018
Crappie	Open	-	-
Redear Sunfish	Open	-	-
Bluegill	Open	-	-
Catfish	26.0	Faron Scott	October 2, 2016

**Right:** The current lake record Largemouth Bass. Elvis Presley Lake is bass crowded, and anglers are encouraged to harvest smaller bass when visiting the lake to allow the larger fish to reach trophy size.



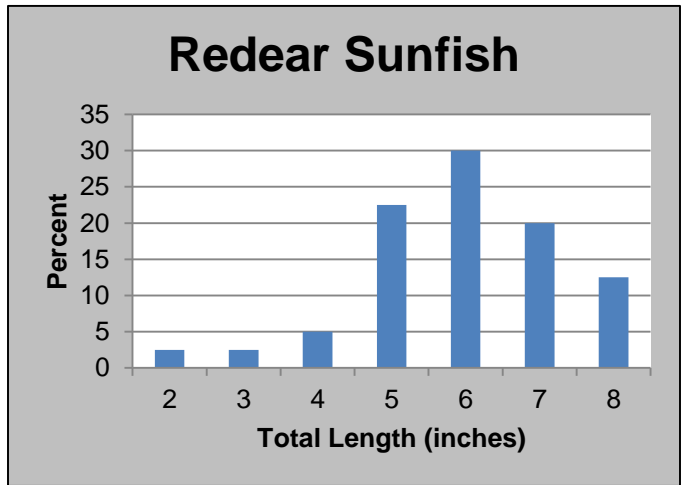
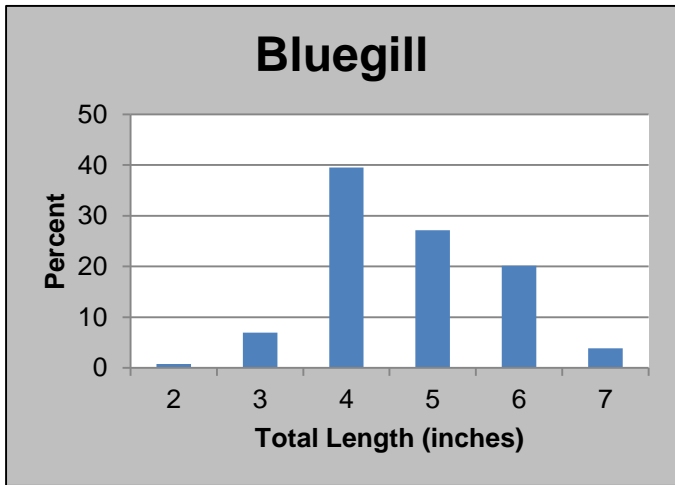
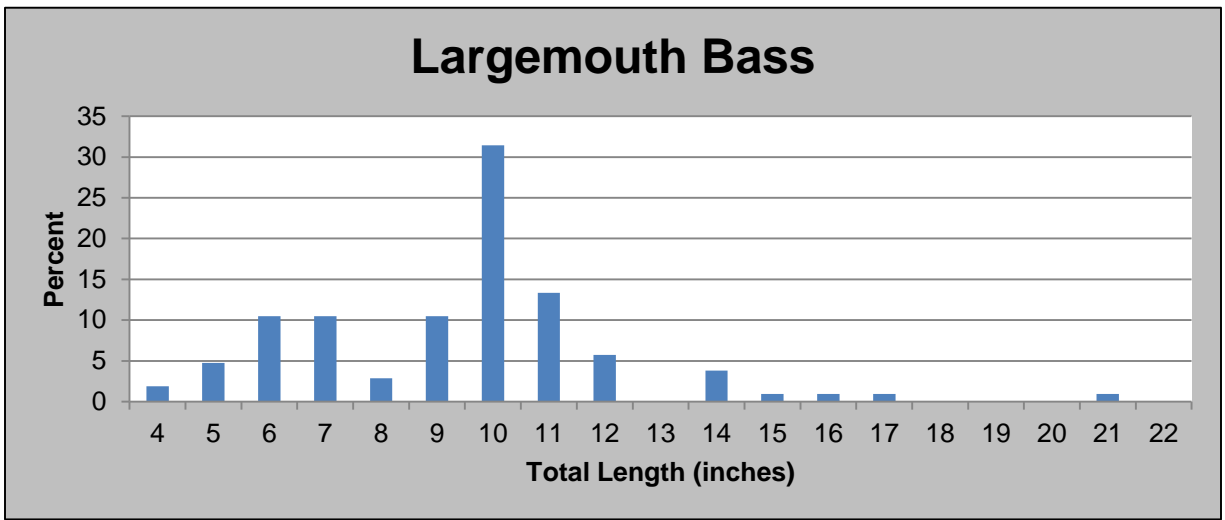
**Left:** Many anglers fish Elvis Presley Lake in hopes of catching quality catfish. Most of the effort comes in the twilight and evening hours. The lake record is pictured here. Anglers typically tightline various baits like night crawlers, chicken liver, or even Kool aid flavored chicken. Over 9,000 Flathead Catfish were stocked in the lake in 2018.

**Below:** Results from the 2018 fall boat electrofishing survey on Elvis Presley Lake. Five shoreline areas totaling 3.1 miles were sampled during October. Elvis Presley Lake is sampled every fall.

Species	# of fish collected	% of sample	Average Length (inches)	Maximum Length (inches)	Average Weight (pounds)	Catch Rate – (Adult fish/mile)
Gizzard Shad	4	1	10	11	-	1
Threadfin Shad	2	<1	7	7	-	0
Channel Catfish	7	2	16	26	1.7	2
Flathead Catfish	4	1	6	7	0.1	0
Warmouth	14	4	6	8	0.2	4
Bluegill	129	40	5	8	0.1	38
Longear Sunfish	5	2	4	4	-	1
Redear Sunfish	40	13	6	8	0.2	13
Spotted Bass	3	1	6	7	0.1	0
Largemouth Bass	105	33	10	22	0.6	23
White Crappie	2	<1	14	15	1.4	<1
Black Crappie	5	2	9	10	0.3	1

**Below:** An 8 pound Largemouth Bass from Elvis Presley Lake. Even though the average size bass are smaller than desired, some quality largemouth can be caught.



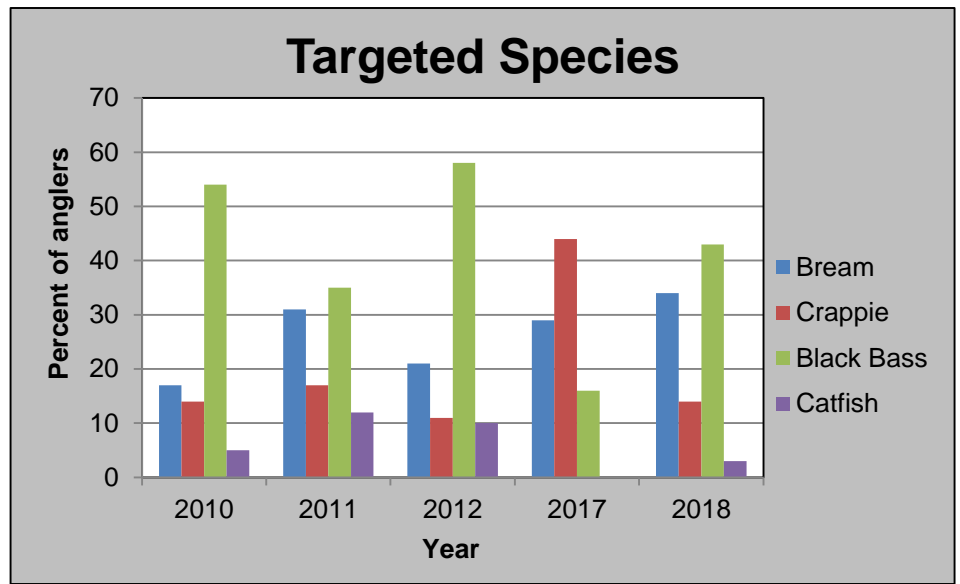


**Above:** Length distributions for Largemouth Bass, Bluegill, and Redear Sunfish collected during fall 2018 electrofishing.



**Left:** It is often difficult to sample crappie when electrofishing, but Elvis Presley Lake has a healthy crappie population. Anglers often have success fishing from the bank in early spring.

**Right:** Based on creel survey data from Elvis Presley Lake, bass and bream are the fish most popular with anglers.



**Below:** In April of 2014, a tornado ravaged the area around Tupelo including Elvis Presley Lake. Structural damage occurred to several of the lake facilities including this fishing pier. MDWFP had to close the entire facility for a short time to repair the damage that occurred.

