



Lake Perry 2019

REEL FACTS

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General Information: This 68 acre impoundment is located on sixteenth section land in Perry County. Lake Perry has traditionally been known for its Bluegill and bass fishing, however, in recent years the number of crappie anglers has increased dramatically.

Location: The lake is located approximately 28 miles southeast of Hattiesburg off Highway 98 south of Beaumont.

Fishery Management: Largemouth Bass, bream, and crappie

Purchase a Fishing License: <https://www.ms.gov/mdwfp/licensing/login>

Depth Map: <http://www.mdwfp.com/media/5431/lake-perry.pdf>

Amenities

- Two public boat ramps
- One courtesy pier
- Four fishing piers
- Camping sites
- Day-use / picnic areas
- Public restrooms
- Bank fishing locations
- Skiing permitted when posted

Creel and Size Limits

- Catfish – 10 per day.

Statewide creel and size limits apply to all other fish species.

- Bass – 10 per day
- Bream – 100 per day
- Crappie – 30 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, free floating fishing devices, 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.
- For more information contact Lake Perry manager Joey Hinton at (601) 784-6119

Fishing Tips

Crappie

Use minnows or green and black jigs in 6 to 8 ft. of water near structures and around overhanging limbs

Largemouth Bass

Use soft plastic lures like flukes and worms fished slowly near woody cover in 2 to 6 ft. of water. Junebug or red colored plastics, Carolina rigged, seem to be good choices

Bream

Use crickets in about 2 to 6 ft. of water. The front of the spillway and along the dam are always good places to try.

Catfish

Use pungent baits, such as liver, to attract catfish.

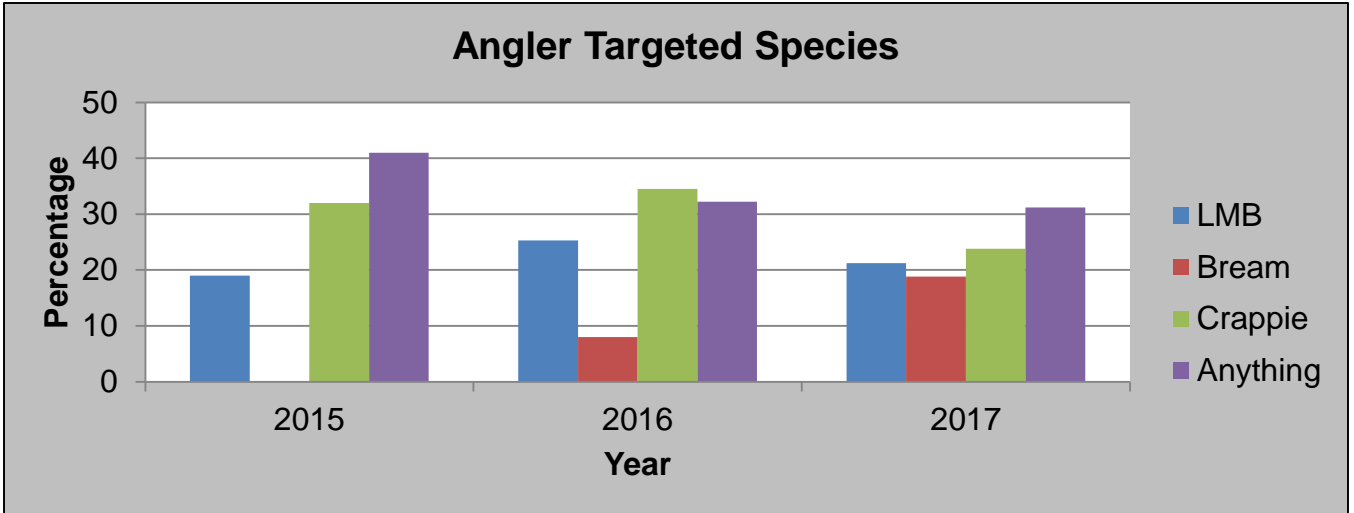
Below: Lake Perry record fish. Record fish must be weighed and verified by the lake manager, lake supervisor, or fisheries biologist. Anglers who catch a lake record fish will receive a certificate acknowledging their catch. There is no minimum weight for any open lake record.

Fish Species	Weight (pounds)	Angler	Date Caught
Largemouth Bass	13.1	John Seymour	1998
Crappie	3.5	Robert Dunagin	April 20, 2016
Redear Sunfish	1.0	Marlene Hester	July 28, 2017
Bluegill	1.1	Kevin Greene	March 10, 2018
Catfish	42.0	John Cavallo	2011



Above: One of our annual fishing rodeos hosted at Lake Perry. Every year the event draws youth from the area to learn the joy of fishing.

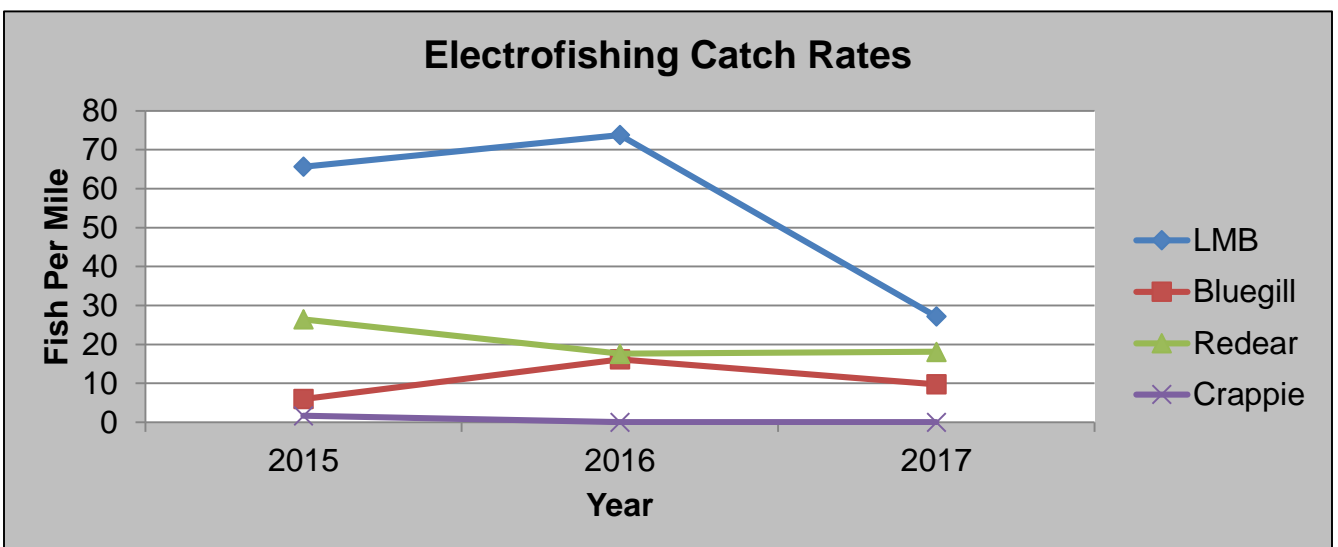
Below: Percentage of anglers targeting bream, crappie, Largemouth Bass (LMB), and anything at Lake Perry based on spring creel surveys. The amount of anglers targeting bream has decreased while the amount of anglers targeting crappie has increased over the last three seasons.



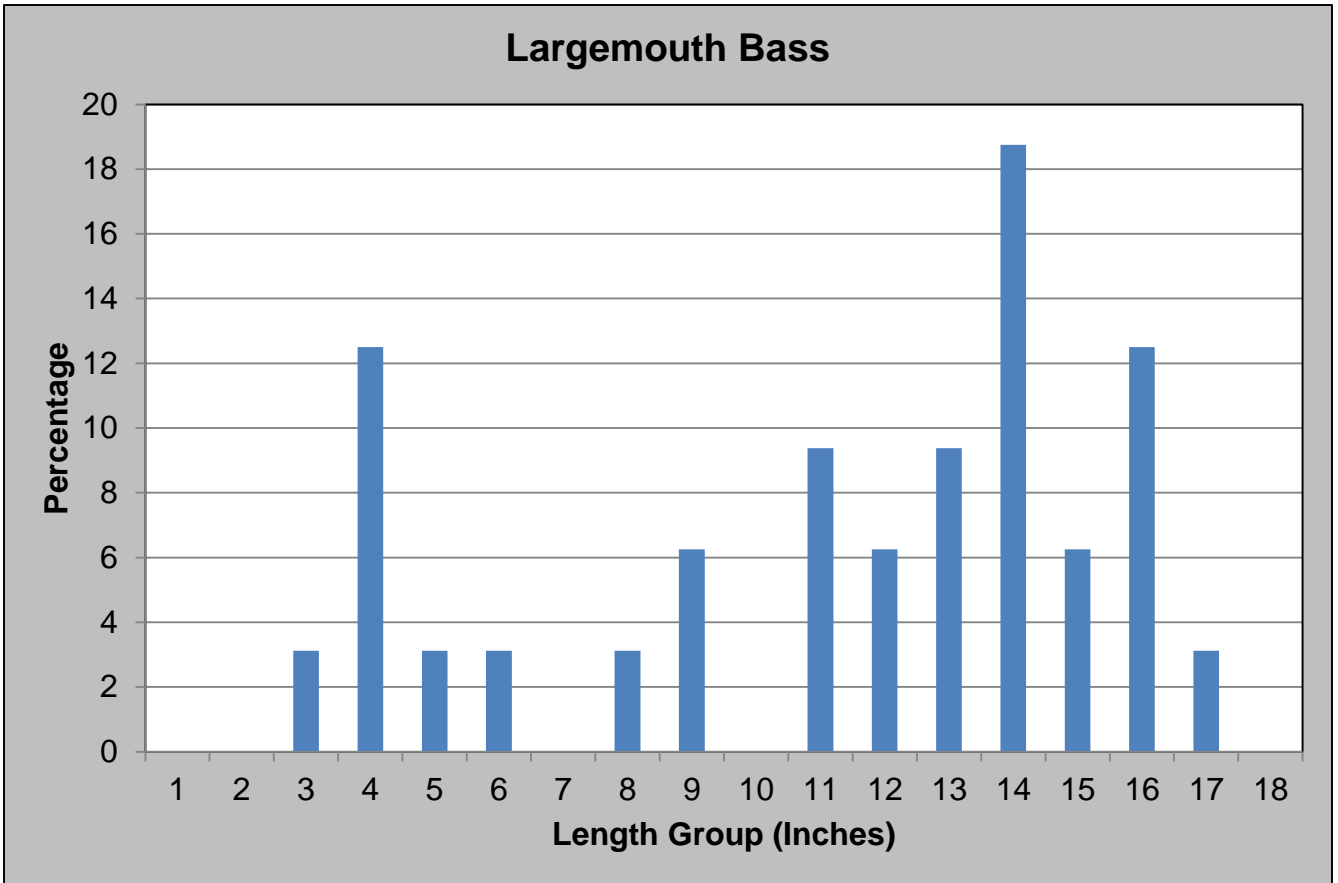
Below: Results from the 2017 fall electrofishing survey conducted at Lake Perry.

Species	# of fish collected	% of sample	Average Length (inches)	Maximum Length (inches)	Average Weight (pounds)	Catch Rate – Adult fish (fish/mile)
Chain Pickerel	3	4.6	15.6	16.3	0.6	3
Bluegill	10	15.4	5.1	7.7	0.1	7
Redear Sunfish	15	23.1	7.2	10.0	0.2	15
Largemouth Bass	32	49.2	11.9	19.7	1.1	25
Logperch	5	7.7	4.3	5.1	<0.1	<1

Below: Summary of the total numbers of fish sampled per mile (Largemouth Bass; LMB, Bluegill, Redear Sunfish and crappie) during 2015, 2016 and 2017 fall electrofishing. Even though electrofishing catch rates have fluctuated, anglers continue to catch high numbers of fish.



Below: Length distribution of Largemouth Bass collected during fall 2017 electrofishing.



Below: Length distribution of bream collected during fall 2017 electrofishing.

