



Calling Panther Lake 2019

REEL FACTS

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General Information: Calling Panther Lake is a 404 acre state fishing lake that was built in 2003 and opened in 2006. This lake offers a unique fishing experience with dense stands of submerged timber and deep creek channels.

Location: Approximately 5 miles west of Crystal Springs

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

Purchase a Fishing License: https://www.ms.gov/mdwfp/hunting_fishing/

Lake Depth Map: <http://www.mdwfp.com/media/5443/calling-panther-lake.pdf>

Amenities

- 1 public ramp, parking lot, public restroom with showers, and a nature trail
- 1 handicapped fishing pier
- 23 camping pads with water, electrical, and sewer

Creel and Size Limits

- Bream: 100 per day
- Catfish: 10 per day
- Crappie: 30 per day
- Largemouth Bass: 1 over 20 inches and 10 per day

Forage Species

- Threadfin Shad
- Crawfish

Regulations

- 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 on Wednesday, Sunday, Memorial Day, July 4th, and Labor Day from noon to sunset within ski area.
- Lake is designated as No Wake all other times.

Fishing Tips

Bream

- Try crickets and worms in shallow areas during late spring and summer. Redear Sunfish are often caught by tightlining.

Catfish

- Try liver, worms, or blood scented bait along the dam and southwest bank. Night fishing is typically good.

Crappie

- Try minnows or jigs around vegetation in the spring. Fishing the creek channel is popular at other times of the year.

Largemouth Bass

- Target shallow flats during the spring with soft plastics. Drop offs, ledges, and creek channels are good areas during the summer. Watch for schooling activity as well.

Below: Historic lake record fish for Calling Panther Lake. Anglers that catch a fish they believe to be a lake record must have the fish verified by a MDWFP lake manager, lake supervisor, or biologist. There is no minimum weight for any open lake record.

Fish Species	Weight (pounds)	Angler	Date Caught
Largemouth Bass	15.4	James Allen	Feb. 2011
Crappie	2.75	Peggy Blakeney	March 2018
Redear Sunfish	1.65	George Runnells	July 2016
Bluegill	OPEN	-	-
Catfish	7.38	Bryce Sharp	Dec. 2018

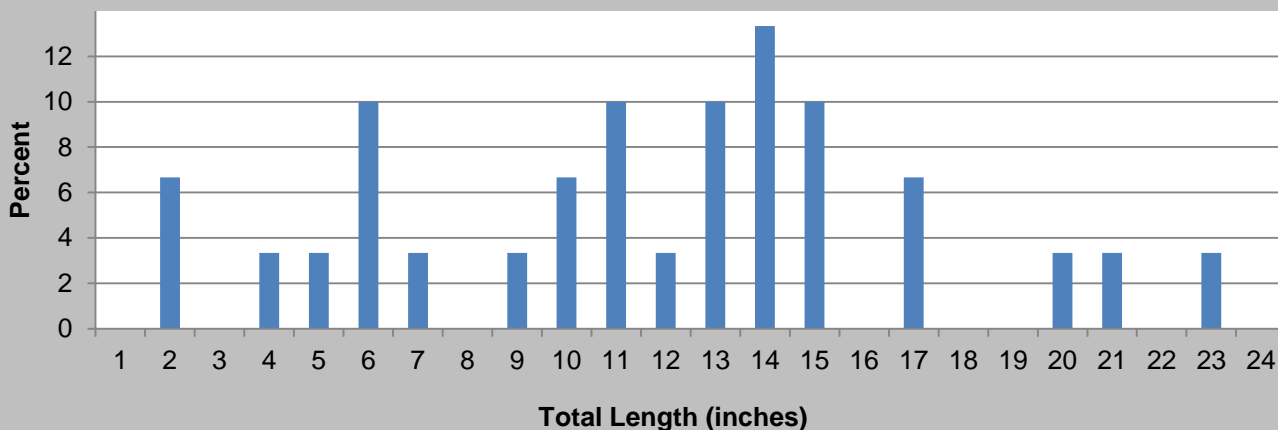


Below: Calling Panther Lake is a popular destination for anglers in central Mississippi. The opportunity to catch a trophy size Largemouth Bass, along with its close proximity to Jackson, make it one of the most popular lakes in the state.

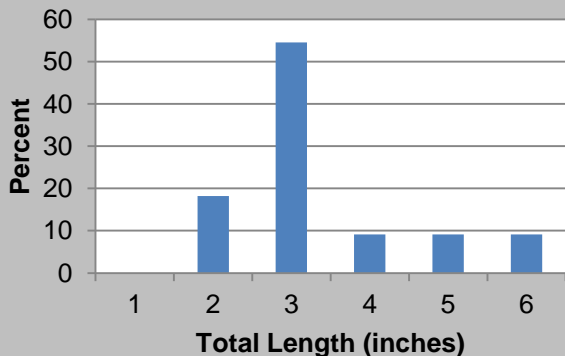
Below: Results from the 2018 fall electrofishing survey conducted at Calling Panther Lake.

Species	# of fish collected	% of sample	Average Length (inches)	Maximum Length (inches)	Average Weight (pounds)	Catch Rate – Adult fish (fish/mile)
Largemouth Bass	30	38	12.3	23.8	1.7	12.1
Redear Sunfish	22	28	8.4	10.6	0.4	8.9
Bluegill	11	14	3.8	6.2	0.0	4.4
Gizzard Shad	8	10	7.0	17.6	1.8	3.2
Green Sunfish	7	9	4.4	5.9	-	2.8
Warmouth	1	1	3.8	3.8	-	0.4
Longear Sunfish	1	1	5.9	5.9	-	0.4

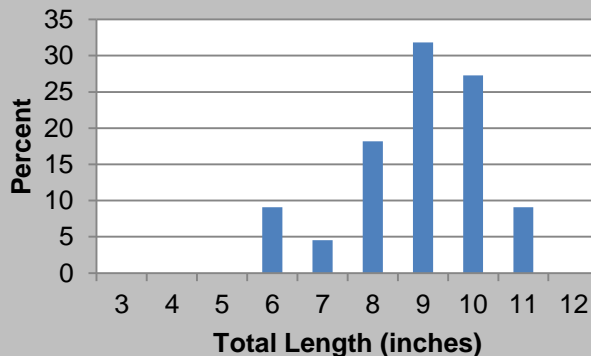
Largemouth Bass



Bluegill

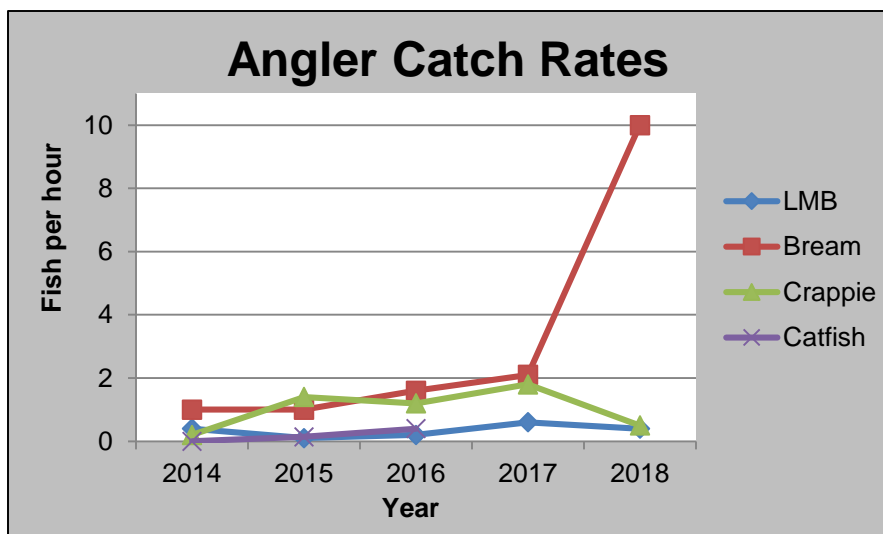
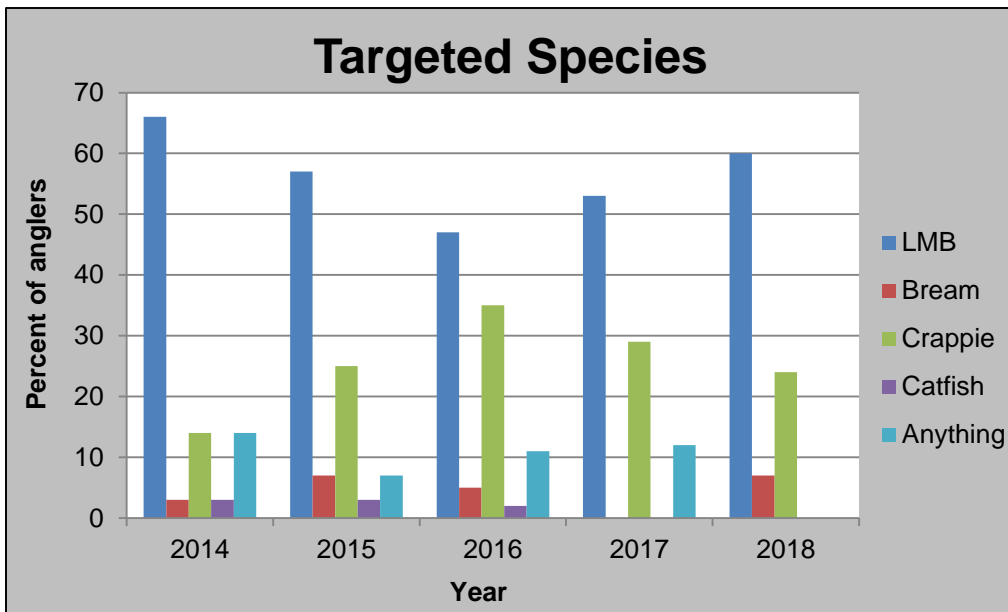


Redear Sunfish

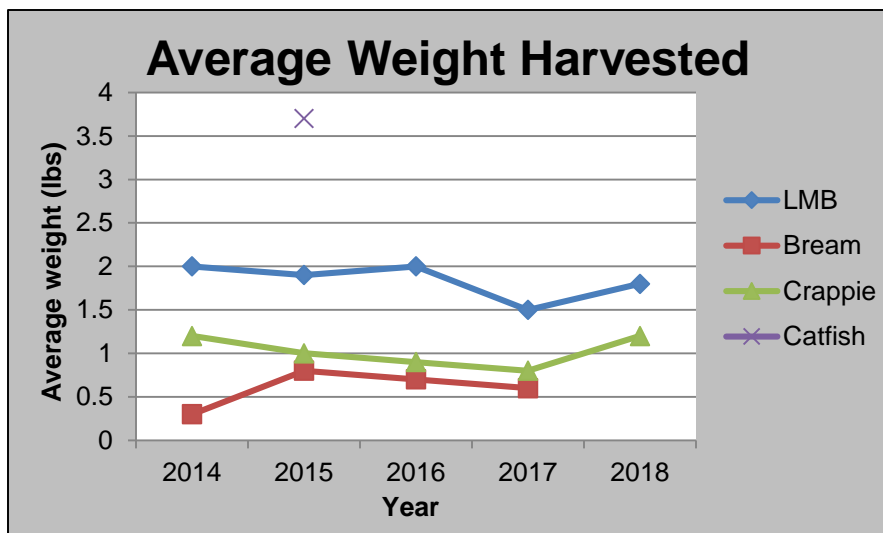


Above: Length distributions for Largemouth Bass, Bluegill, and Redear Sunfish collected during 2018 fall electrofishing.

Top right: Percentage of anglers targeting Largemouth Bass (LMB), bream, crappie, catfish, or fishing for anything at Calling Panther Lake. Bass and crappie are the most sought after species at this lake based on spring creel surveys.



Left top: Angler catch rates for Largemouth Bass (LMB), bream, and crappie at Calling Panther Lake based on spring creel surveys. Angler catch rates for bream increased in 2018, while crappie catch rates dropped slightly.



Left bottom: Average weight of harvested fish at Calling Panther Lake. Larger bream were harvested during 2015-2016 as anglers caught good size Redear Sunfish. Both Largemouth Bass and Crappie average weights increased slightly in 2018.