



Charlie Capps Lake 2020

REEL FACTS

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General Information: Charlie Capps WMA Lake is a 40 acre impoundment located on Charlie Capps Wildlife Management Area. The lake was drained in 2005 then re-stocked in 2010 and opened in 2013.

Location: Off Highway 8 in Bolivar County, 5 miles east of Rosedale and 15 miles west of Cleveland.

Fishery Management: Largemouth Bass, bream, Magnolia Crappie, and catfish.

Purchase a Fishing License: <http://www.mdwfp.com/license/fishing-license.aspx>

Amenities

- 2 fishing piers
- Small primitive boat launch

Regulations

- All anglers except those exempt from purchasing a fishing license must have a WMA user permit.
- Only bank fishing and non-motorized boats may be used (*trolling motors are legal*).
- Lake open daily from February 15 – October 31 each year.

Creel Limits

- 5 Largemouth Bass per day.
- 20 crappie per day.
- 100 bream per day.
- 10 catfish per day

Fish Stockings

2019

200 Grass Carp
13,800 Bluegill

2018

1,200 Channel Catfish
200 Grass Carp

2017

Magnolia Crappie
2,500

Redear Sunfish
80,000

Largemouth Bass
20 (Adult fish)

2016

Channel Catfish
3,200

2015

Grass Carp
250

Sportfishing Tips

Largemouth Bass

- Target submerged structure along shoreline during the spring.
- During the summer and fall look for fish in deeper water along the dam or off from the earthen piers.

Bream

- Use crickets or red worms near the piers or in shallow water along the northern and eastern shorelines.
- Bream fishing usually best from early summer through the fall.

Crappie

- Jig around submerged structure in deeper areas of the lake, including by the drainage pipe.

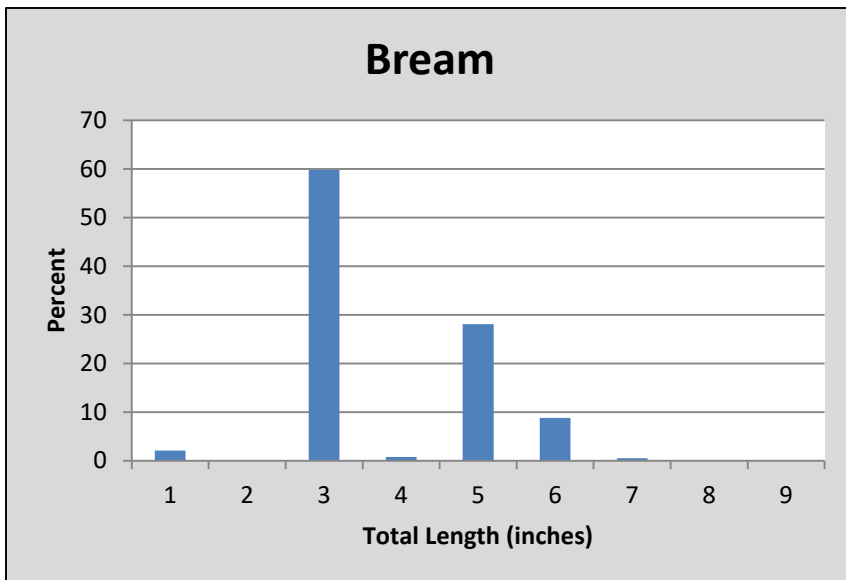
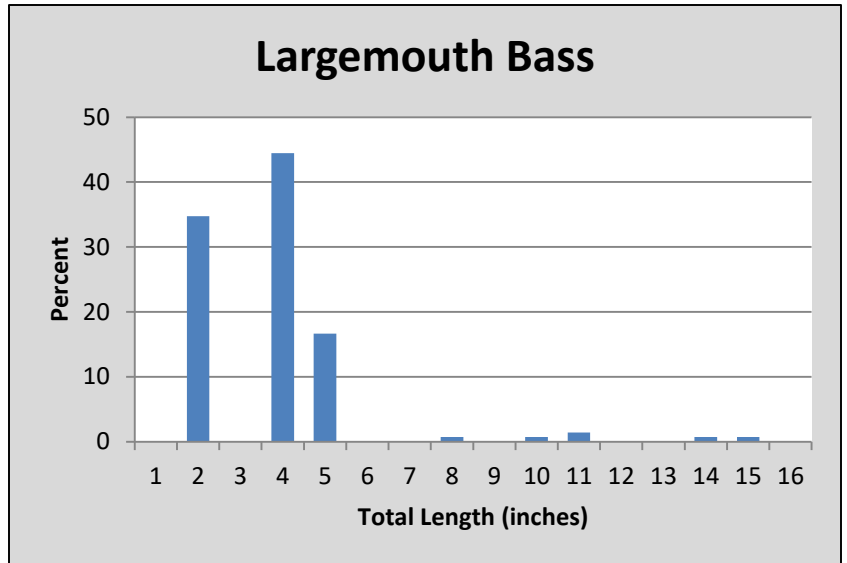
Below: Results from the 2018 electrofishing survey on Charlie Capps WMA Lake. This lake is sampled by electrofishing every 1 to 2 years during the fall. A fish kill occurred on Charlie Capps WMA Lake in 2017 that killed most all of the adult fish in the lake. The lake was restocked in 2017 and 2018, and game fish numbers are slowly beginning to recover.

Species	# of fish collected	% of sample	Average Length (inches)	Maximum Length (inches)	Average Weight (pounds)	Catch Rate- Adult fish (fish/mile)
Green Sunfish	381	72	3.4	7.0	NA	256
Largemouth Bass	144	27	4.2	14	1.2	11
Bluegill	7	1	4.4	7.0	NA	7

Below: Photograph of Charlie Capps WMA Lake.



Right: Largemouth Bass length distribution for Charlie Capps WMA Lake from the 2018 electrofishing survey. Very few adult fish were collected, but the large numbers of juvenile bass should quickly grow to catchable sizes.



Left: Bream (bluegill + green sunfish) length distribution for Charlie Capps WMA Lake from the 2018 electrofishing survey. The largest bream collected was 7 inches, but most bream were less than 5 inches in length

Right: Largemouth Bass, Crappie, Bluegill, Redear Sunfish, and Channel Catfish have been stocked into Charlie Capps WMA Lake since the fish kill in 2017.



Below: Depth map for Lake Charlie Capps.

