**General Information:** Lake Lamar Bruce which first opened in 1965, has a surface area of 300 acres. Known for its large Redear Sunfish and Bluegill, the lake also supports a good population of Largemouth Bass. Complete renovations in recent years have included construction of two new levees, fish attractors, fishing piers, and a new pond.

**Location:** Just outside the city limits of Saltillo on Cemetery Street/CR 813.

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


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

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### Amenities
- 1 public concrete boat ramp with courtesy piers.
- 5 handicap accessible fishing piers.
- 6 earthen piers
- Campground with 11 sites with water and electrical hookups. Primitive camping is also available.
- Picnic areas with grills.
- Pavilion.
- Restrooms and showers.

### Creel Regulations
- **Largemouth Bass:** Slot limit, bass 18–24 inches must be released immediately, 10 bass per day creel limit, only one may be over 24 inches
- **Crappie:** 30 per day per angler.
- **Bream:** 100 per day per angler combined.
- **Catfish:** 10 per day per angler.
- **Walleye:** All Walleye caught must be released immediately.

### Regulations
- Fishing is not allowed from the courtesy piers adjacent to the boat ramp.
- 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 on Thursday, Sunday, Memorial Day, July 4th, and Labor Day from noon to sunset.
- Lake is designated as No Wake all other times.
- PFD’s are required.

### Fishing Tips
- **Largemouth Bass**
  - Target main lake points and creek channels with Carolina/Texas-rigged plastics, jigs, or crankbaits.
  - In the spring, target coves with spinner baits, T-rigged lizards, and weightless soft plastics.
- **Crappie**
  - In the spring, target brush along the deeper banks with small jigs or live bait under a cork.
  - Target suspended fish near the dam and other deep water refuges.
- **Bream**
  - Fish gravel beds near the boat ramp and campground.
- **Catfish**
  - Target creek channels and deeper areas just off earthen piers.
Above: Lake Lamar Bruce underwent extensive renovation from late 2011 through early 2015. During renovation, two new levees were created. One levee created a 3-acre pond for bank anglers. In the past four winters, rainbow trout have been stocked into the pond, creating the first public rainbow trout fishery in the state.

Below: Lake Lamar Bruce 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.

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<th>Fish Species</th>
<th>Weight (pounds)</th>
<th>Angler</th>
<th>Date Caught</th>
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<td>Largemouth Bass*</td>
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<td>Scott Lewis and Channing Davis</td>
<td>2-23-2020</td>
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<td>Crappie</td>
<td>1.04</td>
<td>Larry Joe Coggins</td>
<td>3-3-2018</td>
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<td>Redear Sunfish</td>
<td>1.8</td>
<td>Ray Burns</td>
<td>8-12-2017</td>
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<td>Bluegill</td>
<td>0.82</td>
<td>James Patton</td>
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<td>Catfish</td>
<td>10.5</td>
<td>David Westmoreland</td>
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*Below: Mr. Lewis and Mr. Davis each caught a Largemouth Bass weighing 13.54 pounds on the same day. The lake record will be shared between these two gentlemen.

Above: Channing Davis, left, and Scott Lewis, right, with their record-tying largemouths.
Below: Results from the 2019 fall electrofishing survey on Lake Lamar Bruce. Boat electrofishing was completed during October with five random samples taken throughout the lake totaling 3.1 miles. Lake Lamar Bruce is bass crowded, and anglers are encouraged to harvest small bass 14 inches and under.

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<th>Species</th>
<th># of Fish Sampled</th>
<th>% of Sample</th>
<th>Average Length inches</th>
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<th>Average Weight pounds</th>
<th>Catch Rate Adult fish (fish/mile)</th>
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Above: Length distributions for Largemouth Bass, Bluegill, and Redear Sunfish collected during fall 2019 electrofishing.
Seventy-eight percent of the anglers interviewed had not been previously interviewed by MDWFP, which shows that we have many new anglers eager to try the recently renovated lake. Forty-four percent plan their fishing trips based on the weekly fishing reports on the MDWFP website. Eighty-three percent of anglers interviewed said they had a positive outlook for the fishing at Lake Lamar Bruce. Lee County provided the most anglers of any county at 57%.

Below: Angler catch rates (fish per hour) and average harvested lengths based on spring creel surveys. Angler catch rates have dropped for bream and crappie, but the average size of crappie harvested has been increasing over the past three years.