



Lake Lamar Bruce 2020

REEL FACTS

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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.

Lake Depth Map: http://www.mdwfp.com/media/5448/lake-lamar-bruce_2019.pdf

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

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.

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.

Fish Species	Weight (pounds)	Angler	Date Caught
Largemouth Bass*	13.54	Scott Lewis and Channing Davis	2-23-2020
Crappie	1.04	Larry Joe Coggins	3-3-2018
Redear Sunfish	1.8	Ray Burns	8-12-2017
Bluegill	0.82	James Patton	6-25-2017
Catfish	10.5	David Westmoreland	2-22-2020

***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.



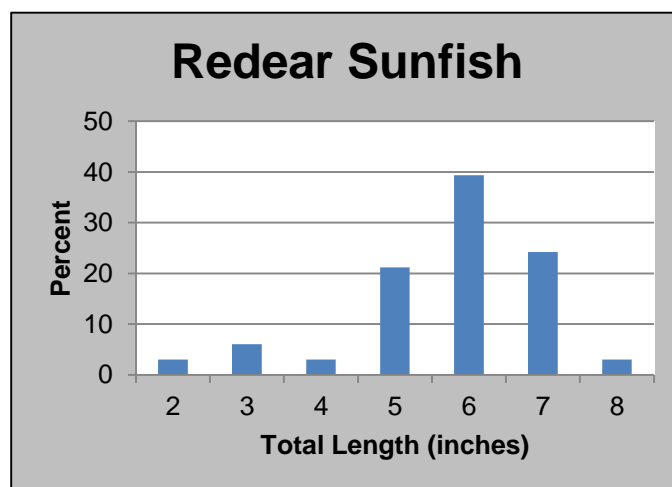
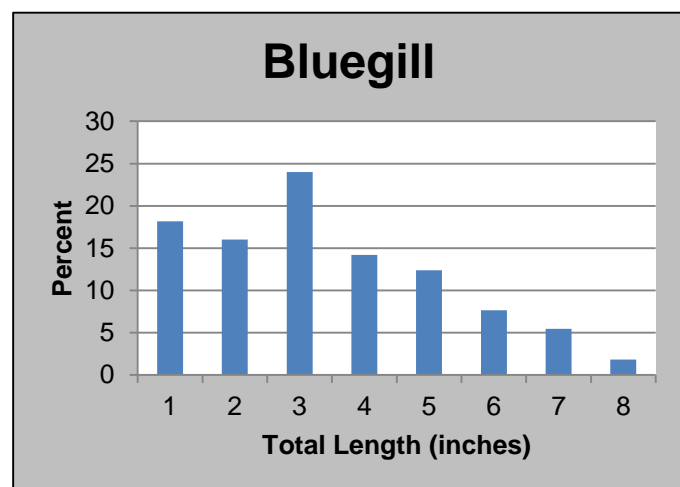
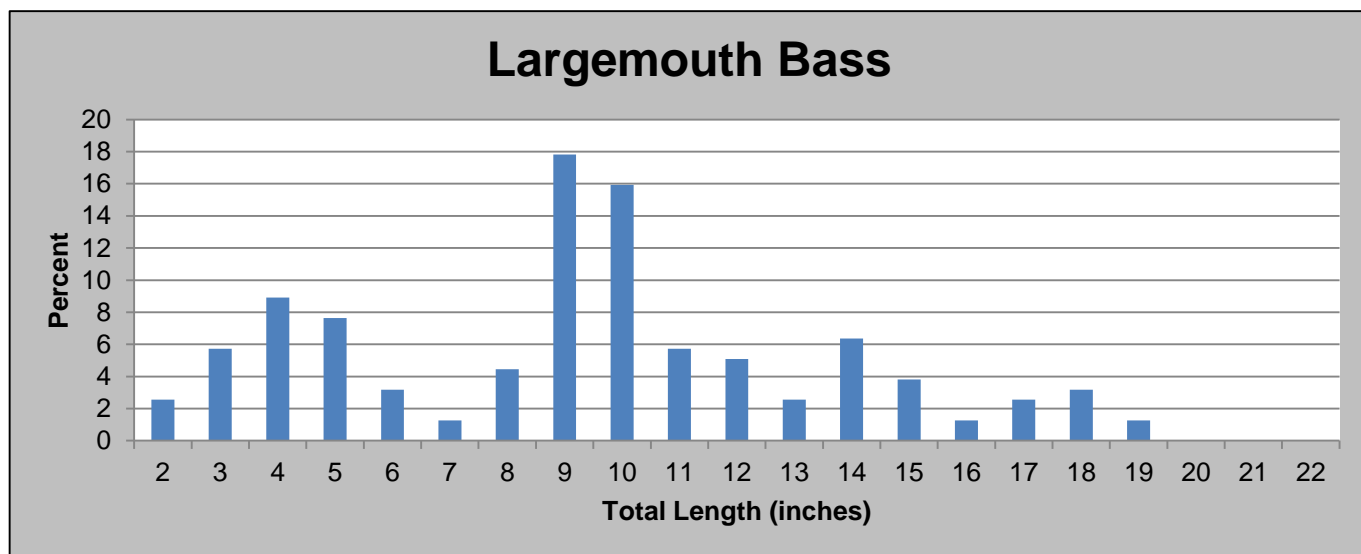
Above: Channing Davis, left, and Scott Lewis, right, with their record-tying largemouths.



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: 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.

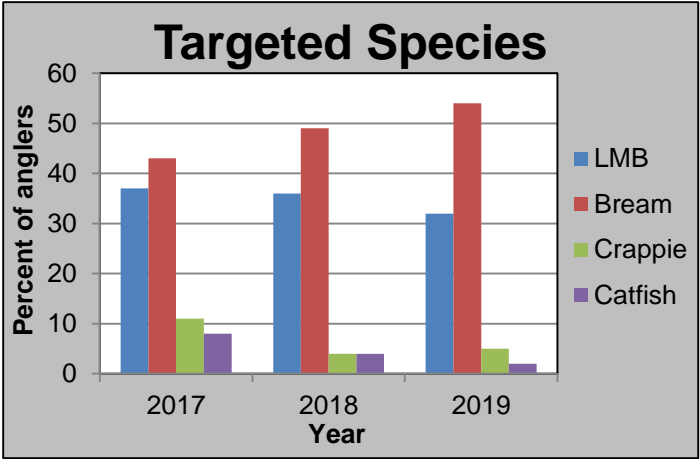
Species	# of Fish Sampled	% of Sample	Average Length inches	Maximum Length inches	Average Weight pounds	Catch Rate Adult fish (fish/mile)
Largemouth Bass	157	33	9.9	22.2	0.94	36
Bluegill	275	58	4	9	0.2	58
Redear Sunfish	33	7	6.3	8.4	0.2	10
Black Crappie	1	<1	4	4	-	-
Warmouth	4	1	4.5	5.2	.1	1
Channel Catfish	1	<1	20	20	2.3	<1



Above: Length distributions for Largemouth Bass, Bluegill, and Redear Sunfish collected during fall 2019 electrofishing.

Have you been interviewed on Lake Lamar Bruce in 2019?	%
Yes	22
No	78
Do you plan your fishing trips around the weekly fishing reports?	
Yes	44
No	56
Considering all factors, how satisfied are you with the fishing/improvements at Lake Lamar Bruce?	
Very Satisfied	25
Satisfied	58
Neutral	15
Dissatisfied	3
Very Dissatisfied	0
Home County	
Lee	57
Union	14
Itawamba	6
Pontotoc	6
Other Counties and States	18

Left: 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%.



Above: Percentage of anglers targeting Largemouth Bass (LMB), bream, catfish and crappie at Lake Lamar Bruce based on spring creel surveys. Bream includes both Bluegill and Redear Sunfish. Bream, along with Largemouth Bass, have been the most targeted species over the past three years.

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.

