



Lake Bogue Homa 2020

REEL FACTS

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General Information: Lake Bogue Homa, at 882 acres, is the largest state fishing lake managed by MDWFP. It is a popular destination for bass tournaments and for recreational anglers.

Location: Lake Bogue Homa is located in Jones County, 6 mi. E of Laurel on Hwy 84.

Fishery Management: Largemouth Bass, bream, crappie and catfish

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

Depth Map: <http://www.mdwfp.com/media/5436/lake-bogue-homa.pdf>

Amenities

- Three handicapped access fishing piers
- Two boat ramps
- Skiing allowed daily from noon to sunset
- Restrooms
- Two camping pads with electrical/water hook up
- Pavilion
- Picnic areas with grills

Creel and Size Limits

- Black bass: 5 per person per day; all bass 15 inches and smaller must be released
- Catfish: 10 per person per day
- Bream: 100 per person per day
- Crappie: 30 per person per day
- Statewide creel limits apply to all other species

Regulations

- Only rod and reel or pole fishing is allowed on State Fishing Lakes except that carp, gar, buffalo, and bowfin may be taken by use of bow and arrow at night only after purchasing a valid permit for fishing and/or boating. No other gear is allowed at these lakes.
- Fishing is not allowed from courtesy piers adjacent to boat ramps. Night fishing is allowed from the bank or boats which are in compliance with state and coast guard regulations.
- Fishing licenses and permits may be purchased in the lake office
- Contact the lake office at (601) 425-2148

Fishing Tips

Crappie

Target shallow structure in coves along the shoreline during the spring.

Largemouth Bass

Fish any areas with heavy cover or structure (such as sunken logs) below the water surface.

Catfish

Use a pungent bait such as liver to attract catfish.

Bream

For Redear Sunfish and Bluegill fish areas along the bank with underwater vegetation.

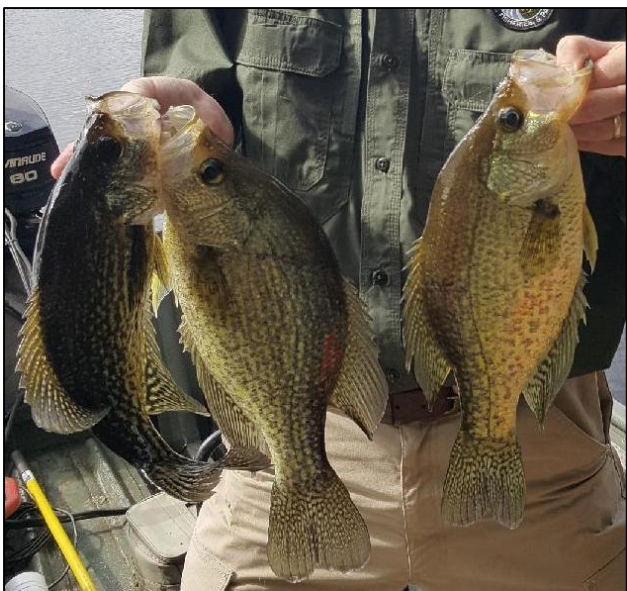
Below: Lake Bogue Homa record fish. Record fish must be weighed and verified by the lake manager, lake supervisor, or fisheries biologist. Anglers who catch a lake record fish will receive a certificate acknowledging their catch. There is no minimum weight for any open lake record.

| Fish Species | Weight (pounds) | Angler | Date Caught |
|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Largemouth Bass | 13.6 | Cliff Hensarling | 1995 |
| Crappie | 2.35 | Ronald L Thomas | April 5, 2019 |
| Redear Sunfish | 1.21 | Martrell Jones | February 11, 2019 |
| Bluegill | OPEN | - | - |
| Catfish | 12.85 | George Smith | November 13, 2018 |



Left: Lake Bogue Homa is home to a variety of bream species, including Red Spotted Sunfish.

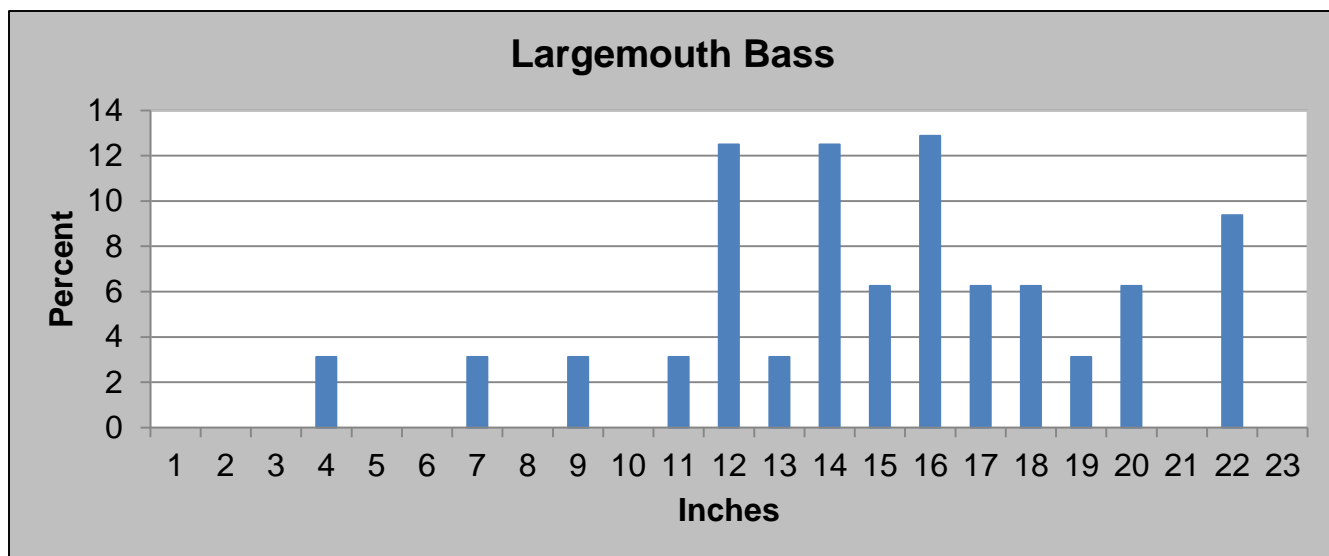
Below: Lake Bogue Homa holds one of the best Crappie fisheries in the Coastal District, drawing anglers from around the state to attempt to catch their limit.



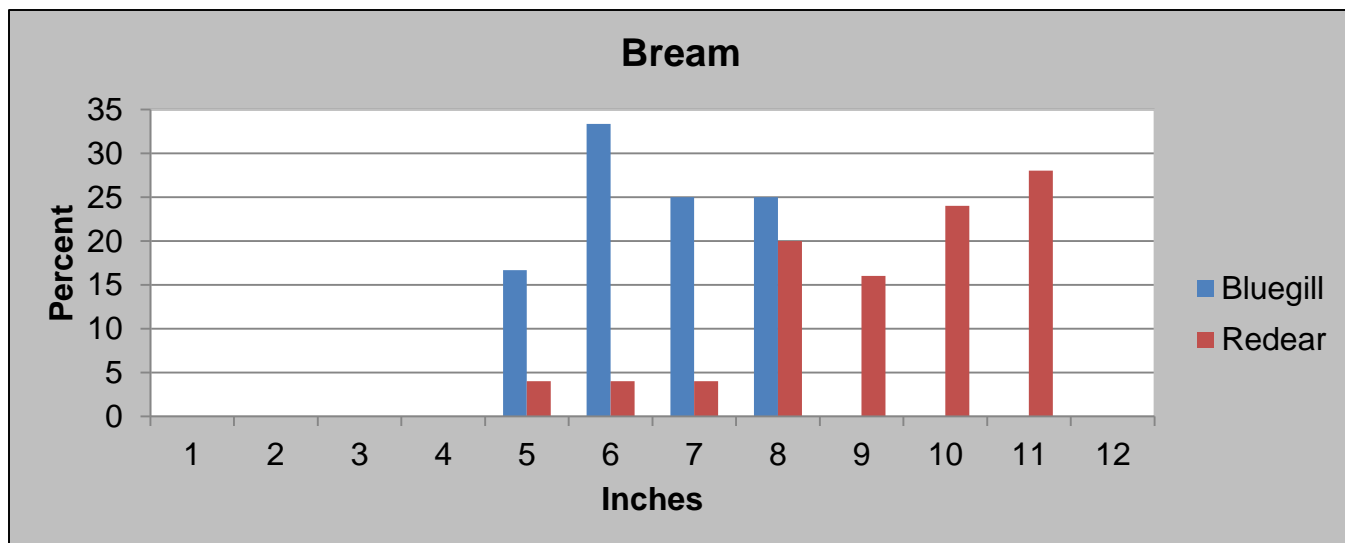
Below: Results from the 2019 fall electrofishing survey conducted on Lake Bogue Homa.

| Species | Number | % of sample | Average Length (inches) | Maximum Length (inches) | Average Weight (pounds) | Catch Rate – Adult fish (fish/mile) |
|-----------------|--------|-------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Bluegill | 12 | 17 | 6.0 | 7.6 | 0.2 | 25 |
| Redear Sunfish | 25 | 35 | 8.8 | 10.9 | 0.5 | 48 |
| Largemouth Bass | 32 | 45 | 14.7 | 21.9 | 2.1 | 60 |
| Black Crappie | 1 | 1 | 9.9 | 9.9 | 1.5 | 1 |
| White Crappie | 1 | 1 | 3.6 | 3.6 | 0.1 | 1 |

Below: Length distribution of Largemouth Bass collected during fall 2019 electrofishing.

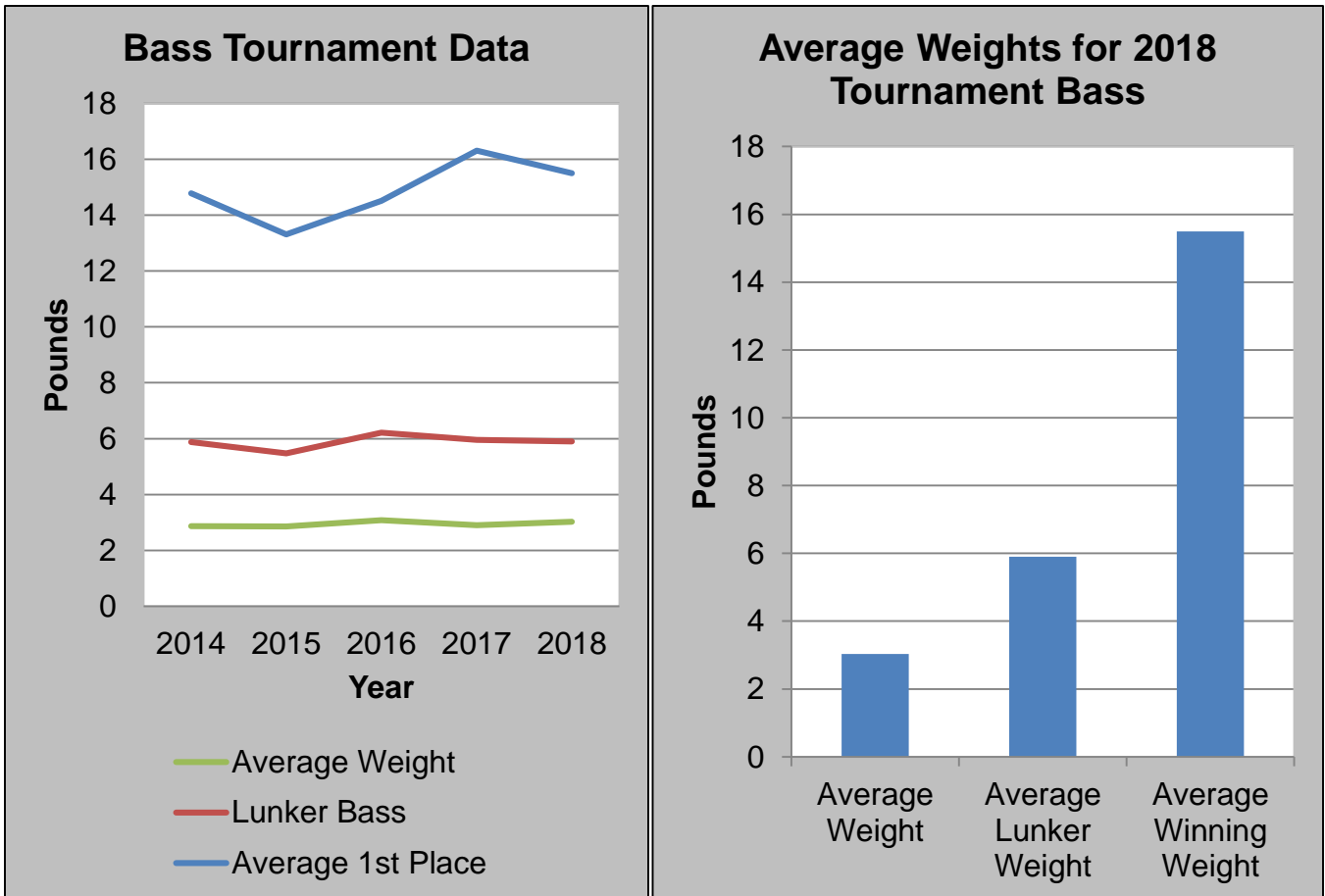


Below: Length distribution of Bream collected during fall 2019 electrofishing.





Below: Lake Bogue Homa is a popular destination for [bass tournaments](#). The graph on the left shows the average weight of individual bass caught, the average weight of the lunker bass and the average 1st place weight of the tournaments since 2014. In 2018, over 200 anglers competed in 14 tournaments throughout the year. The graph on the right summarizes data from 2018 tournaments.



Below: In 2019, 37 anglers were interviewed at Lake Bogue Homa during the Spring creel surveys.

