



Holmes County State Park Lake 2020 Reel Facts

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General Information: Two fishing lakes are available at Holmes County State Park Lake. English Lake is 45 acres in size, and anglers can fish from the bank or a boat. Bank and kayak fishing is allowed in 16 acre Odom Lake.

Location: Eight miles south of Durant off Interstate 55

Fishery Management: Largemouth Bass, bream, and crappie.

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

Amenities

- Boat ramp
- Handicapped accessible fishing piers
- 28 camping pads with water, electricity and bath house.
- Primitive camping
- 6 rental cabins
- Pavilion
- Multipurpose building

Creel Limits

- 30 crappie per day with no length restrictions.
- 10 Largemouth Bass per day with no length restrictions.
- 100 bream per day.
- 10 catfish per day.

Regulations

- Pole or rod and reel fishing only. No trot lines, limb lines, set hooks, jugs or yo-yo's are allowed.
- Carp, gar, buffalo and Bowfin may be taken by use of bow and arrow at night.
- No skiing allowed.

Permits

- Sport fishing licenses and fishing permits are required except on designated days during National Fishing and Boating Week.
- Camping is on a first come first served basis. Daily and monthly permits are available.

Sportfishing Tips

Crappie

- In the spring, target shoreline areas that contain brush piles with jigs or minnows at water depths of 4 – 6 ft. During the summer and fall fish tops or creek ledges in 8 - 10 ft of water.

Largemouth Bass

- Target submerged structure in coves and on points with soft plastic worms, spinner baits, or crank baits.

Bream

- Use crickets or red worms in shallow water. Willow stumps should be holding bream from early spring until fall.

Catfish

- Use liver, worms or stink baits in 6 – 8 ft of water.

Below: Holmes County State Park Lake 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	Angler	Date Caught
Largemouth Bass	10.4 lbs	David Minyard	May 2018
Crappie	1.6 lbs	Michael Kirby	July 2019
Redear Sunfish	Open	-	-
Bluegill	0.9 lbs	Meriella Kirby	July 2019
Catfish	1.0 lbs	Meriella Kirby	July 2019

Below: A nice mix of Bluegill, Redear Sunfish, and Black Crappie caught by an angler at Holmes County State Park Lake during the spring.





Above and Below: Big Largemouth Bass were collected during fall electrofishing sampling from English Lake (above) and Odum Lake (below).



Right: Forage species are also monitored during fall electrofishing. Gizzard Shad are providing quality forage for the bigger Largemouth Bass in English and Odum Lakes.



Below: Artificial and natural fish habitat structures were added in 2017 (see depth map). The cube structures were deployed in deeper water, while grass bed structures were added to shallow areas. Natural structures consisted of hardwoods cut along the bank and placed adjacent to artificial structure.



Below: Depth map for English Lake

