**Lake Tangipahoa 2021**

**REEL FACTS**

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**General Information:** Lake Tangipahoa is a 490 acre State Park Lake fed by the Tangipahoa River. It was opened in 1939. The lake was drained in 2012 as a result of damage from Hurricane Isaac. Dam repairs were completed in 2014, and reopened to fishing in 2016.

**Location:** Within Percy Quin State Park, six miles south of McComb, MS

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


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

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| • 1 boat ramp with courtesy pier, parking lot, fish cleaning station, and public restroom | • Rod and reel or pole fishing is allowed. No trotlines, FFFD's, jugs, yo-yo's, limelines, throwlines, or set hooks are allowed. | **Bream**  
• Try crickets, red wigglers, and wax worms in shallow areas during late spring and summer. |
| • Marina and 3 handicapped fishing piers | • Sport fishing licenses and fishing permits are required except on designated days during National Fishing and Boating Week. | **Catfish**  
• Try tightlining liver or blood scented bait along the creek channel and levee. |
| • 100 camp sites with water/electric hookups, 27 cabins, 4 cottages, 9 motel rooms, and 2 golf villas | • Lake is designated as No Wake around the marina and levee. | **Crappie**  
• Target brush and willow trees along the creek channel with jigs and minnows. The marina is another good spot to try. |
| • 18 hole golf course | | **Largemouth Bass**  
• Target willow trees with junebug or green pumpkin colored soft plastics. Shad colored chatterbaits and spinnerbaits are good choices around emergent vegetation. The river can be a good area after rain events. |
| • Playground, 4 pavilions, and 5 tennis courts | |  |

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**Creel and Size Limits**

- Bream: 50 per day
- Catfish: 10 per day
- Crappie: 20 per day
- Largemouth Bass: Slot limit, bass 16 - 22 inches in length must be released, 7 bass per day creel limit, only one may be over 22 inches in length

**Forage Species**

- Gizzard Shad
- Threadfin Shad
- Golden Shiners
- Spotted Suckers
- Sharpfin Chubsuckers
- Creek Chubsuckers
- Crawfish
**Right:** Young anglers had a great deal of success during the Youth Day prior to the lake opening. They caught a variety of fish species.

**Below:** Results from the 2019 fall electrofishing survey conducted at Lake Tangipahoa. The lake supports a diverse fish assemblage, due to the Tangipahoa River. This provides an ample forage base for sport fish such as Largemouth Bass, Spotted Bass, Black Crappie, White Crappie, and Chain Pickerel.

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<th>Species</th>
<th># of fish collected</th>
<th>% of sample</th>
<th>Average Length (inches)</th>
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<th>Average Weight (pounds)</th>
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<td>Largemouth Bass</td>
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**Above:** Trends in catch rates during fall electrofishing at Lake Tangipahoa.
Above: Length distributions for Largemouth Bass, Bluegill, and Redear Sunfish collected during 2019 fall electrofishing.

Above: Lake Tangipahoa already harbors Largemouth Bass over the 16 to 22 inch slot limit.