



Lock E 2022 REEL FACTS

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General Information: Lock E, also known as Saucer Creek or G.V. Montgomery, is an 851-acre pool on the Canal Section of the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway (TTW), and is located at the intersection of Tishomingo, Prentiss, and Itawamba counties, immediately below Bay Springs Dam. Lock E is 5 miles long with a mean depth of 8.1 ft. and maximum depth of 22.0 ft. As with all of the TTW Canal Section impoundments, the west side of the entire pool is a levee. Deep water occurs exclusively in the navigation channel, with a few small, relatively deep creek channels entering the east side of the pool.

Fishery Management: Largemouth and Spotted Bass, crappie, and catfish.

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

Amenities

- 1 public ramp with a courtesy pier, parking lot, and public restrooms.

Creel and Size Limits

- Crappie: 9 inch minimum length limit and 30 crappie per day per angler.
- Black Bass (Largemouth, Smallmouth and Spotted): 10 bass (combined) per day per angler
- Bream: 100 (combined) per angler per day.
- Catfish: No limit.

Regulations

Yo-Yo's and Jugs

- No more than 25 jugs and no more than 25 yo-yos may be fished per person. No more than 2 hooks are allowed on each device.
- Each jug or yo-yo must be tagged or marked with angler's name and address.
- Anglers must attend jugs and yo-yos when fished during daylight hours.

Handgrabbing

- Hand grabbing season for catfish is open May 1 to July 15 each year.
- It is illegal to place any type of handgrabbing structure in the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway.

Fishing Tips

Crappie

- Target laydowns and water willow in shallow areas of the main lake with minnows and jigs.

Largemouth Bass

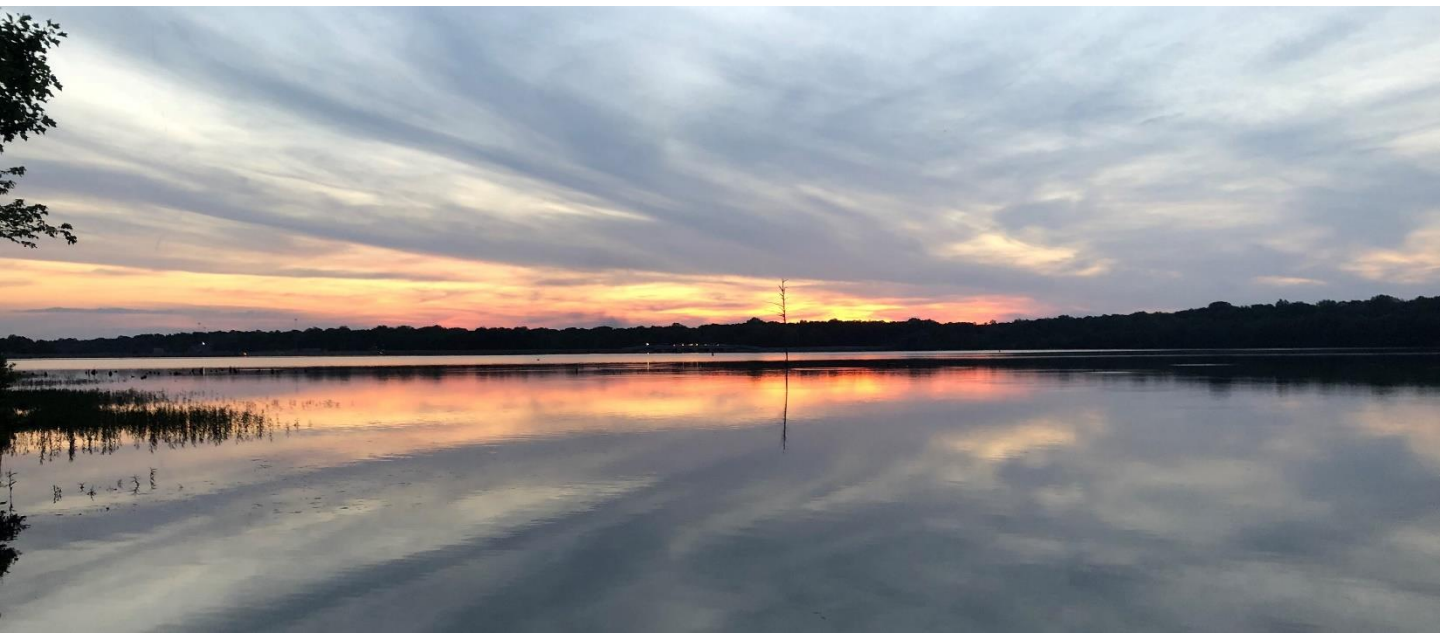
- Try Texas-rigged plastics, topwater lures, or crankbaits in and around shallow vegetation, particularly in the fall and spring.

Catfish

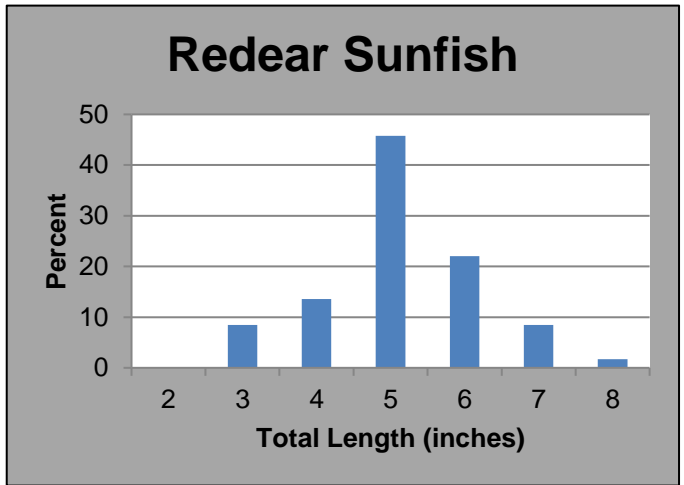
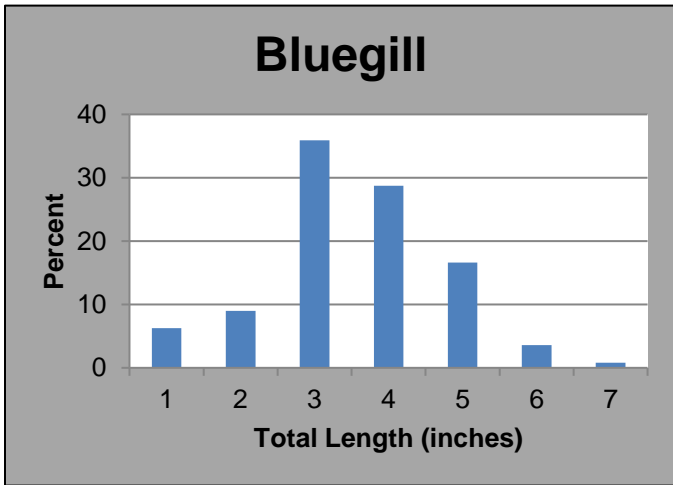
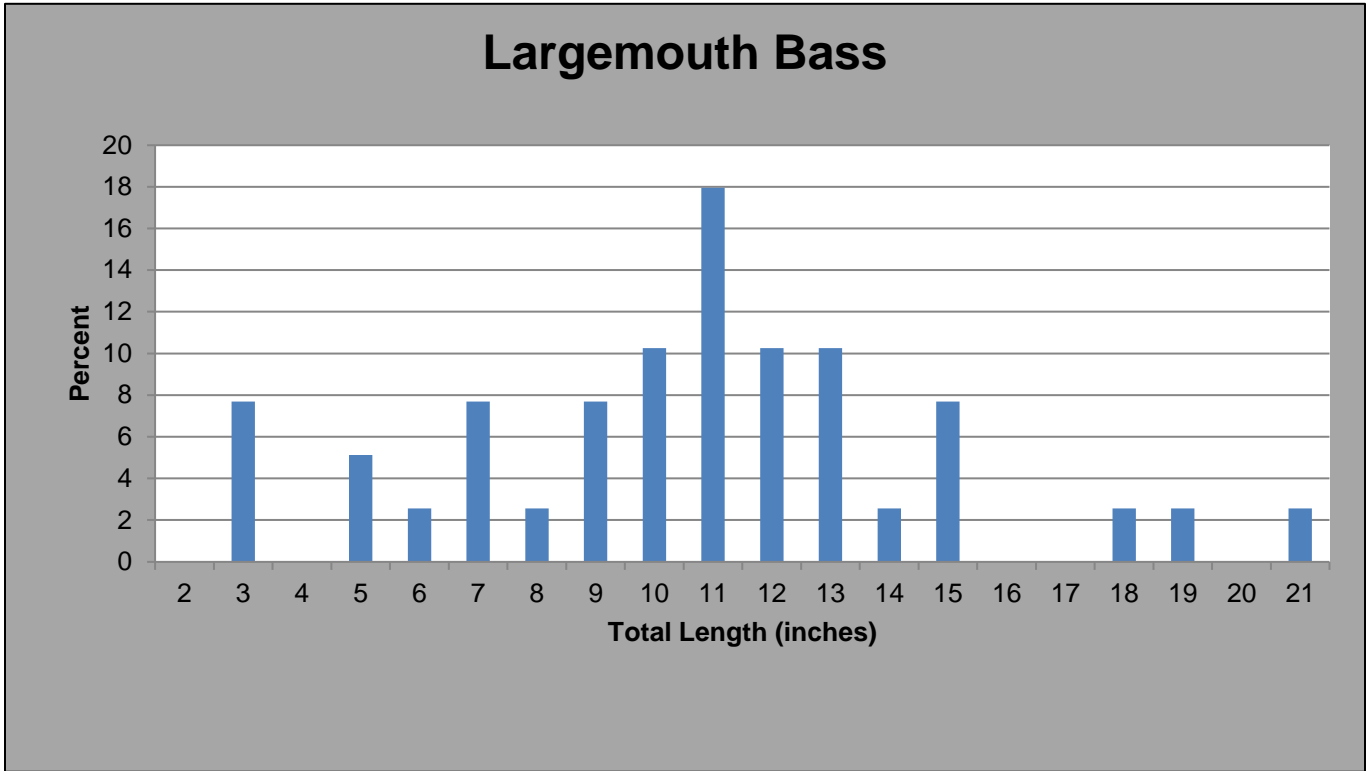
- Fishing with cut bait, worms, or commercial stink baits around the channel ledges should produce some bites.

Below: Fish species collected during 2021 fall electrofishing surveys at Lock E.

Species	# of fish collected	% of sample	Average Length (inches)	Maximum Length (inches)	Average Weight (pounds)	Catch Rate – (Adult fish/mile)
Gizzard Shad	9	2	12.5	13.8	-	3
Threadfin Shad	32	6	3.3	3.9	-	-
Chain Pickerel	2	<1	17.8	18.5	1.1	0.7
Blacktail Redhorse	51	10	13.7	18.2	-	-
Brook Silverside	13	3	2.6	3	-	-
Bluegill	223	44	4.1	6.9	0.1	61
Longear Sunfish	12	2	3.6	6.9	0.2	3
Redear Sunfish	59	12	5.6	8.2	0.1	18
Spotted Bass	6	1	13	20.2	1.6	2
Largemouth Bass	39	8	11.2	21.5	1.1	10
White Crappie	1	<1	11.5	11.5	0.7	0.3
Black Crappie	5	1	9.6	11.9	0.4	2
Yellow Perch	4	<1	7.7	8.9	0.2	1
Logperch	12	2	3.5	4.5	-	-



Below: Length distributions for Largemouth Bass, Bluegill, and Redear Sunfish collected during fall 2021 electrofishing. Sampling was conducted over 3.1 miles of shoreline in November.



Left: Fishing pressure is typically light at Lock E, but there are quality fish to be found.