Lake Bill Waller 2022
REEL FACTS
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**General Information:** This 168 acre impoundment is best known for its Largemouth Bass fishing. The lake has an abundance of logs, standing timber and vegetation that provide ample cover for this fishery.

**Location:** The lake is located 7 miles SE of Columbia in Marion County.

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

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

**Depth Map:** [http://www.mdwfp.com/media/5437/lake-bill-waller.pdf](http://www.mdwfp.com/media/5437/lake-bill-waller.pdf)

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### Amenities

- One public boat ramp
- Three handicap access fishing piers
- Three earthen piers
- Day-use / picnic areas
- Public restrooms
- Bank fishing locations

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### Creel and Size Limits

- **Catfish:** 10 per day.
- **Largemouth Bass:** Slot limit, bass 18 to 22 inches must be released, 15 fish per day creel limit, only one may be over 22 inches in length.
- **Bream:** 100 per day
- **Crappie:** 30 per day

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### Regulations

- Fishing is not allowed from the courtesy pier adjacent to boat ramp.
- Rod and reel or pole fishing is allowed. No trotlines, free floating fishing devices, jugs, yo-yo’s, limelines, throwlines, or set hooks are allowed.
- Sport fishing licenses and fishing permits are required except on designated days during National Fishing and Boating Week.
- For more information contact Lake Bill Waller manager Dustin Brumfield at (601) 736-1861

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### Fishing Tips

#### Crappie

Use minnows or green and black jigs in 6 to 8 ft. of water near structures and around overhanging limbs

#### Largemouth Bass

Use soft plastic lures like flukes and worms fished slowly near woody cover in 2 to 6 ft. of water. Junebug or red colors, Carolina rigged, seem to be good choices

#### Bream

Use crickets in about 2 to 6 ft. of water. Along the dam and bank fishing from the earthen piers are always good places to try.

#### Catfish

Use pungent baits, such as liver, to attract catfish.
Below: Historic lake record fish for Lake Bill Waller. Anglers that catch a fish they believe to be a lake record must have the fish verified by a MDWFP lake manager, lake supervisor, or biologist.

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<tr>
<th>Fish Species</th>
<th>Weight (pounds)</th>
<th>Angler</th>
<th>Date Caught</th>
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<tr>
<td>Largemouth Bass</td>
<td>15.88</td>
<td>Samuel Recatto</td>
<td>February 28, 1995</td>
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<td>Crappie</td>
<td>2.19</td>
<td>Claude Hall Jr.</td>
<td>May 10, 2019</td>
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<td>Redear Sunfish</td>
<td>0.75</td>
<td>Mark Mathews</td>
<td>2021</td>
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<td>Bluegill</td>
<td>0.63</td>
<td>Gary King</td>
<td>April 10, 2019</td>
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<td>Catfish</td>
<td>21.5</td>
<td>Derek Mingo</td>
<td>2021</td>
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Left: A 10.5 lbs Largemouth Bass caught in Lake Bill Waller.

Below: One of our annual fishing rodeos hosted at Lake Bill Waller. Every year the event draws youth from the area to learn the joy of fishing.
**Below:** Results from the 2020 fall electrofishing survey conducted at Lake Bill Waller.

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<th>Species</th>
<th># of fish collected</th>
<th>% of sample</th>
<th>Average Length (inches)</th>
<th>Maximum Length (inches)</th>
<th>Average Weight (pounds)</th>
<th>Catch Rate – Adult fish (fish/mile)</th>
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<td>Bluegill</td>
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<td>Largemouth Bass</td>
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<td>59.8</td>
<td>8.2</td>
<td>22.1</td>
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**Below:** Summary of the total numbers of fish sampled per mile (Largemouth Bass; LMB, Bluegill) during 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2020 fall electrofishing. Even though electrofishing catch rates have fluctuated, anglers continue to catch high numbers of fish.
Below: Length distribution of Largemouth Bass collected during fall 2020 electrofishing.

Below: Length distribution of Bream collected during fall 2020 electrofishing.