



# Lake Lamar Bruce 2023

## REEL FACTS

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**General Information:** Lake Lamar Bruce which first opened in 1965, has a surface area of 300 acres. Known for its large Redear Sunfish and Bluegill, the lake also supports a good population of Largemouth Bass. Complete renovations in recent years have included construction of two new levees, fish attractors, fishing piers, and a new pond.

**Location:** Just outside the city limits of Saltillo on Cemetery Street/CR 813.

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

**Lake Depth Map:** [http://www.mdwfp.com/media/5448/lake-lamar-bruce\\_2019.pdf](http://www.mdwfp.com/media/5448/lake-lamar-bruce_2019.pdf)

**Purchase a Fishing License:** [https://www.ms.gov/mdwfp/hunting\\_fishing/](https://www.ms.gov/mdwfp/hunting_fishing/)

### Amenities

- 1 public concrete boat ramp with courtesy piers.
- 5 handicap accessible fishing piers.
- 6 earthen piers
- Campground with 11 sites with water and electrical hookups. Primitive camping is also available.
- Picnic areas with grills.
- Pavilion.
- Restrooms and showers.

### Creel Regulations

- Largemouth Bass: Slot limit, bass 18–24 inches must be released immediately, 10 bass per day creel limit, only one may be over 24 inches
- Crappie: 30 per day per angler.
- Bream: 100 per day per angler combined.
- Catfish: 10 per day per angler.
- Walleye: All Walleye caught must be released immediately.

### Regulations

- Fishing is not allowed from the courtesy piers adjacent to the boat ramp.
- Rod and reel fishing is allowed. No trotlines, FFFD's, jugs, yo-yo's, limblines, throwlines, or set hooks are allowed.
- Sport fishing licenses and fishing permits are required and can be purchased at the lake office.
- Licenses and permits are not required on designated free fishing days during National Fishing and Boating Week.
- Skiing is allowed on Thursday, Sunday, Memorial Day, July 4<sup>th</sup>, and Labor Day from noon to sunset.
- Lake is designated as No Wake all other times.
- PFD's are required.

### Fishing Tips

#### Largemouth Bass

- Target main lake points and creek channels with Carolina/Texas-rigged plastics, jigs, or crankbaits.
- In the spring, target coves with spinner baits, T-rigged lizards, and weightless soft plastics.

#### Crappie

- In the spring, target brush along the deeper banks with small jigs or live bait under a cork.
- Target suspended fish near the dam and other deep water refuges.

#### Bream

- Fish gravel beds near the boat ramp and campground.

#### Catfish

- Target creek channels and deeper areas just off earthen piers.

**Below:** Lake Lamar Bruce 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*	13.54	Scott Lewis and Channing Davis	2-23-2020
Crappie	2.095	Jack Quartaro Jr.	2-19-2023
Redear Sunfish	1.8	Ray Burns	8-12-2017
Bluegill	1.27	Chuck Arno	10-8-2022
Catfish	10.5	David Westmoreland	2-22-2020

\*Mr. Lewis and Mr. Davis each caught a Largemouth Bass weighing 13.54 pounds on the same day. The lake record will be shared between these two gentlemen.

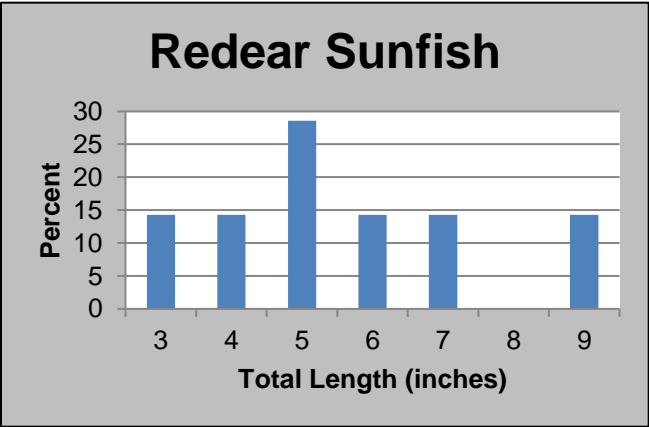
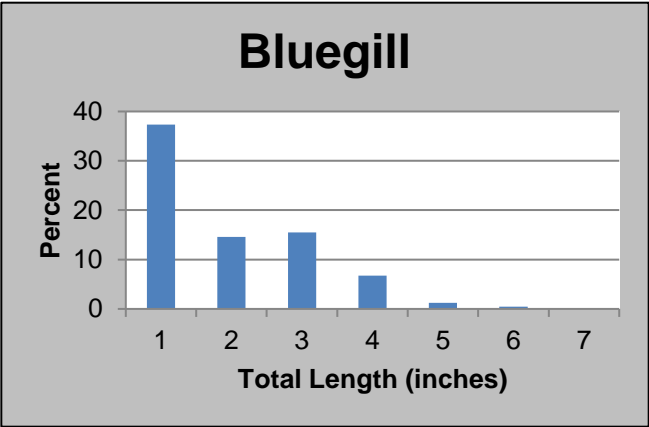
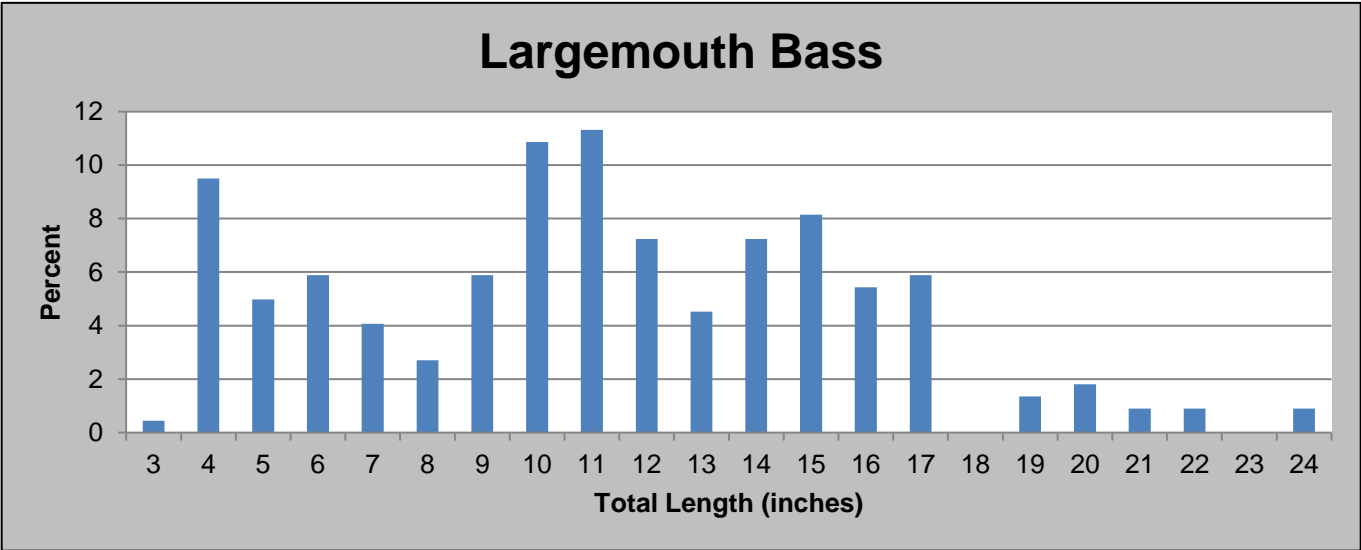


**Above:** Channing Davis, left, and Scott Lewis, right, with their record-tying Largemouth Bass.

**Above:** Jack Quartaro with the current lake record crappie.

**Below:** Results from the 2022 fall electrofishing survey on Lake Lamar Bruce. Boat electrofishing was completed during November with five random samples taken throughout the lake totaling 3.1 miles.

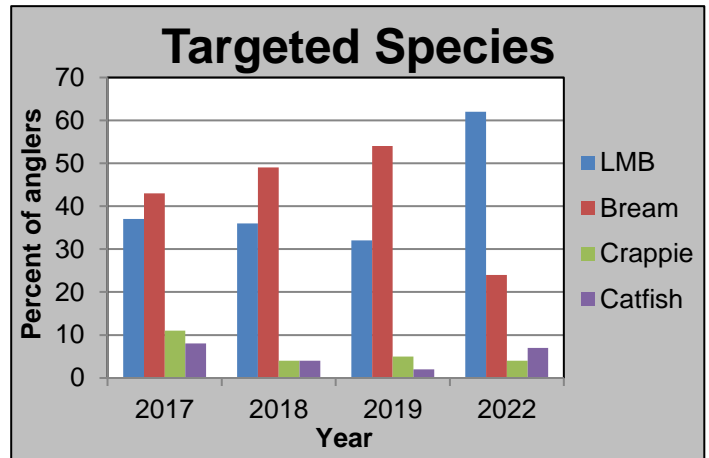
Species	# of Fish Sampled	% of Sample	Average Length inches	Maximum Length inches	Average Weight pounds	Catch Rate Adult fish (fish/mile)
Threadfin Shad	369	29	2.9	3.9	-	-
Golden Shiner	4	<1	4	4.3	-	-
Warmouth	14	1	4.8	6.6	0.2	4.2
Bluegill	651	51	2.1	7.4	0.13	50.7
Redear Sunfish	7	<1	6.3	9.7	0.3	1.9
Largemouth Bass	221	17	11.6	24.6	1.4	54.2
Black Crappie	1	<1	4.7	4.7	-	-



**Above:** Length distributions for Largemouth Bass, Bluegill, and Redear Sunfish collected during fall 2022 electrofishing.

Have you been interviewed on Lake Lamar Bruce in 2022?	%
Yes	8
No	92
Are you interested in being able to fish for trout during the winter?	
Yes	36
No	64
Considering all factors, how satisfied are you with the fishing/improvements at Lake Lamar Bruce?	
Very Satisfied	42
Satisfied	49
Neutral	7
Dissatisfied	3
Very Dissatisfied	0
Would you be in favor of being able to harvest one walleye per day?	
Yes	34
No	47
No opinion	19

**Left:** Ninety-two percent of the anglers interviewed had not been previously interviewed by MDWFP in 2022, which shows that we have many new anglers. Only thirty-six percent of anglers had any interest in fishing for trout. Similarly, thirty-four percent were interested in a one-fish limit on walleye. Ninety-one percent of anglers interviewed said they had a positive outlook for the fishing at Lake Lamar Bruce.



**Above:** Percentage of anglers targeting Largemouth Bass (LMB), bream, catfish and crappie at Lake Lamar Bruce based on spring creel surveys. Bream includes both Bluegill and Redear Sunfish. Bream, along with Largemouth Bass, have been the most targeted species over the past three years.

**Below:** Angler catch rates (fish per hour) and average harvested lengths based on spring creel surveys. Angler catch rates have dropped for bass, bream and crappie, but the average size of crappie and bream harvested has been increasing.

