



# Lake Lamar Bruce 2025

## 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.

**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	February 2020
Crappie	3.12	Eli Brand	January 2025
Redear Sunfish	1.80	Ray Burns	August 2017
Bluegill	1.26	Chuck Arno	October 2022
Catfish	17.70	Gunnar Cheney	July 2024

\*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, top, and Scott Lewis, bottom, with their record-tying Largemouth Bass.



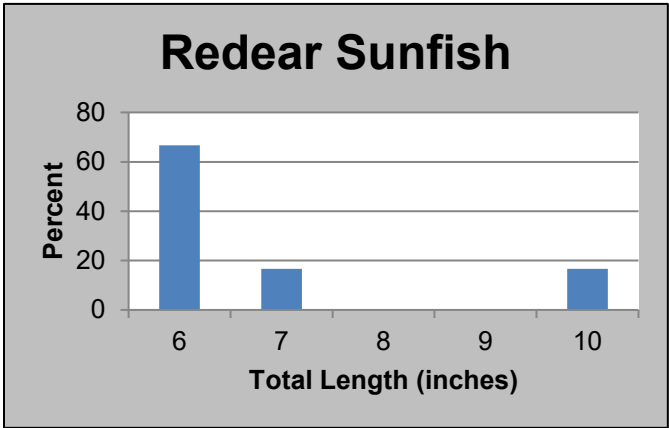
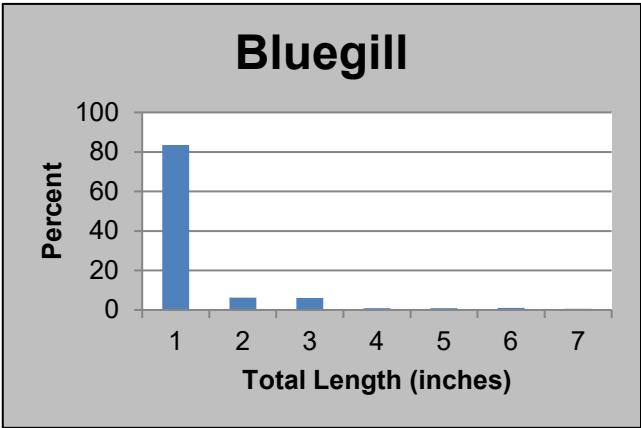
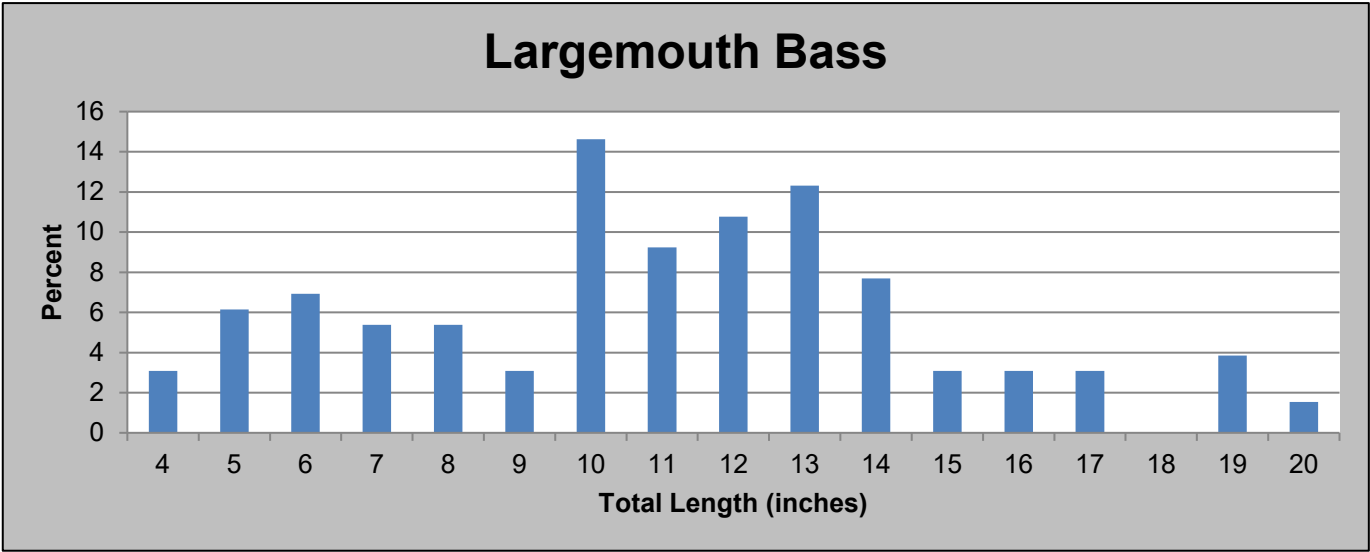
**Above:** Eli Brand started off 2025 with the new lake record crappie.



**Above:** Gunnar Cheney (center) and family with the lake record catfish.

**Below:** Results from the 2024 fall electrofishing survey on Lake Lamar Bruce. Boat electrofishing was completed during December with seven random samples taken throughout the lake totaling 4.3 miles.

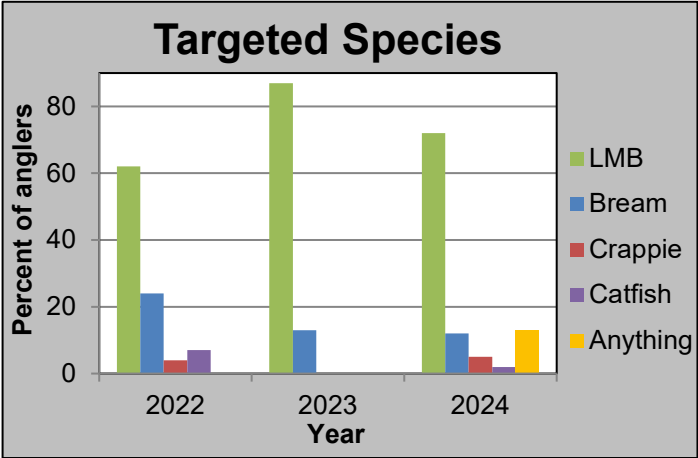
Species	# of Fish Sampled	% of Sample	Average Length inches	Maximum Length inches	Average Weight pounds	Catch Rate Adult fish (fish/mile)
Threadfin Shad	78	9	3	4.3	-	-
Warmouth	6	1	3.9	6.3	0.2	1
Bluegill	679	75	1.9	7.8	0.2	15
Redear Sunfish	6	1	7.1	10.1	0.3	1
Largemouth Bass	130	14	11.4	20.7	1.1	23



**Above:** Length distributions for Largemouth Bass, Bluegill, and Redear Sunfish collected during fall 2024 electrofishing. Recent bream stocking should improve the bream distributions over the next few years.

Have you been interviewed on Lake Lamar Bruce in 2024?	%
Yes	17
No	83
Do you use a LiveScope or similar forward-facing sonar?	
Yes	15
No	85
Did you fish for trout last winter?	
Yes	11
No	91
Would you be in favor of being able to harvest one walleye per day?	
Yes	34
No	17
No opinion	49

**Left:** Eighty-three percent of the anglers interviewed had not been previously interviewed by MDWFP in 2024. Only fifteen percent of anglers used a forward-facing sonar while fishing, and thirty-four percent of anglers were interested in being able to keep one Walleye per day. Eleven percent of anglers said they fished the pond for trout the previous winter.



**Above:** Percentage of anglers targeting Largemouth Bass (LMB), bream, catfish and crappie at Lake Lamar Bruce based on spring creel surveys.

**Below:** Angler catch rates (fish caught per hour) during spring creel surveys. Angler catch rates have steadily declined for bream, but with supplemental stocking in 2023 those numbers should improve. It is important to note that no crappie or catfish anglers were surveyed in 2023.

