Wolf Lake 2026

REEL FACTS

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General Information: Wolf Lake is a 1,000-acre oxbow of the Yazoo River and is a popular destination for crappie and catfish anglers. The acreage also includes Broad Lake, which is a shallow oxbow that joins Wolf at the southern end. Wolf Lake has a long, narrow appearance and the shore is lined with large cypress trees.

Location: Approximately 8 miles west of Yazoo City.

Fishery Management: Largemouth bass, bream, crappie, and catfish.

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

Amenities

- 2 public boat ramps

Creel and Size Limits

- Largemouth Bass: 12-inch minimum length limit and 5 bass per day per angler
- Crappie: 30 crappie per day per angler
- Bream: 100 bream per day per angler
- Catfish: no limit

Hand Grabbing Regulations

- Hand grabbing season for catfish is open May 1 to July 15 each year.
- Only wooden containers may be placed in the lake.

Water levels

- Water levels at Wolf Lake are influenced by the Mississippi and Yazoo River system. Flooding often occurs during the late spring and prompts the closing of the two public boat ramps. Sport fish typically benefit from moderate flooding due to an increase in available habitat.
- During 2011 the Mississippi and Yazoo Rivers rose to historic levels and flooded this region. Wolf Lake was out of its banks for several weeks and Invasive carp were introduced.

Fishing Tips

Crappie

- Target cypress trees along the shoreline with minnows or jigs. This is a fairly shallow lake, and crappie can be found around the trees throughout the year.

Largemouth Bass

- Spinnerbaits and crank baits can be productive when fished around the base of cypress trees. Dark colored soft plastics are recommended due to muddy water.

Bream

- Try crickets and worms for bream around brush and trees.

Catfish

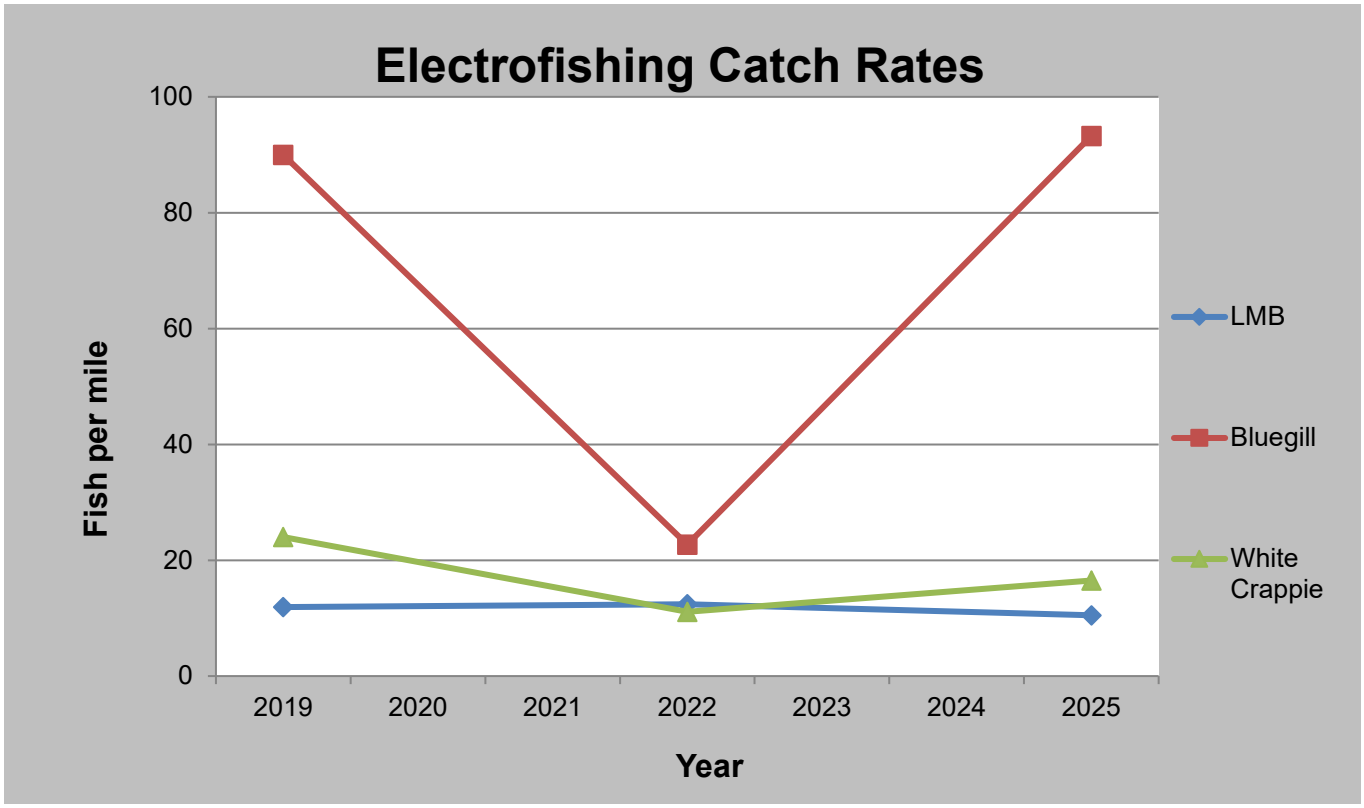
- Blues and channels can be caught with cutbait, liver, etc. Rod & reel and jugs are both popular methods. Live bait is recommended for catching flatheads.

Below: Results from 2025 fall electrofishing surveys conducted at Wolf Lake. Threadfin shad were the most abundant species collected. Bluegill were also abundant indicating a good forage base for sportfish populations.

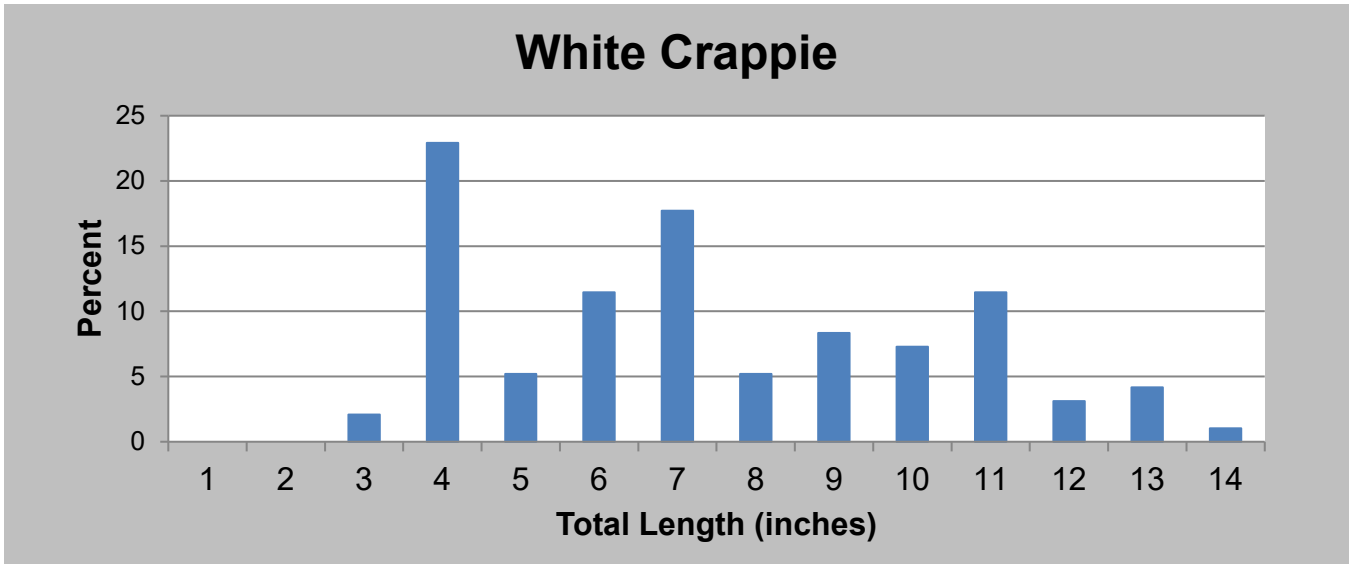
Species	# of fish collected	% of sample	Average Length (inches)	Maximum Length (inches)	Average Weight (pounds)	Catch Rate – Adult fish (fish/hour)
Gizzard Shad	101	6	4.8	6.7	-	-
Threadfin Shad	702	38	2.1	3.9	-	-
Blue Catfish	6	<1	26.5	29.9	10.9	2
Channel Catfish	17	1	11.0	18.3	0.6	2
Flathead Catfish	1	<1	29.9	29.9	20.0	<1
White Bass	12	1	8.5	13.0	0.3	3
Green Sunfish	22	1	3.2	4.7	<0.1	3
Warmouth	31	2	4.8	7.6	0.1	7
Orangespotted Sunfish	14	1	2.3	3.4	<0.1	<1
Bluegill	465	25	3.8	7.3	0.1	93
Longear Sunfish	270	15	3.2	5.1	<0.1	43
Largemouth Bass	93	5	8.4	15.6	0.4	11
White Crappie	96	5	6.9	13.3	0.2	17
Black Crappie	3	<1	5.9	6.7	0.1	1







Above: A total of 16 samples were completed on Wolf Lake. Each sample lasted 15 minutes and a total of 4.56 miles were traveled during sampling. Bluegill catch rates have increased from 2019, while Largemouth Bass have slightly decreased from 2019. White Crappie catch rates have slightly increased from 2022 to 2025.



Above: Length distribution of White Crappie collected during 2025 fall electrofishing. The size range depicts a balanced population with significant numbers of quality size fish present. Crappie in the 3 to 5 inch range show that a successful spawn occurred in 2025



Above: Cypress trees are plentiful at Wolf Lake and show high water marks from previous floods. They provide habitat for different fish species and serve as natural fish attractors for anglers. Water visibility levels are typically low at this lake throughout the year due to excessive turbidity.

Below: Juvenile Silver Carp were collected from Wolf Lake following the 2011 flood. Research suggests that these fish require a steady current in order to reproduce, which should limit their ability to spawn at this lake. Due to connectivity with the Yazoo river system during high water events, it is possible for carp to enter or leave the lake. During the 2025 electrofishing survey, there were only a few silver carp observed.



