Lake Perry 2026
REEL FACTS

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General Information: This 68-acre impoundment is located on sixteenth section land in Perry County. Lake Perry has traditionally been known for its Bluegill and bass fishing, however, in recent years the number of crappie anglers has increased dramatically.

Location: The lake is located approximately 28 miles southeast of Hattiesburg off Highway 98 south of Beaumont.

Fishery Management: Largemouth Bass, bream, and crappie

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Amenities

- Two public boat ramps
- One courtesy pier
- Four fishing piers
- Camping sites
- Day-use / picnic areas
- Public restrooms
- Bank fishing locations
- Skiing permitted when posted

Creel and Size Limits

- Catfish – 10 per day.
- Bass – 10 per day
- Bream – 100 per day
- Crappie – 30 per day
- Statewide creel and size limits apply to all other fish species.

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, limblines, 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 Perry manager Joey Hinton at (601) 784-6119

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 colored plastics, Carolina rigged, seem to be good choices

Bream

Use crickets in about 2 to 6 ft. of water. The front of the spillway and along the dam are always good places to try.

Catfish

Use pungent baits, such as liver, to attract catfish.

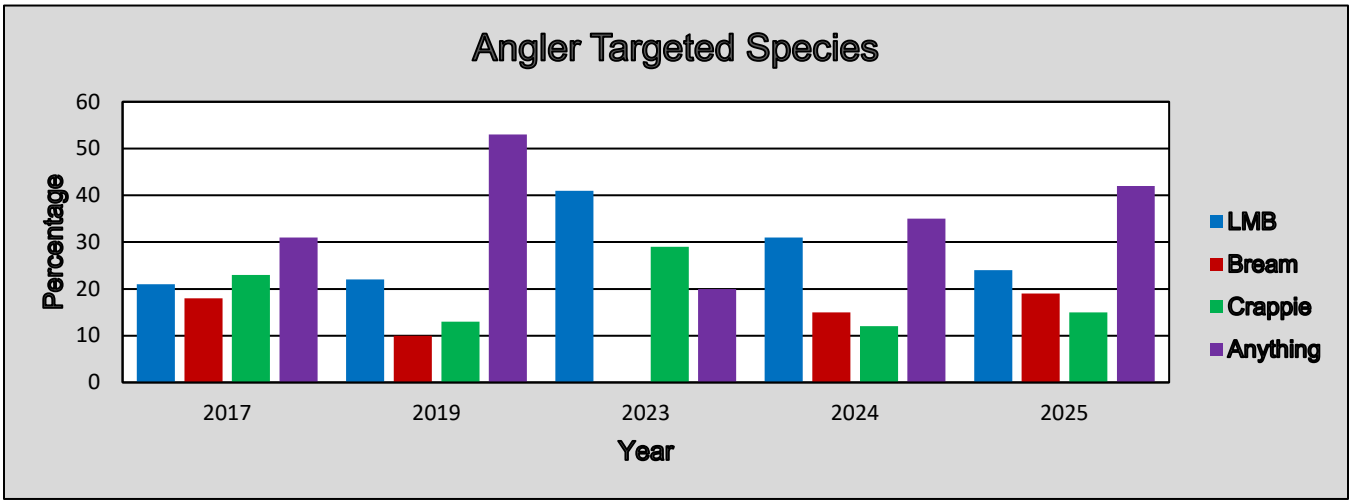
Below: Lake Perry record fish. Record fish must be weighed and verified by the lake manager, lake supervisor, or fisheries biologist. Anglers who catch a lake record fish will receive a certificate acknowledging their catch.

Fish Species	Weight (pounds)	Angler	Date Caught
Largemouth Bass	13.1	John Seymour	1998
Crappie	3.5	Robert Dunagin	April 2016
Redear Sunfish	1.0	Marlene Hester	July 2017
Bluegill	1.8	Hildred Bolton	April 2022
Catfish	42.0	John Cavallo	2011



Above: One of our annual fishing rodeos hosted at Lake Perry. Every year the event draws youth from the area to learn the joy of fishing.

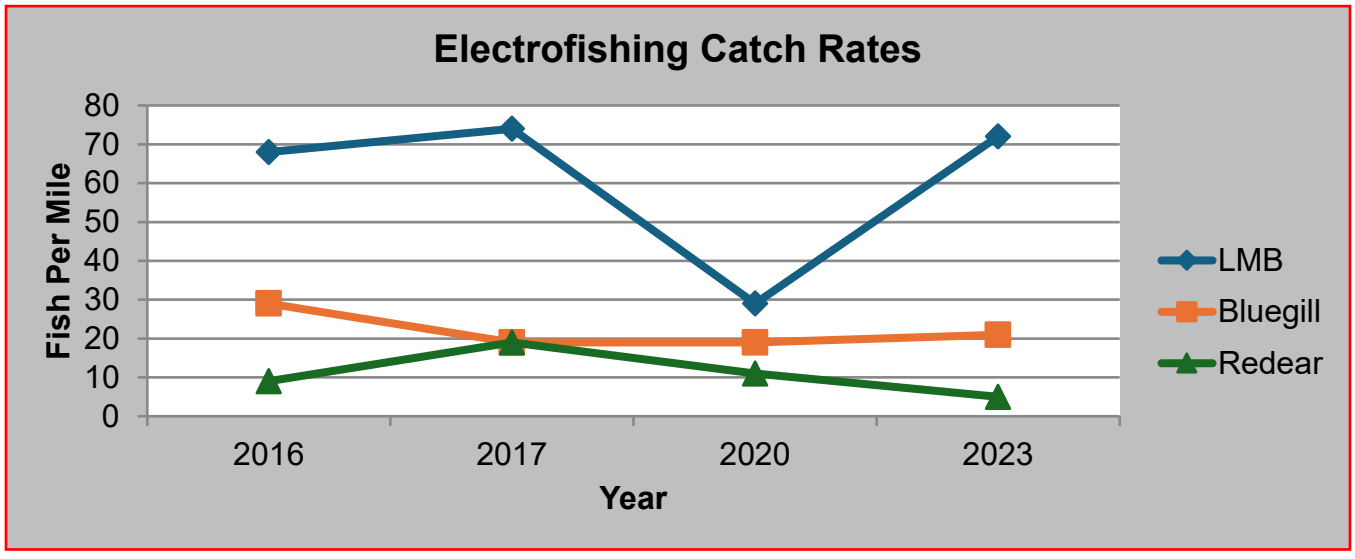
Below: Percentage of anglers targeting bream, crappie, Largemouth Bass (LMB), and anything at Lake Perry based on spring creel surveys. The percentage of anglers targeting crappie has decreased while the percentage of anglers targeting bass has remained consistent.



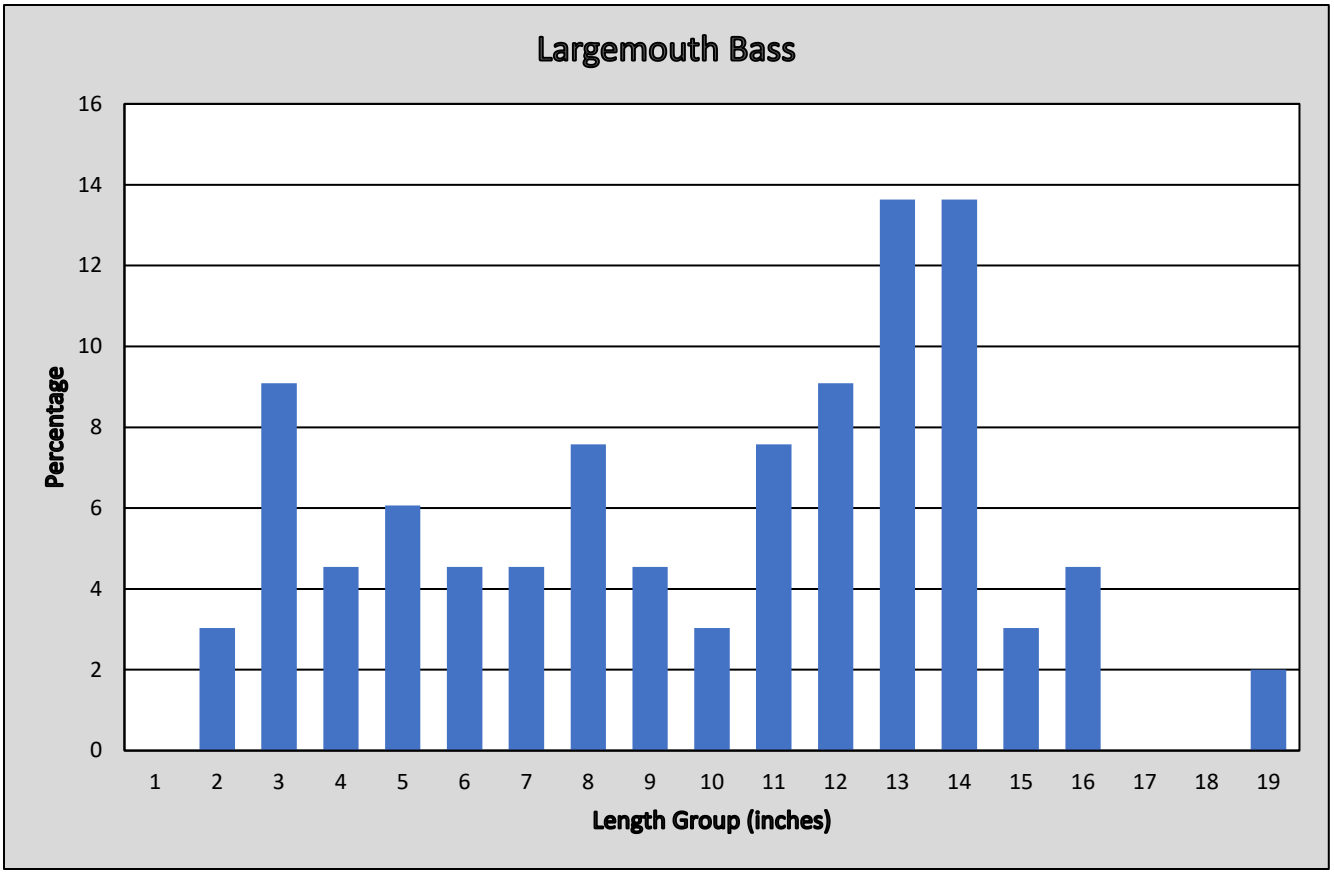
Below: Results from the 2023 fall electrofishing survey conducted at Lake Perry.

Species	# of fish collected	% of sample	Average Length (inches)	Maximum Length (inches)	Average Weight (pounds)	Catch Rate – Adult fish (fish/mile)
Chain pickerel	2	2	15.7	16.7	0.7	2
Warmouth	4	4	5.7	8.7	0.2	4
Bluegill	19	20	4.2	8.1	0.1	21
Redear sunfish	5	5	7.0	9.7	0.2	5
Largemouth bass	66	69	10.3	19.4	0.7	72

Below: Summary of the total numbers of fish sampled per mile (Largemouth Bass; LMB, Bluegill, Redear Sunfish and crappie) during 2016, 2017, 2020, and 2023 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 2023 electrofishing.



Below: Length distribution of bream (Bluegill and Redear Sunfish) collected during fall 2023. electrofishing.

