Elvis Presley Lake 2026 REEL FACTS

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General Information: Elvis Presley Lake, which first opened in 1971, has a surface area of 322 acres. Historically, the lake was known for its good bream fishing. On April 28, 2014 an EF-4 tornado made a direct hit at Elvis Presley Lake damaging approximately 80% of the facility. In 2021 the lake was drained for a complete renovation and reopened in May of 2024.

Location: North 1/2 mi. off Hwy 78 on Veteran's Blvd. Right on CR 1460 to CR 995.

Fishery Management: Largemouth Bass, Spotted Bass, crappie, bream, and catfish.

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

Amenities

- 2 public concrete boat ramps with courtesy piers.
- 2 fishing piers.
- Campground with 16 sites with water and electrical hookups. Primitive camping is also available.**Camping is temporarily closed.**
- Picnic areas with grills.
- Rental pavilion.
- Restrooms.

Creel Regulations

- Largemouth Bass: 16-22 inches slot limit, 10 bass per day creel limit, only one may be over 22 inches in length.
- Crappie: 20 per day per angler.
- Bream: 50 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 ramps.
- 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 daily from noon until sunset.
- PFD's are required.

Fishing Tips

Largemouth Bass

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

Crappie

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

Bream

- Try shallow coves with cover. Tightline both crickets and redworms.

Catfish

- Target laydowns and deeper areas around fishing piers.

Below: Elvis Presley Lake 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	10.0	Zachery Brown	March 2018
Crappie	0.15	Sawyer Bone-	April 2026
Redear Sunfish	0.44	Angela Moore	August 2024
Bluegill	0.10	Huntley Bone-	April 2026
Catfish	26.0	Faron Scott	October 2016



Right: The current lake record Largemouth Bass. With the restocking and new fish population, we anticipate new records being set.

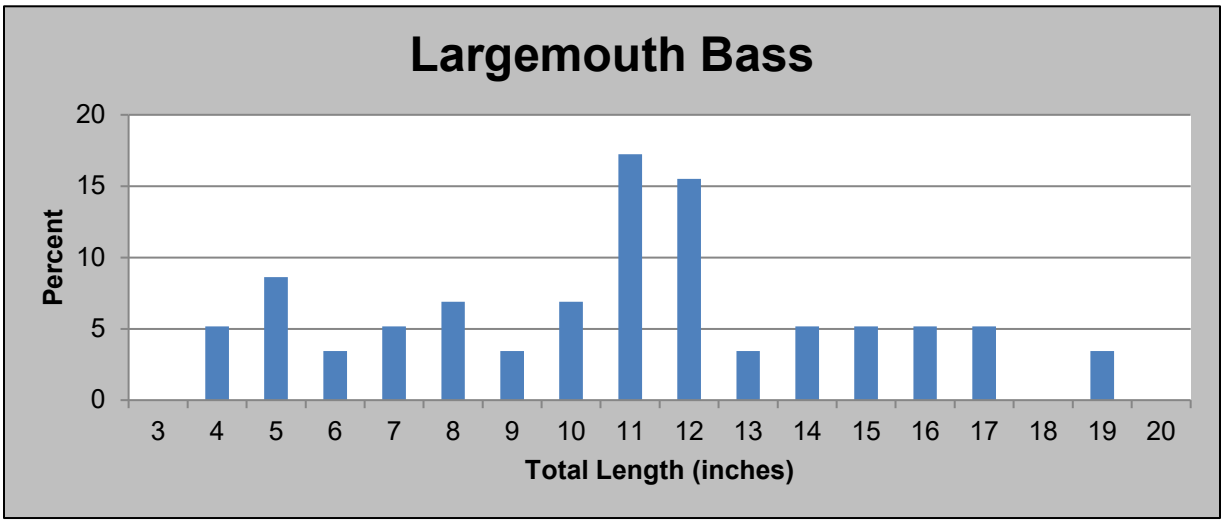
Below, and below right: Fall electrofishing fun at Elvis Presley Lake. Abundant Threadfin Shad and bream should keep the bass and crappie populations healthy. Gulf-Coast Strain Walleye were stocked in 2025 as well.

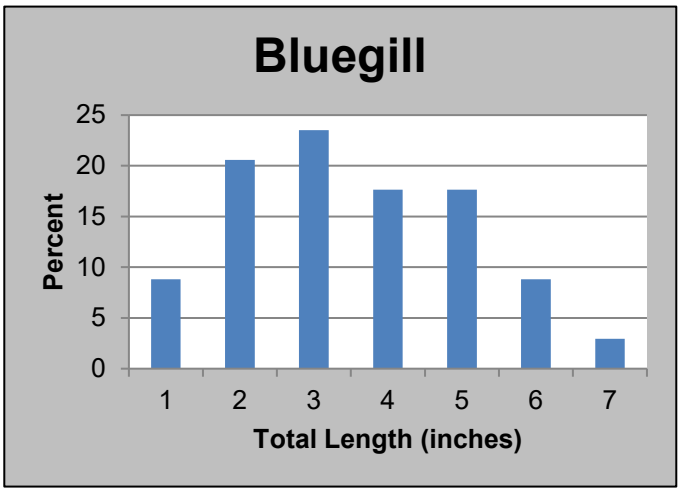


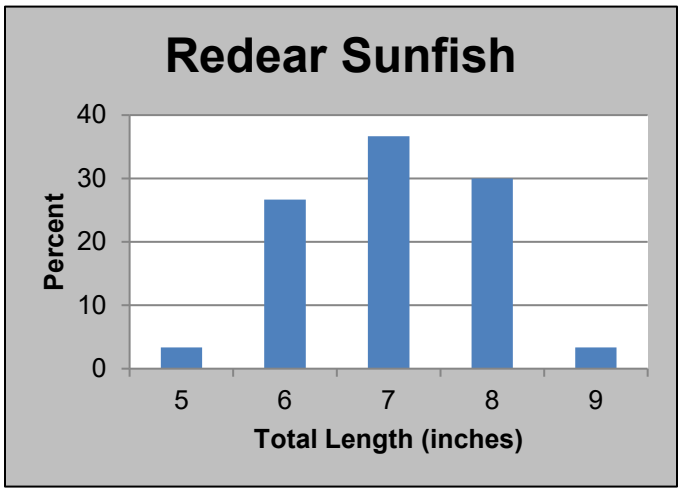


Below: Results from the 2025 fall electrofishing survey on Elvis Presley Lake. Sampling was completed in November along 3.1 miles of shoreline. Elvis Presley Lake is sampled every fall.

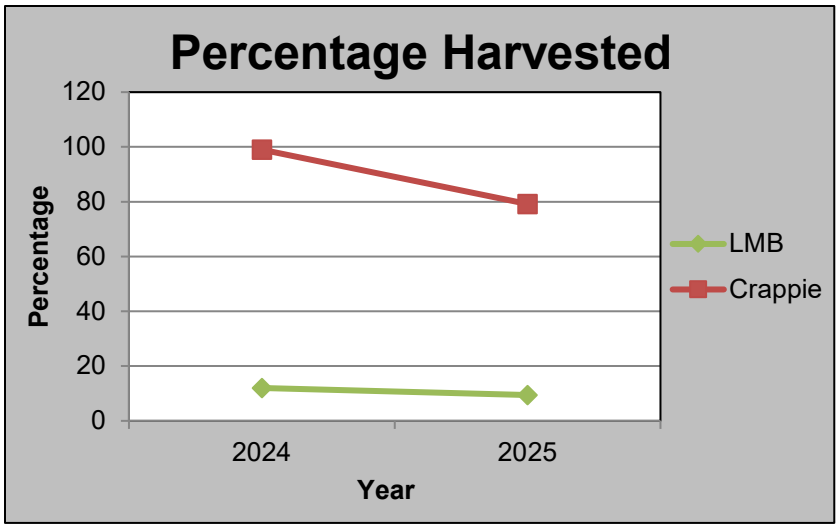
Species	# of fish collected	% of sample	Average Length (inches)	Maximum Length (inches)	Average Weight (pounds)	Catch Rate – (Adult fish/mile)
Threadfin Shad	851	87	2.2	4.3	-	-
Yellow Bullhead	4	<1	8.9	9.7	-	1
Warmouth	3	<1	3.9	3.9	-	<1
Bluegill	34	3	4.1	7.4	0.1	6
Redear Sunfish	30	3	7.5	9.2	0.3	12
Largemouth Bass	58	6	11.3	19.4	1.1	22
Black Crappie	1	<1	3.1	3.1	-	-





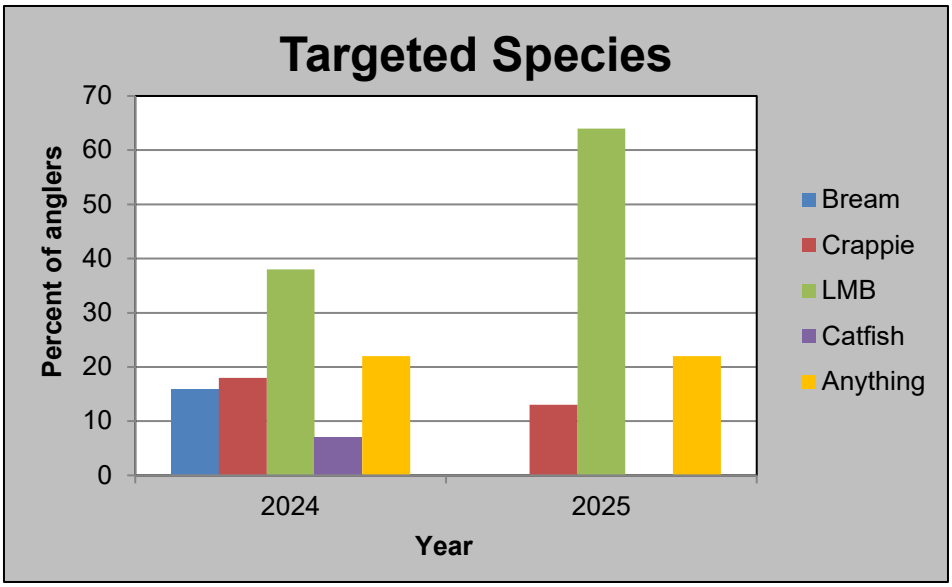


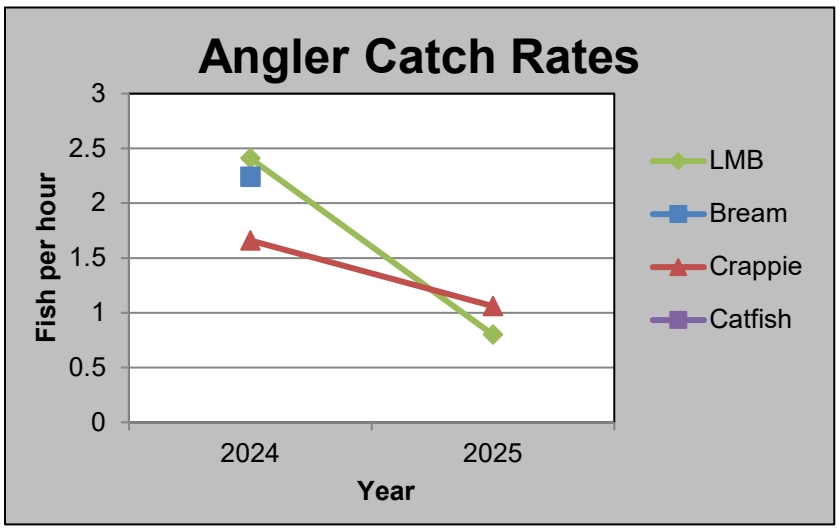
Above: Length distributions for Largemouth Bass, Bluegill, and Redear Sunfish collected during fall 2025 electrofishing.



Left: Percentage of Largemouth Bass (LMB) and Crappie harvested at Elvis Presley Lake since the renovation. Crappie harvest was down from 99% to 79%, while bass harvest has dropped slightly from 12% to 9%. It is recommended that anglers harvest bass under 13" to help avoid overcrowding and poorer bass health over time.

Right: Bass have been the most sought-after species since the lake reopened. Sixty-six percent of bass anglers were fishing a tournament in 2025. No catfish or bream anglers were creeled during 2025.





Left: Angler catch rates for bream, crappie, and Largemouth Bass (LMB) at Elvis Presley based on spring creel surveys. Catch rates are typically very high for newly renovated lakes but decline as fish become more accustomed to fishing pressure.

Have you been interviewed on Elvis Presley in 2025?	%
Yes	23
No	77
Do you use a Live scope or other form of forward-facing sonar?	%
Yes	27
No	73
Considering all factors, how satisfied are you with the fishing at Elvis Presley?	%
Very Satisfied	60
Satisfied	29
Neutral	2
Dissatisfied	5
Very Dissatisfied	4

Left: Creel surveys provide a good opportunity to collect information and opinions from anglers. While the majority of anglers did not use forward-facing sonar, the percentage that did more than doubled since 2024 (11%). Eighty-nine percent were satisfied with the fishing and facilities this year.





Above: Both Largemouth Bass and crappie have exhibited fantastic growth rates since the renovation. Bass are already reaching 18”, and the average crappie caught during spring creel surveys was 10.7”, down from the 11.3” average in 2024.

