Horseshoe Lake 2026 REEL FACTS

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General Information: Horseshoe Lake is an 800-acre lake surrounded by agricultural land on all sides. The shoreline at Horseshoe lake is comprised mainly of cypress trees. Horseshoe lake is infested with water hyacinth, but a barrier system has been installed and MDWFP staff continue to treat and monitor this situation.

Location: Horseshoe lake is located 12 miles northeast of Belzoni and 30 miles south of Greenwood MS, off Hwy 49E in Holmes County.

Fishery Management: Crappie, Largemouth Bass, bream, and catfish.

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

Amenities

- 1 MDWFP public ramp

Creel Limits

- 20 crappie per day; 11-inch minimum length limit
- 5 Largemouth Bass per day.
- 100 bream per day.
- No limit on catfish.



Fish Stocking

2025

Bluegill
9,871
Largemouth Bass
5,000

2023

Bluegill
10,000
Redear Sunfish
25,000

2022

Bluegill
188,00
Redear Sunfish
64,000
Channel Catfish
46,632
Largemouth Bass
39,366

Sportfishing Tips

Crappie

- In the spring, target shoreline areas with a jig or minnows, especially near cypress knees.

Largemouth Bass

- Target submerged structure, brush piles, and cypress knees.

Bream

- Use crickets or red worms in areas with structure or cypress knees in water less than 5 feet.

Catfish

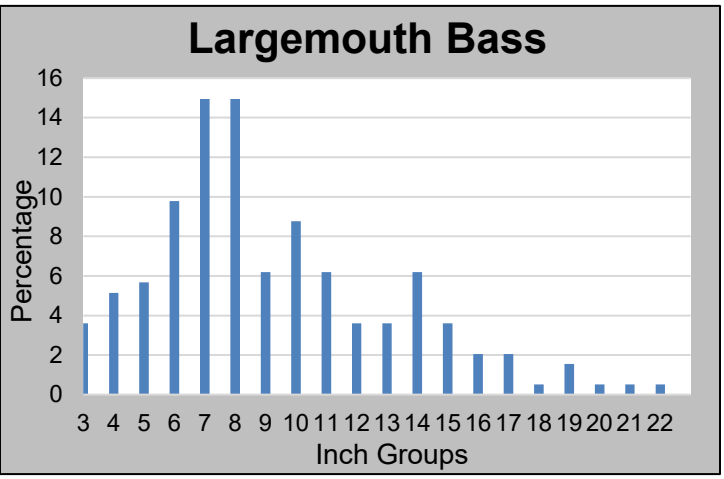
- Fish on the bottom with nightcrawlers, chicken liver, or stink bait.

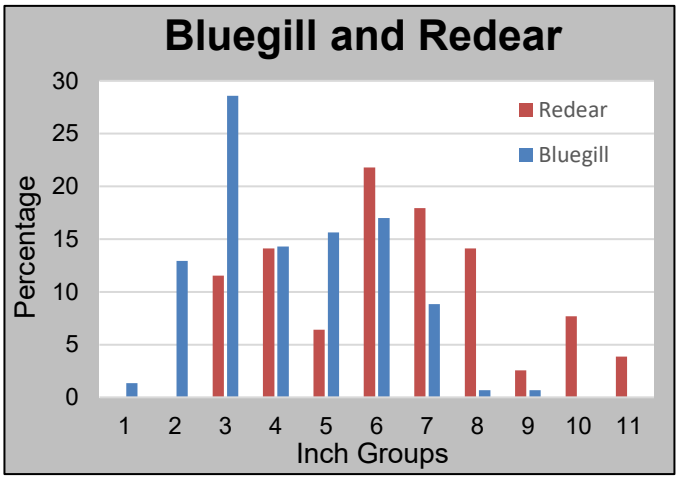
Below: Results from the 2025 electrofishing survey on Horseshoe lake. This lake is sampled by electrofishing every 1 to 2 years during the fall. Fish condition was high for all game fish species, indicating healthy, fast-growing fish.

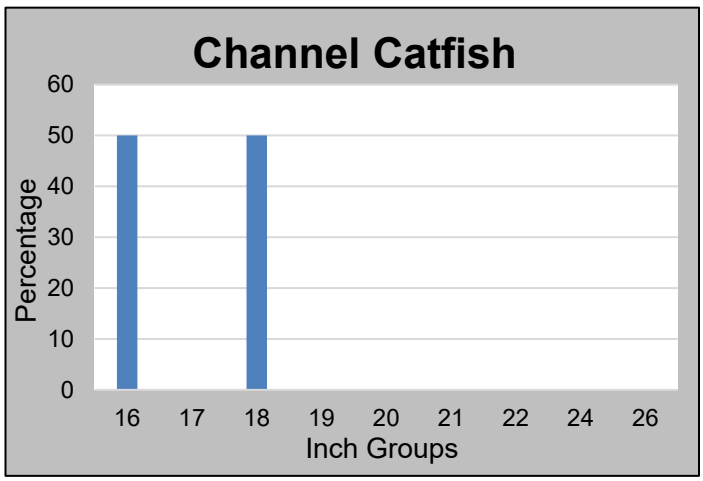
Species	# of fish sampled	% of sample	Average Length (inches)	Maximum Length (inches)	Average Weight (pounds)	Catch Rate Adult Fish (fish/mile)
Largemouth Bass	194	37	9.8	22.4	0.9	64
Bluegill	147	28	4.8	9.2	0.1	58
Redear Sunfish	78	15	6.9	11.6	0.3	35
Gizzard Shad	35	7	5.7	9.5	-	5
Threadfin Shad	25	5	2.4	3.2	-	-
Black Crappie	14	3	10.2	13.3	0.7	7
Longear Sunfish	7	2	4.2	5.1	0.1	4
Green Sunfish	7	1	4.1	4.7	0.1	4
Warmouth	5	1	3.6	4.6	<0.1	2
White Crappie	3	1	11.4	12.3	0.8	2
Channel Catfish	2	1	17.4	18.5	2.3	1

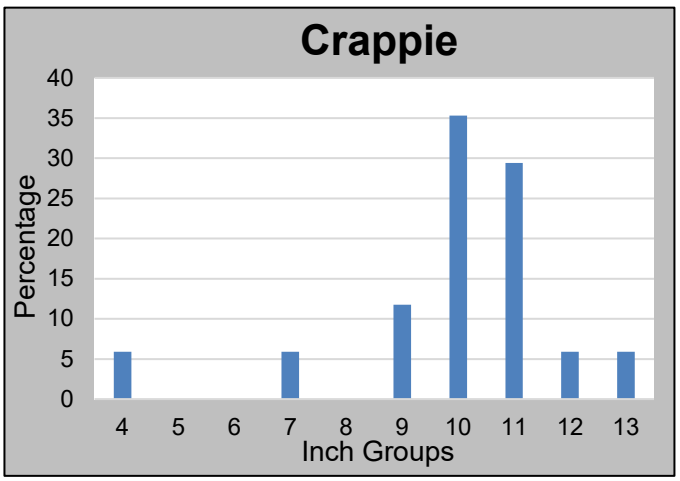


Below: Length distributions for sport fish and catfish from the 2025 electrofishing survey at Horseshoe Lake. These figures indicate a wide size distribution of each species, high numbers of catchable sized fish, and successful sport fish reproduction, all of which are signs of a healthy fish population.











Below: Maps depicting the progress of the water hyacinth restoration on Horseshoe Lake from 2022-2025. Currently efforts are being made by MDWFP staff to decrease the volume of water hyacinth on Horseshoe lake to open more water up for public use. GIS data for these maps was collected from https://dataspace.copernicus.eu/data-collections/copernicus-sentinel-data/sentinel-2

