Lake Bill Waller 2026
REEL FACTS

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General Information: This 168-acre impoundment is best known for its Largemouth Bass fishing. The lake has an abundance of logs, standing timber and vegetation that provide ample cover for this fishery.

Location: The lake is located 7 miles SE of Columbia in Marion County.

Fishery Management: Largemouth Bass, bream, and crappie

Purchase a Fishing License: Licenses & Permits | Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks

Amenities

- One public boat ramp
- Three handicap access fishing piers
- Three earthen piers
- Day-use / picnic areas
- Public restrooms
- Bank fishing locations

Creel and Size Limits

- Catfish: 10 per day.
- Largemouth Bass: Slot limit, bass 18 to 24 inches must be released, 10 fish per day creel limit, only one may be over 24 inches in length.
- Bream: 100 per day
- Crappie: 30 per day

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 Bill Waller manager Dustin Brumfield at (601) 736-1861

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 colors, Carolina rigged, seem to be good choices

Bream

Use crickets in about 2 to 6 ft. of water. Along the dam and bank fishing from the earthen piers are always good places to try.

Catfish

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

Below: Historic lake record fish for Lake Bill Waller. Anglers that catch a fish they believe to be a lake record must have the fish verified by a MDWFP lake manager, lake supervisor, or biologist.

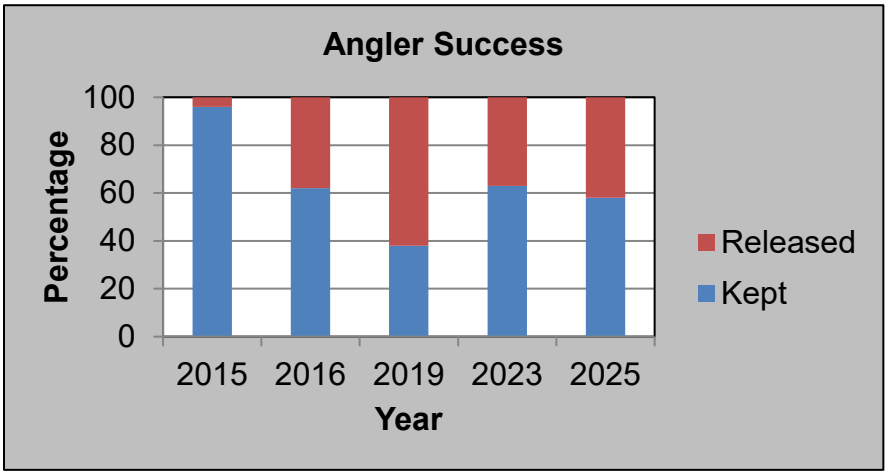
Fish Species	Weight (pounds)	Angler	Date Caught
Largemouth Bass	15.88	Samuel Recatto	February 28, 1995
Crappie	2.19	Claude Hall Jr.	May 10, 2019
Redear Sunfish	0.75	Mark Mathews	2021
Bluegill	0.63	Gary King	April 10, 2019
Catfish	21.5	Derek Mingo	2021



Left: A 10.5 lbs Largemouth Bass caught in Lake Bill Waller.

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



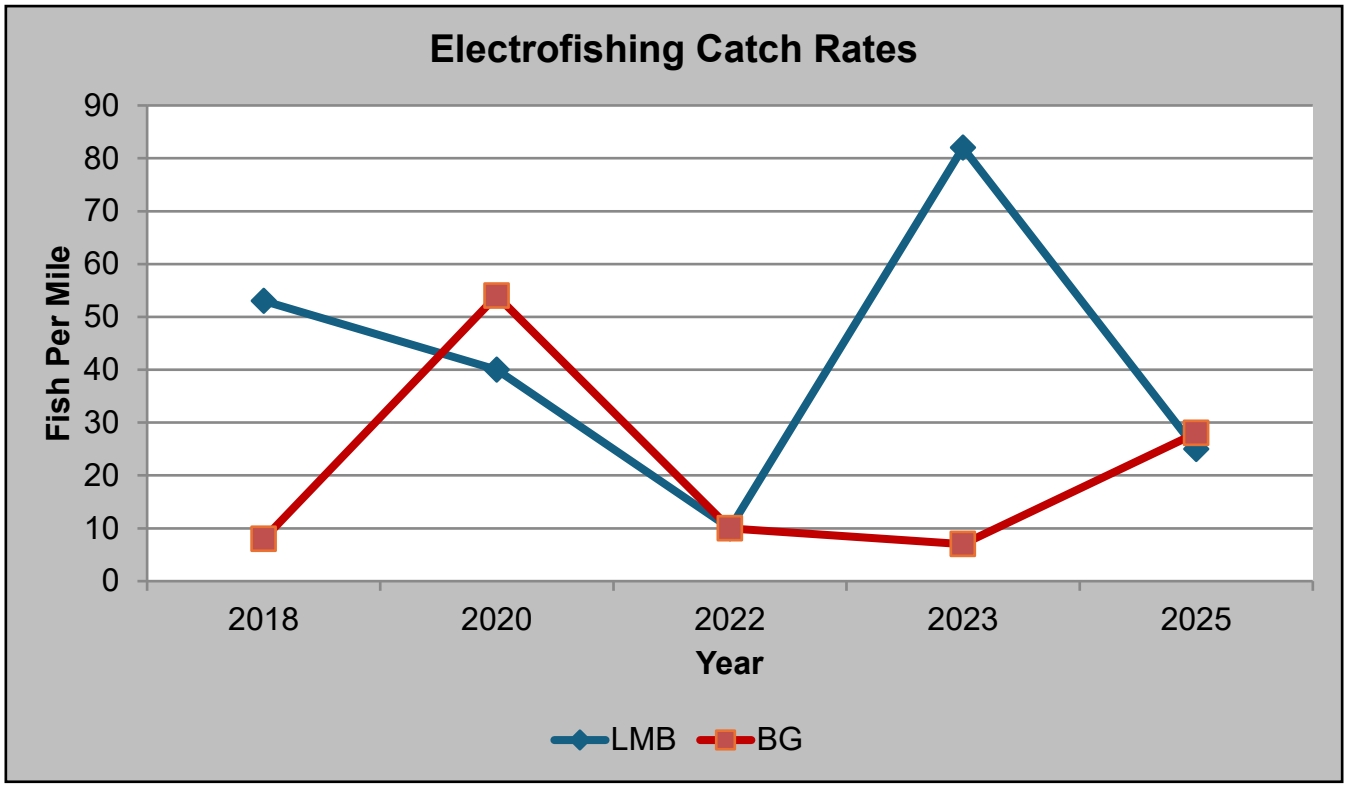


Left: The percentage of Largemouth Bass (LMB) caught and released by anglers who were interviewed during spring creel surveys at Lake Bill Waller.

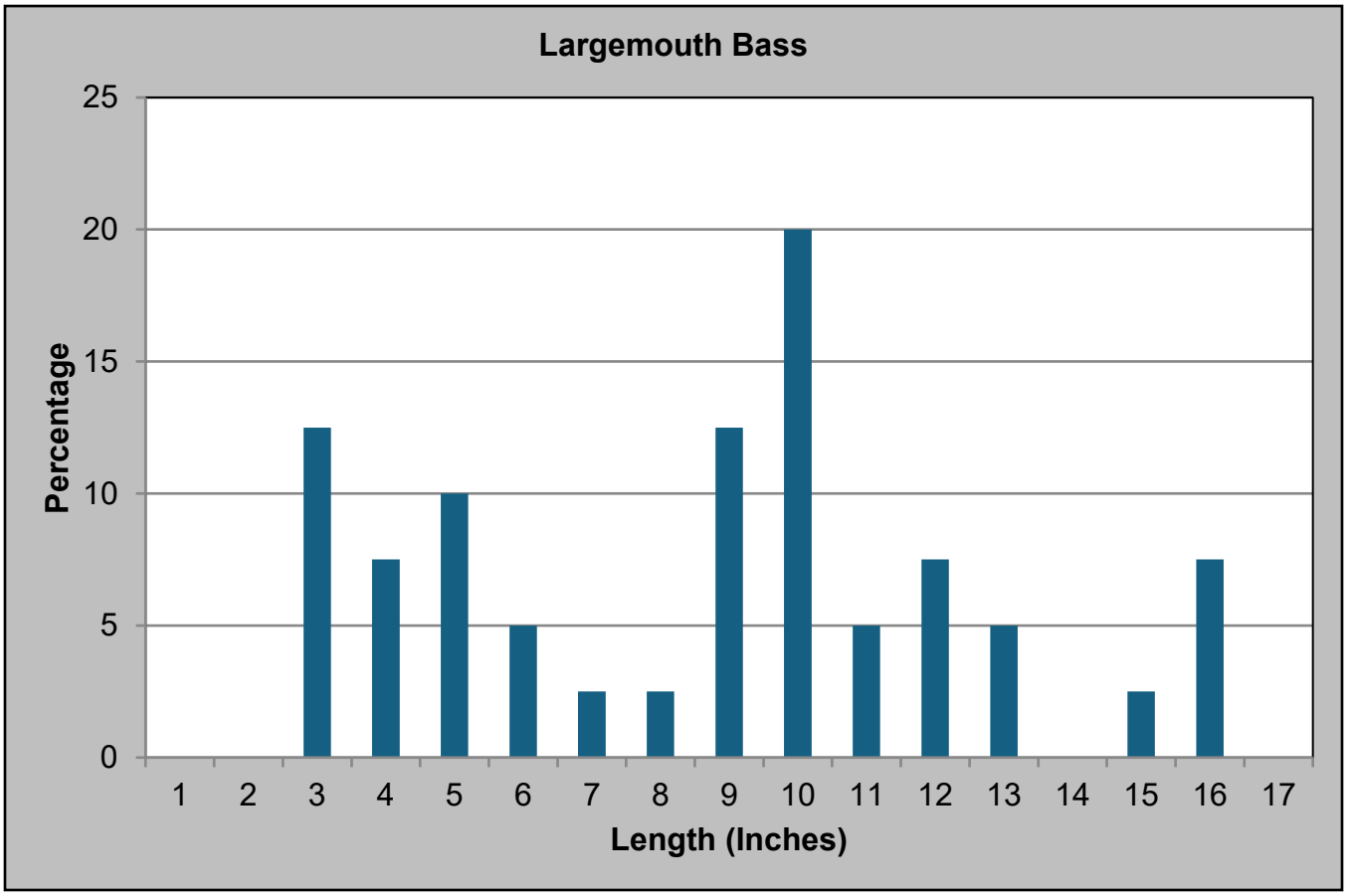
Below: Results from the 2025 fall electrofishing survey conducted at Lake Bill Waller.

Species	# of fish collected	% of sample	Average Length (inches)	Maximum Length (inches)	Average Weight (pounds)	Catch Rate – Adult fish (fish/mile)
Warmouth	1	1	5.7	5.7	0.1	1
Bluegill	26	36	6.7	8.1	0.2	22
Redear sunfish	6	8	8.6	9.3	0.4	5
Largemouth bass	40	55	9.1	16.9	0.5	21

Below: Summary of the total numbers of fish sampled per mile (Largemouth Bass; LMB, Bluegill) during 2018, 2020, 2022, 2023, and 2025 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 2025 electrofishing.



Below: Length distribution of Bream collected during fall 2025 electrofishing.

