Lake Lamar Bruce 2026
REEL FACTS

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General Information: Lake Lamar Bruce which first opened in 1965, has a surface area of 300 acres. Known for its large Redear Sunfish and Bluegill, the lake also supports a good population of Largemouth Bass. Complete renovations in recent years have included construction of two new levees, fish attractors, fishing piers, and a new pond.

Location: Just outside the city limits of Saltillo on Cemetery Street/CR 813.

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

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

Amenities

- 1 public concrete boat ramp with courtesy piers.
- 5 handicap accessible fishing piers.
- 6 earthen piers
- Campground with 11 sites with water and electrical hookups. Primitive camping is also available.
- Picnic areas with grills.
- Pavilion.
- Restrooms and showers.

Creel Regulations

- Largemouth Bass: 10 bass per day per angler.
- Crappie: 30 per day per angler.
- Bream: 100 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 ramp.
- 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 on Thursday , Sunday, Memorial Day, July 4th, and Labor Day from noon to sunset.
- Lake is designated as No Wake all other times.
- PFD's are required.

Fishing Tips

Largemouth Bass

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

Crappie

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

Bream

- Fish gravel beds near the boat ramp and campground.

Catfish

- Target creek channels and deeper areas just off earthen piers.

Below: Lake Lamar Bruce 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*	13.54	Scott Lewis and Channing Davis	February 2020
Crappie	3.12	Eli Brand	January 2025
Redear Sunfish	1.8	Ray Burns	August 2017
Bluegill	1.27	Chuck Arno	October 2022
Catfish	26.7	Josh Castellar	October 2025

*Mr. Lewis and Mr. Davis each caught a Largemouth Bass weighing 13.54 pounds on the same day. The lake record will be shared between these two gentlemen.



Above: Channing Davis, top, and Scott Lewis, bottom, with their record-tying Largemouth Bass.



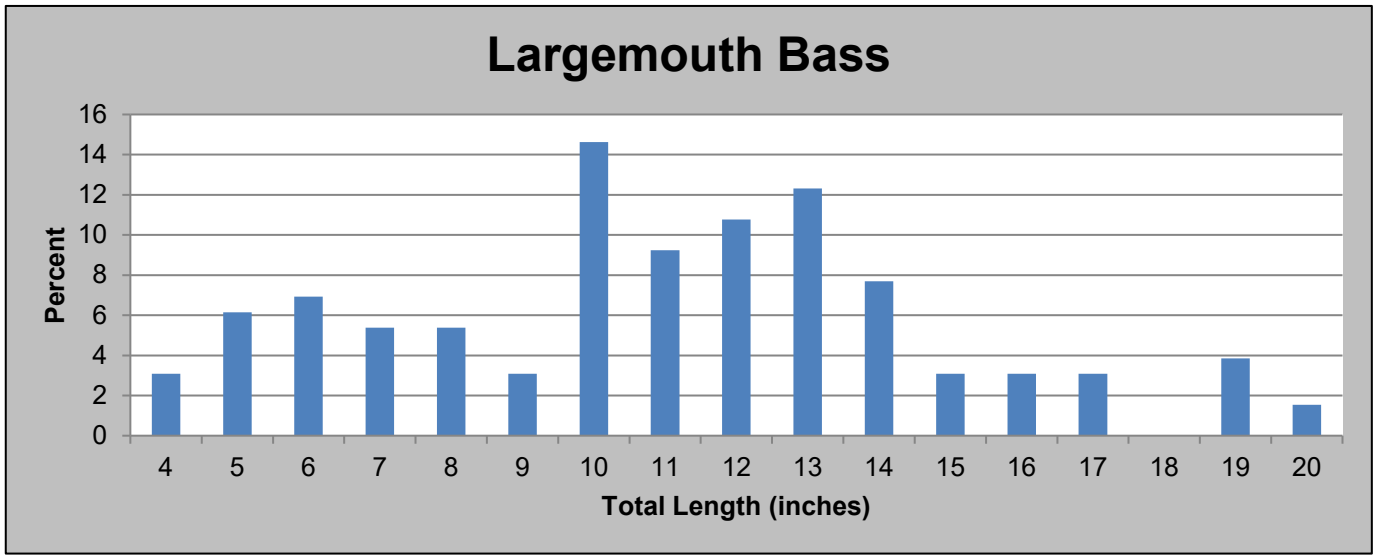
Above: Eli Brand started off 2025 with the new lake record crappie.

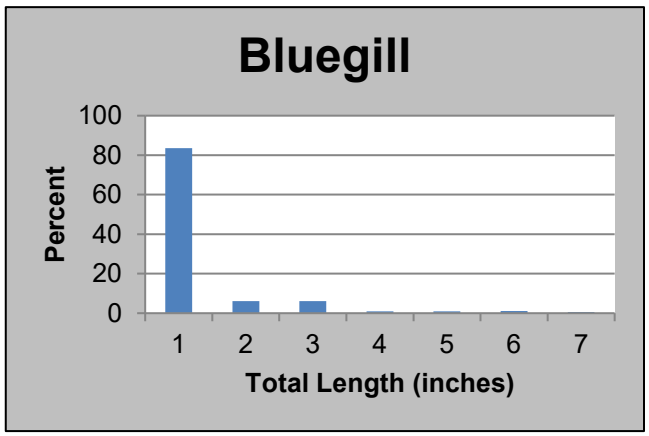


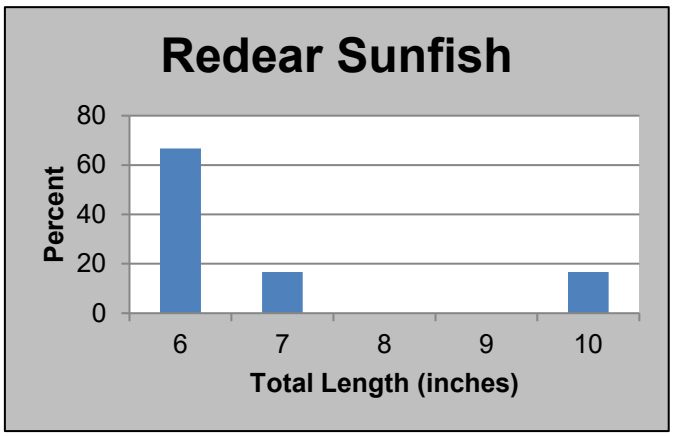
Above: Josh Castellar with the lake record catfish.

Below: Results from the 2025 fall electrofishing survey on Lake Lamar Bruce. Boat electrofishing was completed during November with six random samples taken throughout the lake totaling 3.4 miles.

Species	# of Fish Sampled	% of Sample	Average Length inches	Maximum Length inches	Average Weight pounds	Catch Rate Adult fish (fish/mile)
Warmouth	12	5	3.3	4.7	-	3
Bluegill	119	51	2.0	8.6	0.3	5
Redear Sunfish	3	1	6.5	10.8	0.5	1
Largemouth Bass	98	42	10.3	19.9	0.8	21



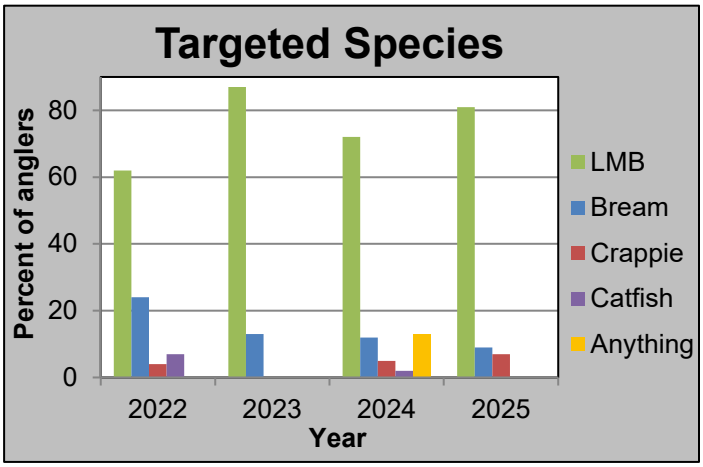




Above: Length distributions for Largemouth Bass, Bluegill, and Redear Sunfish collected during fall 2025 electrofishing. Recent bream stocking should improve the bream length distributions over the next few years. It should be noted that It is difficult to collect good numbers of bream through electroshocking on clear lakes.

Have you been interviewed on Lake Lamar Bruce in 2024?	%
Yes	21
No	79
Do you use a LiveScope or similar forward-facing sonar?	
Yes	21
No	79
How satisfied are you with the fishing and lake facilities?	
Very Satisfied	18
Satisfied	51
Neutral	28
Dissatisfied	4
Very Dissatisfied	0

Left: Creel survey questions from 2025. Twenty-one percent of anglers used Forward Facing Sonar, up from 15% in 2024. Sixty-nine percent of anglers were satisfied with their trip to Lake Lamar Bruce.



Above: Percentage of anglers targeting Largemouth Bass (LMB), bream, catfish and crappie at Lake Lamar Bruce based on spring creel surveys.

Below: Angler catch rates (fish caught per hour) during spring creel surveys. Angler catch rates have steadily declined for bream, but with supplemental stocking in 2023 those numbers should improve. It is important to note that no crappie or catfish anglers were surveyed in 2023.

