Lake Tangipahoa 2026
REEL FACTS

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General Information: Lake Tangipahoa is a 490-acre State Park Lake fed by the Tangipahoa River. It was opened in 1939. The lake was drained in 2012 because of damage from Hurricane Isaac. Dam repairs were completed in 2014 and reopened to fishing in 2016.

Location: Within Percy Quin State Park, six miles south of McComb, MS

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

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Amenities

- 1 boat ramp with courtesy pier, parking lot, fish cleaning station, and public restroom
- Marina and 3 handicapped fishing piers
- 100 camp sites with water/electric hookups, 27 cabins, 4 cottages, 9 motel rooms, and 2 golf villas
- 18 hole golf course
- Playground, 4 pavilions, and 5 tennis courts

Creel and Size Limits

- Bream: 100 per day
- Catfish: 10 per day
- Crappie: 20 per day
- Largemouth Bass: Slot limit, bass 16 - 22 inches in length must be released, 10 bass per day, only one may be over 22 inches in length.

Regulations

- Rod and reel or pole 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 except on designated days during National Fishing and Boating Week.
- Lake is designated as No Wake around the marina and levee.

Forage Species

- Gizzard Shad
- Threadfin Shad
- Golden Shiners
- Spotted Suckers
- Sharpfin Chubsuckers
- Creek Chubsuckers
- Crawfish

Fishing Tips

Bream

- Try crickets, red wigglers, and wax worms in shallow areas during late spring and summer.

Catfish

- Try tightlining liver or blood scented bait along the creek channel and levee.

Crappie

- Target brush and willow trees along the creek channel with jigs and minnows. The marina is another good spot to try.

Largemouth Bass

- Target willow trees with junebug or green pumpkin colored soft plastics. Shad colored chatterbaits and spinnerbaits are good choices around emergent vegetation. The river can be a good area after rain events.

Right: Young anglers had a great deal of success during the Youth Day prior to the lake opening. They caught a variety of fish species.

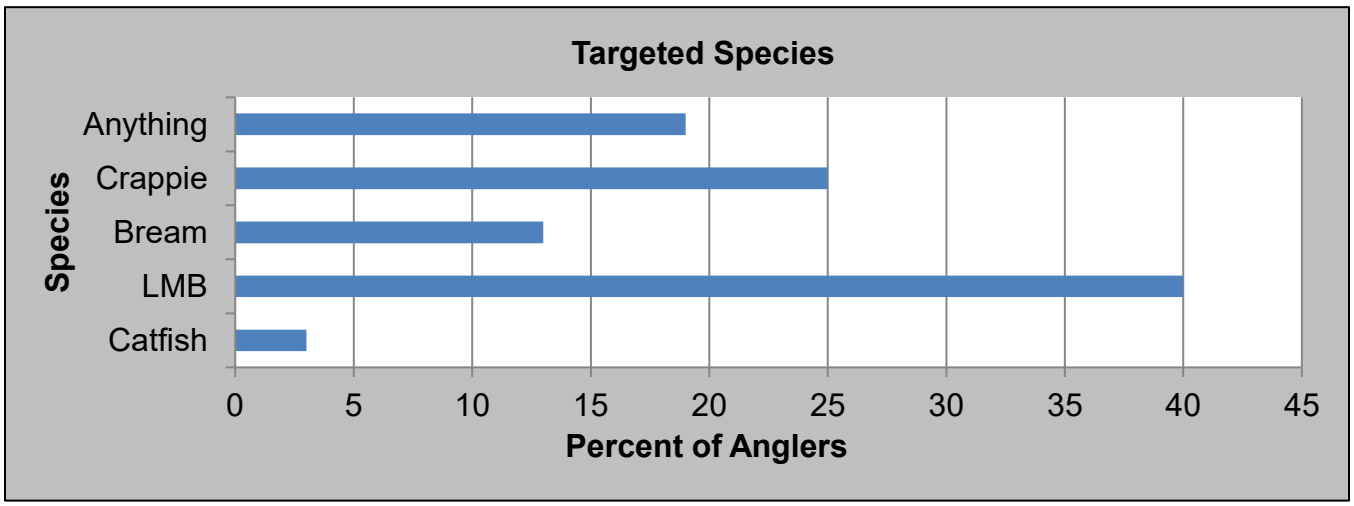




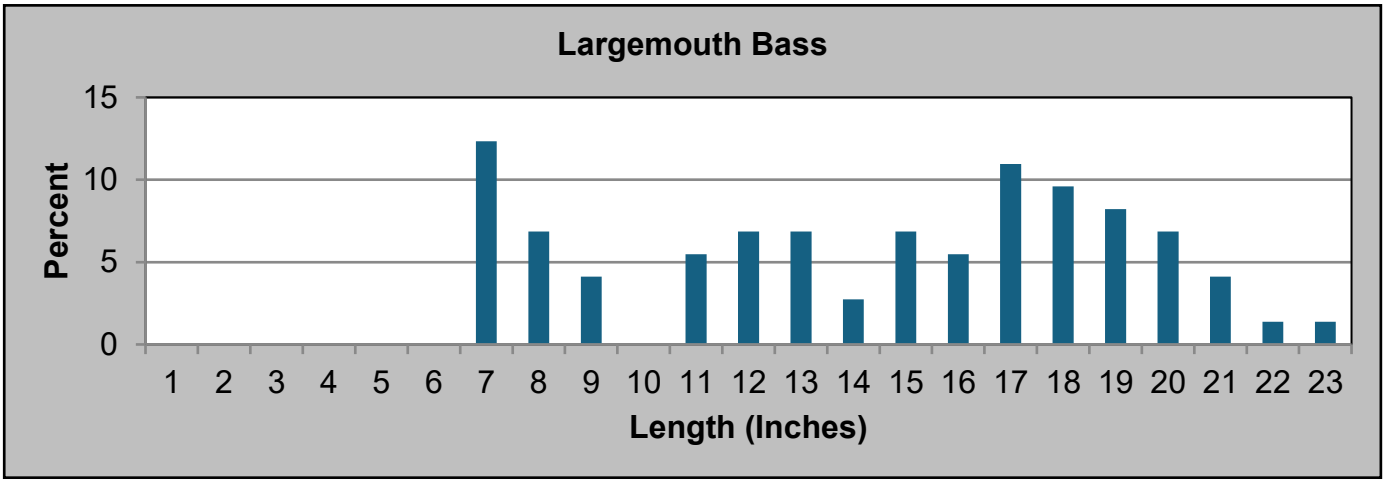
Below: Results from the 2025 fall electrofishing survey conducted at Lake Tangipahoa. The lake supports a diverse fish assemblage, due to the Tangipahoa River. This provides an ample forage base for sport fish such as Largemouth Bass, Spotted Bass, Black Crappie, White Crappie, and Chain Pickerel.

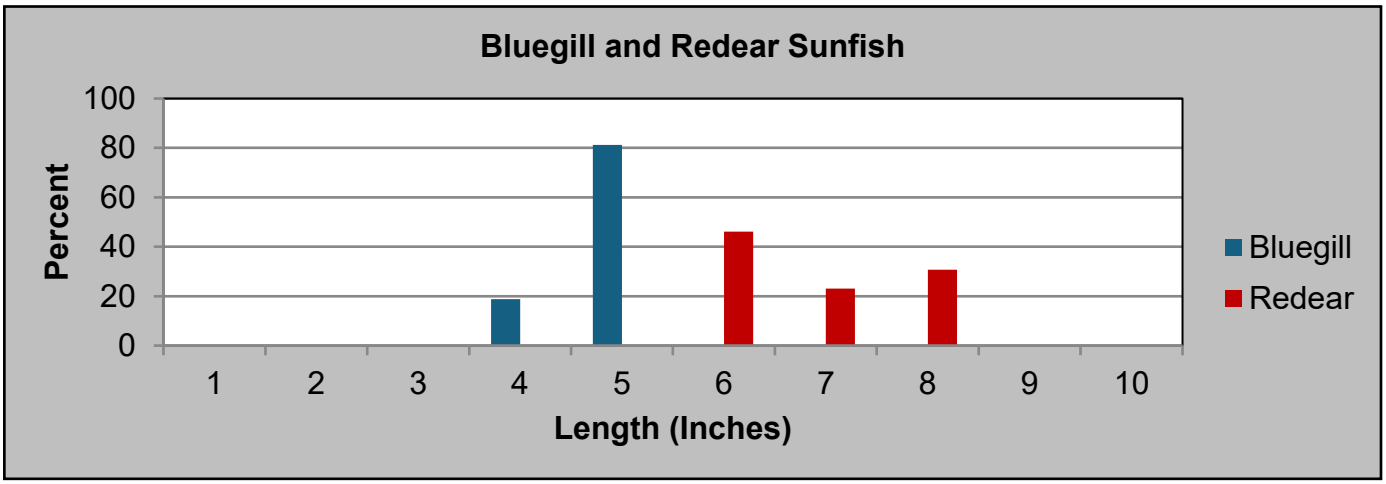
Species	# of fish collected	% of sample	Average Length (inches)	Maximum Length (inches)	Average Weight (pounds)	Catch Rate – Adult fish (fish/mile)
Channel Catfish	3	2	20.1	24.3	3.4	4
Longear Sunfish	2	1	5.3	5.7	--	5
Bluegill	27	20	5.9	8.5	0.3	45
Redear Sunfish	13	9	7.1	8.6	0.4	19
Largemouth Bass	90	65	13.2	23.8	2.7	91

Below: Species most targeted by anglers during the Springs 2025 creel survey..



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







Above: Lake Tangipahoa already harbors Largemouth Bass over the 16 to 22 inch slot limit.