Natchez State Park Lake 2026 REEL FACTS

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General Information: Natchez State Park Lake is a 230-acre park lake producing quality bass, crappie, bream, and catfish every year. The lake also holds the state record Largemouth Bass (18.15 lbs.), which was caught in 1992.

Location: Approximately 10 miles north of Natchez off State Park Rd.

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

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

Amenities

- 1 boat ramp with courtesy piers, parking lot, and public restroom
- 2 handicapped fishing piers
- 50 camping pads with water/electric hookups, 10 cabins, and 8 tent sites
- 9 hole disc golf course, 6 picnic sites, playground, pavilion, and nature trail

Creel and Size Limits

- Bream: 100 per day
- Catfish: 10 per day
- Crappie: 30 per day
- Largemouth Bass: Slot limit, bass 18 - 22 inches in length must be released, 10 bass per day creel limit, only one may be over 22 inches in length

Regulations

- Fishing is not allowed from the courtesy piers adjacent to boat ramp.
- 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.
- Skiing is allowed within ski area. Lake is designated as No Wake in all other areas.

Forage Species

- Gizzard Shad
- Threadfin Shad
- Golden Shiners
- Crawfish

Fishing Tips

Bream

- Try crickets, red wigglers, and wax worms in shallow areas along the dam and around the cabins.

Catfish

- Try tightlining liver or blood scented bait along deep drop offs of main lake points and creek channels.

Crappie

- Fish standing timber and brush around the main lake creek channels. Vertical jigging is popular with jigs and minnows.

Largemouth Bass

- Target brush piles and ledges with junebug or watermelon red colored soft plastics. Topwater baits and crankbaits can also be good around main lake points and drains. Jigging spoons are good in the winter.

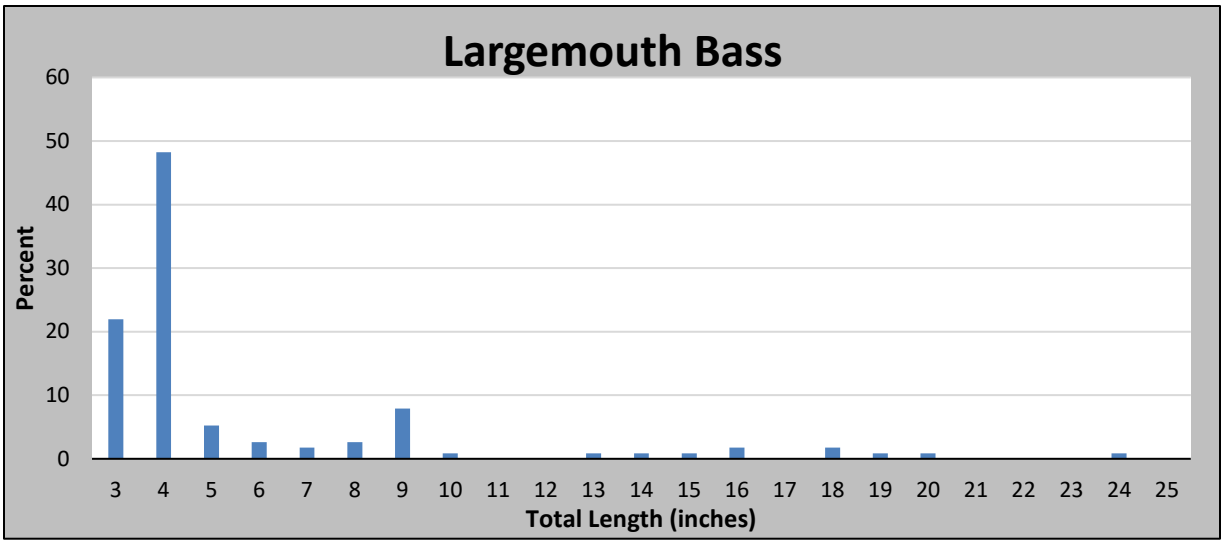
Below: Results from the 2024 fall electrofishing survey conducted at Natchez State Park.

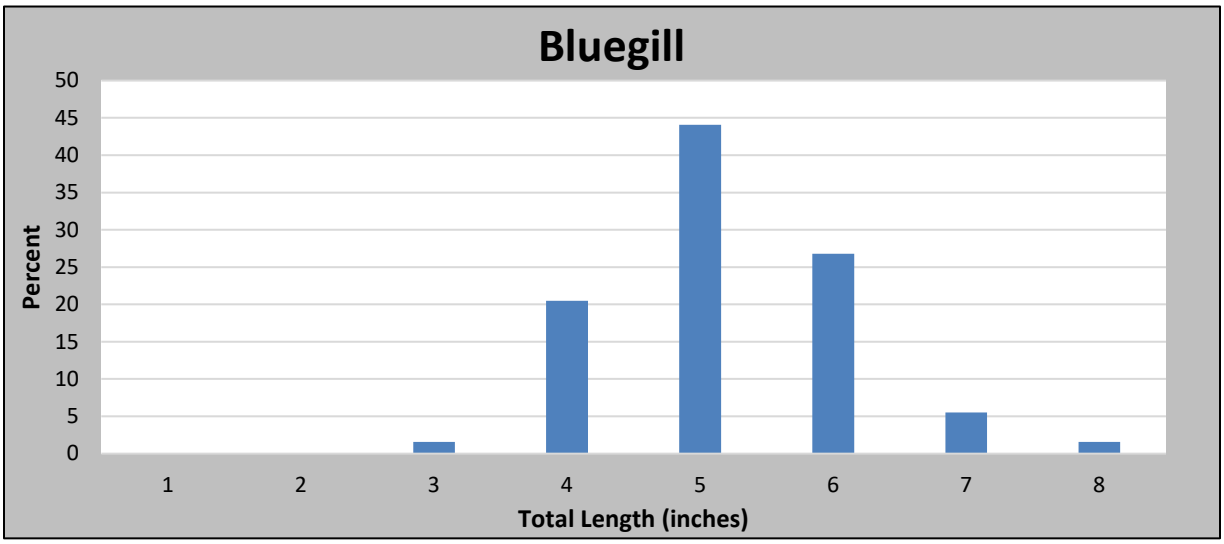
Species	# of fish collected	% of sample	Average Length (inches)	Maximum Length (inches)	Average Weight (pounds)	Catch Rate – Adult fish (fish/mile)
Largemouth Bass	114	29	5.2	23.2	1.2	9
Redear Sunfish	61	16	5.8	9.7	0.2	20
Gizzard Shad	14	4	10.4	11.8	-	6
Bluegill	127	32	4.7	7.4	0.1	52
Longear Sunfish	20	5	4.3	5.3	0.1	9
Threadfin Shad	7	2	3.2	3.5	-	< 1
Green Sunfish	13	3	3.7	5.4	< 0.1	6
Orange spotted Sunfish	7	2	4.1	4.8	< 0.1	3
Channel Catfish	2	1	17.2	18.9	1.2	1
Golden Shiner	26	6	4.1	4.9	-	< 1

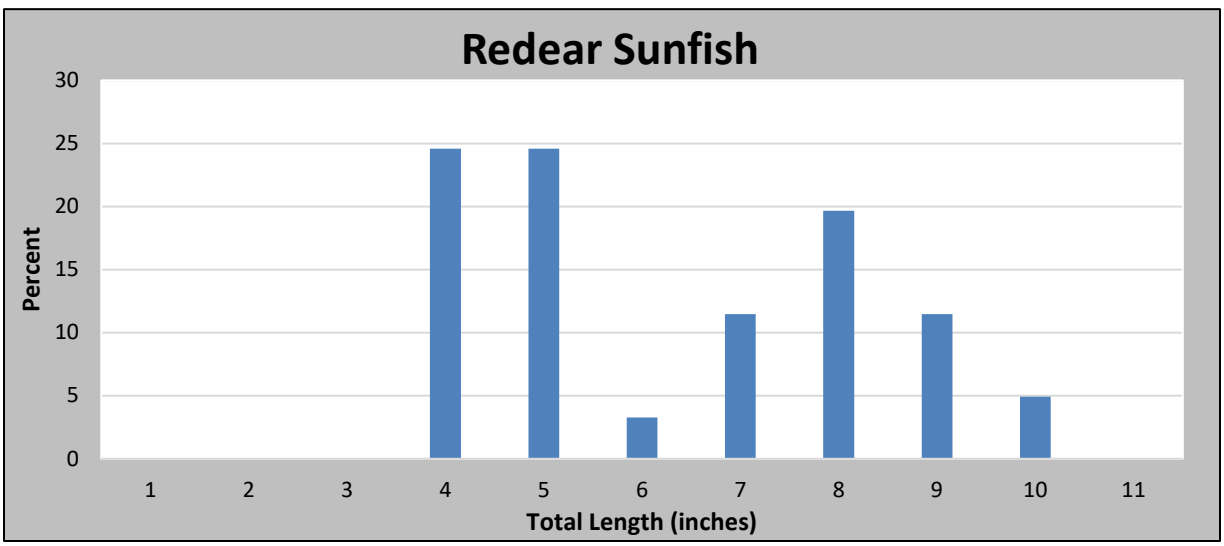




Above: Natchez State Park consistently produces quality Largemouth Bass and Redear Sunfish.







Above: Length distributions for Largemouth Bass, Bluegill, and Redear Sunfish collected during 2024 fall electrofishing.