



# Lake Lamar Bruce 2024

## 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.

**Lake Depth Map:** [http://www.mdwfp.com/media/5448/lake-lamar-bruce\\_2019.pdf](http://www.mdwfp.com/media/5448/lake-lamar-bruce_2019.pdf)

**Purchase a Fishing License:** [https://www.ms.gov/mdwfp/hunting\\_fishing/](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: Slot limit, bass 18–24 inches must be released immediately, 10 bass per day creel limit, only one may be over 24 inches
- 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 4<sup>th</sup>, 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	2-23-2020
Crappie	2.89	Jack (Brent) Quartaro	3-3-2024
Redear Sunfish	1.8	Ray Burns	8-12-2017
Bluegill	1.27	Chuck Arno	10-8-2022
Catfish	10.5	David Westmoreland	2-22-2020

\*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.

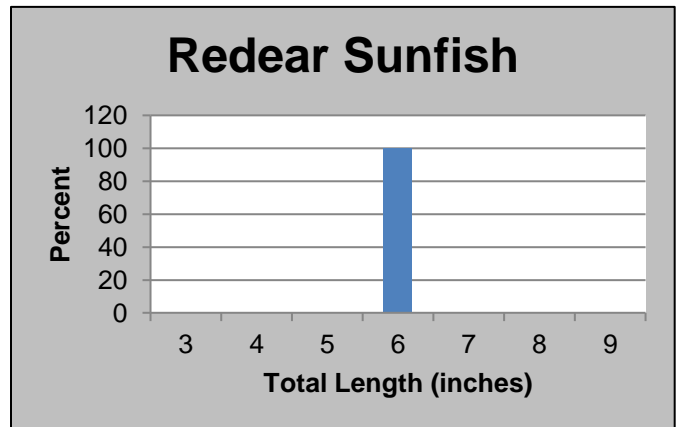
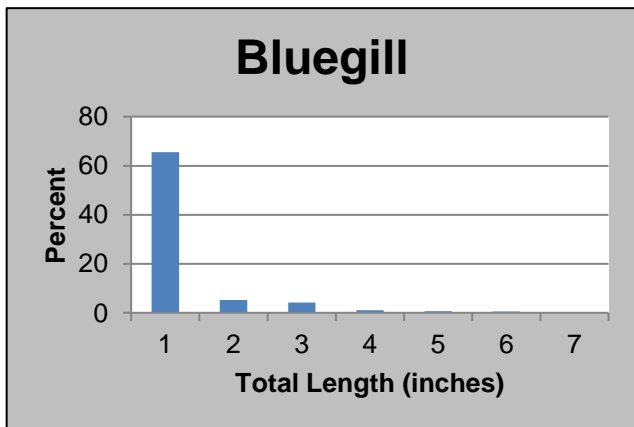
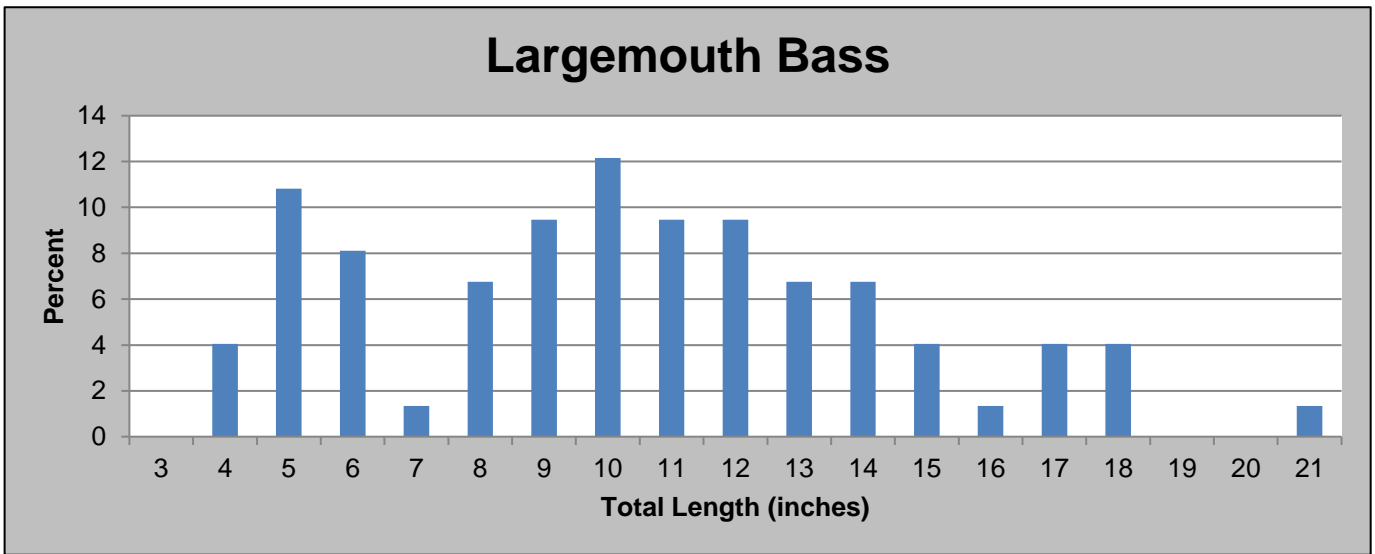


**Above:** Channing Davis, left, and Scott Lewis, right, with their record-tying Largemouth Bass.

**Above:** Jack (Brent) Quartaro with the current lake record crappie.

**Below:** Results from the 2023 fall electrofishing survey on Lake Lamar Bruce. Boat electrofishing was completed during October with five random samples taken throughout the lake totaling 3.1 miles.

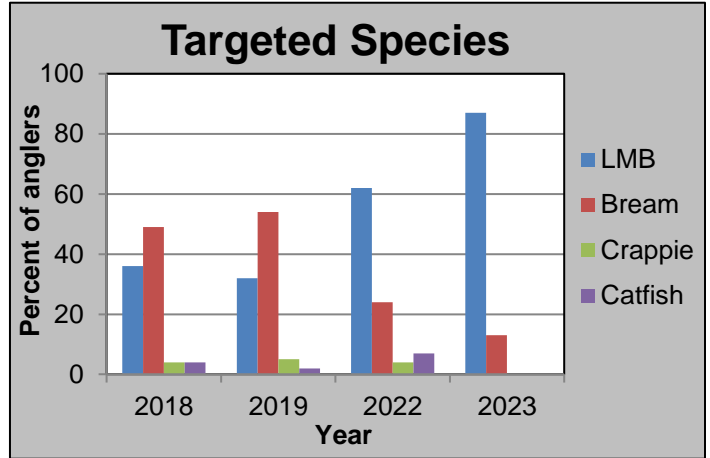
Species	# of Fish Sampled	% of Sample	Average Length inches	Maximum Length inches	Average Weight pounds	Catch Rate Adult fish (fish/mile)
Threadfin Shad	83	11	1.9	3.9	-	-
Warmouth	3	>1	5.3	6.2	0.2	1.0
Bluegill	573	78	1.5	6.8	0.1	11.9
Redear Sunfish	2	>1	6.3	6.4	0.2	0.7
Largemouth Bass	74	10	10.9	21.8	1.0	18.1



**Above:** Length distributions for Largemouth Bass, Bluegill, and Redear Sunfish collected during fall 2023 electrofishing.

Have you been interviewed on Lake Lamar Bruce in 2023?	%
Yes	17
No	83
Do you use a Livescope or similar forward-facing sonar?	
Yes	38
No	62
Considering all factors, how satisfied are you with the fishing/facilities at Lake Lamar Bruce?	
Very Satisfied	20
Satisfied	60
Neutral	20
Dissatisfied	0
Very Dissatisfied	0
Would you be in favor of being able to harvest one walleye per day?	
Yes	7
No	33
No opinion	60

**Left:** Eighty-three percent of the anglers interviewed had not been previously interviewed by MDWFP in 2023. Thirty-eight percent of anglers used a forward-facing sonar while fishing, and only seven percent of anglers had any interest in being able to keep one walleye per day. Eighty percent of anglers interviewed said they had a positive outlook for the fishing at Lake Lamar Bruce.



**Above:** Percentage of anglers targeting Largemouth Bass (LMB), bream, catfish and crappie at Lake Lamar Bruce based on spring creel surveys. Bass angling has steadily increased over the last four years, while bream fishing has declined. Bream includes both Bluegill and Redear Sunfish.

**Below:** Angler catch rates (fish caught per hour) during spring creel surveys. Angler catch rates have steadily declined for bream, but bass catch rates showed an uptick in 2023. No crappie or catfish anglers were creeled in 2023.

