



# Lake Bogue Homa 2024

## REEL FACTS

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**General Information:** Lake Bogue Homa, at 882 acres, is the largest state fishing lake managed by MDWFP. It is a popular destination for bass tournaments and for recreational anglers.

**Location:** Lake Bogue Homa is located in Jones County, 6 mi. E of Laurel on Hwy 84.

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

**Purchase a Fishing License:** [https://www.ms.gov/mdwfp/hunting\\_fishing/](https://www.ms.gov/mdwfp/hunting_fishing/)

**Depth Map:** <http://www.mdwfp.com/media/5436/lake-bogue-homa.pdf>

### Amenities

- Three handicapped access fishing piers
- Two boat ramps
- Skiing allowed daily from noon to sunset
- Restrooms
- Two camping pads with electrical/water hook up
- Pavilion
- Picnic areas with grills

### Creel and Size Limits

- Black bass: 5 per person per day; all bass 15 inches and smaller must be released
- Catfish: 10 per person per day
- Bream: 100 per person per day
- Crappie: 30 per person per day
- Statewide creel limits apply to all other species

### Regulations

- Only rod and reel or pole fishing is allowed on State Fishing Lakes except that carp, gar, buffalo, and bowfin may be taken by use of bow and arrow at night only after purchasing a valid permit for fishing and/or boating. No other gear is allowed at these lakes.
- Fishing is not allowed from courtesy piers adjacent to boat ramps. Night fishing is allowed from the bank or boats which are in compliance with state and coast guard regulations.
- Fishing licenses and permits may be purchased in the lake office
- Contact the lake office at (601) 425-2148

### Fishing Tips

#### Crappie

Target shallow structure in coves along the shoreline during the spring.

#### Largemouth Bass

Fish any areas with heavy cover or structure (such as sunken logs) below the water surface.

#### Catfish

Use a pungent bait such as liver to attract catfish.

#### Bream

For Redear Sunfish and Bluegill fish areas along the bank with underwater vegetation.

**Below:** Lake Bogue Homa 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	13.6	Cliff Hensarling	1995
Crappie	2.95	Patrick Mashburn	2022
Redear Sunfish	1.21	Martrell Jones	February 11, 2019
Bluegill	OPEN	-	-
Catfish	12.85	George Smith	November 13, 2018



**Left:** Lake Bogue Homa is home to a variety of bream species, including Red Spotted Sunfish.

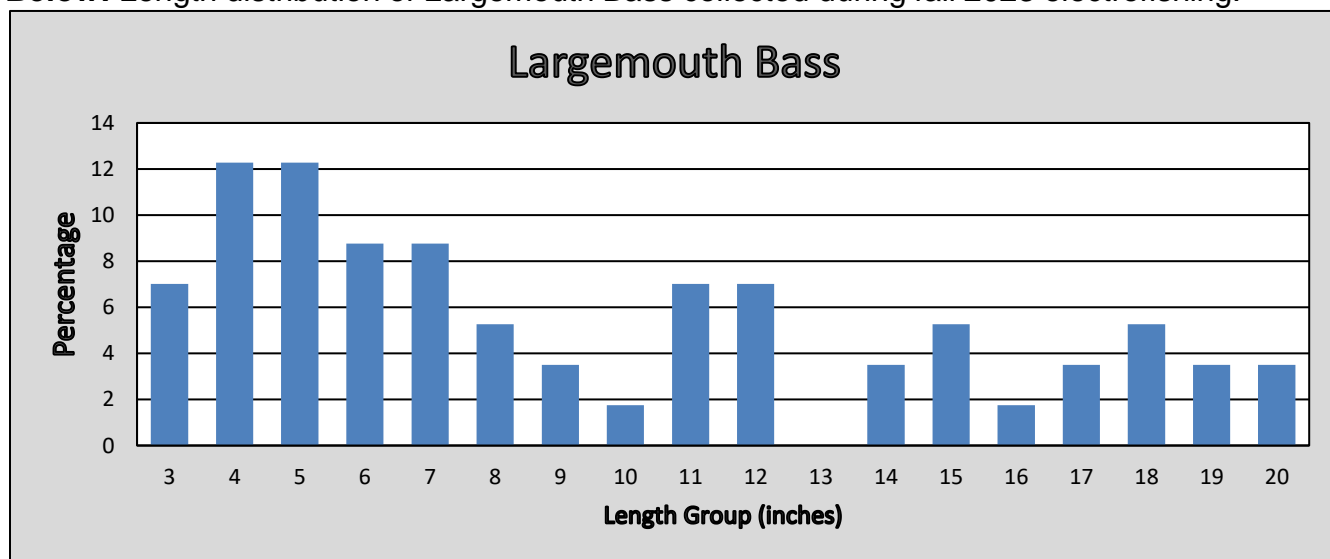
**Below:** Lake Bogue Homa holds one of the best Crappie fisheries in the Coastal District, drawing anglers from around the state to attempt to catch their limit.



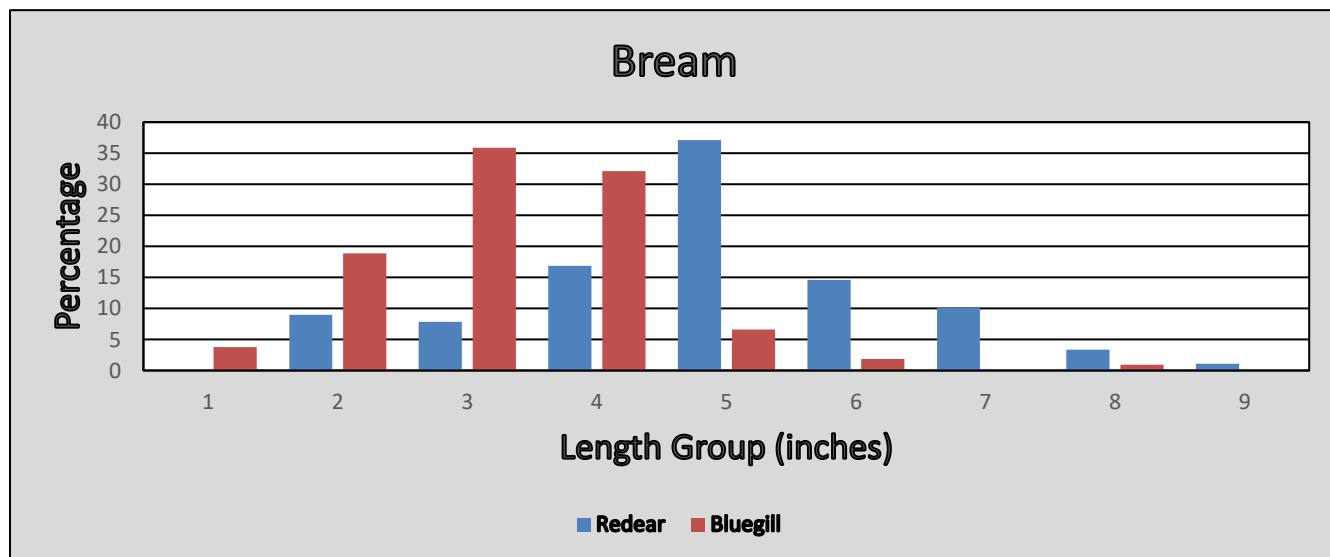
**Below:** Results from the 2023 fall electrofishing survey conducted on Lake Bogue Homa.

Species	Number	% of sample	Average Length (inches)	Maximum Length (inches)	Average Weight (pounds)	Catch Rate – Adult fish (fish/mile)
Brown bullhead	1	0.4	18.7	18.7	3.5	1
Warmouth	1	0.4	2.6	2.6	0.0	1
Bluegill	106	40.8	3.7	8.3	0.0	104
Longear sunfish	1	0.4	5.4	5.4	0.1	1
Redear sunfish	89	34.2	5.4	9.2	0.1	87
Largemouth bass	57	21.9	9.9	20.9	1.0	56
White crappie	1	0.4	11.1	11.1	0.7	1
Black crappie	4	1.5	10.7	12.8	0.8	4

**Below:** Length distribution of Largemouth Bass collected during fall 2023 electrofishing.

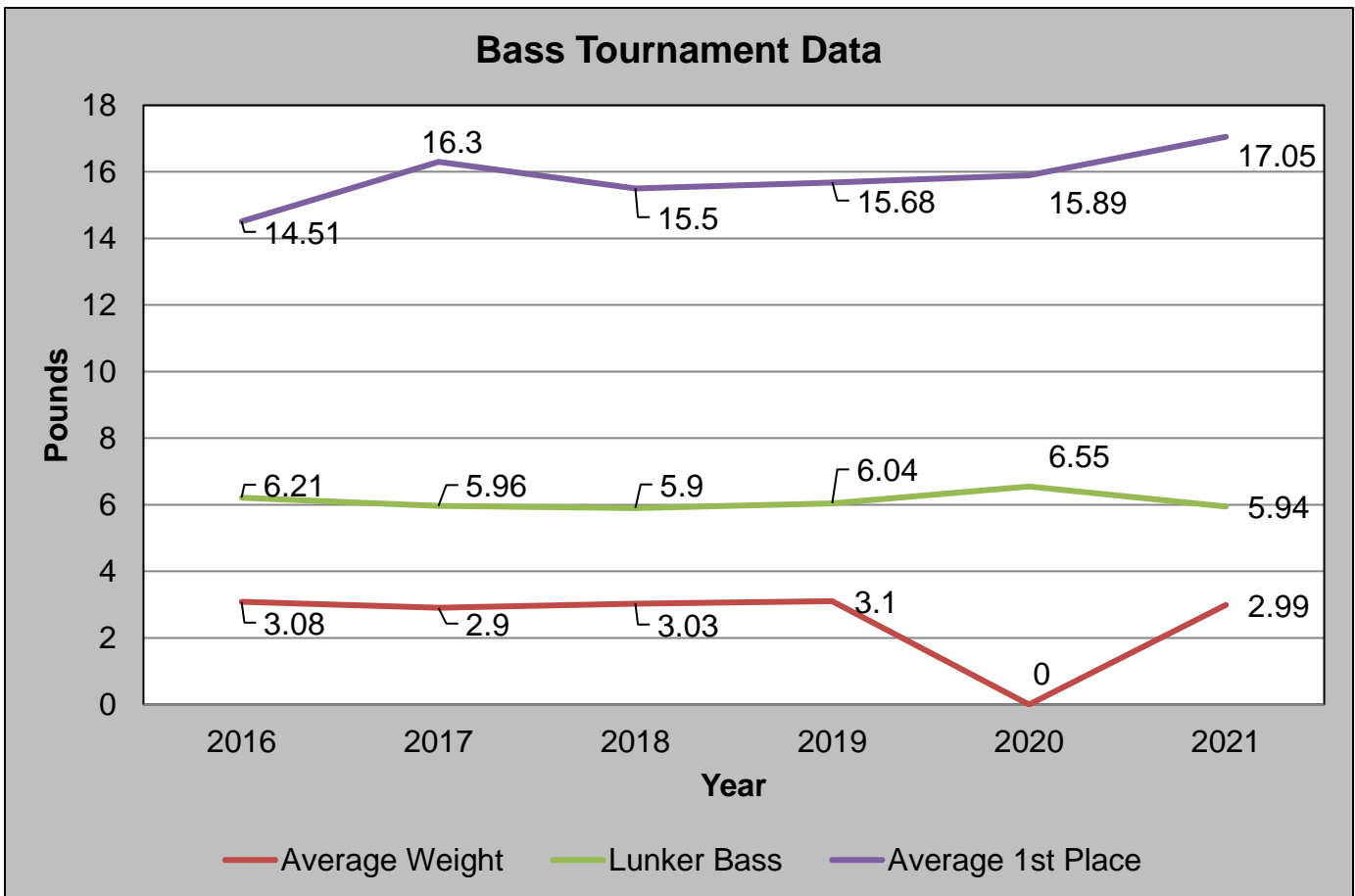


**Below:** Length distribution of Bream collected during fall 2023 electrofishing.





**Below:** Lake Bogue Homa is a popular destination for [bass tournaments](#). The graph below shows the average weight of individual bass caught, the average weight of the lunker bass and the average 1<sup>st</sup> place weight of the tournaments since 2016



**Below:** In 2023, 37 parties of anglers were interviewed at Lake Bogue Homa during the Spring creel surveys.

