

# Lake Bolivar

**LOCATION:** Approximately 12 miles north of Greenville on Hwy. 1 at Scott, MS.

**SIZE:** 1,200 acres.

**DEPTH:** Averages 5 feet in depth.

**AQUATIC VEGETATION:** Duckweed, coontail.

**MAJOR SPORTFISH:** Largemouth bass, crappie, bream (bluegill), channel catfish.

**OTHER FISH:** Bowfin, buffalo, common carp, drum, green sunfish, gar.

**FISH FORAGE:** Shad, minnows, small sunfish.

**VISIBLE COVER:** Cypress trees, pilings.

**BOTTOM FEATURES:** Man-made fish structures, drop-offs.

**FISHING LICENSE:** CALL 1-800-5-GO-HUNT

**GUIDE SERVICES:** CALL 1-800-270-DELTA



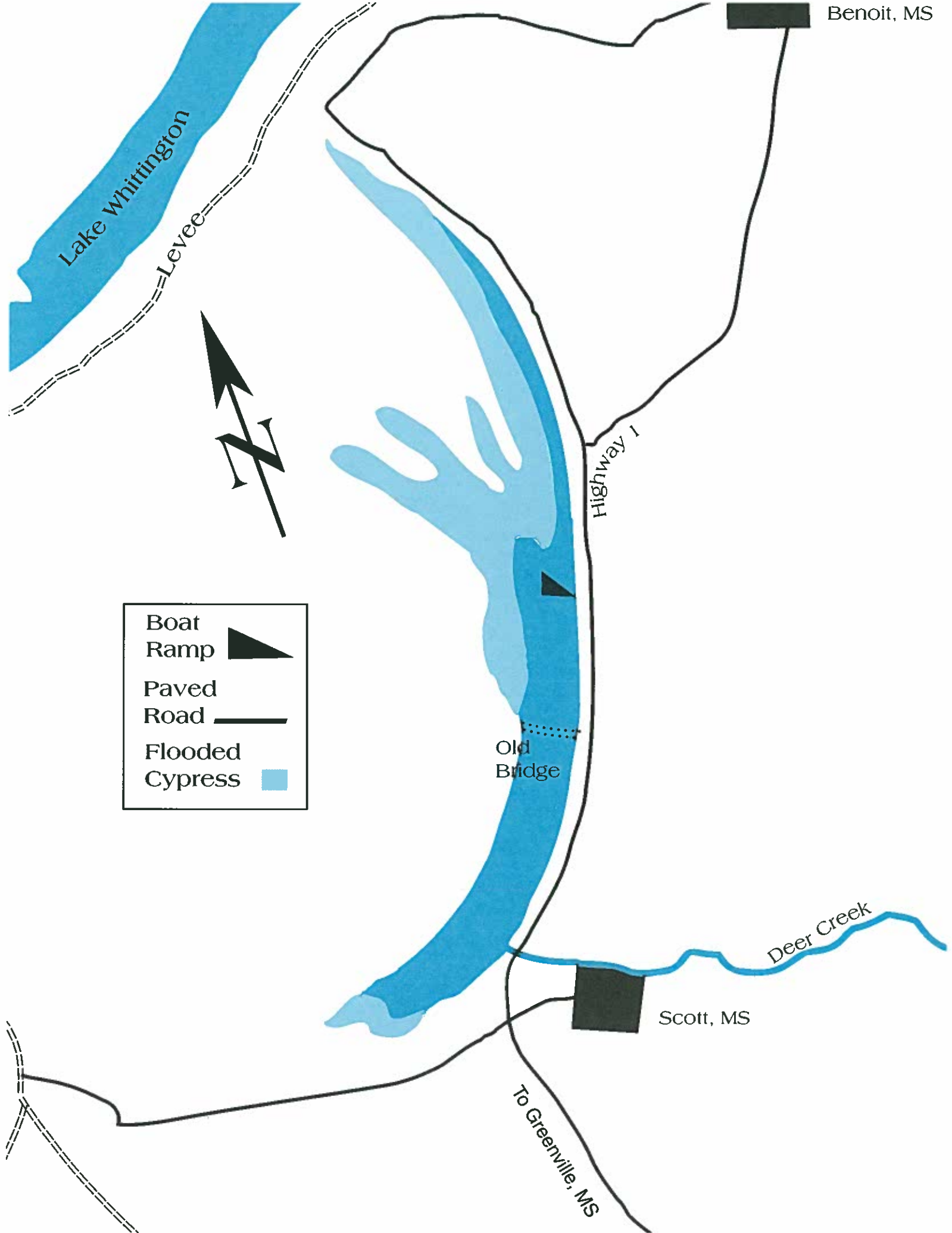
**MAN-MADE FISH STRUCTURE:** None.

**ACCESS:** There is one boat ramp on Lake Bolivar. The ramp is located on Highway 1, approximately 2 miles north of Scott. This ramp is a public access ramp.

**DESCRIPTION:** Lake Bolivar is an ancient remnant of the Mississippi River created centuries ago by a natural cutoff at Bolivar Bend. Lake Bolivar is a shallow lake averaging about 5 feet deep. In the past Lake Bolivar has suffered from low water in late summer. As recent as ten years ago, Lake Bolivar was considered to be a "dead lake". Lake Bolivar has recently become an extremely productive largemouth bass fishery. Catch and release of 20 to 30 bass up to six-pounds are common. The best and most productive time to fish the lake is early spring. Because of Lake Bolivar's size and depth, it is one of the first lakes in this area to warm-up and begin becoming clear. Gradual clearing will start on the north end and move down the lake to the south. According to local anglers, the best spots to fish are in the cypress trees in the north end and the east bank down to the mouth of Deer

Creek. There are dozens of visible pilings from an old bridge that extends across the lake. These pilings hold large numbers of bass. Later in the year, vegetation invades the lake. Much like the clearing phenomenon, the aquatic vegetation begins growing in the north end of the lake and gradually works it's way to the south end. The aquatic vegetation filters the water making it extremely clear. Flipping baits into holes in the aquatic vegetation and around the cypress trees can be productive. Although bluegill are plentiful in Lake Bolivar, they are small in size. Crappie can also be caught, but they are rarely sought because of the low numbers and better lakes nearby.





Benoit, MS

Lake Whittington

Levee



Highway 1

Old Bridge

Deer Creek

Scott, MS

To Greenville, MS

- Boat Ramp 
- Paved Road 
- Flooded Cypress 