

Longnose Gar

Lepisosteus osseus



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ADULT SIZE

Typically 24-40 inches
and 1-7 pounds.
Can reach lengths of
54 inches in Ohio.

TYPICAL FOODS

Primarily they feed
on small fish and
occasionally crayfish.

FISHING TIP

Very difficult to hook when
they bite due to their hard,
narrow "beak" full of needle
like teeth. In some areas gar
are targeted by slowing
reeling in a short 3-4 inch
piece of frayed white nylon
rope as a "lure" with no hooks.
Their teeth get tangled in the
rope similar to Velcro. They are
occasionally caught by acci-
dent when anglers target
other species with bait & lures.

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