



Outdoor Report

The week of February 19, 2018

- **Permanent ice shacks need to be removed from the ice by midnight February 28, 2018.**
- **You can find seasonal applications at <http://bhr.sd.gov/workforus/gfp.aspx>**

Aberdeen Area

Fishing Report:



Richmond: Fishermen have been catching some crappies. The bite has been inconsistent.

Elm: Fishermen have been catching a few perch, northern pike, and the occasional walleye. Anglers are catching some walleye under 15 inches so bring your measuring board.

James River: Fishermen have been catching some walleye up by Sand Lake Refuge and the state line bridge.

Mina: (Edmunds County) Fishermen are catching perch in the 8 to 12 inch size range.

Roscoe: (Edmunds County) Fishermen are catching perch in the 10-12 inch size range.

Twin Lakes: (Spink County) Fishermen have been catching walleye and the occasional crappie. The bite has been better in the evenings.

Redfield: (Spink County) Fishermen are catching crappie, walleye, and northern pike.

Clark County

Fishing Report:



Bailey's Lake: A few perch and bluegill are still being caught. Both continue to be primarily less than 8 inches long. Fishermen are also catching the occasional largemouth bass and walleye.

Dry Lake #2: Fishermen are catching the occasional perch and walleye. Ice heaves make travel and searching difficult across the lake.

Indian Springs: A few walleye over 20 inches are being caught, along with the occasional perch. Most of the walleye are being picked up in 5 feet of water or less.

Swan Lake: Fishermen are catching northern pike and the occasional walleye over 20 inches.

Reid Lake: Fishermen are catching walleye. Evenings and after dark have been the best. Use caution around the ice heave in the middle of the lake.

Codington County

Fishing Report:



Kampeska: Still plenty of fishing pressure on the weekends but success has been limited to a couple small walleye and a few crappies. Evenings have been the best. Most fishermen have been targeting the Lunkers area of the lake.

Pelican: Still very little success. A few anglers with permanent shacks have caught some nice walleye after dark.

Goose: Fishing success continues to be hit or miss, with only a few walleye and perch being caught. Mornings and evening continue to be best.

Stink: Fishermen are catching perch and a few small walleye. Perch range from 7-11 inches.

Day County

Fishing Report:



Waubay: Anglers had some success catching walleye, perch and the occasional white bass. Anglers are scattered throughout the lake. No consistency on bite.

Bitter: Anglers seem to have decent success catching a few smaller walleye with the occasional 15"+.

Enemy Swim: Anglers are catching a few crappie and bluegill, but overall it has been slow.

Hamlin County

Fishing Report:



Poinsett: Fishermen have been catching a fair amount of under 15" walleye. The perch bite remains poor.

Marshall County





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White: Slow, crappie and walleye bite in the morning and evenings.

Roy: Slow, pike and small perch are being caught.

South Buffalo: Slow, pike with the occasional walleye being caught near main lake points.

Piyas: Slow, a few perch and walleye have been caught in the evenings.

Cottonwood: Slow, a few nice pike have been caught, all other species slow.

Opitz: Slow, a few walleye and perch in the mornings.

Six Mile: Slow, A few anglers spearing northern pike.

Nine Mile: Slow, A few small perch and the occasional pike.



Park Report:

- Open House Weekend (May 19-21) reservations opened on February 17, 2018.
- Memorial Day Weekend reservations open on February 24, 2018.
- The Forest Drive Area at **Richmond and Mina** just received 5 inches of fresh snow, come enjoy the cross country ski trails and contact our office at (605) 626-3488 about borrowing snow shoes to snow shoe through Forest Drive.
- Do you enjoy working outdoors? Are you interested in a future career within Game, Fish and Parks? Then consider a summer seasonal job or Intern position with South Dakota Game, Fish & Parks! The State Parks currently have positions available and many include housing options. You can find seasonal applications at <http://bhr.sd.gov/workforus/gfp.aspx> or stop in at the Watertown Regional office and pick one up today! The closing date for the GFP Seasonal positions is February 16, 2018.
- **Ice Anglers:** A reminder that electricity in the campground stays on year-round and the cabins have heat. Cabins make a great base camp for the weekend and sleep 3-5 depending on how friendly your group is with each other. Cabins are available at Roy Lake, Fort Sisseton, Pickerel, Richmond, Mina, Lake Louise, Pelican, Hartford Beach, Lake Cochrane, Poinsett, Thompson, Oakwood Lakes, Lake Herman and Walkers Point. Reservations available through www.campsd.com or 1-800-710-2267 (CAMP).
- Be sure to check out the event calendar at <http://gfp.sd.gov/calendar.aspx> to see upcoming events in the area.

