



Outdoor Report

The week of May 14, 2018

- **HuntSAFE classes are available for registration online.**
- Visit <https://gfp.sd.gov/outdoor-learning/hunter-education/ClassList.aspx>
- **Elk Applications are available. Applications are due this Friday, May 18, 2018.**
- Find our waterfowl opportunity map online at <https://gfp.sd.gov/maps/#6>

Aberdeen Area



Fishing Report:

James River: Anglers have been catching a few walleye. The bite has been slow, so far. As soon as the water temps warm up, the bite should pick up. Anglers are having better luck in the evenings fishing.

Elm River: Anglers have been catching a few walleye and northern pike. The bite has been slow, so far. As soon as the water temps warm up, the bite should pick up. Anglers are having better luck in the evenings fishing.

Richmond Lake: Anglers have been catching a few bullheads. The walleye, bluegill, and crappie bite has been slow. The water temperature needs to warm up before the bite improves.

Elm Lake: Anglers are catching a few walleye and northern pike. The water temperature needs to warm up before the bite improves.



Hunting Report:

Turkey: Brown County only has an archery turkey season. With the spring weather finally in the forecast, hopefully the turkeys will be more responsive to calls.

Clark County



Fishing Report:

Dry Lake #1: Fishermen are catching walleye from the shore. Most walleye are in the 14 to 17 inch range. Mornings and evenings continue to be best

Dry Lake #2: Fishermen are catching walleye and northern pike from the shore and by boat. The best fishing has been around sun set.

Indian Springs: Fishermen are catching walleye. Most walleye are being caught along the shore in less than 6 feet of water. The time around sun set has been the most productive.

Reid Lake: Fishermen are catching a few nicer walleye in the mornings and evenings. **GFP does not have an access agreement at the current boat ramp site. This will now be a private fee access.**

Swan Lake: Fishermen are catching walleye and northern pike from the shore and by boat. The walleye are mostly over 20 inches. The best time has been around sun set.

Mankey's Slough: Fishermen are catching walleye from the Hwy. 25 pull offs. The walleye range in size from 15 to 18 inches, with a few fish over 20 inches being caught.



Hunting Report:

Turkeys: With the warmer temperatures and with the breeding season coming to an end, hunters have been reporting higher success as the toms are spreading out searching for more hens.

Codington County



Fishing Report:

The trout have been released into the 3rd Ave. pond and the Redlin center pond.

Kampeska: Fishermen are catching a variety of fish. The walleye being caught are primarily less than 15 inches, with a few nicer fish being caught. White bass are starting to bite, along with a few crappies.

Pelican: Fishermen are catching a few walleye, with the majority of the fish being less than 15 inches. The best fishing has been in the evenings.

Goose: A few nicer walleye are being caught; mornings and evenings continue to be the best times.



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Dry Lake: Fishermen are catching walleye from the shore. Most of the walleye are ranging in size, from 12 to 15 inches.



Hunting Report:

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Day County



Fishing Report:

Waubay: Fishing pressure and success has picked up this last week with anglers having success catching white bass and a few walleye.

Bitter: Anglers are catching a mixed bag of northern pike, walleye and the occasional perch.



Hunting Report:

Turkey: Hunters are having some good luck locating Turkey's and ultimately harvesting their bird.

Hamlin County



Fishing Report:

Poinsett: Nice weather has brought many fishermen out both in boats and on shore. Success continues to be fair in the early mornings and evening hours.

Lake Albert: Beginning to see more fishing pressure. Success rates are fair as fishermen can be seen catching a few walleye.

Clear Lake: Ramp area is in bad shape due to high water, please use caution. Shore fishermen success rates for walleye have been picking up.



Hunting Report:

Turkey: Weather has been on the hunter's side so far. There have been a few hunters that have been seen still trying to bag a bird.

Marshall County



Fishing Report:

Clear: A few anglers have been observed wader fishing at the fish trap area with minimal success.

White: A few anglers have been fishing near the dam with limited success.

Opitz: A few anglers are catching walleye off the boat ramp area.

Roy: A few anglers have been fishing with limited success.



Hunting Report:

Turkey: The birds have become more receptive to calling, now is a good time to be out attempting to harvest a bird.



Park Report:

- This weekend is Open House Weekend in your State Parks. No entrance licenses are required for this Friday, Saturday or Sunday so come on out and see what your local parks have to offer. The 2018 park entrance license is available at park entrance booths, the Game, Fish & Parks regional office, and a number of vendors around the region.



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- **Pickerel Lake Recreation Area** is hosting a Critter Carnival on May 19th from 7am to noon. There will be a bird banding demonstration from 7am to 10am and then from 10am to noon, there will be ongoing activities. A critter zoo, bird feeder construction, bird and mammal track plaster casts, fish printing, and pollinator seed balls are the activities. It will be held at the West Unit picnic shelter of Pickerel Lake Recreation Area and is free. That is also the same weekend of the free entrance into the park. It is geared towards ages 5 – adult.
- **Sandy Shore Recreation Area:** the new cabins are open and available for reservations! These cabins are filling up fast so plan your getaway and reserve today!
- **Pelican Lake Recreation Area:** Our trees and shrubs have begun to bloom, especially the plum bushes in the park. This is a very cool sight to see.
- **Lake Cochrane Recreation Area:** All facilities have been opened in the park.
- Be sure to check out the event calendar at <http://gfp.sd.gov/calendar.aspx> to see upcoming events in the area.
- The 90 Day reservation window for campsites and camping cabins will be open May 18th for an arrival date of August 16th and earlier.