

SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF GAME, FISH AND PARKS

400 WEST KEMP AVENUE | WATERTOWN, SD 57201

Outdoor Report

The week of June 18, 2018

- HuntSAFE classes are available for registration online.
- Visit https://gfp.sd.gov/outdoor-learning/hunter-education/ClassList.aspx
- A reminder since it is spring and we are seeing many different young animals around - please leave them where you found them.

Aberdeen Area

Fishing Report:

James River: Anglers are catching walleye and catfish. Anglers are having better luck in the evenings. Bow fishermen are also having good luck shooting carp. Bow fishermen are reminded that it is against the law to throw back shot fish or leave fish on the shoreline.

Elm River: Anglers have been catching a few walleye and northern pike. Anglers are having better luck in the evenings. Richmond Lake: Anglers have been catching walleye, bullhead, crappie, and white bass. Anglers are reminded that Richmond Lake has a 15 inch minimum length limit on walleye.

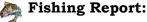
Elm Lake: Anglers are catching walleye, northern pike, and catfish. Anglers are catching lots of walleye in the 13-14 inch range, so bring your measuring board. Anglers are reminded that Elm Lake has a 15 inch minimum length limit on walleye.

Clark County

Fishing Report:

Dry 2: Still finding some limits of nice walleye. Concentrate on weed lines while casting. **Indian Springs**: Finding some nice walleye in the weed lines. Mostly bigger fish casting leeches. **Mankey's**: Some activity late night but not a lot being caught. Fishing has slowed significantly. **Swan**: The walleye bit is starting to pick up a little using bottom bouncers and leeches.

Codington County



Kampeska: A few walleye are still being caught in the mornings and evenings. Fishermen are catching a few smallmouth bass and white bass as well.

Pelican: The walleye bite has slowed down a bit, but fishermen are picking up a few 11-14 inch walleye.

Goose: A few nice walleye are being caught; mornings and evening continue to be the best time. The dock still has not been put in due to high water.

Day County



Fishing Report:

Waubay: Anglers are doing well for walleye; the best luck has been in water depth between 10'-13'.

Bitter: The walleye bite slowed down a little bit this last weekend, but anglers who moved around still were able to find some nice walleye. Anglers are picking up an occasional big northern pike as well.

Blue Dog: Anglers continue to do well for walleye.

North Rush: Catching a few walleye.

South Rush: Anglers are doing well for walleye, best luck pulling crawlers in shallow water.

Hamlin County



Fishing Report:

Poinsett: Weather was all over the board for fishermen this last weekend. There were still plenty of fishermen out there giving it a shot. Success rates continue to be above fair for walleye with a few crappie and white bass in the bag. Walleye size limit is the state wide limit of 4 fish with 1 being over 20".

Lake Albert: Plenty of fishing pressure seen on the lake this past week. Success rates are fair for larger walleye. The bite can be finicky at times though.





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Fishing Report:

Clear: The panfish have really started hitting in shallow main lake areas. A slip bobber and chunk of worm is working well. This would be a great lake to take a kid fishing.

Roy: A few nice pike and walleye have been caught. The bass bite is very good on main lake points and main lake rock piles.

Opitz: Lots of small walleye have been caught along with a few keepers mixed in. Anglers fishing from a boat, near timbered points, pulling bottom bouncers with crawlers are having the best luck.

South Buffalo: The bass bite is on anglers fishing just off shore in 8-12 feet of water using soft plastics are using the best luck. A few anglers reported a decent panfish bite in shallow water near main lake points.



Park Report:

- Lake Herman State Park and Walker's Point Recreation Area are both hosting Halloween in June this weekend. Decorate your campsite, put on your costume and get ready for some candy and other Halloween fun all weekend long.
- Be sure to check out the event calendar at http://gfp.sd.gov/calendar.aspx to see other upcoming events in the area
- There are still a number of campsites available around the region over the 4th of July week for anyone looking to camp during the holiday week! Reservations can be made online at campsd.com or by calling 1-800-710-2267.

 Reminder fireworks are prohibited in state parks and on any GFP lands

