



SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF GAME, FISH AND PARKS

400 WEST KEMP AVENUE | WATERTOWN, SD 57201

Outdoor Report

The week of July 23, 2018

- The deer applications are available by paper application and online. East River applications are due August 31.
- Antelope applications are available online – paper applications should be available next week. Deadline to apply is August 17.
- HuntSAFE classes are available for registration online only.
- Visit <https://gfp.sd.gov/outdoor-learning/hunter-education/ClassList.aspx>

Aberdeen Area

Fishing Report



Anglers fishing any body of water are reminded that they can only have one walleye over 20 inches in their daily limit, this is a statewide regulation. Anglers fishing the James and Elm Rivers are reminded that there is no minimum length limit on walleye.

James River: Anglers are catching catfish and carp. The walleye bite has slowed down. 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 are catching some crappie. The walleye bite has slowed down.

Richmond Lake: The fishing has been slow lately. Anglers are catching bullhead 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 12-14 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: fishing has been decent for walleye. Anglers have been using leeches and worms on bottom bouncers.

Reid: Walleye are still biting. Fishing seems to be slowing up a bit.

Swan: Lots of weeds. Fishing is slow but anglers have been able to pick up a walleye or two here and there.

Codington County

Fishing Report



Kampeska: Fishing continues to be slow. Mainly smallmouth and white bass are being caught, but a few walleye and perch are being picked up as well.

Pelican: Fishing continues to be slow, but fishermen are finding a few walleye.

Goose: Fishing is continues to be hit or miss. When fishermen find fish, they are in the 16-18 inch range.

Day County

Fishing Report



Waubay: Fishing slowed this past week with the warmer temperatures making it tough to pick up decent numbers of fish.

Rush: Anglers are still having some luck catching a few decent sized walleye and some northern pike.

Blue Dog: The bite has slowed as well, but an angler can catch an occasional walleye.

Enemy Swim: Anglers are catching a few crappie, bluegill and the occasional walleye.

Hamlin County

Fishing Report



Lake Albert: The walleye bite continues to be sporadic. When the fish want to bite, it can be a good day on the water.

Poinsett: It was a good week to get out and fish. Anglers have reported catching a few walleye and perch. Success can vary depending on the day. **Walleye size limit is the state wide limit of 4 fish with 1 being over 20".**



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- **The Glacial Lakes Chapter of SD Walleyes Unlimited will be building Artificial Fish Attractors to be placed in Lake Poinsett on Friday, July 27. Individuals willing to help can come to Lake Poinsett State Park shop at 9am.**
- **The Glacial Lakes Chapter of SD Walleyes Unlimited is also holding an Adopt-A-Lake cleanup at Stone Bridge Saturday, July 28 at 9:00 a.m. Individuals willing to help can meet at Stone Bridge at that time. Donuts and Water will be supplied by the Glacial Lakes Chapter.**

Marshall County



Fishing Report

Opitz: Slow, a few walleye are being caught on main lake points near timbered edges.

Clear: Still a decent pan fish bite near vegetated islands. The bass bite is good on main lake points. Walleye and northern fishing has been fairly slow.

Roy: Slow, Some decent bass and pan fish have been caught along with the occasional northern in the back bays.

9-mile: A few bass and pan fish being caught along with some smaller walleye.



Park Report:

- **Fort Sisseton State Park** along with Northern State University and the Northern Fort Playhouse Board is presenting three weekends of summer playhouse entertainment. \$13 per person; \$7 per child 12 and under.
- **Richmond/Mina/Lake Louise Recreation Areas:** Summer is still young, and the recent rains have greened everything up again come enjoy what Richmond Lake Recreation Area, Mina Lake Recreation Area, and Lake Louise Recreation Areas have to offer. Rent the kayaks or paddle boards for the day, bring your bike or take a hike on one of the many hiking trails.
- **Fisher Grove State Park:** Bring your fishing pole and use the new shoreline fishing access areas to the north of the campgrounds to catch that monster fish.
- Want to really enjoy the outdoors and relax? Camp during the week. Make your reservations today online at campsd.com or by calling 1-800-710-2267.