



# Outdoor Report

The week of October 8, 2018

- **East River Landowner applications are now available online.**

## Aberdeen Area

### Fishing Report



**James River:** Fishing has been slow. The water levels have dropped making fishing difficult. Anglers are catching some catfish by Sand Lake Refuge.

**Richmond Lake:** Anglers have been catching perch and crappie.

**Elm Lake:** Anglers are catching walleye, crappie, 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.**



### Hunting Report

**Dove:** With the colder weather most of the doves have moved south, but there are still some doves around.

**Goose:** Scouting is going to be your best bet for getting geese this season. There is not a lot of geese around, but the ones that are, are using harvested wheat fields and the harvested corn fields.

**Duck:** Hunters hunting the northern part of Brown county are having the best success, although there are some ducks down south. Hunters that are hunting the water are having a fair amount of luck. While hunters hunting the harvested corn fields are having the best success. Scouting is the key to success.

## Clark County

### Fishing Report



**Dry 2:** The lake has been slow with very little boating traffic. A few anglers are still fishing just west of the boat ramp.



### Hunting Report

**Goose:** Numbers are good. Most hunters are having luck hunting geese over harvested fields near water.

**Ducks:** Numbers are a little down from last week. Hunters are still shooting a mixed bag of puddle ducks and divers, but we are not seeing near the numbers we were seeing last week.

## Codington County

### Fishing Report



**Kampeska:** Little fishing activity.

**Pelican:** Fishermen are catching a few walleye and occasionally one over 20 inches.

**Goose:** Fishermen are catching a few walleye. **The ramp has had gravel added to it and the dock will remain out, do to the time of year.**

**Dry Lake:** Little fishing activity.



### Hunting Report

**Dove:** Not a lot of mourning doves around the area, the colder temperatures have pushed most of them south.

**Goose:** There are still a decent number of geese around the area, they are starting to hit the harvested corn fields.

**Duck:** Duck hunting has been slow this past week, most of the local ducks have moved out and we have not had a push of northern ducks yet.

## Day County

### Fishing Report





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**Bitter:** Anglers are starting to pick up a few more walleye with the cooling water temps.  
**Waubay:** Fishing remains slow but anglers are picking up a few walleye.  
**Blue Dog:** Anglers are catching a few nice walleye with the occasional pike.



## Hunting Report

**Goose:** Hunters are having decent success hunting harvested fields in the area. New birds are moving into the area so now is a good time to get out scouting.  
**Duck:** Hunters are having good success hunting water and harvested fields. Most hunters are focusing around smaller ponds or fresh cut fields.  
**Deer:** Deer are started to get more active with the colder weather. Now is a good time to get out and get in the stand.

## Hamlin County



### Fishing Report

**Poinsett:** There were colder temperatures this past weekend. Fishermen that still came out and tried their luck had some success with walleye and perch. **Walleye size limit is the state wide limit of 4 fish with 1 being over 20".**



## Hunting Report

**Dove:** Still a few doves around but with colder temp's looks like the opportunity to harvest doves is going to be slim.  
**Goose:** There has still been a fair amount of success out there this past week. Most hunters are targeting the silage fields.  
**Duck:** With colder temp's ahead and possible snow. It will be interesting to see if we get a slight push of birds to come through. Success has be fair so far throughout the county.  
**Deer:** Most of the deer movement can be seen in the evenings. A lot of the main buck movement has gone nocturnal for the "October Lull". This is good time to wait for the rut to begin.

## Marshall County



### Fishing Report

**Clear:** Anglers are catching bass, walleye and the occasional northern pike.  
**Opitz:** The fall bite is on, a good walleye bite on main lake near timbered points.  
**Roy:** Anglers are reporting the occasional walleye and pike.  
**South Red Iron:** Anglers reported catching some really nice walleye and bass.



## Hunting Report

**Goose:** The majority of geese are in the eastern portion of the county. The geese are using corn fields cut for silage and cut wheat to feed in.  
**Duck:** Great duck numbers across the county. Seems like the majority of wetlands are holding water. Some migration activity has been observed.  
**Deer:** I have observed a few rubs and scrapes the rut is getting closer. Now is a great time to be in the stand.



## Park Report:

- **We are looking for some fall seasonal employees. If you're interested, please contact your local park.**
- **Fort Sisseton Historic State Park:** Haunted Fort – Come trick-or-treat from 1-4 p.m. and enjoy the fort in a friendly, non-scary setting. October 13, 2018, starting at 5 p.m., however, things get spooky! Walking tours, sure to tingle the senses, offer guests a look at some of the history that never left. Reservations required for evening tours, 605.448.5474.



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- **Richmond Lake Recreation Area:** Forest Drive Fright Night is a Halloween event put on in the Forest Drive area of Richmond Recreation Area. The event is a fun, non-scary event that has a Halloween theme. The event offers games for all ages, a hayride, scavenger hunt, prizes participants can win, snacks, and warm drinks. Participants are encouraged to wear their favorite Halloween costume.
- **Oakwood Lakes State Park:** Mortimer's Monstrous Halloween Event - join us for a fun afternoon of Halloween activities. These will include; hay rides, face painting, trick-or-treat tables, scavenger hunt, and fun games. Fun for the whole family!
- Camping season does not have to end! All state parks in the area have campsites open for the remaining weekends in October. Facilities are still open and fall is a great time to enjoy cool nights around the campfire and hike our trails to see the changing leaf colors!
- Be sure to check out the event calendar at <https://gfp.sd.gov/events/> to see events happening near you!