

SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF GAME, FISH AND PARKS

400 WEST KEMP AVENUE | WATERTOWN, SD 57201

Outdoor Report

The week of July 8, 2019

• Archery Deer applications are now available online only.

• Nonresident Waterfowl applications are now available online only. These are due July 17, 2019.

Aberdeen Area

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Fishing Report

Richmond: Anglers are catching walleye, perch, bluegill, crappie, and white bass. Anglers fishing from docks are having good luck catching bluegill, crappie, and white bass.

Elm: Anglers have been catching walleye, northern pike, crappie, and catfish. The bite has been inconsistent lately. Anglers fishing from boats on the south end of the lake have been having the best luck.

Mina: Anglers have been catching walleye and bluegill.

James River: Anglers have been catching walleye. The bite has been better in the evenings. The bow fishermen have been having good luck shooting gar and carp. Anglers are reminded that it is against the law to leave shot fish on the shoreline or to throw shot fish back into the river. Anglers are reminded to dispose of shot fish appropriately.

Twin Lakes (Spink County): Anglers are catching walleye and crappie. Anglers are catching walleye in the 15-17 inch range. Fishing has been better in the evenings for walleye.

Clark County

Fishing Report

Do Not Park on Dry Lake #1 road grade in the signed area.

Hot temps and weeds are making it more difficult to fish. **Indian Springs** boat ramp has been greatly improved with crushed concrete laid down.

Codington County

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Kampeska: Anglers are still catching a mixed bag of fish. Early mornings and late evenings are producing a few walleye from the boat.

Pelican: Fishing pressure continues to be low, but fishermen are catching a few walleye.

Goose: Shore fishing has become difficult as the weeds continue to grow, boat fishermen are still picking up a few fish.

The boat dock is not in due to high water. Fishermen are reminded not to park in the no parking zones.

Long Lake: The north end is now open to boating; there have been a few anglers out trying their luck.

Day County

🔈 Fishing Report

Bitter: Fishing pressure has slowed with anglers catching a few walleye and perch. .
Rush Lake: Anglers are catching the occasional walleye and northern pike.
Waubay: Anglers are struggling to catch limits of walleyes as the water temperatures heat up.
Please park responsibly and do no park along highways or on private property! Anglers are reminded to use common sense when parking at boat ramps. Please allow for flow of traffic. Do not block other vehicles in.

Hamlin County

Poinsett: There was lots of recreational use this past week making fishing tough. Fishermen still picked up a few small walleyes. There is a 300ft NO-WAKE zone restriction around the entire lake.

Clear Lake: Fishermen have been catching walleyes and an occasional crappie. Parking is tight. If you park on the highway the vehicle and trailer needs to be completely off of the highway.

Marshall County





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Roy: A few walleye have been caught along with pike and bass.

Clear: The panfish bite has been slow. Anglers targeting walleye had decent success near the rock bar. **Buffalo lakes**: The panfish bite is starting to pick up a bit. Anglers also caught a few pike and walleye. **Bullhead**: Due to wash out damage from a recent storm, the access road to the boat ramp is closed until repairs can be made.



Park Report:

- **Pelican Lake and Sandy Shore Recreation Areas**: Lakes Pelican and Kampeska are experiencing algae blooms. People and pets are encouraged to avoid teal blue shorelines and "pea soup" waves. Depending on the weather these blooms can last a few days to a couple weeks. Swimming, boating and playing in the lakes in areas without the concentration of algae poses no concern. Conditions have been changing daily on the lakes.
- Fort Sisseton State Park: Join us on July 13, 2019 from 2pm to 4pm as we talk about the history of writing and why it was so important to the Victorians, especially to the soldiers at the Fort. We will be making some homemade ink and learning how to write with a quill pen. We will be meeting at the Schoolhouse/Library. A Park Entrance License is required for this event.
- Stop in to your local Game, Fish and Park office for your 2019 Park Entrance License needs.
- Check out the event calendar at <u>https://gfp.sd.gov/events/</u> to see 4th of July events happening near you over the weekend!

