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Merritt Reservoir — Nebraska's premier trophy fishery is one of the top 10 trophy fisheries in the United States! Merritt is 11 miles long, has 2,906 surface acres of water, with 44 miles of shoreline. It reaches depths of 104 feet.

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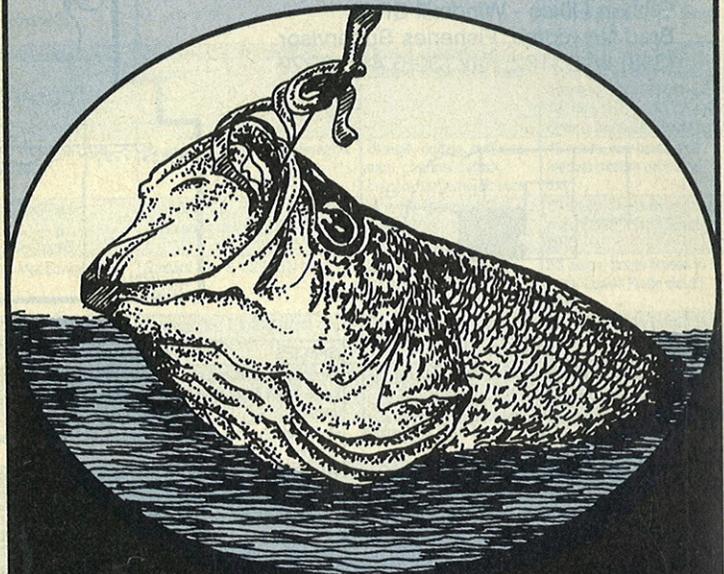
OVER 5% of all Nebraska's Master Angler awards have come from Merritt Reservoir. It also claims the state record muskellunge, smallmouth bass, and channel catfish, as well as six freshwater world line class records on catfish. Over the years, anglers from all over the U.S. have come here to get their trophy. To complete your angling trip, Merritt is adjacent to the Valentine Refuge lakes, which abound in northern pike, largemouth bass, perch, and world-class bluegill.

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NOTICE

This is a guide only. For sources, consult Nebraska statutes and official Regulations.

Permits

RESIDENT ANNUAL FISH	\$12.75
RESIDENT COMBINATION FISH-HUNT	21.75
NONRESIDENT ANNUAL	35.00
NONRESIDENT 3-DAY	10.50
RESIDENT 3-DAY	8.25
TROUT STAMP	5.50
ANNUAL PARK ENTRY	14.00
DUPLICATE PARK ENTRY	7.00

A fishing permit is required to take or attempt to take any fish, bullfrogs, snapping turtles, tiger salamanders, mussels or minnows by any method, except for the owner or the guest of the owner of any body of water which (1) is located entirely on private land, (2) is entirely privately stocked, (3) does not connect by inflow or outflow with any outside water and (4) is not operated commercially. A Park Entry Permit is required to fish on state park and state recreation areas.

WHO IS REQUIRED TO HAVE A PERMIT?

A resident fishing permit is required for all Nebraskans 16 years of age and older. However, fee-exempt permits are available to veterans 65 years of age and older, and all residents 70 years of age and older. A "resident" is a person who has resided in Nebraska continuously for at least 90 days and who has a bona fide intention of becoming a legal resident of this state.

Others who may obtain a resident permit include: (1) military service personnel officially stationed in Nebraska and on active duty here for at least 30 consecutive days; (2) nonresident students upon proof they have attended classes full time for at least 30 consecutive days at any Nebraska college, university, junior college, vocational school, or any foreign exchange high school student; and (3) any person duly enrolled in and attending a civilian conservation center or similar government work or training facility for 30 consecutive days.

A nonresident fishing permit is required of all people who are not residents of Nebraska, except those listed and those under 16 years of age who are accompanied by someone possessing a valid permit.

Information and application forms for fee-exempt fishing permits are available only from the Game and Parks Commission office in Lincoln. See Boundary Waters section for permit requirements for fishing the waters of the Missouri River.

LIFETIME PERMITS

Nebraska residents can now enjoy a lifetime of fishing or hunting on a single permit and support outdoor recreation at the same time. Fees are: Lifetime Fish, \$257.50; Lifetime Hunt, \$224; or Lifetime Fish and Hunt, \$448. Funds from these permits go into a special fund, with the interest each year going to help support fisheries and wildlife management in Nebraska. For an application or more information, write to: Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, P.O. 30370, Lincoln, NE 68503-0370.

Trout Stamp

Everyone 16 years of age or older, resident and nonresident alike, is required to have a \$5.50 Nebraska Trout Stamp, if they have trout taken in Nebraska in their possession. Holders of free permits are exempted, as are those who fish for trout in the put-and-take lake at Two Rivers State Recreation Area near Valley. Funds derived from the sale of this stamp are dedicated to the support of Nebraska's trout management programs.

Synopsis of Changes for 1996

SIZE LIMITS

Pawnee Reservoir will be regulated with a 15-inch minimum size limit for walleye, sauger and saugeye.

Czechland Lake will be regulated with a 8-inch minimum size limit for bluegill and a 10-inch minimum size limit for crappie.

The minimum protective size limit for largemouth bass on Buckskin Hills Lake was reduced from 21 inches to the current statewide 15 inches.

BAG LIMITS

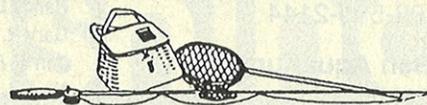
The daily bag limit on US West lake at Mahoney State Park was set at 3 trout and 3 channel catfish.

It Is Unlawful...

- to borrow or use the permit of another or lend your permit to another.
- to leave fish or any part thereof on the banks of any stream, lake or other body of water.
- to fish on any private land without landowner permission.
- to use a crossbow or similar device, with the exception of a handicapped person with a medical certificate on file.
- to seine game fish of any size.
- to leave minnows in a trap for more than 24 hours.
- to use drifting float lines, except on rivers, streams and Lewis and Clark Lake. They must be personally attended, and name and address must be attached.
- to use glass floats on float lines.
- to attach limb lines with nails, or more than 12 inches above the water to trees on any lake or reservoir.
- to possess live diploid grass carp (*Ctenopharyngodon idella*), also known as white amur. Anyone catching a grass carp must immediately kill or release it.
- to release in public waters of the state any fish that did not originate from that body of water.
- to attempt to snag fish, except in areas designated. See section on Snagging for details.

GAME/NONGAME FISH

Nebraska law defines game fish as all species of fish except buffalo, carp, gar, quillback, sucker and gizzard shad.



Seasons

HOOK-AND-LINE — Open year-round throughout the state, except as noted or as posted.

ARCHERY — Game fish may be taken from sunrise to sunset from July 1 through Dec. 31 statewide, except paddlefish in the Missouri River. Nongame fish may be taken year-round, sunrise to sunset and unrestricted from April 1 through August 31, statewide. See section on Archery/Surface Spearing for exceptions. Hook and line limits apply.

SNAGGING — Missouri River only downstream from Gavins Point Dam stilling basin and powerhouse discharge canal markers to the mouth of the Big Sioux River (Mile Marker 734) beginning Oct. 12 and ending Nov. 10 or when an estimated 1,600 paddlefish have been harvested, whichever comes first. All other waters of the state are closed to snagging at all times. See section on Snagging for details.

SURFACE SPEARING — The entire state is open to the taking of nongame fish year-round, sunrise to sunset and unrestricted between April 1 and Aug. 31.

UNDERWATER SPEARING — Game fish may be taken from sunrise to sunset from July 1 through Dec. 31. Nongame fish may be taken year-round, sunrise to sunset. See Underwater Spearing section for open waters.

Bag and Possession Limits

Sport fishing is permitted year-round on all Nebraska waters, except for those areas closed by the Game and Parks Commission by posting or by Commission regulation, federal or state law or city ordinance.

Bag and possession limits may vary between "Inland Waters" and "Waters of the Missouri River." For this purpose only, "Inland Waters" include all waters of the state except the waters of the Missouri River and "Waters of the Missouri River" include all of the river within Nebraska and all reservoirs, oxbows, sloughs, chutes, backwaters and marshes that have annual surface water connection to the river and the first 300 yards upstream from the mouth of all tributary streams.

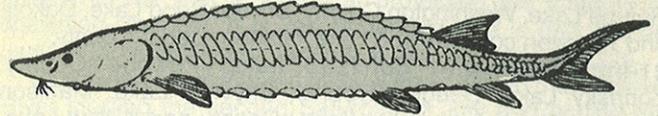
DAILY BAG — Fish taken from midnight to midnight. No person may possess more than one day's limit of fish while on the water or actively engaged in fishing. Fish species subject to a bag and possession limit, but not a size limit, can be filleted prior to transport if the fillets are kept in one piece until cooked, so the bag and possession limits can be determined. Fish species subject to a size limit can only be gilled and gutted prior to transport.

Any fish caught that is not to be counted in the bag limit must be immediately released into the water with as little injury as possible. Any fish placed on a stringer, in a container or not returned immediately to the water must be counted in the bag.

POSSESSION LIMIT — Fish in a person's portable cooler, home freezer, registered in his name in a commercial cold storage locker or in any other way under his control. If given to another person, the fish must be tagged by the

angler with the following information: the angler's signature; the angler's address; the total number of animals involved, by species; the date the fish or aquatic animals were taken and the angler's permit number.

THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES — Lake Sturgeon and Pallid Sturgeon. Season closed. If caught, return to the water immediately. Anglers who catch either of these species are asked to notify the Game and Parks Commission's Fisheries Division so biologists can record where the species was caught.



SPECIAL LIMITS — In the following state-owned lakes, the daily bag and possession limit is 10 fish in combination. Two Rivers Carp Lake, Douglas County; Niobrara Park Lake, Knox County; West Lake No. 3, Louisville, Cass County; Fremont Lake No. 5 and Dead Timber Lake, Dodge County. Note: Many cities limit the take to less than 10. In Zorinsky Lake, there is a daily bag limit of 10 panfish (bluegill and crappie) in combination.

CATCH AND RELEASE LAKES — Wildwood Lake and Jenny Newman Lake are the only total catch and release lakes in the state. Jenny Newman Lake, located at the Platte River State Park, is open to children under the age of 16 from April 27 through Oct. 27 during the hours of sunrise to 9:00 a.m. (dates tentative to park scheduling). Tackle restrictions exist on Jenny Newman Lake. All artificial lure hooks must either be barbless or have the barbs crimped.

Hook and Line Limit

Anglers are limited to 2 lines with 2 hooks on each line in any pond, lake or reservoir, and for one-half mile in their inlets, outlets and canals.

In stream fishing, the limit is 5 hooks on a line or 15 hooks in the aggregate. Only 5 lines with 2 hooks on each line are permitted when ice fishing. Each ice fishing line used must be under the direct supervision and within the unaided observation of the angler. For snagging, only 1 hook may be used (see Paddlefish/Snagging Section).

One hook means a single, double or treble-pointed hook. All hooks attached to an artificial bait or lure are counted as one hook.

These limits apply to all fishing, including rod and reel, poles, float lines, bank lines, setlines and all other types. The name, address and fishing permit number of the angler shall be attached to floats of all float lines, and to all limb lines and set lines. Float lines may be used only on streams, rivers and Lewis and Clark Lake. They must be personally attended. The use of glass floats is unlawful. Bag and possession limits are the same as for hook and line.

Size Limits

Fish may not be filleted until fishing is completed for the day where size and bag limits apply. Fish subject to a size limit cannot be possessed while on the water, while wading or while engaged in fishing with more than the gills, viscera and scales removed. Fillets must be kept in one piece until cooked, so bag and possession limits can be determined. Any fish in possession while actively fishing will be subject to size and bag limits that apply to the water being fished. Fish placed in public storage must be labeled with the owner's name, address, fishing license number, species and number of fish and the date placed in storage.

Inland Waters	Bag	Poss.
Largemouth, Smallmouth, Spotted Bass (combined)	4	8
(only one fish in daily bag may exceed 21 inches in length)		
Channel/Blue Catfish (combined)	10	20
Flathead Catfish	4	8
Paddlefish	1	2
Walleye/Sauger/Saugeye (in combination)	5	10
Waters of Missouri River		
Largemouth, Smallmouth, Spotted Bass (combined)	5	10
Blue Catfish	1	1
Channel/Flathead Catfish (combined)	10	20
Paddlefish	1	1
(Gavins Point Dam to the mouth of the Big Sioux)		
Walleye/Sauger/Saugeye (combined)	4	8
Statewide		
Trout (all species)	7	14
Striped Bass & Hybrids/White Bass (combined)	15	30
(no more than 1 fish over 18 inches long statewide, 3-fish daily bag limit at Branched Oak, Conestoga,		
Bluestem and Calamus reservoirs)		
Muskellunge/Tiger Muskie (combined)	1	2
Bait Minnows/Tiger Salamander	100	100
Shovelnose Sturgeon	10	20
Northern Pike	3	6
(Daily bag limit of 1 at Branched Oak Reservoir)		
Bluegill, Black and White Crappie, Yellow Perch, Rock Bass and Green, Pumpkinseed, Orangespotted and Redear sunfish and their hybrids (singly or in aggregate)	30	60
Mussels and Clams	10	20
All other fish	No Limit	
Bullfrogs	8	16
Snapping Turtles	10	20

Note limitations listed in Special Areas.

BASS (LARGEMOUTH):

12-inch minimum: All private waters.
15-inch minimum: Statewide on all publicly owned, controlled or managed waters, except where other limits apply and parts of the Missouri River. There is a 12-inch minimum size limit on all black bass in the section of the Missouri River between Nebraska and Iowa and Nebraska and Missouri. There is a 15-inch minimum size limit on largemouth bass on the following Missouri River lakes and oxbows: DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge Lake, Washington County; Snyder Bend Lake, Dakota and Thurston counties and Lake Yankton, Cedar County.
21-inch minimum: Burchard Lake, Pawnee County; Zorinsky Lake, Douglas County; Skyview Lake, Madison County; Wehrspann Lake, Sarpy County and Willow Lake, Brown County.

BASS (SMALLMOUTH, SPOTTED):

12-inch minimum: Statewide on all publicly owned, controlled or managed waters, except where other limits apply and parts of the Missouri River. There is a 12-inch minimum size limit on all black bass in the section of the Missouri River between Nebraska and Iowa and Nebraska and Missouri.

WALLEYE, SAUGER AND SAUGEYE:

15-inch minimum: Pawnee Lake, Lancaster County and all waters west of U.S. Hwy. 183 from the Kansas-Nebraska border north to its junction with U.S. Hwy. 20, west and north on Hwy. 183 to the Nebraska-South Dakota border, except for those regulated under the 18-inch size limit.
18-inch minimum: Merritt Reservoir, Cherry County; Elwood Reservoir, Gosper County; Harlan County Reservoir (including the Republican River upstream to the Oxford highway bridge), Harlan County; Branched Oak Reservoir, Lancaster County; Sherman Reservoir, Sherman County and Calamus Reservoir, Loup County. Note: Only one fish longer than 25 inches allowed in bag at Merritt Reservoir, Cherry County; Sherman Reservoir, Sherman County and Calamus Reservoir, Loup and Garfield counties.

NORTHERN PIKE:

24-inch minimum: All inland waters east of U.S. Hwy. 281.
36-inch minimum: Branched Oak Reservoir, Lancaster County (Daily bag limit of 1).

MUSKELLUNGE/TIGER MUSKIE:

30-inch minimum: Statewide.

BLUEGILL:

8-inch minimum: Stagecoach Reservoir, Lancaster County; Mormon Island Lakes No. 1, 2 and 3, Hall County; Wehrspann Lake, Sarpy County; Czechland Lake, Saunders County and Zorinsky Lake, Douglas County.

CRAPPIE:

10-inch minimum: Branched Oak and Pawnee reservoirs, Lancaster County; Wehrspann Lake, Sarpy County; Czechland Lake, Saunders County and Zorinsky Lake, Douglas County.

ALL OTHER SPECIES:

None.

Archery/Surface Spearfishing

Game fish may be taken by bow and arrow from July 1 through Dec. 31 from sunrise to sunset, statewide. Game fish may not be taken with surface spears. Nongame fish may be taken by archery or surface spear year-round statewide, sunrise to sunset, unrestricted April 1 - Aug. 31.

Only hand-drawn longbows (including compound bows), are legal. A crossbow may be used by a handicapped person who has a medical certificate on file with the Game and Parks Commission's Fisheries Division. Arrows may have only one point, which must be barbed, and must be attached by a line to the bow.

The following are closed year-round: all put-and-take lakes stocked by the Game and Parks Commission; Two Rivers, Louisville, Fort Kearny, Fremont, Mormon Island and Windmill state recreation areas; Platte River State Park and Mahoney State Park and trout streams (see Special Areas). For surface spearing, only hand spears are legal. Any spearing device must be barbed.

HOW TO MEASURE THAT FISH

Lay the fish on a flat surface with the mouth closed and tail lobes pressed together. Measure the length from the tip of the snout to the end of the tail. Do not follow the contours of the fish. (Approximate weights shown)

Black Crappie	Length (inch)	06	09	12	13	14	15	16	17	18										
	Weight (lbs.)	0.1	0.4	1.1	1.4	1.8	2.3	2.8	3.5	4.2										
Bluegill	Length (inch)	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15									
	Weight (lbs.)	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.6	0.9	1.2	1.6	2.1	2.7	3.4									
Channel Catfish	Length (inch)	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	Weight (lbs.)	0.6	0.7	0.9	1.2	1.4	1.7	2.1	2.5	3.0	3.5	4.0	4.6	5.3	6.0	6.9	7.8	8.8	9.9	11.0
Largemouth Bass	Length (inch)	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24						
	Weight (lbs.)	0.9	1.1	1.5	1.8	2.3	2.8	3.3	4.0	4.7	5.5	6.4	7.4	8.5						
Northern Pike	Length (inch)	12	18	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	
	Weight (lbs.)	0.4	1.3	3.1	3.5	4.0	4.5	5.0	5.6	6.2	6.8	7.5	8.3	9.1	9.9	10.8	11.8	12.8	13.5	
Rainbow Trout	Length (inch)	06	09	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	
	Weight (lbs.)	0.1	0.3	0.7	0.9	1.1	1.4	1.7	2.1	2.5	2.9	3.4	4.0	4.6	5.2	6.0	6.8	7.7	8.6	
Walleye	Length (inch)	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	Weight (lbs.)	0.6	0.8	1.0	1.3	1.5	1.9	2.2	2.7	3.1	3.7	4.2	4.9	5.6	6.4	7.2	8.1	9.1	10.2	11.4
White bass	Length (inch)	06	09	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20								
	Weight (lbs.)	0.1	0.4	0.9	1.1	1.4	1.7	2.1	2.5	3.0	3.5	4.1								
Wiper	Length (inch)	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	Weight (lbs.)	0.9	1.1	1.4	1.8	2.1	2.6	3.1	3.7	4.3	5.0	5.8	6.7	7.7	8.7	9.9	11.1	12.4	13.9	15.4
Flathead Catfish	Length (inch)	12	18	24	26	28	30	32	34	36	38	40	42	44	46	48	50	52	55	
	Weight (lbs.)	0.7	2.4	5.9	7.5	9.4	11.7	14.3	17.3	20.6	24.3	28.5	33.1	38.2	43.8	50.0	56.7	63.9	76	

Underwater Spearfishing

Lawful spear guns include hand spears, rubberband-powered spear guns and spring-loaded spear guns. All spears used on powered spear guns must be attached to a lanyard with a maximum length of 20 feet. Underwater spearfishing is not permitted within 100 yards of any designated swimming or water ski jump area, boat dock, boat ramp or spillway.

SEASONS

Game fish — July 1 through Dec. 31 in waters listed below. Bag, possession and size limits are the same as for hook and line, except that there is a daily bag of two walleye and a possession limit of four walleye in effect on all lakes listed below. Hours are sunrise to sunset.

Nongame fish — Open year-round in waters listed below. There are no size, bag or possession limits. Hours are sunrise to sunset.

OPEN WATERS

1. Privately owned lakes with permission of the lake owner
2. Lake McConaughy, Keith County
3. Lake Ogallala, Keith County
4. Lake Minatare, Scotts Bluff County
5. Box Butte Reservoir, Dawes County
6. Lewis and Clark Lake
7. Harlan County Reservoir
8. Enders Reservoir, Chase County
9. Swanson Reservoir, Hitchcock County
10. Hugh Butler (Red Willow) Reservoir, Frontier and Red Willow counties
11. Harry Strunk (Medicine Creek) Reservoir, Frontier County
12. Sutherland Reservoir, Lincoln County
13. Maloney Reservoir, Lincoln County
14. Jeffrey Canyon Reservoir, Lincoln County
15. Johnson Reservoir, Gosper and Dawson counties
16. Sherman Reservoir, Sherman County
17. Elwood Reservoir, Gosper County
18. Merritt Reservoir, Cherry County
19. Calamus Reservoir, Loup and Garfield counties

DIVER'S FLAG

The diver's flag must be displayed on the water on a float or buoy when diving or underwater-powered spearfishing. A diver and underwater spearfisherman must remain within 150 feet of his flag. The flag must be at least 12 inches square, with a red background and white diagonal stripe that is one-fifth the width of the flag. The white stripe must run from the top of the hoist to the bottom of the flag. It is unlawful to display this flag when diving or spearfishing is not in progress.

Snagging

Snagging of paddlefish and nongame fish only is permitted in the Missouri River under season dates and limits specified in the Paddlefish and Snagging of Nongame Fish section of this guide, which follows. All other waters of the state are closed to snagging for all species at all times. All fish that are snagged accidentally or otherwise foul-hooked must be returned to the water immediately.

Paddlefish and Snagging of Nongame Fish

Missouri River

Snagging of paddlefish and nongame fish is permitted in the Missouri River from the Gavins Point Dam stilling basin and powerhouse canal markers downstream to the mouth of the Big Sioux River (Mile Marker 734) from sunrise to sun-

set beginning the second Saturday of October and ending 30 days later or when an estimated 1,600 paddlefish have been harvested, whichever comes first. The quota shall be determined by creel survey estimates, and the season shall be closed when the quota is reached. Signs will be posted, and media outlets will be contacted to notify anglers of the season closure. Only one hook may be used when snagging, and the gap between the point of the hook to the shank may not exceed ½ inch. The daily bag limit is one paddlefish. All paddlefish between 35 and 45 inches long (measured along the center line of the fish, lying flat, including the entire eye to the fork of the tail), must be returned to the water immediately. The slot limit is aimed at protecting the majority of spawning-size fish. It is recommended that a gaff not be used to land paddlefish because it may damage the gills.

Paddlefish may be taken by bow and arrow in the Missouri River starting the second Saturday of July and ending the third Sunday of July from the Gavins Point Dam stilling basin and powerhouse discharge canal markers downstream to the mouth of the Big Sioux River (Mile Marker 734).

Inland Waters

Paddlefish may be taken by archery in all inland waters per regulations governing archery and surface spearing. The bag limit is one paddlefish, and the possession limit is two paddlefish.

Bullfrogs

Bullfrog season runs from August 15 through October 31. The bag limit is 8 bullfrogs per person. They may be captured only by hand, or by the use of a hand net and hook-and-line. Artificial light may be used when taking bullfrogs. Bullfrogs must measure 4½ inches from snout to vent or be released. Only the entrails may be removed prior to transport.

Snapping Turtles

Snapping turtles may be taken year-round, and limits are 10 in the daily bag and 20 in possession. They may be taken only by hand, hand net, hook-and-line, bow-and-arrow or gaff hook.

Mussels (Clams)

Mussels may be taken year-round by hand, hand net or hook-and-line. The limit is 10 daily and 20 in possession.



Ice Fishing

When ice fishing, only 5 lines with no more than 2 hooks on each line are permitted. Each line or tip-up used while fishing public standing waters must be under the direct supervision and within the unaided observation of the angler. Holes made for ice fishing may not exceed 10 inches in diameter on any area controlled by the Game and Parks Commission.

A special \$5 permit is required to place a permanent ice shelter on all state recreation area and wildlife management area lakes. Application forms and shelter regulations are available from conservation officers, Commission offices or by mail from the Parks Division, Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, P.O. Box 30370, Lincoln, NE 68503-0370. This does not apply to temporary, portable shelters used and removed each day.

Bait and Minnows

Bait fish may not be sold except by permit. For commercial purposes (bait vendors, private fish culturists and non-resident fish dealers), please refer to the official regulations supplied with your permit. The following regulation guidelines apply only to bait obtained for personal use.

It is unlawful to take minnows from any lake, reservoir or bayou. Digging, seining and trapping for bait or any other purpose is prohibited on all state-owned or controlled areas. All game fish of whatever size taken while netting or seining for bait must immediately be returned to the waters from which taken. The bag limit of minnows for personal use is 100. Possession limit is 100.

GIZZARD SHAD — Shad may be taken for use as bait by legal minnow dip nets in any number from lakes, ponds, reservoirs, and below dams and other artificial obstructions for a distance of 200 yards below such obstructions. Live shad can only be used in the body of water in which they were captured. Shad may be taken by legal minnow seine, landing net or dip net in any number in streams except those streams closed to the taking of minnows or bait by such method. See Special Areas.

BELOW DAMS — The seining or capturing of minnows for commercial or private purposes for a distance of 200 yards below any dam, check, spillway or other artificial obstruction is unlawful. Individuals may take minnows for personal use as bait using a legal minnow dip net within a 200-yard distance below any dam, spillway or other artificial obstruction.

RESTRICTED SPECIES — It is unlawful to sell, transport or offer for sale as bait, any live carp, carpsucker, buffalo, gar, quillback, gizzard shad or bowfin. Live fish of those species may be used for bait only in the same waters from which they are legally taken. Dead carp, carpsucker, buffalo, gar, quillback, gizzard shad or bowfin may be transported for use as bait.

EXPORTING — No more than 100 legally captured minnows may be exported by a resident for his personal use in fishing outside the state. No other minnows taken from Nebraska waters may be transported out of the state in any manner, except minnows artificially propagated in man-made impoundments by licensed fish culturists.

IMPORTING — It is unlawful to import or transport carp, carpsucker, buffalo, quillback, gar, gizzard shad or bowfin into the state for use as bait. Special permits are required for a person to import and sell bait or bait minnows.

SCENTS — Anise oil and other scents that do not stun, kill or harm fish are permitted.

FISH NETS AND TRAPS — The possession or use of any nets, traps, electrical gear capable of stunning fish or other devices except the following is unlawful:

1. Minnow seines of one-fourth inch non-metallic square mesh only and not over 20 feet long and 4 feet deep.

2. Minnow dip nets of one-fourth inch non-metallic square mesh. Neither length nor width may exceed 36 inches.

3. Minnow and bait traps of one-fourth inch square mesh material with a length of 24 inches or less, a diameter of 16 inches or less and a throat 1½ inches or less in diameter. All minnow traps shall be raised and the minnows removed at least every 24 hours.

4. Landing nets, made of non-metallic mesh, used only for landing fish caught on hook-and-line.

CLOSED WATERS — See Special Areas section.

Special Area Regulations

BURCHARD STATE LAKE — It is unlawful to fish in this Pawnee County lake during the waterfowl hunting season, beginning Oct. 15 until the close of dark goose season each year, except bank fishing from the face of the dam is permitted during this closed period as posted by signs on the area.

WILDWOOD LAKE — Possession of any fish species, other than bait minnows, while fishing this lake is prohibited. This lake is designated a "No Kill Lake." All species must immediately be returned to the lake unharmed.

PLATTSMOUTH WATERFOWL MANAGEMENT AREA

This area is open to fishing from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily from April 15 through Sept. 15 except when closed by the Commission by posting.

SKYVIEW LAKE, ZORINSKY LAKE, BURCHARD LAKE, WEHRSPANN LAKE AND WILLOW LAKE—

All bass caught must be immediately returned to the water, except that one fish that is 21 inches or longer may be kept in the daily bag.

TWIN LAKES (Seward County) — This wildlife management area is closed to all public use from Oct. 15 until the end of the dark goose season.

BUFFALO CREEK WMA (Scotts Bluff and Banner counties) — It is unlawful to use more than two lines with two hooks per line when fishing in Buffalo Creek Pond, including ice fishing.

FORT ROBINSON STATE PARK (Dawes County) — It is unlawful to use more than 2 lines with 2 hooks on each line when fishing in Cherry Creek, Icehouse and Grabel ponds and Carter P. Johnson Lake. This includes ice fishing.

EUGENE T. MAHONEY STATE PARK, MARINA LAKE (Cass County) — Children under 16 years of age and handicapped adults are permitted to fish the entire lake, except the immediate marina area, from sunrise to 9 a.m. daily. Daily bag limit is two fish. There is an 18-inch size limit on largemouth bass.

EUGENE T. MAHONEY STATE PARK, US WEST LAKE (Cass County) — Fishing is permitted daily. Largemouth bass and bluegill fishing is limited to catch and release. The daily bag limit on all trout and channel catfish is three fish of each species per angler.

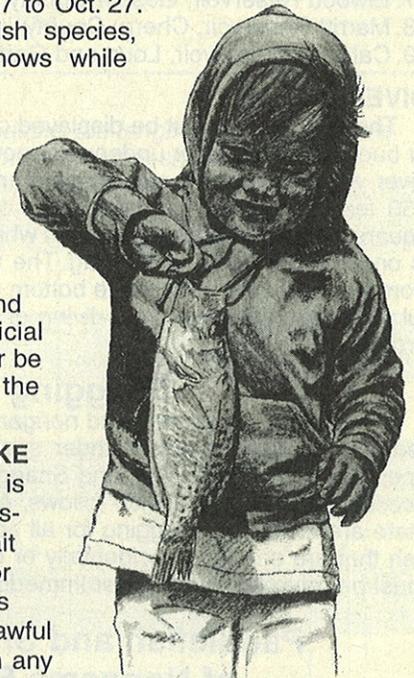
PLATTE RIVER STATE PARK, JENNY NEWMAN LAKE (Cass County) — Children less than 16 years old are permitted to fish the entire lake, except the immediate marina area, from sunrise to 9 a.m. daily April 27 to Oct. 27.

Possession of any fish species, other than bait minnows while fishing this lake is prohibited. The lake is designated a "No Kill Lake." All species must immediately be returned to the lake unharmed. With the exception of jigs and bait hooks, all artificial lure hooks must either be barbless or have the barbs crimped.

CLEAR LAKE

(Brown County) — It is unlawful to have in possession or use for bait any minnows, alive or dead while fishing this lake. Further, it is unlawful to have in possession any live fish other than those taken from this lake.

SHERMAN RESERVOIR (Sherman County) — Sherman Dam and the area paralleling the shoreline at the dam extending 150 feet lakeward shall be closed to fishing from sunset to sunrise April 1 through April 20.



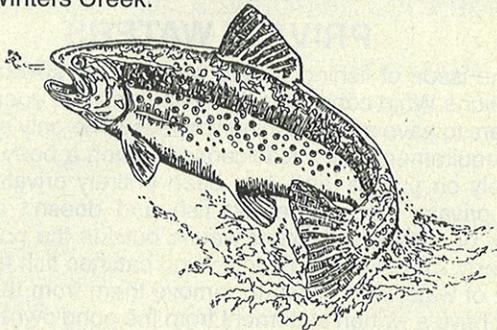
NIOBRARA STATE PARK (Knox County) — Largemouth bass fishing is limited to catch-and-release on two park lakes; possession is prohibited.

TWO RIVERS STATE RECREATION AREA (Douglas County) — Archery fishing, spearing, jigging and baiting are prohibited in all lakes. Lake No. 5 is designated as a put-and-take trout fishing lake and is subject to special regulations. A daily trout tag is required to attempt to take and to possess trout on the entire Two Rivers area. Check at area office.

CRESCENT LAKE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE — Fishing is permitted during daylight hours in Island Lake year-round. Electric-type outboard motors only are permitted on lakes open to fishing. The use of internal combustion motors is prohibited. The possession or use of live or dead minnows and the possession of any fish not taken from refuge waters are unlawful. However, frozen or dead smelt may be used for bait. Overnight camping is not permitted.

VALENTINE NATIONAL REFUGE — Fishing is permitted year-round during daylight hours, unless otherwise posted. Electric-type outboard motors only are permitted on lakes open to fishing. The use of internal combustion motors is prohibited. Possession or use of live or dead minnows and possession of any fish not taken from refuge waters are unlawful. However, frozen or dead smelt may be used for bait. There is a 15-inch size minimum on black bass on all refuge lakes, except Watts Lakes, which is catch-and-release only for bass and muskellunge. All northern pike over 28 inches must be released. Special fishing regulations are in effect as posted. Please take note of the special regulations. Check at refuge headquarters for specific regulation information. Overnight camping is not permitted.

NORTH PLATTE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE — Lake Minatare and Lake Winters Creek are open to fishing from Jan. 15 through Sept. 30 or as posted. Waters within 150 feet of the dam at Lake Minatare are closed to fishing from sunset to sunrise from March 1 through April 30. There is a 15-inch minimum size limit on walleye in Lake Minatare and Lake Winters Creek.



TROUT WATERS — It is unlawful to take or attempt to take game or nongame fish by bow and arrow or spearing and to take or attempt to take by seine or trap any bait or minnows in any of the following trout streams:

ANTELOPE COUNTY: Verdigre Creek and all tributaries.
BROWN COUNTY: Bone Creek and all tributaries, Long Pine Creek and all tributaries, Plum Creek and all tributaries and Fairfield Creek.
BOX BUTTE COUNTY: Niobrara River.
CERRY COUNTY: Middle Loup River and all tributaries, North Loup River and all tributaries, Schlagel Creek, Fairfield Creek, Snake River and all tributaries, Plum Creek and all tributaries.
CHEYENNE COUNTY: Lodgepole Creek west of Brownson.
DAWES COUNTY: Chadron Creek, Big Bordeaux Creek, Little Bordeaux Creek, White River above Crawford, Niobrara River from Box Butte Reservoir west to the Wyoming line and all tributaries, Dead Horse Creek, Squaw Creek and White Clay Creek.

GARDEN COUNTY: Blue Creek.
HOLT COUNTY: Steel Creek and North, Middle and South branches of Verdigre Creek.
HOOKER COUNTY: Dismal River and all tributaries.
KEITH COUNTY: Otter Creek, White Tail Creek and Lonergan Creek and all tributaries.
KIMBALL COUNTY: Lodgepole Creek and all tributaries.
KNOX COUNTY: North, Middle and South Verdigre and all tributaries above the town of Verdigre and Steel Creek.
LOUP COUNTY: Gracie Creek.
MORRILL COUNTY: Red Willow Creek, Cedar Creek, Greenwood Creek, Wildhorse Creek, Lawrence Fork Creek, Silvernail Drain, Stuckenhole Creek and Pumpkin Creek below Highway 88.
ROCK COUNTY: Long Pine Creek.
SIoux COUNTY: Sheep Creek Drain, Dry Sheep Creek Drain, Dry Spotted Tail Creek, Spotted Tail Creek, Niobrara River and all tributaries, White River, Soldier Creek and all tributaries, Monroe Creek, Sowbelly Creek and Hat Creek.
SCOTTS BLUFF COUNTY: Nine Mile Creek, Winters Creek, Tub Springs, Wet Spotted Tail Creek, Dry Spotted Tail Creek, Sheep Creek, Dry Sheep Creek, Stuckenhole Creek, Akers Draw, Mitchell Drain, Moffett Drain, Alliance Drain and Bayard Drain.
SHERIDAN COUNTY: Snake River, Larrabee Creek, White Clay Creek, Pine Creek, Deer Creek and Little Bordeaux Creek.
WEBSTER COUNTY: Elm Creek.

It is unlawful to possess a dip/landing net or seine of any type on trout spawning streams in Sioux, Scotts Bluff, Morrill, Garden and Keith counties that are tributary to the North Platte River and Lake McConaughy, including: Pumpkin, Red Willow, Wildhorse, Stuckenhole, Nine Mile, Tub Springs, Winter, Sheep, Dry Sheep, Spotted Tail, Dry Spotted Tail, Otter, Clear, Lonergan, Upper Dugout, Indian, Silvernail Drain and Cedar creeks.

Boundary Waters

MISSOURI RIVER (IOWA) — Anglers holding a valid sport fishing permit from either Nebraska or Iowa may fish in the waters of the Missouri River lying between the two states. "Waters of the Missouri River" are defined to include all oxbows, sloughs, chutes and backwaters that draw water from the Missouri River proper. Oxbows, chutes and backwaters separated from the Missouri River by land are included only if the state boundary line passes through some part of such waters. The mouths of streams emptying into the Missouri River are not included in this reciprocal agreement, thus a valid fishing license for that state is required. Fishing may be from boats or from the bank. All anglers shall conform with the regulations of the state in which they are fishing, unless the regulations of the licensee's state are more restrictive. Then, the licensee must conform to the more restrictive regulations. Anglers may transport fish taken from the waters of the Missouri River through the neighboring state, provided they return to their home state by the most direct route.

DESOTO NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE — Sport fishing by hook-and-line and archery is permitted as designated by area regulations. The use of trot lines and float lines is unlawful. All anglers shall conform with the regulations of the state in which they are licensed, either Nebraska or Iowa, and federal refuge regulations as posted.

MISSOURI RIVER (South Dakota) — Nebraska or South Dakota residents holding a valid sport fishing permit from their home state, may fish that part of the Missouri River that constitutes the legal boundary between the two states. This

includes Lewis and Clark Lake, Gavins Point Dam and its tailwaters. However, anglers must conform to the regulations of the state in which they are fishing unless the regulations of their home state are more restrictive. Then, the angler must conform to the more restrictive regulations. At Lewis and Clark Lake it is unlawful for any person to use more than two lines with more than two hooks on each line; this restriction applies to all water area from Gavins Point Dam upstream to the Santee boat ramp in Knox County, Nebraska. In no case may an angler licensed in only one state fish in tributaries in the other state. Fishing is permitted from boat or bank.

MISSOURI RIVER (Missouri) — Anglers holding a valid sport fishing permit from either Nebraska or Missouri may fish with hook-and-line, including personally attended jugs or floats, on the flowing portion of the Missouri River lying within the boundary of Nebraska or Missouri. In no case may the angler licensed in only one state fish in the tributaries, bayous, or backwaters of the Missouri River in the other state. Anglers may not fish from nor attach any device or equipment to land under the jurisdiction of the state in which they are not licensed. Creel limits and methods of the state that licenses the sport fisherman shall apply.

Fish Stocking

It is unlawful to release any non-native fish, reptile or amphibian in waters of the state or to release any fish in any public waters in the state except those taken therefrom, without written authorization from the Game and Parks Commission.

NOTICE — Do NOT transfer any minnows or other fish from one lake or stream to another. You could be destroying your own fishing!

Tournaments/Contests/Derbies

When they involve tagged or otherwise marked fish, fishing tournaments, derbies or contests are prohibited on (1) waters owned or controlled by the Game and Parks Commission and (2) waters stocked by the Game and Parks Commission during the preceding 24 months, excluding private lakes not owned by the state or other governmental entity.

Help Wanted

You can help fisheries managers by returning the tags from any tagged fish you may catch. The tag will be returned to you, along with data on where the fish was tagged.

Fish Kill Reports

Reports of dead or dying fish may be made by notifying your local conservation officer, district Game and Parks Commission office or the 24-hour State Patrol pollution complaint number (402) 471-4545, as soon as possible. Prompt notification will make it easier to determine the cause.

Grass Carp

The triploid grass carp is approved for use in private waters for aquatic weed control by the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission. These fish are available from licensed fish culturists, but they must be certified as 100 percent triploid by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service inspection.

Ethical Anglers

- Know and obey fishing regulations that protect our aquatic resources and spread the harvest among all anglers.
- Follow a personal code of behavior since laws cannot cover all situations.
- Learn techniques to handle fish that will ensure survival if released to be caught again.
- Respect property owners, rights when access to water requires crossing private land.

- Ensure good fishing for future generations by limiting the catch, rather than focusing on catching the limit.
- Cooperate and act courteously with all resource users, including other anglers, swimmers and boaters.
- Respect the environment and leave the fishing site in the same or better condition.
- Know that deliberately discarding bait fish or plants into lakes, reservoirs and other waterways can destroy the ecological balance of the aquatic environment.

ZEBRA MUSSEL ALERT

The zebra mussel, a small black and white striped bivalve mollusk, first appeared in this country in 1988. Since then it has spread throughout the Great Lakes and into the Mississippi basin. This barnacle-like mussel is a multi-million dollar threat to agricultural, industrial and municipal water delivery systems. It is also a threat to native mussels and maybe to sport fisheries.

Public assistance in reporting zebra mussel sightings is essential to help prevent its spread to other inland lakes and rivers. The primary method of transfer is

boats carrying mussels from infested waters. Frequently inspect your boat, motor and trailers for zebra mussels, especially if boating on the Missouri River or waters east of the Missouri.

Dry your boat out or power-wash it before relaunching. Zebra

mussels are tough organisms and survive extended period out of the water if present in moist environment. If you think you have a zebra mussel, save it and send it to your nearest fisheries station for identification.



PRIVATE WATERS

The issue of fishing private water raises several common questions. What constitutes a private pond that doesn't require anglers to have a valid fishing license? The only exception to the requirement of a valid license is when a body of water is entirely on private land, has been entirely privately stocked with private hatchery-reared fish and doesn't connect by inflow or outflow with other waters outside the pond owner's property. An unlicensed angler who catches fish from such a body of water and wants to remove them from the premises must have a written statement from the pond owner listing the pond owner's name and the number of fish taken.

Each year, the owners of new or newly renovated private ponds across the state apply to the Commission to be stocked. These ponds are inspected by a district biologist. Those meeting minimum requirements receive largemouth bass and bluegill from state hatcheries. Receiving state hatchery fish doesn't mean these ponds are open to the public, however. Anglers are still required to obtain permission before fishing. However, these private ponds provide some of the best bass and bluegill fishing opportunity to Nebraska anglers, and since the bass and bluegill fingerlings are surplus to state needs, these stockings are a low-cost budget item.

Anglers must observe statewide bag and possession regulations. A valid fishing license is required of those of an age requiring a fishing license, including the pond owner. If they wish, pond owners may restrict anglers to more restrictive regulations. It is important for anglers to remember that it is a privilege to fish private ponds, and they must respect the land they are on and the pond in which they are fishing.

FISH CONSUMPTION ADVISORIES

The Nebraska Department of Health has issued fish consumption advisories for eight new sites: Loup River Power Canal near Columbus, Midway Canyon Reservoir near Cozad, Lake Ogallala near Ogallala, Sutherland Outlet Canal near Hershey, Jeffrey Reservoir near Brady, Liberty Cove Lake near Lawrence, and Zorinsky and Wehrspann lakes in Omaha.

CANCER-CAUSING AGENTS

The primary contaminants in all but three of these waters are PCBs and dieldrin, both considered probable cancer-causing agents. PCBs (polychlorinated biphenyls) are a family of chemical compounds found in old electrical equipment, such as transformers and capacitors. Dieldrin is a pesticide of the organochlorine group. Most dieldrin uses were restricted beginning in 1974, and all use ended in 1987. Dieldrin is a long-lasting chemical, however, and remains in the environment.

HOW GREAT IS THE CANCER RISK?

Advisories for cancer-causing chemicals in fish are issued when concentrations reach a risk level of 1 in 10,000. This means under a worst-case scenario, the chemicals would cause one additional case of cancer per 10,000 people eating

those fish. Theoretically, each of those 10,000 people would have to eat five ounces of the fish every week for 70 years to produce that one case of cancer. According to one study, drinking one-half gallon of whole milk each week produces the same cancer risk.

THE MERCURY RISK

Three lakes are being issued fish consumption advisories due to elevated mercury levels that potentially threaten the subpopulation consisting of women of childbearing age, infants and children less than 15 years of age. These waters include Liberty Cove Lake near Lawrence, and both Zorinsky Lake and Wehrspann Lake in Omaha. While the exact source of the mercury is unknown, it is believed that both natural background soil concentrations and atmospheric deposition are contributing to the findings. The general population is not considered to be at risk from the mercury concentrations which have been identified.

GOOD NEWS

Of the sites tested in 1994, 11 showed no fish contamination that would warrant a consumption advisory under Nebraska protocol. These sites include: Valentine Mill Pond northwest of Valentine, Bluestem Lake west of Sprague, Muddy Creek north of Preston, South Fork Big

Nemaha River south of Salem, Rock Creek northeast of Waverly, Medicine Creek near Stockville, South Platte River at North Platte, Big Blue River at Crete, Cedar River at Cedar Rapids, Platte River at Grand Island and Maloney Reservoir near North Platte.

COOKING SUGGESTIONS

Recent studies have found that proper handling reduces contamination levels in fish. Baked fish were best, but "any cooking method" will result in compounds being lost by at least 30 percent. Cautious fish consumers can make further reductions in contaminant levels by scoring the fillet prior to cooking



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WATER BODY	LOCATION	PRIMARY CONTAMINANT
Beaver Creek	Albion	Dieldrin
Big Nemaha River	Preston	PCBs, Dieldrin
*Box Butte Reservoir	Hemingford	Mercury
Carter Lake	Omaha	PCBs
Elkhorn River	Waterloo & Norfolk	PCBs, Dieldrin
Jeffrey Reservoir	Brady	PCBs
*Lake McConaughy	Ogallala	Mercury
Lake Ogallala	Ogallala	PCBs, Dieldrin
*Liberty Cove Lake	Lawrence	Mercury
Loup River Power Canal	Genoa	PCBs
*Merritt Reservoir	Valentine	Mercury
Midway Canyon Reservoir	Cozad	PCBs
Missouri River	Omaha & Plattsmouth	PCBs, Dieldrin
Missouri River	Rulo	Dieldrin
*Oliver Reservoir	Kimball	Mercury
Papillion Creek	Bellevue	PCBs, Dieldrin
West Papillion Creek	Ralston	PCBs, Dieldrin
Platte River	North Bend to Missouri River	PCBs, Dieldrin
Salt Creek	Lincoln to Platte River	PCBs, Dieldrin
South Platte River	Paxton	PCBs
Sutherland Outlet Canal	Sutherland	PCBs
Sutherland Reservoir	Sutherland	PCBs
*Wehrspann Lake	Millard	Mercury
West Fork, Big Blue River	Dorchester	Dieldrin
*Zorinsky Lake	Omaha	Mercury

*No cancer risk level involved. Mercury advisory is for pregnant or nursing women, infants and children under 15.

ILLEGAL FISH STOCKING:

WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES IT MAKE?

Gizzard shad are back in Stagecoach Lake a mere four years after the Game and Parks Commission spent \$10,000 to eliminate them from the lake and another \$165,000 in fishing permit revenues to create habitat for desirable fish. It's just a matter of time before the shad infest the lake to the point that it will require yet another costly renovation.

We know how the shad did not get back into the lake. They did not come in as eggs on duck's feet or osprey's talons. And they did not arrive in the bills of pelicans. These are entertaining myths. But myths are all they are. The shad in Stagecoach did not come from the creek or ponds in its watershed.

Anglers sometimes unwittingly introduce unwanted fish when they empty a minnow bucket after a day of fishing, or when bait escapes a hook and survives. However, gizzard shad are too delicate to survive much handling. The gizzard shad in Stagecoach and many other lakes were stocked intentionally.

A few shad might not seem important until the lake's past is considered. At the time of Stagecoach's 1991 renovation, carp and gizzard shad comprised 96 percent by number of all the fish present and 97 percent by weight. Just four years after renovation and restocking with game fish, shad made up 61 percent of the fish sampled at Stagecoach during the 1995 fall survey. There are never "a few" shad, white perch, carp or other undesirable fish in a small lake for very long. They multiply rapidly and become a problem quickly.

Unfortunately, this scenario is common in many Nebraska lakes. Zorinsky Lake in Omaha had a good bluegill fishery that is now in jeopardy because of gizzard shad. Furthermore, white perch and European rudd are showing up in many more lakes in the eastern part of the state, and carp are present in lakes across the state.

Some anglers are convinced that giz-

zard shad improve the growth of predatory fish such as largemouth bass, channel catfish or walleye, which is true in lakes of several thousand acres. However, bass, catfish and walleye are neither larger nor more numerous in the smaller lakes where gizzard shad are present than in lakes without them. Why? Primarily because gizzard shad grow rapidly in these small, fertile reservoirs and are too large to be eaten by most predator fish for more than a few weeks each year.

In addition, these hordes of shad eat organisms needed by panfish, particularly bluegill. As a result, gizzard shad will eventually cause both the size and the number of bluegill to decline. Since bluegill provide hours of good fishing and gizzard shad do not, a valuable bluegill fishery is being sacrificed for an uncatchable prey fish. Bass will also decline as shad dominate the food needed by young largemouths.

White perch, another problem fish, may also have entered Branched Oak Lake because of anglers. A major problem with white perch is that anglers often mistake them for white bass or wipers. There are many credible stories about well-meaning anglers catching white perch in the overflow plunge pools below dams and transporting them to a private pond or nearby reservoirs.

While anglers may think they are doing everyone a favor by stocking fish, they are not. It is against the law for anyone other than authorized fisheries personnel, regardless of good intentions, to stock any fish, even leftover bait minnows, into a public lake or to move fish between public waters.

But the most important point is that this unauthorized stocking of unwanted fish into new or recently renovated waters is cancelling the expensive efforts to create desirable panfish fisheries while failing to improve the quality of predator fisheries.

Attention Anglers!

Do you have a good quality picture of your Master Angler fish or your last successful fishing trip? The Fisheries Division is looking for pictures to use on our Internet World Wide Web server. Please send in your pictures along with the following information: Nebraska lake or stream where the fish was caught, species, date caught, lure or bait used, length(s) and weight(s) of fish, the names of all persons in the photograph, a statement "this picture may be used by Nebraska Game and Parks for informational purposes" and a return address if you would like the picture returned. Pictures selected can be viewed at our WWW site. The Nebraska Game and Parks Commission is on the Internet. Check out our "Fishing Resources" page for the latest fishing reports, information on regulations, seasons, what's new, Nebraska's public fishing lakes, our "Fish of the Week" feature, fish consumption advisories and many other features.

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- Fish must exceed current record by at least one ounce or it will be considered as a tie.
- Fish must be taken from Nebraska waters.
- All fish must be legally taken by hook-and-line, underwater spearfishing, surface spearing or archery. Fish must be caught, played and landed by the applicant.
- Fish must be weighed on a certified scale and witnessed by a Game and Parks Commission employee. If not witnessed by a Commission employee, a notarized affidavit, signed by two witnesses and giving the requested information, may be substituted.
- Species of fish must be verified by a Commission fisheries official. The fish may be gutted and frozen, but the head, fins and skin must remain intact until the species has been verified.
- Angler must display a Nebraska fishing permit to the individual verifying the application.
- Application forms are available from any Commission office or permit vendor.

Master Angler

If you take an outstanding catch, it may qualify for a Game and Parks Commission Master Angler Award. Application forms are available from any Commission office, conservation officer or permit vendor. Rules include:

- All fish must be taken from Nebraska waters.
- Fish must be taken by hook and line. Fish caught on banklines are not eligible. Fish must be hooked, played and landed by the applicant for the award.
- The catch must be verified. This may be done by an employee of the Game and Parks Commission, a permit vendor, a witness or a photograph.
- Anglers 16 years of age or older must possess a current Nebraska fishing permit and enter the permit number on the application.
- Only fish immediately released are eligible for an award based on length. Any fish kept in a livewell or on a stringer must meet the minimum weight requirement to receive an award.
- Anglers may receive only one award based on weight, per year for each species. There is no limit on the number of catch and release awards.
- Anglers who release a Master Angler fish will receive a "Catch and Release Master Angler" pin in addition to the Master Angler certificate.
- Minimum weights must be met to qualify for a Master Angler Award for a harvested fish.
- Minimum lengths are used strictly for Master Angler Awards for a individual fish that was caught and released.

The minimum weight and length requirements are:

American Eel 24 in. or 1lb.	Gar 40 in. or 8 lbs.
Largemouth Bass . 20 in. or 5 lbs.	Goldeye 16 in. or 1 1/2 lbs.
Spotted Bass 18 in. or 3 lbs.	Musky/Tiger Musky
Rock Bass 11 in. or 1 lb. 35 in. or 10 lbs.
Smallmouth Bass . 18 in. or 3 lbs.	Paddlefish 45 in. or 50 lbs.
Striped Bass 32 in. or 10 lbs.	Yellow Perch . . . 13 in. or 11/4 lbs.
Striper Hybrid 20 in. or 5 lbs.	White Perch 12 in. or 1 lb.
White Bass 17 in. or 2 1/2 lbs	Northern Pike . . . 36 in. or 10 lbs.
Bluegill 10 in. or 1 lb.	Sauger 21 in. or 3 lbs.
Buffalo 26 in. or 10 lbs.	Saugeye 23 in. or 5 lbs.
Bullhead 15 in. or 2 lbs.	Shovelnose Sturgeon
Burbot 16 in. or 1 lb. 28 in. or 2 1/2 lbs.
Carp 32 in. or 15 lbs.	Sucker 18 in. or 2 lbs.
Blue Catfish 40 in. or 30 lbs.	Sunfish 10 in. or 1 lb.
Channel Catfish . 30 in. or 12 lbs.	Brook Trout 14 in. or 1 lb.
Flathead Catfish . 32 in. or 15 lbs	Brown Trout 22 in. or 4 lbs.
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Fishing Permit No. _____ Under 16 _____

Species of fish _____

Weight: _____ lbs. _____ oz. Length: _____ in.

Date caught _____ Released: Yes _____ No _____

Name of lake or stream _____

County where located _____

Method of fishing: _____ Hook & Line _____ Archery
 _____ Surface spearfishing _____ Underwater spearfishing

Type of bait or lure _____

Where weighed or measured _____

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Minimum lengths listed for Master Angler Awards are intended to promote catch-and-release fishing. While fish populations are renewable resources and keeping some fish is good, big fish are rare. By releasing large fish, you are helping to maintain our future fishery resources.

Catch-and-release fishing only works when the fish you release survive. By using proper techniques, you give fish the best chance of survival. Here are a few guidelines:

- Wet hands and keep fish in water as much as possible when handling and removing the hook.
- Remove the hook gently. Do not squeeze the fish or put your fingers into the gills.
- Consider using barbless hooks since it reduces handling time.
- Release the fish only after its equilibrium is maintained. If necessary, hold fish gently upright until it can swim away.
- Do not play the fish to exhaustion.
- Removal of deeply imbedded hooks by use of a hemostat or hook removal device is presently considered the best method to ensure higher survival of released fish. Modern hooks require a longer time period to rust thus their presence can result in delayed mortality.

NEBRASKA RECORD FISH

HOOK AND LINE

ALEWIFE ... 1.45 oz.
Howard Graham, Valentine, Merritt Reservoir, 5/25/94

SPOTTED BASS ... 3 lbs. 12 oz.
Jerry R. Miller, North Platte, Lincoln County, I-80 sandpit, 3/12/90

LARGEMOUTH BASS ... 10 lbs. 11 oz.
Paul Abegglen, Sr., Columbus, sandpit near Columbus, 10/2/65

ROCK BASS ... 2 lbs. 4 oz.
Edna Zuege, Haigler, Dundy County farm pond, 5/6/72

SMALLMOUTH BASS ... 6 lbs. 1 1/2 oz.
Wally Allison, North Platte, Merritt Reservoir, 5/17/78

STRIPED BASS ... 64 lbs. 15 1/4 oz.
Gene Baker, Sutherland, Sutherland Reservoir, 8/17/93

STRIPED BASS HYBRID ... 15 lbs. 11 oz.
Steve Lytle, McCook, Red Willow Reservoir, 5/14/95 & 6/1/95

WHITE BASS ... 5 lbs.
Jim Kilcoin, Aurora, Gavins Point tailwaters, 11/12/83

YELLOW BASS ... 1 lb. 7 oz.
John Ogle, Omaha, Louisville Lake #2, 7/4/93

BLUEGILL ... 2 lbs. 13 oz.
Gary Ralston, Creighton, Grove Lake, 4/26/77

BIGMOUTH BUFFALO ... 44 lbs. 14 1/4 oz.
Shayne Miller, Kearney, Johnson Lake, 5/17/91

BLACK BUFFALO ... 41 lbs.
Bob Eaton, Omaha, Carter Lake, 4/29/82

SMALLMOUTH BUFFALO ... 45 lbs.
Bruce F. Baete, Beatrice, Big Blue River, 6/15/84

BOWFIN ... 8 lbs.
Ronald Evenson, Omaha, Dead Timber Lake, 8/7/82

BULLHEAD ... 3 lbs. 14 oz.
Dick Dunn, Beatrice, Pawnee County farm pond, 7/22/74

BURBOT ... 6 lbs. 5 oz.
Richard Smith, Coleridge, Gavins Point Dam, 4/3/94

CARP ... 33 lbs. 12 oz.
Toni C. Baete, Beatrice, Gage County farm pond, 5/12/83

GRASS CARP ... 46 lbs.
Jason Redman, Polk, Hamilton County sandpit, 5/5/94

BLUE CATFISH ... 100 lbs. 8 oz.
Raynold Promes, Wynot, Missouri River near Wynot, 11/29/70

CHANNEL CATFISH ... 41 lbs. 8 oz.
John Cuning, Valentine, Merritt Reservoir, 7/26/85

FLATHEAD CATFISH ... 80 lbs.
William Swanson, Silver Creek, Loup Power Canal near Genoa, 6/14/88

STONE CATFISH ... 4 oz.
Richard Schmidt, Norfolk, Elkhorn River, 8/12/93

BLACK CRAPPIE ... 4 lbs. 2 oz.
Joe L. Citta, Hershey, Red Willow Reservoir, 5/30/81

WHITE CRAPPIE ... 4 lbs. 1 oz.
Elsie M. Jensen, Broken Bow, Red Willow Reservoir, 5/18/81

FRESHWATER DRUM ... 28 lbs. 4 oz.
Vincent Prazak, Clarkson, Missouri River below Gavins Point Dam, 10/1/71

AMERICAN EEL ... 5 lbs.
George Sweisberger, South Sioux City, Missouri River, 8/2/83

LONGNOSE GAR ... 20 lbs. 7 oz.
John Ernst, Columbus, Wagner's Lake (Platte County), 7/14/91

SHORTNOSE GAR ... 19 lbs.
Ronald Hardin, Omaha, Lake in Cass County, 6/29/74

GOLDEYE ... 3 lbs. 15 1/2 oz.
Gary Kumm, Bloomfield, Lewis & Clark, 8/13/88

SKIPJACK HERRING ... 2 lbs.
Daniel Kaup, Norfolk, Gavins Point Dam, 9/20/92

MUSKELLUNGE ... 41 lbs. 8 oz.
Jared Haddix, Sidney, Merritt Reservoir, 8/9/92

TIGER MUSKIE ... 26 lbs. 8 oz.
Steve Keys, Cheyenne, WY, Oliver Reservoir, 5/19/95

PADDLEFISH ... 91 lbs. 8 oz.
Warren Yelkin, Lincoln, Gavins Point Dam tailwaters, 11/18/78

SACRAMENTO PERCH ... 2 lbs. 8 oz.
John A. Bush, Valentine, Clear Lake on Valentine National Wildlife Refuge, 6/20/71

WHITE PERCH ... 1 lb. 8 oz.
Ronnie Davis, Lincoln, Branched Oak Lake, 4/4/93

YELLOW PERCH ... 2 lbs. 10 1/4 oz.
John D. Skrdla, Stuart, Hackberry Lake, 2/11/84

NORTHERN PIKE ... 29 lbs. 12 oz.
Gary Jones, Royal, Grove Lake, 7/684

PUMPKINSEED ... 11 1/4 oz.
Jim Johnson, Minatare, Box Butte Reservoir, 9/23/87
Mitchell Pebley, Alliance, Box Butte Reservoir, 3/19/93

QUILLBACK ... 12 lbs.
Norman Grabenstein, North Platte, Lake Maloney, 5/3/87

SAUGEYE ... 7 lbs. 10 oz.
James Chollar, Jr., Bellwood, Red Cedar Lake, Saunders Co., 6/11/95

CHINOOK SALMON ... 2 lbs. 8 oz.
Rick Heppner, Norfolk, Lewis & Clark Lake, 9/14/85

COHO SALMON ... 5 lbs. 12 oz.
Lyle Fry, Gering, Lake McConaughy, 7/13/71

KOKANEES SALMON ... 4 lbs. 2 oz.
Neal Dunbar, North Platte, Lake McConaughy, 7/11/71

SAUGER ... 8 lbs. 5 oz.
Betty Tepner, Plainview, Missouri River near Niobrara, 10/22/61

GIZZARD SHAD ... 4 lbs. 7 1/4 oz.
Joe Rinbauer, Alliance, Box Butte Reservoir, 3/26/89

SHOVELNOSE STURGEON ... 3 lbs. 14 1/4 oz.
Wayne Williams, Shubert, Missouri River, (Richardson County), 4/29/91

SUCKER ... 18 lbs. 14 oz.
Bob J. Thoene, Hartington, Missouri River, 11/16/86

GREEN SUNFISH ... 1 lb. 4 oz.
Jeff Knajdl, Riverdale, Buffalo County sandpit, 7/13/80

ORANGE SPOTTED SUNFISH ... 5 oz.
Gary Wolf, Central City, Hamilton County sandpit, 6/5/94

REDEAR SUNFISH ... 1 lb. 10 oz.
Charles I. Jones, Eckley, CO, Rock Creek Lake, 6/8/90

HYBRID SUNFISH ... 1 lb. 9 oz.
Jane Bortorff-Engel, Gillette, WY, farm pond, 5/30/93

BROOK TROUT ... 5 lbs. 1 oz.
Joe Gray, North Platte, Pawnee Springs near North Platte, 11/3/65

BROWN TROUT ... 20 lbs. 1 oz.
Denny Doolittle, Valentine, Snake River, 7/26/73

CUTTHROAT TROUT ... 5 lbs. 7 oz.
Arthur Larsen, Evergreen, CO, Lake Ogallala, 9/18/92

RAINBOW TROUT ... 14 lbs. 2 oz.
Frank Alol, North Platte, Keith County canal, 3/18/75

WALLEYE ... 16 lbs. 2 oz.
Herbert J. Cutshall, Ogallala, Lake McConaughy, 7/5/71

GOLDEN SHINER ... 14 oz.
Tom Rosencrans, Omaha, Two Rivers SRA, 4/10/92

BOW AND ARROW

LARGEMOUTH BASS ... 8 lbs. 14 oz.
Jerry Grasmick, Scottsbluff, sandpit near Scottsbluff, 6/18/66

ROCK BASS ... 1 lb. 6 oz.
Harlan L. Worden, North Platte, Interstate 80 lake in Lincoln County, 5/8/72

SMALLMOUTH BASS ... 3 lbs.
Michael Lange, Gibbon, Interstate 80 lake in Buffalo County, 6/5/71

STRIPED BASS ... 8 lbs. 5 oz.
Michael Dorris, Arthur, Lake McConaughy, 4/14/73

STRIPED BASS HYBRID ... 4 lbs. 14 oz.
John Don Clancy, Hastings, Harlan County Reservoir spillway, 8/5/95

WHITE BASS ... 3 lbs.
Lonnie Miller, Hastings, Harlan County Reservoir, 4/14/73

BLUEGILL ... 1 lb. 6 oz.
David Clancy, Hastings, Webster County farm pond, 7/1/95

BIGMOUTH BUFFALO ... 53 lbs.
Mark Millet, Fremont, sandpit, 5/27/93

BULLHEAD ... 1 lb. 11 oz.
Cory Hardin, Rushville, Smith Lake, 7/13/78

CARP ... 38 lbs. 8 oz.
Ronald A. Meyers, Columbus, Platte County lake, 5/9/85

BIGHEAD CARP ... 56 lbs. 4 oz.
Brent Denniston, Peru, Missouri River, 5/24/94

GRASS CARP ... 36 lbs. 12 oz.
Matt Gideon, Parks, Rock Creek SRA, 5/13/93

HYBRID GRASS CARP ... 43 lbs. 3 oz.
Gary Martin, Jr., Overland Park, KS, Cass County sandpit, 6/13/92

RIVER CARPSUCKER ... 7 lbs. 4 oz.
Quinton Wagoner, Broadwater, North Platte River, 6/1/89

CHANNEL CATFISH ... 21 lbs. 12 oz.
Mike Lacey, Gering, Lake Minatare, 7/23/82

FLATHEAD CATFISH ... 46 lbs. 2 oz.
Jim Foral, Lincoln, Bluestem Creek, Sprague, 10/13/84

BLACK CRAPPIE ... 1 lb. 14 oz.
Tim McQuade, North Platte, Shoupe Lake, Cherry County, 6/1/74

WHITE CRAPPIE ... 2 lbs. 13 oz.
David Medinger, Bellwood, sandpit in Butler County, 6/2/73

FRESHWATER DRUM ... 20 lbs.
Gerald Tramp, Crofton, Gavins Point tailwaters, 6/15/82

GAR ... 22 lbs. 12 oz.
Lonnie Goble, Hastings, Willow Bend, Hamilton County, 6/20/95

GOLDEYE ... 2 lbs. 1 oz.
Bill Schwarting, Fremont, Platte River, Dodge County, 5/17/85

TIGER MUSKIE ... 13 lbs. 14 oz.
Brent J. Wesemann, Pierce, Willow Creek Reservoir, 7/3/88

PADDLEFISH ... 86 lbs.
Gene R. Haswell, Omaha, sandpit in Cass County, 4/16/72

YELLOW PERCH ... 1 lb. 2 oz.
Tim McQuade, North Platte, Cody Lake, 4/19/75

NORTHERN PIKE ... 21 lbs. 4 oz.
Allen Spilchal, Scottsbluff, Lake Minatare, 5/2/70

QUILLBACK ... 11 lbs. 2 oz.
Tim Smith, Benkelman, Dundy County sandpit, 7/14/84

GIZZARD SHAD ... 3 lbs. 11 oz.
Roger DeKok, Kearney, Phelps County sandpit, 6/4/92

SUCKER ... 3 lbs. 3 oz.
Mike Lauby, Lexington, Platte River, Dawson County, 7/14/74

GREEN SUNFISH ... 8 oz.
Marty Guthrie, McCook, sandpit near Bartley, 7/22/76

CUTTHROAT TROUT ... 2 lbs. 3 oz.
Todd Burnham, Hastings, Platte River (Keith County), 8/24/91

BROWN TROUT ... 9 lbs. 13 oz.
John Whittle, Dalton, Klein Fish Hatchery Lake, 7/1/90

RAINBOW TROUT ... 11 lbs.
Kevin Pierce, Ogallala, NPPD Canal in Keith County, 10/19/86

WALLEYE ... 11 lbs. 1 oz.
Bradley M. Heck, Brady, Jeffrey Reservoir, 4/11/70

UNDERWATER POWERED SPEARFISHING

SPOTTED BASS ... 2 lbs. 7 oz.
William Thompson, North Platte, Lincoln County sandpit, 8/17/73

LARGEMOUTH BASS ... 7 lbs. 4 oz.
Richard Buckley, McCook, Red Willow County sandpit, 7/6/88

ROCK BASS ... 1 lb. 4 oz.
Terry Robbins, Alliance, Box Butte Reservoir, 7/10/82

SMALLMOUTH BASS ... 4 lbs. 10 oz.
Paul Wieszorek, North Platte, Lake McConaughy, 9/21/93

STRIPED BASS ... 25 lbs. 8 oz.
Mark Picker, Loveland, CO, Lake McConaughy, 7/1/89

BLUEGILL ... 15 oz.
Anthony Nason, Alliance, Box Butte Reservoir, 7/3/93

BLACK BUFFALO ... 27 lbs.
Matthew B. Donelan, Omaha, Saunders County sandpit, 5/22/82

SMALLMOUTH BUFFALO ... 13 lbs. 4 oz.
Vince Willis, Silver Creek, Merrick County sandpit, 7/5/82

CARP ... 35 lbs.
Steven Bixenman, Colby, KS, Hitchcock County sandpit, 6/7/88

CHANNEL CATFISH ... 23 lbs. 9 1/2 oz.
Anthony Nason, Alliance, Box Butte Reservoir (7/6/91)

BLACK CRAPPIE ... 2 lbs. 2 oz.
Hershel D. Smith, Lexington, Dawson County sandpit, 12/19/82

TIGER MUSKIE ... 13 lbs. 9 oz.
Delbert Babbitzke, Garden City, KS, Lake McConaughy, 8/18/90

GOLDEYE ... 1 lb. 5 1/2 oz.
Geo. (Mike) Fritton, Silver Creek, Merrick County sandpit, 7/5/82

YELLOW PERCH ... 1 lb. 11 1/2 oz.
Leroy Adamson, Alliance, Box Butte Reservoir, 7/15/80

NORTHERN PIKE ... 13 lbs. 12 oz.
Albert Cherry, St. Edward, Lake McConaughy, 8/8/75

QUILLBACK ... 6 lbs. 6 oz.
Michael Dorris, Arthur, Lake McConaughy, 6/17/78

KOKANEES SALMON ... 4 lbs. 2 oz.
John Williams, Omaha, Lake McConaughy, 8/26/72

GIZZARD SHAD ... 2 lbs. 14 oz.
Jerry Sack, North Platte, Lake McConaughy, 7/8/89

WHITE SUCKER ... 3 lbs. 13 oz.
Bill Kilmeck, Burwell, Loup County sandpit, 10/4/86

RIVER CARPSUCKER ... 6 lbs. 13 oz.
Marlyn Erickson, Rapid City, SD, Lake McConaughy, 7/16/89

BROWN TROUT ... 4 lbs. 8 oz.
Richard B. Roy, Alliance, Box Butte Reservoir, 8/29/74

RAINBOW TROUT ... 3 lbs. 9 oz.
Michael Bansall, Grand Island, Lake McConaughy, 7/7/83

WALLEYE ... 13 lbs. 11 oz.
Richard Fish, Kearney, Lake McConaughy, 7/6/70

SURFACE SPEARFISHING

LONGNOSE GAR ... 17 lbs. 6 oz.
David L. Werth, South Bend, Cass County sandpit, 6/13/84

RECORD FISH DISPLAY

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VOLUNTARY RELEASE—

WHAT IT DOES AND DOESN'T ACCOMPLISH

Not many years ago, when a fish was caught by an angler, the only future it had was in the bottom of a frying pan. Only a few trout anglers gave a second thought to releasing fish, especially large fish. The bigger the fish, the more meat there was to enjoy.

Recently, over-exploitation by anglers has been recognized as a problem limiting the quality of many sport fish species, even panfish like crappie and bluegill. Size limits are now a common fisheries management practice used to maintain a harvest of fish deemed "appropriate" to take. Compliance with size limits continues to improve as anglers see the benefits that result. In fact, many anglers now practice catch-and-release exclusively, regardless of size limits.

What should anglers expect to accomplish from releasing legal fish, particularly large fish? By releasing a fish, an angler makes it possible for another angler, or even himself, to catch the same fish at a still larger size at a later date.

In spring, many anglers release large fish, particularly females, and especially walleyes, because they believe the removal of eggs carried by big "sows" will reduce the number of young walleyes produced, ultimately resulting in fewer fish.

Nature maintains itself by ensuring that most species of fish carry and produce many times more eggs than can possibly be supported by the environment. Much more than the number of fertilized eggs, other factors, such as water level, water discharge and zooplankton densities, determine how many young walleyes will recruit to the population.

In fact, most fish produce the highest number of young when adult numbers are relatively low. This is a natural response to available food resources and space. Fish tend to fill the void available to them and meet what is called their carrying capacity. Of course, if fish populations are so sparse that males and females have a hard time finding each other to reproduce they will produce few young, but if a dense adult population exists, few young will be produced because there is little space to accommodate them.

In addition, large, old females tend to produce eggs that are not as healthy as those produced by younger fish. Young fish produce eggs that are more likely to become fertilized and hatch.

Releasing a large female so that it can be caught again is reasonable, but releasing the fish so that more young will be produced is not likely to do much good.



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OPERATION F.I.S.H. REHAB

Many Nebraska lakes and streams still offer excellent fishing, but others, unfortunately, are no longer the fisheries they once were. Silt has accumulated in some of our lakes, wave action has eroded their shorelines, and their water, as a result, looks much like chocolate milk. Largemouth bass, bluegill, crappie and northern pike, fish that live near shore and can be caught from the bank, have all but disappeared from these lakes. The Nebraska Game and Parks would like to turn back the clock and renew and rejuvenate its aging lakes, as well as some streams, but such projects are expensive and funds are not now available.

During 1994, the Commission launched Operation F.I.S.H. Rehab, which stands for Finding Innovative Strategies for Habitat Rehabilitation, to inform anglers and enlist their help and ideas. In December 1994, anglers from all over the state met in Grand Island to discuss this problem at an Aquatic Habitat Conclave.

They decided what types of water should be rehabilitated first, how much money would be needed and how the money should be raised. They overwhelmingly recommended that an "Aquatic Habitat Stamp" be developed, with revenues generated to be ear-marked for

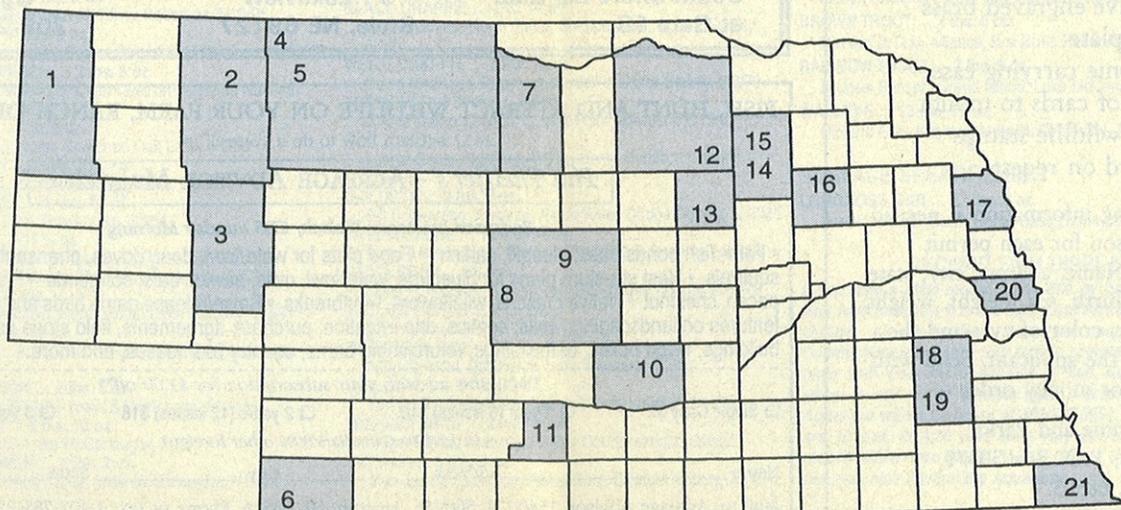
aquatic rehabilitation projects.

During the 1994-95 Legislative session, LB338, which would create an Aquatic Habitat Stamp and Fund, was introduced by Senators Hillman, Bernard-Stevens and Avery. The bill would eliminate the Trout Stamp and be required of all anglers needing a fishing permit. It passed the Natural Resources Committee but remained in General File at the end of the session. If the bill passes in the 1995-96 session, or a later session, the following lake and stream rehabilitation projects would be the first conducted by the Game and Parks Commission with the new funds:

HABITAT PLAN PROJECTS

The following projects are not prioritized and are numbered from northwest to southeast across the state.

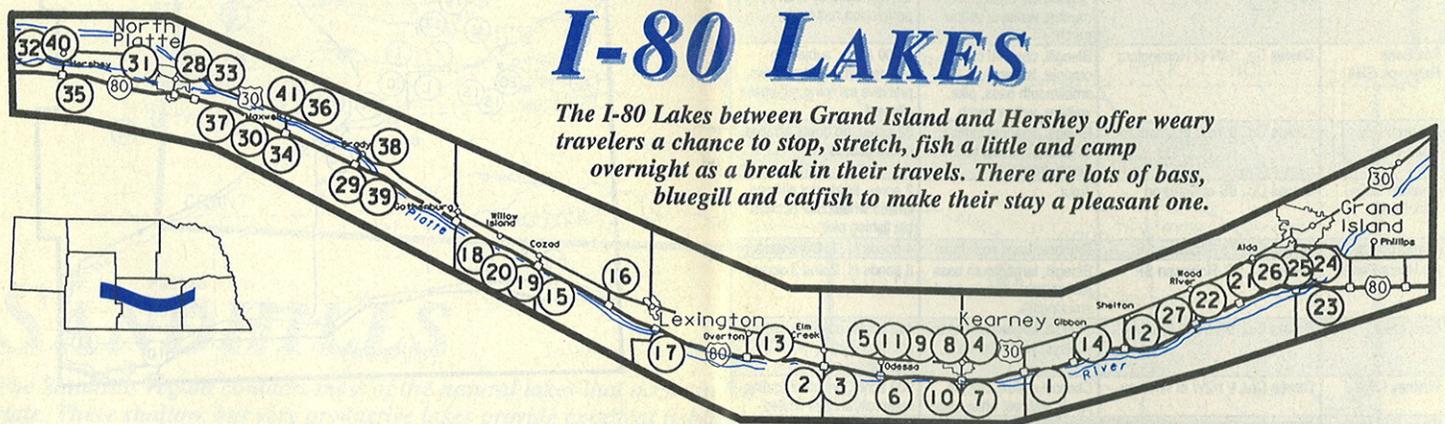
WATERBODY	COUNTY	HABITAT PROJECT DESCRIPTION	COST
1. Niobrara River	Sioux	Enhance trout habitat in one mile of river per year	\$30,000/mile
2. Smith Lake	Sheridan	Dredging	\$550,000
3. Crescent Lake	Garden	Renovation; installation of fish barriers	\$200,000
4. Shell Lake	Cherry	Dredging	\$760,000
5. Cottonwood Lake	Cherry	Dredging	\$210,000
6. Rock Creek State Lake	Dundy	Dredging	\$65,000
7. Long Pine Creek	Brown	Enhance trout habitat in one mile of river per year	\$30,000/mile
8. Arnold State Lake	Custer	Dredging	\$100,000
9. Victoria Springs	Custer	Dredging	\$210,000
10. Ravenna Lake	Buffalo	Dredging	\$260,000
11. Elwood Reservoir	Gosper	Purchase water storage; groundwater pumping	\$1,000,000
12. Goose Lake	Holt	Aeration system; construct fish screen	\$50,000
13. Pibel Lake	Wheeler	Dredging	\$210,000
14. Grove Lake	Antelope	Sediment retention structure; dredging	\$731,000
15. Verdigre Creek, E. Branch	Antelope	Enhance trout habitat in one mile of river per year	\$30,000/mile
16. Skyview Lake	Madison	Sediment retention structure and wetland	\$150,000
17. Summit Lake	Burt	Stabilize shorelines; sediment retention structure	\$500,000
18. Branched Oak Lake	Lancaster	Stabilize shorelines; sediment retention structures	\$1,500,000
19. Olive Creek Reservoir	Lancaster	Sediment retention structure; dredging	\$850,000
20. Glenn Cunningham Lake	Douglas	Stabilize shorelines; sediment retention structure	\$900,000
21. Verdon Lake	Richardson	Dredging	\$375,000



NEBRASKAland

Guide To Good Fishing

This guide lists public waters and public access points to rivers and streams. Lakes and reservoirs are numbered (1-99). Trout streams and public river accesses are lettered (A-Z). Maps are numbered and lettered according to county, from north to south and west to east. **Good Fishing!**



I-80 LAKES

The I-80 Lakes between Grand Island and Hershey offer weary travelers a chance to stop, stretch, fish a little and camp overnight as a break in their travels. There are lots of bass, bluegill and catfish to make their stay a pleasant one.

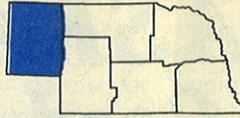
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1	Bassway Strip WMA	Buffalo Co., Minden Inter., 1/4S on Hwy. 10, left on county road back tracking toward I 80	Bluegill, bullheads, carp, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass	Four lakes 1 to 8 acres
2	Blue Hole WMA (West lake)	Buffalo Co., Elm Creek Inter., SW quadrant	Bluegill, carp, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass	37 acres
3	Blue Hole WMA (East lake)	Buffalo Co., Elm Creek Inter., 1 1/2S, 1 1/2E on canal road	Bluegill, carp, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass	34 acres (2 lakes)
4	Bullehead WMA	Buffalo Co., Kearney Inter., 1N to 11th St., 3E, 1S, 1/2E	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass	15 acres
5	Coot Shallows WMA	Buffalo Co., Odessa Inter., 3/4N, 13/4W	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, northern pike, yellow perch	12 acres, renovated 1994
6	East Odessa WMA	Buffalo Co., Odessa Inter., 4E on S side	Bluegill, bullhead, carp, largemouth bass	7 acres
7	Kearney WMA	Buffalo Co., Kearney Inter., SW quadrant	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass	20 acres
8	Kea West WMA	Buffalo Co., Kearney Inter., 1N to 11th St., 11/4W, 1S to overpass approach, turn left	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, rock bass	8 acres
9	North Kearney Rest Area DOR	Buffalo Co., Kearney Inter., 13/4W on I 80 to rest stop	Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, walleye	7 acres
10	South Kearney Rest Area DOR	Buffalo Co., Kearney Inter., 13/4W on I 80 to rest stop	Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, redear	3/4 acre
11	Union Pacific SRA	Buffalo Co., Odessa Inter., NE quadrant	Channel catfish, rock & smallmouth bass	15 acres, primitive camping, renovated 1994
12	War Axe SRA	Buffalo Co., Shelton Inter., NE quadrant	Bluegill, carp, channel catfish, largemouth & rock bass	14 acres, primitive camping
13	West Elm Creek WMA	Buffalo Co., Elm Creek Inter., 5W	Bluegill, channel catfish, rock & smallmouth bass	8 1/2 acres, access across private property
14	Windmill SRA	Buffalo Co., Gibbon Inter., NE quadrant	Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, rainbow trout in winter	Four 2-acre lakes, one 7-acre lake, modern camping
15	Cozad WMA	Dawson Co., Cozad Inter., SE quadrant	Bluegill, carp, channel catfish, largemouth & rock bass	18 acres
16	Darr WMA	Dawson Co., Darr Inter., NW quadrant	Channel catfish, largemouth, rock & smallmouth bass	13 acres
17	Dogwood WMA	Dawson Co., Lexington Inter., 5 1/2E, 2 1/2S over overpass, 1/4E	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth & rock bass	2 lakes, 5 & 7 acres
18	East Gothenburg WMA	Dawson Co., Gothenburg Inter., 1/2S, 1/2E, 3 1/2NE & E	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass	15 acres
19	West Cozad WMA	Dawson Co., Cozad Inter., 1N to Hwy. 30, 13/4W, 3/4S across overpass, 1/4N & E	Carp, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass	18 acres
20	Willow Island WMA	Dawson Co., Cozad Inter., 51/4W of Cozad on Hwy. 30, 3/4S across overpass	Carp, channel catfish, largemouth bass	24 acres
21	Alda DOR	Hall Co., Alda Inter., NE quadrant	Bluegill, carp, channel catfish, largemouth bass	12 acres

NO	NAME	LOCATION	SPECIES	REMARKS
22	Cheyenne SRA	Hall Co., Wood River Inter., NW quadrant	Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, tiger muskie	17 acres, primitive camping, scheduled for renovation in fall of 1996
23	Grand Island East bound Rest Area	Hall Co., 3E of Grand Island Interchange, S of I 80	Bluegill, carp, channel catfish, largemouth bass	6 acres
24	Mormon Island DOR (East)	Hall Co., Grand Island Inter., N of I 80, 1 1/2E	Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, tiger muskie	22 acres, access on foot from Mormon Island SRA, 8" minimum on bluegill
25	Mormon Island SRA (Middle)	Hall Co., NE quadrant, Grand Island Inter.	Bluegill, carp, channel catfish, largemouth bass, tiger muskie	19 acres, access on foot from Mormon Island, 8" minimum on bluegill
26	Mormon Island SRA (West)	Hall Co., NE quadrant, Grand Island Inter.	Bluegill, bullhead, carp, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, walleye	42 acres, modern camping, 8" minimum on bluegill
27	West Wood River WMA	Hall Co., Wood River Inter., 1/2S, 1W, N across overpass, 1/4W	Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, tiger muskie	15 acres, Scheduled for renovation in fall of 1996
28	Birdwood WMA	Lincoln Co., North Platte Inter., 1/2S, 3 1/2W, 1N, NW across overpass	Channel catfish, large mouth & rock bass, perch, rainbow trout in winter	20 acres
29	Brady Interchange WMA	Lincoln Co., Brady Inter., SE quadrant	Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass	25 acres
30	Crystal Lake	Lincoln Co., Maxwell Inter., 3/4N, 2W, 1/2N, 3 1/2W, 1/2S across overpass	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass	6 1/2 acres
31	East Hershey WMA	Lincoln Co., North Platte Inter., 1/2S, 73/4W, 1 1/2N, NE across overpass	Channel catfish, large mouth bass, perch, rock & smallmouth bass	20 acres
32	East Sutherland WMA	Lincoln Co., Hershey Inter., 1/4S, 3W, 1/2N, NE across overpass	Bullheads, channel catfish, largemouth & rock bass, perch	27 acres
33	Fremont Slough WMA	Lincoln Co., North Platte Inter., 1 1/2S, 4 3/4E, 1/4N, right turn across canal, 1/4N under overpass, 1/4E	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass	30 acres
34	Ft. McPherson WMA	Lincoln Co., Maxwell Inter., SE quadrant	Bluegill, carp, channel catfish, largemouth bass	30 acres, primitive camping
35	Hershey WMA	Lincoln Co., Hershey Inter., SE quadrant	Channel catfish, large mouth, rock & smallmouth bass, perch, pike, walleye	53 acres
36	Maxwell Rest Stop DOR	Lincoln Co., Maxwell Inter., 3E	Bluegill, crappie, largemouth bass	5 acres
37	North Platte City Lake	Lincoln Co., North Platte Inter., SE quadrant	Channel catfish, largemouth & rock bass, walleye	26 acres
38	West Brady WMA	Lincoln Co., Brady Inter., 3/4N, 3W across overpass	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth & smallmouth bass	5 1/2 acres
39	West Gothenburg WMA	Lincoln Co., Brady Inter., 3 1/2E on Hwy. 30, 1/4S across tracks	Channel catfish, largemouth & rock bass	15 acres
40	West Hershey WMA	Lincoln Co., Hershey Inter., 1/2W	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass	6 acres, private access
41	West Maxwell WMA	Lincoln Co., Maxwell Inter., 3/4N, 3/4W, 1/4S	Channel catfish, rock & smallmouth bass	7 acres

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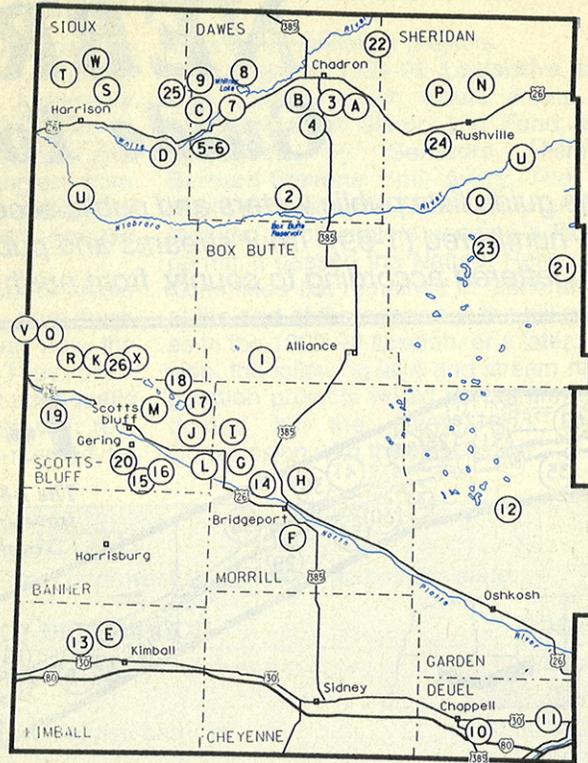
The Panhandle is a haven for trout fishermen. Rainbows and browns abound in the many Pine Ridge and North Platte Valley cold-water streams. This area also contains several reservoirs and sandhill lakes that provide excellent walleye, tiger muskie, northern pike and panfish fishing.



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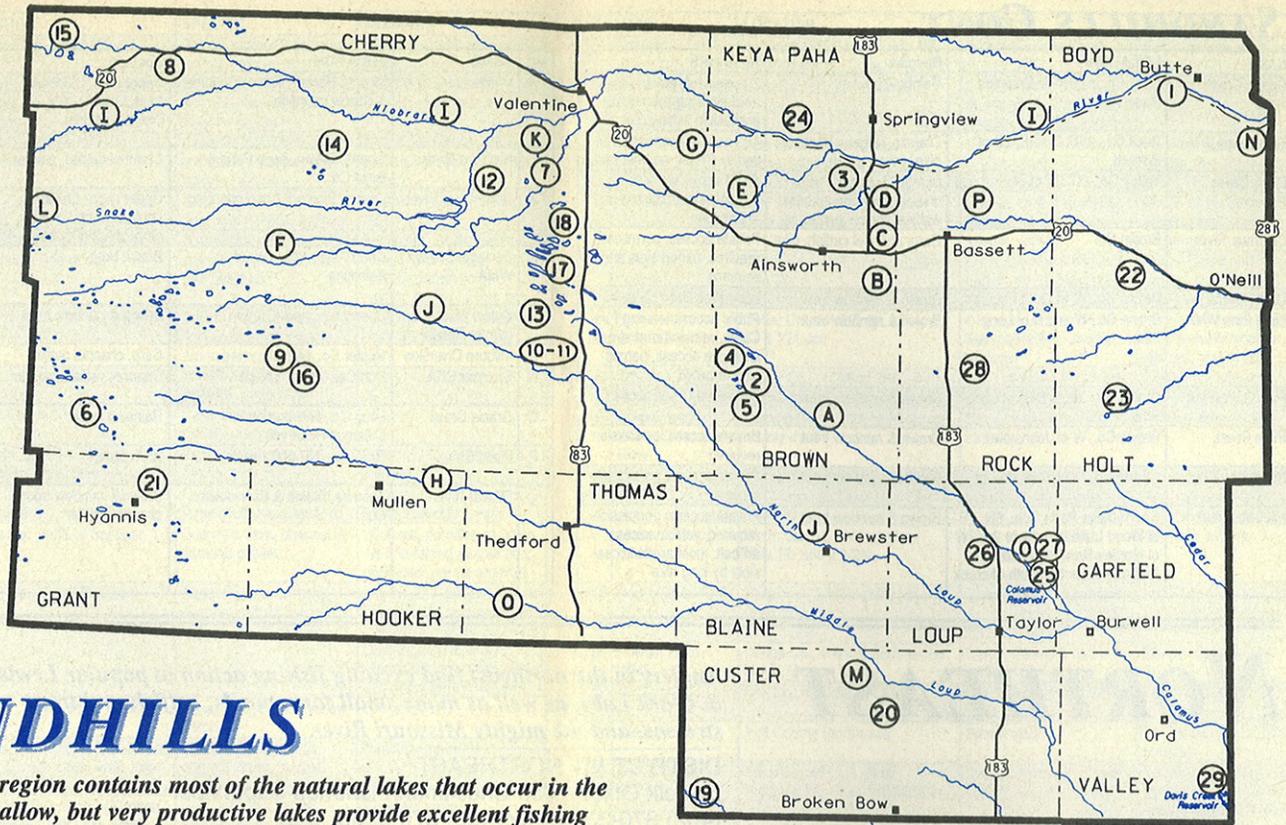
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1	Kilpatrick Lake	Box Butte Co., 22W, 1S of Alliance	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, tiger muskie, walleye, yellow perch	160 acres, privately owned, but managed by NGPC, permission required.
2	Box Butte Reservoir SRA	Dawes Co., 10N of Hemingford	Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth & smallmouth bass, pike, walleye, yellow perch	1,600 acres, subject to severe summer drawdown, primitive camping, all boats allowed
3	Chadron City Reservoirs	Dawes Co., 5 1/2S of Chadron	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, yellow perch, trout	22 acres, no boats allowed, public access
4	Chadron State Park Pond	Dawes Co., 9S of Chadron	Trout	2 acres, boats not allowed, limited wheelchair accessible fishing pier
5	Grabel ponds	Dawes Co., Ft. Robinson SP	Rainbow trout, rock bass	4 ponds (1, 1, 2 & 2 acres)
6	Ice Horse Ponds	Dawes Co., Ft. Robinson SP	Bluegill, largemouth bass (occasional rainbow trout stockings)	3 ponds (1, 2 and 3 acres)
7	Snus Lake	Dawes Co., 1E, 2S of Whitney	Bluegill, largemouth bass, walleye, yellow perch	123 acres, privately owned, but managed by NGPC, permission required
8	Whitney Lake	Dawes Co., 1 1/2W of Whitney	Channel catfish, crappie, perch, walleye, white bass	900 acres, private irrigation reservoir, access limited
9	Wood Reserve Pond	Dawes Co., Ft. Robinson SP	Rainbow Trout	3 1/2-acre ponds
10	Chappell Interstate Lake	Deuel Co., 1/2S of Chappell	Black crappie, bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, walleye, yellow perch	30 acres
11	Goldeneye WMA	Deuel Co., 3W of Big Springs	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, yellow perch	17 acres
12	Island Lake	Garden Co., Crescent Lake National Wildlife Refuge, 22N of Oshkosh	Bluegill, crappie, largemouth bass, yellow perch, walleye	711 acres, no minnows, dead smelt allowed, no camping, electric motors only, other refuge lakes closed or insignificant for fishing
13	Oliver Reservoir SRA	Kimball Co., 10W of Kimball	Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, tiger muskie, walleye, yellow perch	270 acres, all boats, primitive camping, wheelchair accessible fishing pier
14	Bridgeport SRA	Morrill Co., NW edge of Bridgeport	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, pike, rainbow trout, walleye	78 acres in 5 lakes, primitive camping, all boats allowed on middle pit
15	Buffalo Creek WMA	Scotts Bluff Co., 5S, 1 1/2W of Melbeta	Largemouth bass, rainbow trout	7 acres, access via 1-mile foot trail
16	Cochran Lake	Scotts Bluff Co., 2SW of Melbeta	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, tiger muskie, yellow perch	45 acres
17	Lake Minatare SRA	Scotts Bluff Co., 12NE of Scottsbluff	Channel catfish, crappie, smallmouth bass, white bass, walleye, wipers, yellow perch	2,300 acres, camping, all boats allowed, closed Oct. 1-Jan. 15
18	Lake Winters Creek	Scotts Bluff Co., N of Minatare	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, walleye, yellow perch	235 acres, non-powered boats only, closed Oct. 1-Jan. 15
19	Morrill Sandpits	Scotts Bluff Co., 3S of Morrill	Black crappie, largemouth bass, rainbow trout, yellow perch	25 acres in three lakes, county owned, permission required, check with Morrill City Manager or Scotts Bluff Co., no boating or camping
20	Terry's Pit	Scotts Bluff Co., Terrytown	Largemouth bass, trout	7 acres
21	Billy's Lake	Sheridan Co., 30SE of Gordon	Pike, yellow perch	357 acres, shallow, privately owned, but managed by NGPC, permission required
22	Isham Dam	Sheridan Co., NW of Hay Springs	Bluegill, bullheads, largemouth bass, yellow perch	26 acres, private/permission required, all boats allowed
23	Smith Lake WMA	Sheridan Co., 23S of Rushville	Bluegill, bullheads, largemouth bass, pike, tiger muskie, walleye, yellow perch	290 acres, primitive camping, power boats limited to 5 mph
24	Walgren Lake SRA	Sheridan Co., 5SE of Hay Springs	Bluegill, bullheads, crappie, largemouth bass, walleye, yellow perch	100 acres, primitive camping, boat speed limit, wheelchair accessible fishing pier
25	Carter P. Johnson Lake	Sioux Co., Ft. Robinson SP	Rainbow trout	Dredging operation fall of 1995 and spring of 1996
26	University Lake	Sioux Co., 7NW of Scottsbluff	Largemouth bass, yellow perch	30 acres
A	Bourdeaux Creek	Dawes Co., SE of Chadron	Brown trout	Private access, permission required



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B	Chadron Creek	Dawes Co., S of Chadron	Brook & brown trout	Private access, permission required; public access at Chadron SP
C	Soldier Creek	Dawes Co., 3W of Crawford	Brook, brown & rainbow trout	Public access at Fort Robinson State Park and Fort Robinson Wood Reserve
D	White River	Dawes/Sioux Cos., W of Fort Robinson	Brown & rainbow trout	Private access, permission required; public access at Ft. Robinson SP
E	Lodgepole Creek	Kimball Co., Kimball to Wyoming border	Brown trout	Private access, permission required
F	Greenwood Creek	Morrill Co., SE of Bridgeport	Brown trout	Private access, permission required
G	Red Willow Creek	Morrill Co., E of Bayard	Brown & rainbow trout	Private access, permission required
H	Silvernail Drain	Morrill Co., E of Northport	Brown trout	Private access, permission required
I	Wildhorse Creek	Morrill Co., N of Bayard	Brown & rainbow trout	Private access, permission required
J	Nine Mile Creek	Scotts Bluff Co., E of Minatare	Brown & rainbow trout	Private access, permission required, public access at Nine Mile Creek WMA
K	Spotted Tail Creek	Scotts Bluff/Sioux Cos., NW of Mitchell	Brown & rainbow trout	Private access, permission required
L	Stuckenhole Creek	Scotts Bluff Co., W of Bayard	Brown & rainbow trout	Private access, permission required
M	Winters Creek	Scotts Bluff Co., NE of Scottsbluff	Brown & rainbow trout	Private access, permission required
N	Larabie Creek	Sheridan Co., N of Rushville	Brook & brown trout	Private property, permission required
O	Pine Creek	Sheridan Co., 20S of Rushville	Brown trout	Private access, permission required
P	White Clay Creek	Sheridan Co., NW of Rushville	Brown trout	Private access, permission required
Q	Dry Sheep Creek	Sioux Co., NW of Morrill	Brown & rainbow trout	Private access, permission required
R	Dry Spotted Tail Creek	Sioux Co., NW of Mitchell	Brown & rainbow trout	Private access, permission required
S	Hat Creek	Sioux Co., NE of Harrison	Brook trout	Private access, permission required
T	Monroe Creek	Sioux Co., 4 1/2N of Harrison	Brook trout	Public access on Gilbert-Baker WMA; also private access, permission required
U	Niobrara River	Sioux, Dawes and Sheridan Cos., N part of Panhandle District	Brown & rainbow trout	Extremely low water in summer, private, permission required
V	Sheep Creek	Sioux Co., NW of Morrill	Brown & rainbow trout	Private access, permission required
W	Sowbelly Creek	Sioux Co., NE of Harrison	Brook trout	Private access, permission required
X	Tub Springs	Sioux Co., NE of Mitchell	Brown & rainbow trout	Private access, permission required

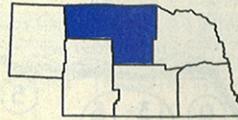
*All waters in this District have a 15" minimum size limit on walleye unless otherwise stated.



SANDHILLS

The Sandhills region contains most of the natural lakes that occur in the state. These shallow, but very productive lakes provide excellent fishing for northern pike, yellow perch and bluegill.

DISTRICT II - SANDHILLS
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NO	NAME	LOCATION	SPECIES	REMARKS
1	Hull Lake	Boyd Co., 3W, 2S of Butte	Bluegill, catfish, largemouth bass	5 1/2 acres, primitive camping, no drinking water
2	Clear Lake	Brown Co., 8W, 19S Ainsworth	Bluegill, largemouth bass, yellow perch	194 acres, privately owned, fishing by permission only
3	Keller Park SRA	Brown Co., 11S of Springview	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, trout	5 ponds, pond No. 4 & 5 have catchable trout, camping
4	Long Lake SRA	Brown Co., 8 1/2W, 20S of Ainsworth	Bullheads, pike, yellow perch	155 acres, power boats limited to 5 mph
5	Willow Lake WMA	Brown Co., 18 1/2S, 12W of Ainsworth	Bluegill, bullhead, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, yellow perch	313 acres, primitive camping, 21" minimum on largemouth bass, power boats limited to 5 mph
6	Alkali Lake	Cherry Co., 17N of Ashby	Bluegill, bullhead, largemouth bass, walleye, yellow perch	375 acres, privately owned, but managed by NGPC, permission required
7	Big Alkali WMA	Cherry Co., 13S, 4W of Valentine	Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, pike, yellow perch	842 acres, all boats allowed, ramp, camping, fishing camp
8	Cottonwood Lake SRA	Cherry Co., 1/2E of Merriman	Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, pike, yellow perch	34 acres, primitive camping, vegetation hampers summer fishing, all boats allowed
9	Jack Rabbit Lake	Cherry Co., 22N, 14W of Mullen	Bluegill, largemouth bass, yellow perch	34 acres, privately owned, but managed by NGPC under a MOU
10	Lee's Lake	Cherry Co., 3 NE of Brownlee	Bluegill, largemouth bass, yellow perch	84 acres, privately owned, but managed by NGPC under a MOU
11	Lee's Alkali Lake	Cherry Co., 2 1/2NE of Brownlee	Bluegill, largemouth bass, yellow perch	70 acres, privately owned, but managed by NGPC under a MOU
12	Merritt Reservoir SRA	Cherry Co., 26SW of Valentine	Bluegill, bullheads, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth & smallmouth bass, muskie, pike, walleye, white bass, yellow perch	2,900 acres, camping available, all boats allowed, 18" minimum on walleye with only 1 fish allowed over 25"
13	Flat and Beaver WMA	Cherry Co., 30S, 7W of Valentine	Bullhead, carp, pike, yellow perch	450 acres in 2 lakes, permission required for access
14	Schoolhouse Lake	Cherry Co., 18S of Cody	Black crappie, bluegill, bullhead, largemouth bass	105 acres, private access, permission required
15	Shell Lake	Cherry Co., 15NE of Gordon	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, pike, yellow perch	160 acres, aquatic vegetation hampers summer fishing, power boats limited to 5 mph
16	Speckle Meir Lake	Cherry Co., 21N, 14W of Mullen	Bluegill, largemouth bass, yellow perch	80 acres, privately owned, but managed by NGPC under a MOU

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17	Valentine Refuge	Cherry Co., 13S, 12W of Valentine	Black bullhead, bluegill, pike, yellow perch	Minnows prohibited, dead smelt allowed. Possession of fish not taken from refuge waters unlawful. No camping, electric motors only. All refuge lakes subject to summer aquatic weed growth. Possession of largemouth bass and muskellunge are prohibited on Watts Lake. Size limits on some species; check current regulations.
	Clear Lake (425 acres)		Bluegill, largemouth bass, pike, yellow perch	
	Dewey Lake (550 acres)		Bluegill, largemouth bass, yellow perch	
	Duck Lake (66 acres)		Bluegill, bullhead, largemouth bass, yellow perch	
	Hackberry Lake (680 acres)		Bluegill, largemouth bass, pike, yellow perch	
	Pelican Lake (798 acres)		Black bullhead, bluegill, largemouth bass, pike, yellow perch	
	Watts Lake (230 acres)		Bluegill, largemouth bass, muskie, yellow perch	
	West Long Lake (62 acres)		Bluegill, largemouth bass, yellow perch	
18	Willow Lake WMA	Cherry Co., 22S of Valentine	Carp, pike, yellow perch	354 acres
19	Arnold Lake	Custer Co., 1/2S of Arnold	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass	4 acres, very weedy in summer, managed out of Dist. IV office
20	Victoria Springs Lake SRA	Custer Co., 7E of Anselmo	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, rainbow trout	5 1/2 acres, cabins and camping, electric motors only
21	Frye Lake	Grant Co., 1N, 1 1/2E of Hyannis	Bluegill, carp, largemouth bass, tiger muskie, yellow perch	243 acres, renovated 1994, power boats limited to 5 mph, managed by Dist. I
22	Atkinson SRA	Holt Co., 1/2W of Atkinson	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, pike	5 acres, primitive camping, electrical hookups, Elkhorn River access
23	Swan Lake	Holt Co., 25S, 3W of Atkinson	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, northern pike, yellow perch	235 acres, renovated in 1994, power boats limited to 5 mph
24	Cub Creek Lake	Keya Paha Co., 9W of Springview	Bluegill, catfish, largemouth bass, tiger muskie, walleye, yellow perch	27 acres, electric fishing motors only, primitive camping
25	Calamus Reservoir SRA	Loup Co., 7NW of Burwell	Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, pike, walleye, wiper, yellow perch	5,200 acres, modern/primitive camping, 5 mph boating on upper lake, 18" minimum on walleye with only 1 fish allowed over 25", daily bag limit 3 on wipers, with no more than 1 fish over 18"
26	Horseshoe Bend	Loup Co., 12N of Taylor	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass	34 acres, leased lake, privately owned and managed by NGPC

SANDHILLS CONT.

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27	Gracie Creek Pond	Loup Co., N side of Calamus Reservoir	Rainbow trout	2 acre pond, put and take trout stocking, wheelchair accessible fishing pier
28	Twin Lakes WMA	Rock Co., 16S, 2 1/2E, 2S of Bassett	Crappie, largemouth bass, pike, yellow perch	160 acres, power boats limited to 5 mph, no boat ramp
29	Davis Creek Reservoir	Valley Co., 6S, 2E of North Loup	Bluegill, bullhead, carp, crappie, largemouth bass, walleye, yellow perch	1,145 acres, water level fluctuates dramatically due to irrigation
A	Calamus River	Brown Co.	Carp, channel catfish, pike	Private access, permission required, canoe sites and camping
B	Long Pine SRA	Brown Co., W of Long Pine	Brown & rainbow trout	Long Pine Creek access
C	Long Pine WMA	Brown Co., W and N of Long Pine	Brown & rainbow trout	Public access to Long Pine Creek, remainder of stream is private access, permission required
D	Pine Glen WMA	Brown Co., 2E, 8 1/4N of Long Pine	Brown & rainbow trout	Long Pine Creek access
E	Plum Creek	Brown Co., W of Johnstown	Brown & rainbow trout	Private access, permission required
F	Boardman Creek	Cherry Co., 40N, 7 to 19W of Mullen	Brown & rainbow trout	Private access, permission required
G	Fairfield Creek	Cherry/Keya Paha Cos., 8N, 2E of Wood Lake to forks or 2 1/2W of Norden Road on S side of Niobrara River to mouth of creek	Brown & rainbow trout	Private access, permission required, vehicle access difficult, most areas accessible by long hike

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H	Middle Loup River	Cherry, Hooker, Thomas, Blaine & Custer counties	Upper river - rainbow trout, Lower - carp, channel catfish,	Public access at Milburn & Arcadia diversions; rest private access, permission required
I	Niobrara River	Cherry, Brown, Keya Paha & Boyd Co.	Channel catfish, sauger	Private access, permission required
J	North Loup River	Cherry, Blaine & Loup counties	Upper river - brown & rainbow trout, Lower - carp, channel catfish	Private access, permission required
K	Schlagel Creek WMA	Cherry Co., 13S, 4W of Valentine	Brown trout	Private access, permission required except on Schlagel Creek WMA
L	Snake River (Upper Reach)	Cherry Co., near Gordon	Brown & rainbow trout	Private access, permission required
M	Milburn Diversion	Custer Co., Milburn	Carp, channel catfish	Middle Loup River access
N	Spencer SRA	Holt Co., 18N of O'Neill	Channel catfish, sauger	Primitive camping, Niobrara River access
O	Gracie Creek	Loup Co., NW portion of Calamus Reservoir	Rainbow trout	Two miles of stream above Gracie Creek pond
P	Coon Creek	Rock Co., NE of Bassett	Brown trout	Private access, permission required
Q	Dismal River	Thomas, Blaine & So. Hooker Cos.	Brown & rainbow trout, channel catfish	Private access, permission required

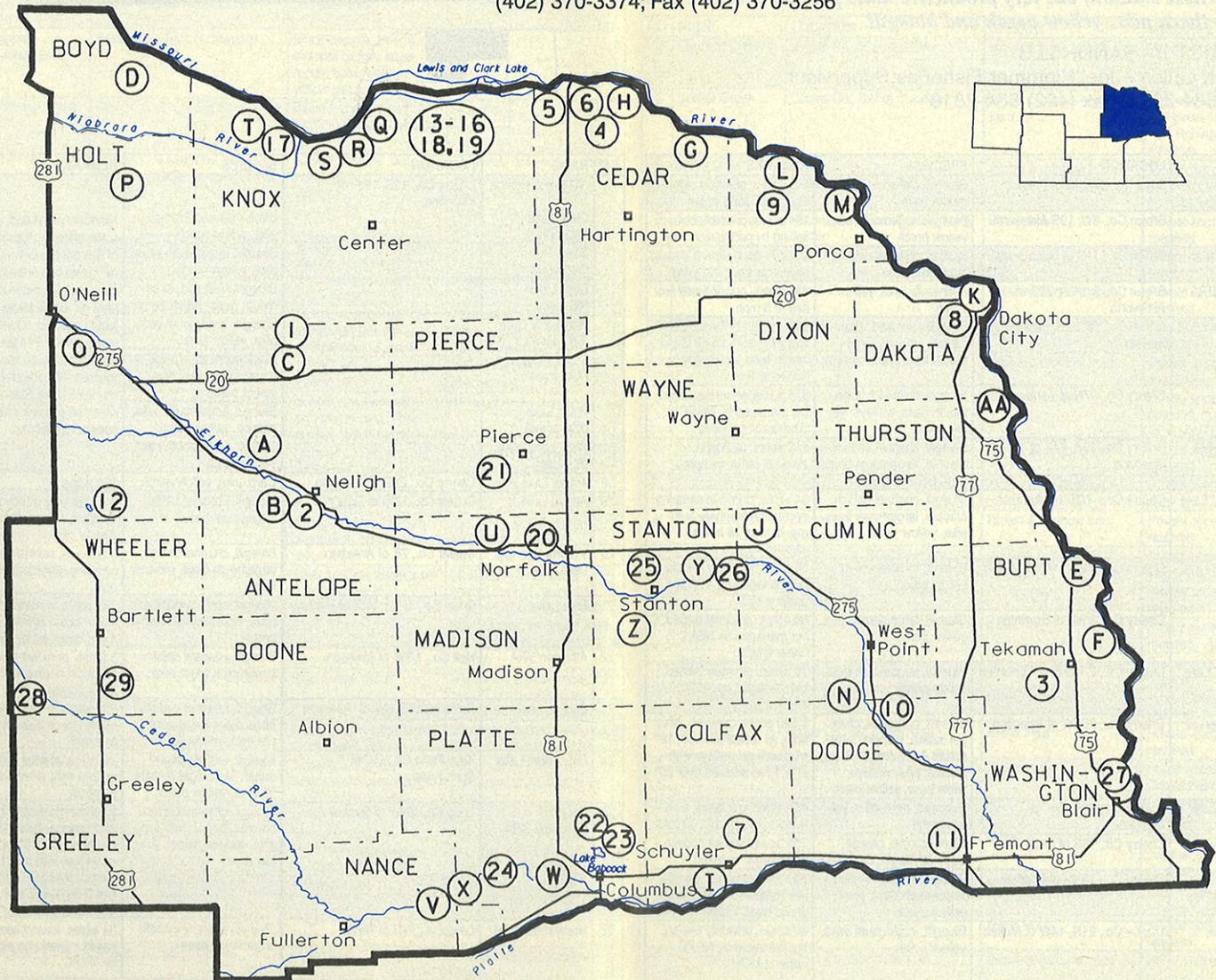
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Anglers in the northeast find exciting fishing action at popular Lewis & Clark Lake, as well as many small farm ponds, catfish and trout streams, and the mighty Missouri River.

DISTRICT III - NORTHEAST

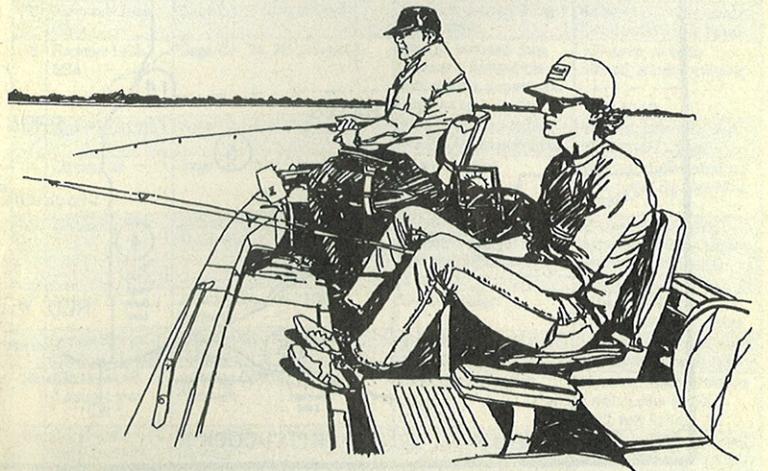
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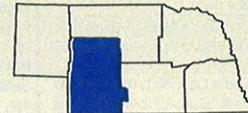
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1	Grove Lake	Antelope Co., 2N of Royal	Bluegill, bullhead, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, pike	50 acres, primitive camping, power boats limited to 5 mph
2	Penn Park Lake	Antelope Co., Neligh city lake, SW edge	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass	8 acres, renovated in 1994
3	Summit Lake SRA	Burt Co., 4 1/2W, 1/2S of Tekamah	Bass, bluegill, carp, channel catfish, crappie, pike, walleye, wipers	190 acres, motorboats limited to 5 mph, fish cleaning station
4	Chalkrock Lake WMA	Cedar Co., 5N, 1 1/2E of Hwy. 81 & 12 Jct.	Bass, bluegill, channel catfish, tiger muskie, walleye	44 acres, boats limited to 5 mph
5	Cottonwood Lake (Lake Yankton)	Cedar Co., Below Gavins Point Dam, north side of river	Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, pike, walleye	250 acres, border water area with S. Dakota, open to Nebr. permit holders, electric fishing motors only
6	Gavins Point Dam Tailwaters	Cedar Co., 1S, 4W of Yankton, SD	Buffalo, carp, channel & flathead catfish, crappie, drum, eel, paddlefish, smallmouth bass, sauger, walleye, white bass	All boats allowed, wheelchair accessible fishing piers
7	Schuyler City Lake	Colfax Co., In city park	Bass, bluegill, channel catfish, crappie	18 acres
8	Crystal Cove Lake	Dakota Co., NE of Hwy. 20 & 77 intersection in S. Sioux City	Bass, bluegill, channel catfish, pike	30 acres, no power boats allowed
9	Buckskin Hills Lake	Dixon Co., 2W, 3S, 1/2W of Newcastle	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, walleye	75 acres, primitive camping, boats limited to 5 mph
10	Dead Timber SRA	Dodge Co., 5NW of Scribner, 1 1/2E	Bullhead, carp, channel & flathead catfish	20 acres, primitive camping, electric fishing motors only, park entry permit required
11	Fremont Lakes SRA	Dodge Co., 3W of Fremont	Bluegill, bullhead, carp, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, pike	280 acres in 20 lakes, camping available, gas-powered boating on Victory Lake and Lake 20 only, all others electric fishing motors only, park entry permit required
12	Goose Lake	Holt Co., 18NW, 5E of Bartlett	Bass, bluegill, pike, yellow perch	200 acres
13	Bloomfield Area	Knox Co., 8W, 7N of Crofton on Lewis & Clark Lake, River mile 819.5	Carp, channel catfish, crappie, drum, sauger, walleye, white bass	Concrete ramp
14	Hideaway Acres Marina	Knox Co., 7N, 1/2W of Crofton on Lewis & Clark Lake, River mile 812.5	Carp, channel catfish, crappie, drum, sauger, walleye, white bass	Concrete ramp
15	Lewis & Clark Lake SRA	Knox Co., 15N of Crofton	Carp, channel catfish, crappie, drum, sauger, walleye, white bass	30,000 acres, modern and primitive camping on state and federal areas, all boats allowed
16	Miller Creek Area	Knox Co., 10W, 6N of Crofton on Lewis & Clark Lake, River mile 821.0	Carp, channel catfish, crappie, drum, sauger, walleye, white bass	Concrete ramp
17	Niobrara SP	Knox Co., 1W of Niobrara	Bass & bluegill in lagoon; channel & flathead catfish in river	Park entry permit required
18	South Shore Area	Knox Co., 8N of Crofton, on Lewis & Clark Lake, River mile 811.5	Carp, channel catfish, crappie, drum, sauger, walleye, white bass	Concrete ramp
19	Weigand Area	Knox Co., 4W, 7N of Crofton on Lewis & Clark Lake, River mile 816.0	Carp, channel catfish, crappie, drum, sauger, walleye, white bass	Concrete ramp, modern fish cleaning station
20	Skyview Lake	Madison Co., Norfolk	Bass, bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, pike, tiger muskie, walleye	50 acres, 21' minimum on largemouth bass, wheelchair accessible fishing pier, electric fishing motors only
21	Willow Creek SRA	Pierce Co., 2SW of Pierce	Bluegill, bullhead, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, pike, tiger muskie, walleye, wipers	700 acres, camping, motorboats limited to 5 mph on west half of lake, 3 wheelchair accessible fishing piers
22	Lake Babcock	Platte Co., 1W, 3N of Columbus	Bullhead, carp, channel & flathead catfish	600 acres, power boats not allowed
23	Lake North	Platte Co., 3N of Columbus	Carp, channel catfish, crappie, drum, walleye	200 acres, camping
24	Looking Glass WMA	Platte Co., 1S of Monroe	Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass	Two small lakes, 3-4 acres each
25	Maskenthine Reservoir	Stanton Co., 2NW of Stanton	Bass, bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, pike, walleye	98 acres, primitive camping, boats limited to 5 mph. Wheelchair accessible fishing pier
26	Red Fox Lake WMA	Stanton Co., 1 1/4S of Pilger on Hwy. 15	Bluegill, carp, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass	25 acres, boats limited to 5 mph, primitive ramp
27	DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge	Washington Co., 6E of Blair on Hwy. 30	Bluegill, buffalo, carp, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, walleye	760 acres, 5 mph speed limit for boats, open from early Jan. through late Feb. for ice fishing, mid-April through late September for open-water fishing
28	Lake Ericson	Wheeler Co., 1/2S of Ericson	Bass, bluegill, carp, channel catfish, crappie, pike	70 acres, power boats limited to 5 mph
29	Pibel Lake SRA	Wheeler Co., 9S, 1E of Bartlett	Bluegill, bullhead, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, pike	25 acres, primitive camping, electric fishing motors only
A	Hackberry Creek WMA, Elkhorn River	Antelope Co., 1 1/2E, 1/2N of Clearwater	Carp, channel & flathead catfish	Elkhorn River access
B	Red Wing WMA	Antelope Co., 5SW of Neligh	Carp, channel & flathead catfish	Elkhorn River access

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C	Verdigre Creek	Antelope Co., East Branch, NE of Royal above Grove Lake	Brown & rainbow trout	Public access available as posted
D	Sunshine Bottoms Ramp (Boyd County)	Boyd Co., 3E, 4N of Lynch	Carp, channel catfish, drum, goldeye, sauger, smallmouth bass, walleye	Public access to Missouri River
E	Hightree Marina	Burt Co., 1/2N of Hwy. 51 bridge, east side of Decatur, River mile 691.4	Carp, channel & flathead catfish, drum	Mo. River access, private access, fee, concrete ramp
F	Pelican Point SRA	Burt Co., 5E, 4N of Tekamah, River mile 672.8	Buffalo, carp, channel & flathead catfish, drum, sauger, walleye	Mo. River access, public access ramp, primitive camping
G	Cedar County Access	Cedar Co., 4NE of Wynot, River mile 784.9	Carp, channel & flathead catfish, drum, paddlefish, sauger, walleye	Cedar County, Mo. River access, public access allowed, concrete ramp
H	St. Helena Access	Cedar Co., 6 1/2E, 1N of Hwy. 81 & 121 Jct.	Channel & flathead catfish, paddlefish, sauger, walleye	Mo. River access, Cedar County public access allowed, gravel ramp
I	Whitetail WMA	Collax Co., 1/2W of Schuyler on US 30, 3S on county road	Carp, channel & flathead catfish, sauger	Platte River access
J	Black Island WMA, Elkhorn River	Cuming Co., 2 1/2E of Pilger on county road	Carp, channel & flathead catfish	Elkhorn River access
K	Scenic Park Access	Dakota Co., 1/2E of Hwy. 77 bridge near S. Sioux City, River mile 732.0	Carp, channel & flathead catfish, drum, paddlefish	City of S. Sioux City, Mo. River access, public access allowed, concrete ramp
L	Mulberry Bend WMA	Dixon Co., 1E of Maskell on Hwy. 12 and 2 1/2N	Carp, channel catfish, largemouth & smallmouth bass, paddlefish, pike	Mo. River access
M	Ponca State Park	Dixon Co., 2 1/2N of Ponca, River mile 753.5	Carp, channel & flathead catfish, drum, paddlefish, sauger, walleye	Mo. River access, public access, concrete ramp
N	Powder Horn WMA	Dodge Co., 4NW of Scribner on Hwy. 275	Carp, channel & flathead catfish	Elkhorn River access
O	Dry Creek	Holt Co., 1 1/2SE of O'Neill	Carp, channel and flathead catfish	Elkhorn River access
P	Steel Creek	Holt County (northeast)	Brown trout	Private access, permission required
Q	Bazile Creek WMA	Knox Co., 4E, 1 1/2N of Niobrara, NE River mile 838.8	Carp, channel & flathead catfish, sauger, walleye	Gravel road to ramp gets muddy with heavy rains, ramp subject to flooding
R	Ferry Landing SRA	Knox Co., 2 1/2E, 1 1/2N of Niobrara, NE River mile 841.0	Carp, channel & flathead catfish, sauger, walleye	Boat ramp, access to Missouri River
S	Niobrara Townsite Boat Ramp	Knox Co., N of old Niobrara townsite on county road, NE River mile 844.0	Buffalo, carp, crappie, pike, sauger, smallmouth bass, walleye	Double-wide concrete ramps, ample parking
T	Verdel Landing	Knox Co., 2E, 2N of Verdel	Carp, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth & smallmouth bass, pike	Mo. River access
U	Yellowbanks WMA	Madison Co., 3N of Battle Creek	Carp, channel & flathead catfish	Elkhorn River access
V	George Syas WMA	Nance Co., 2S, 1 1/2E of Genoa	Carp, channel catfish	Loup River access
W	Loup Canal	Nance & Platte counties, Genoa to Columbus	Carp, channel & flathead catfish, drum	Tailrace at Columbus, stilling basin W of Genoa, and tailwaters below Monroe and Columbus powerhouses most productive. Loup River diversion canal
X	Prairie Wolf WMA	Nance Co., 1S of Genoa	Carp, channel catfish	Loup River access
Y	Red Fox WMA	Stanton Co., 1S of Pilger on Hwy. 15	Carp, channel & flathead catfish	Elkhorn River access
Z	Wood Duck WMA	Stanton Co., 3SW of Stanton	Carp, channel & flathead catfish	Elkhorn River access
AA	Missouri River (Federal access areas)	Nebraska shoreline, River mile 691.3-691.9 River mile 693.0-693.4 River mile 694.5-695.3 River mile 695.2-697.4 River mile 697.7-699.6 River mile 701.1-701.5	Buffalo, carp, channel & flathead catfish, drum, paddlefish, sauger, walleye	Public access points to Missouri River, camping available, area boundaries posted



SOUTHWEST

Southwest Nebraska offers large reservoirs, rivers, canals and smaller lakes for the enjoyment of anglers and campers. Anglers can try for many species, including channel catfish, bluegill, walleye, crappie, perch and bass. Most areas have both modern and primitive camping facilities available.

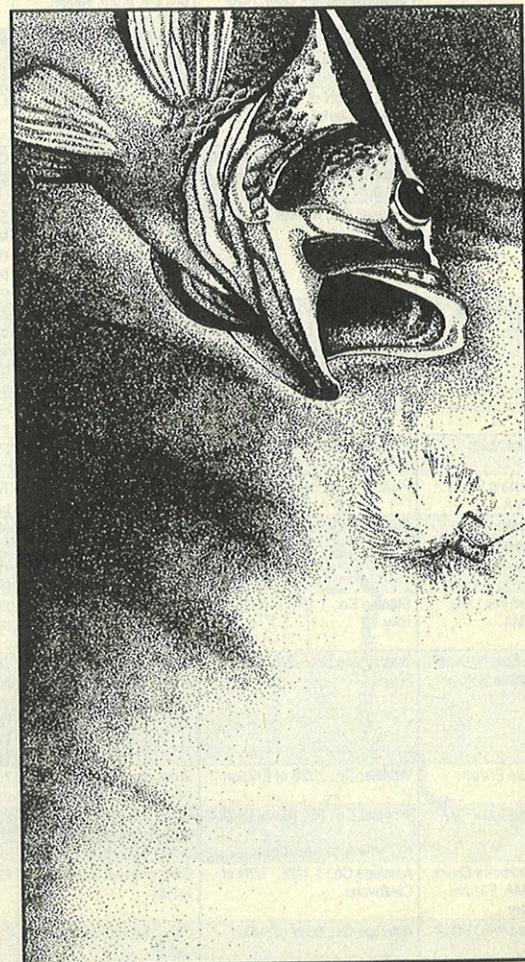
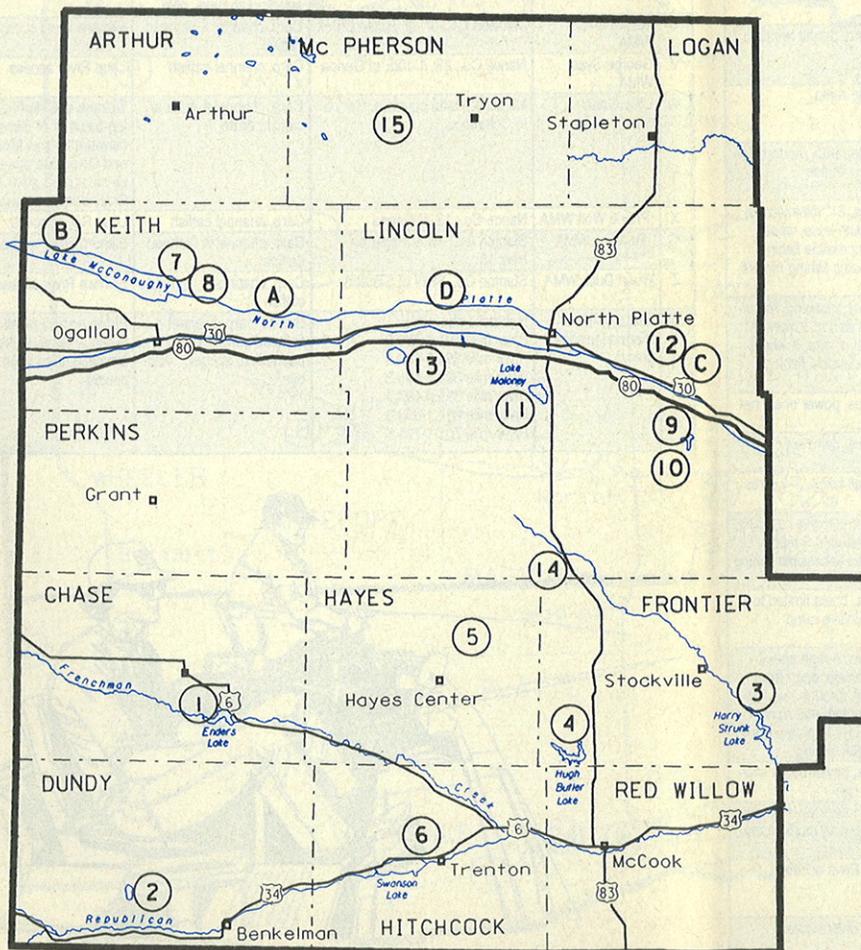


DISTRICT IV - SOUTHWEST

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NO	NAME	LOCATION	SPECIES	REMARKS
1	Enders Reservoir SRA	Chase Co., SE, 4 1/2 S of Imperial	Channel & flathead catfish, crappie, walleye, white bass, wiper	1700 acres, primitive camping, all boats allowed, severe summer drawdown
2	Rock Creek Lake SRA	Dundy Co., 4N, 1W of Parks	Bluegill, channel & flathead catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, rainbow trout, redear	50 acres, primitive camping, electric fishing motors only
3	Medicine Creek SRA (Harry Strunk Lake)	Frontier Co., 2W, 7N of Cambridge	Channel & flathead catfish, crappie, walleye, white bass	1,850 acres, primitive and modern camping, all boats allowed
4	Red Willow SRA (Hugh Butler Lake)	Frontier Co., 11N of McCook	Channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, walleye, white bass, wiper	1,630 acres, modern camping, all boats allowed
5	Hayes Center Lake WMA	Hayes Co., 12NE of Hayes Center	Bullhead, channel & flathead catfish, crappie, pike	50 acres, electric fishing motors only
6	Swanson Reservoir SRA	Hitchcock Co., 2W of Trenton	Channel catfish, crappie, drum, walleye, white bass	5,000 acres
7	Lake McConaughy SRA	Keith Co., 10N of Ogallala	Channel catfish, perch, rainbow trout, smallmouth bass, striped bass, tiger muskie, white bass, walleye, wiper	30,000 acres, modern and primitive camping, all boats allowed
8	Lake Ogallala SRA	Keith Co., 10N of Ogallala	Channel catfish, rainbow trout, walleye, white bass, yellow perch	590 acres, modern/primitive camping, all boats allowed, wheelchair accessible fishing pier
9	Chester Island WMA	Lincoln Co., 2S, 1/2W of Brady	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass	4.2 acres (4 sandpits)
10	Jeffrey Reservoir	Lincoln Co., 5S, 3W of Brady	Channel catfish, walleye, white bass	900 acres, all boats allowed

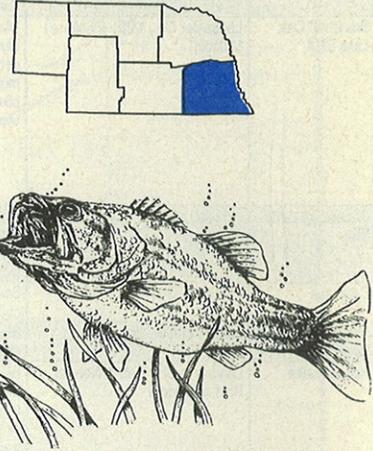
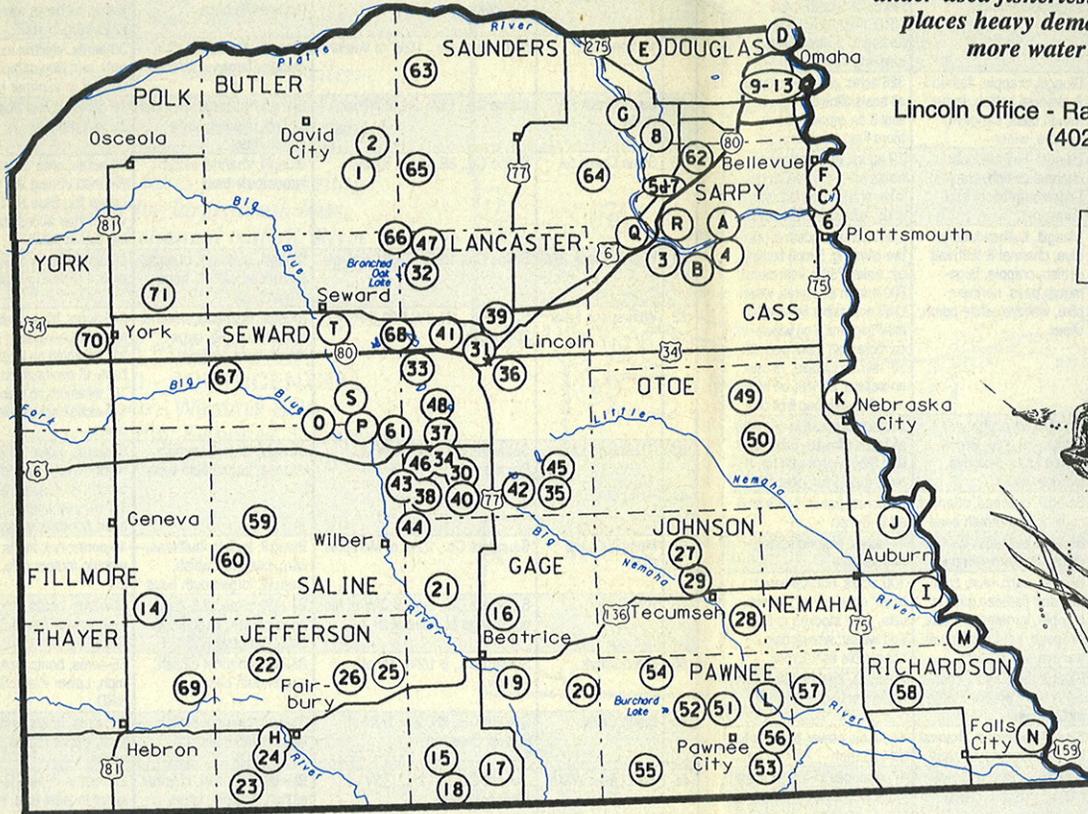
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11	Lake Maloney SRA	Lincoln Co., 6S of North Platte	Channel & flathead catfish, carp, drum, walleye, white bass, wiper	1,600 acres, primitive camping, all boats allowed, wheelchair accessible fishing pier on inlet in 1995
12	Pawnee Slough WMA	Lincoln Co., 2W of Maxwell	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth & rock bass	30 acres
13	Sutherland Reservoir SRA	Lincoln Co., 2S of Sutherland	Channel catfish, walleye, white bass, wiper, yellow perch	3,000 acres, ice fishermen use caution due to heated discharge from power plant, primitive camping, all boats allowed, wheelchair accessible fishing pier
14	Wellfleet Lake	Lincoln Co., 1/2SW of Wellfleet	Bluegill, channel & flathead catfish, crappie, largemouth bass	50 acres, primitive camping, electric fishing motors only
15	Diamond Bar	McPherson Co., 18W 3S Tryon	Largemouth bass, northern pike, yellow perch	120 acre, shallow Sandhill lake, privately owned, but managed by NGPC under an MOU
A	North Platte River	Keith & Lincoln Co.s, Keystone to Paxton	Rainbow trout	Private access, permission required
B	Otter Creek	Keith Co., 12E of Lewellen	Brown & rainbow trout	Private property, permission required
C	CNPPID Canal	Lincoln Co., North Platte to Lexington	Channel & flathead catfish, walleye, white bass, wiper	Power boats limited to 5 mph, 15" minimum on walleye
D	North River WMA	Lincoln Co., 2 1/2N of Hershey	Carp, channel & flathead catfish, pike	Encompasses 2 miles of North Platte River



SOUTHEAST

Fishing opportunity is increasing in the Southeast. NRD lakes are adding hundreds of acres of fishing water to the area. Farm ponds, streams and rivers are important, but under-used fisheries. A large and growing population places heavy demand on existing public areas, and more water is needed to meet their demands.

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NO	NAME	LOCATION	SPECIES	REMARKS
1	Redtail WMA	Butler Co., 1E of Dwight	Bluegill, crappie, channel catfish, largemouth bass	17 acres, walk-in access only
2	Timber Point	Butler Co., 1S, 2E of Brainard	Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, tiger muskie	28 acres, boats limited to 5 mph, Lower Platte South NRD
3	Jenny Newman	Cass Co., Platte River SP	Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, yellow perch	4 1/2 acres, total catch and release, open to fishing for children 15 years old or younger. Open to fishing from April 27 - Oct. 27 from sunrise to 9 a.m. All hooks on artificial lures need to be barbless or have barbs crimped.
4	Louisville SRA	Cass Co., 1/2NW of Louisville	Bluegill, carp, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass; tiger muskie and yellow bass in Lake #2, carp in Lake #3	40 acres in 5 lakes, primitive camping, electric fishing motors only, access point Platte River
5	Marina Lake	Cass Co., Mahoney State Park	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass	4 1/2 acres, special restrictions - check park regulations
6	Schilling WMA	Cass Co., 1NE of Plattsmouth	Carp, channel catfish in Platte & Missouri Rivers	25 acres, open April 15-Sept. 30, hours posted, no boats on lake
7	US West Lake	Cass Co., Mahoney State Park	Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, trout (seasonal)	10 acres, catch & release only for bass & bluegill, check park regulations for other species, trout stocked in fall and winter
8	Two Rivers SRA	Douglas Co., 3 1/2E, 1S, 1W of Yutan	Bluegill, bullhead, carp, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, pickerel, tiger muskie in lakes #1, 2, 3 & 4; trout in lake #5; carp & bullhead in carp lake	32 acres in 7 lakes, primitive and modern camping, non-powered boats only, no boats on lake #5, access point to Platte River, wheelchair accessible fishing pier
9	Carter Lake	Douglas Co., Abbott Drive & Carter Blvd. in Omaha	Bluegill, buffalo, bullhead, carp, catfish, crappie, drum, largemouth bass, pike, walleye	300 acres, all boats allowed, city of Omaha lake, wheelchair accessible fishing pier.
10	Glenn Cunningham Lake	Douglas Co., 96th & State in Omaha	Bluegill, bullhead, carp, channel catfish, largemouth, walleye, yellow & white bass	390 acres, no-wake power boating, camping, city of Omaha lake, wheelchair accessible fishing pier
11	Papio D-4	Douglas Co., 1/4N of NE 36 & 98th St., northwest Omaha	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass	30 1/2 acres, Papio/Missouri NRD

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12	Standing Bear Lake	Douglas Co., 132nd & Military in Omaha	Bass, bluegill, catfish, crappie, drum, saugeye, trout (seasonal), walleye, yellow perch	135 acres, electric fishing motors only, city of Omaha lake, trout stocked in fall and winter, wheelchair accessible fishing pier
13	Zorinsky Lake	Douglas Co., 156th & F Sts. in Omaha	Bluegill, bullhead, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, tiger muskie, walleye	255 acres, city of Omaha lake, 21" minimum on largemouth bass, 8" minimum on bluegill, 10" minimum on crappie, special bag limits in effect, wheelchair accessible fishing pier
14	Bruning Pit	Fillmore Co., 2 1/2E, 1N of Bruning	Bullhead, carp, channel catfish	258 acres, Little Blue NRD, very turbid
15	Arrowhead WMA	Gage Co., 3E, 1/2S of Diller	Bullhead, carp, channel catfish	77 acres, power boats limited to 5 mph, very turbid & shallow
16	Bear Pierce Cedar 2A	Gage Co., 2N, 2E of Hwy. 77 & Hwy. 136 Junction	Channel catfish	24 acres, turbid & shallow, Lower Big Blue NRD
17	Big Indian 11A	Gage Co., 3S, 3W of Wymore	Bullhead, channel catfish	76 acres, primitive camping, all boats allowed, very turbid, Lower Big Blue NRD
18	Diamond Lakes WMA	Gage Co., 3 1/2W of Odell	Bullhead, channel & flathead catfish	43 acres in 2 lakes, electric fishing motors only, turbid
19	Rockford Lake SRA	Gage Co., 7E, 2S of Beatrice	Bluegill, bullhead, carp, channel & flathead catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, saugeye, walleye	150 acres, all boats allowed, primitive camping
20	Wolf Wildcat #12	Gage Co., 7S of Virginia	Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass,	42 acres, Lower Big Blue NRD, limited access
21	Clatonia 3A	Gage Co., 1N of Clatonia	Channel catfish	46 acres, boats limited to 5 mph, Lower Big Blue NRD, turbid
22	Alexandria SRA	Jefferson Co., 2S, 3E of Alexandria	Bluegill, bullhead, carp, channel & flathead catfish, crappie, largemouth bass	43 acres, electric fishing motors only, primitive camping. Renovation scheduled for lakes 1 & 2, 1995-96
23	Buckley 3F	Jefferson Co., 7W 41/2S of Fairbury	Channel catfish	22 acres, boats limited to 5 mph. Blue NRD, very turbid
24	Crystal Springs Lakes	Jefferson Co., 1S, 1W of Fairbury	Bluegill, largemouth bass, channel catfish	18 acres in 3 lakes, no boats allowed; renovated in 1995
25	Cub Creek 9B (Leisure Lake)	Jefferson Co., 1E, 4S of Plymouth	Carp, channel catfish	25 acres, boating limited to 5 mph, Lower Big Blue NRD, very turbid
26	Cub Creek Watershed 12A	Jefferson Co., 3W, 4 1/2S of Plymouth	Carp, channel catfish	27 acres, all boats allowed, turbid, Lower Big Blue NRD

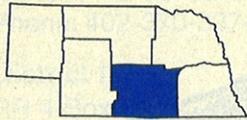
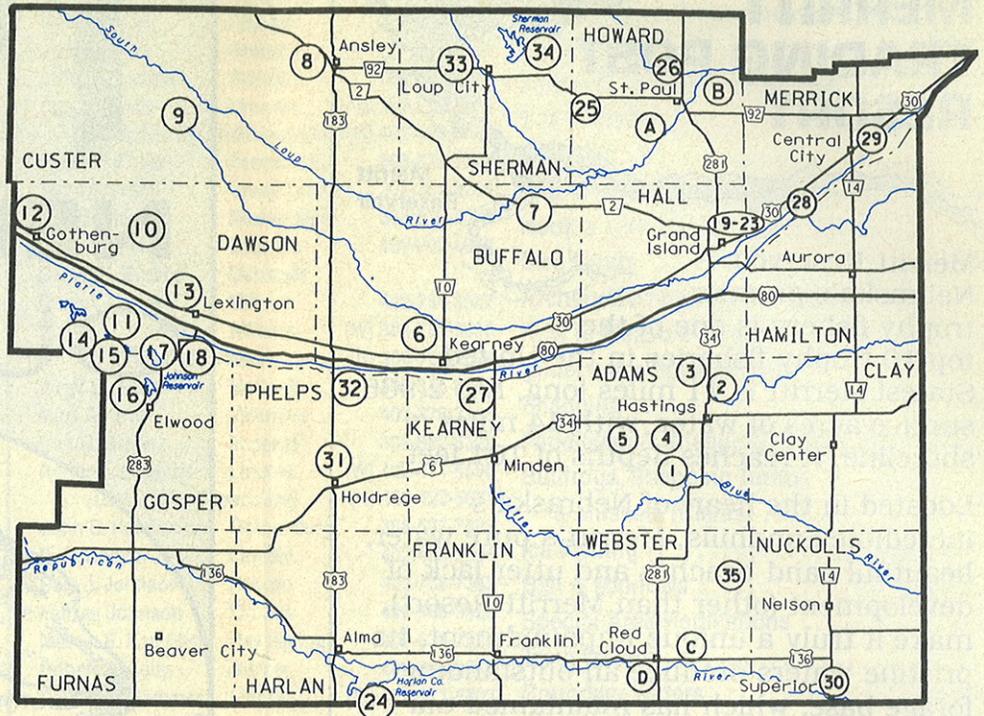
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27	Osage WMA	Johnson Co., 3N, 2W, 3/4N of Tecumseh	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass	4 1-acre ponds
28	Twin Oaks WMA	Johnson Co., 2E, 4S of Tecumseh	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass	3 acres, 2 ponds
29	Werth Brothers Lake	Johnson Co., 1W, 3S, 1W of Cook	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass	37 acres, Middle Big Nemaha Site 27 Nemaha NRD, boat ramp, boating limited to 5 mph, initial stocking 1995.
30	Bluestem Lake SRA	Lancaster Co., 2 1/2W of Sprague	Bluegill, crappie, flathead & channel catfish, largemouth bass, saugeye, walleye, wiper	326 acres, primitive camping, all boats allowed, daily bag limit 3 on wipers with no more than 1 fish over 20"
31	Bowling Lake	Lancaster Co., 3rd & Baker, NW Airpark, Lincoln	Bluegill, bullhead, carp, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, trout (seasonal)	12 acres, non-powered boats only, city of Lincoln lake, shallow, turbid; wheelchair accessible fishing pier
32	Branched Oak Lake SRA	Lancaster Co., 1/2E, 4N of Malcolm	Bluegill, bullhead, carp, blue, channel & flathead catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, northern pike, walleye, white perch, wiper	1,800 acres, modern & primitive camping, 5 mph boating (no wake) 750 ft. from dam & 600 ft. from all shores, wheelchair accessible fishing pier, daily bag limit 3 on wipers with no more than 1 fish over 18", 10" min. on crappie, 18" min. on walleye, 36" min. on northern pike, daily bag limit of 1
33	Conestoga Lake SRA	Lancaster Co., 1 1/2N of Denton	Bluegill, carp, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, saugeye, walleye, wiper	230 acres, primitive camping, all boats allowed, daily bag limit 3 on wipers with no more than 1 fish over 18"
34	Cottontail	Lancaster Co., 1N of Martell	Bluegill, bullhead, channel catfish, largemouth bass	29 acres, power boats limited to 5 mph
35	Hedgefield Lake WMA	Lancaster Co., 2W, 1/2N of Panama	Bluegill, bullhead, channel catfish, largemouth bass	44 acres, electric fishing motors only
36	Holmes Lake	Lancaster Co., 70th & Normal Blvd. in Lincoln	Bluegill, carp, blue, channel, and flathead catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, saugeye, trout (seasonal), walleye, white perch,	100 acres, non-powered boats only, city of Lincoln lake, trout stocked in fall and winter; wheelchair accessible fishing pier
37	Kiltdeer Lake WMA	Lancaster Co., 2 1/2N of Martell	Bluegill, bullheads, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass	20 acres, electric fishing motors only
38	Merganser	Lancaster Co., 2S, 1/2N of Kramer	Bluegill, bullhead, channel catfish, largemouth bass	41 acres, power boats limited to 5 mph
39	Oak Lake	Lancaster Co., I-180 & Sun Valley Blvd., NW Lincoln	Bullhead, carp, channel catfish, crappie, green sunfish	47-acre, city of Lincoln lake, shallow, subject to winter kill
40	Olive Creek Lake SRA	Lancaster Co., 2E, 1S of Kramer	Bluegill, carp, channel & flathead catfish, crappie, largemouth bass	175 acres, primitive camping, power boats limited to 5 mph, very shallow, very turbid
41	Pawnee Lake SRA	Lancaster Co., 2N, 1 1/2W of Emerald	Carp, channel & flathead catfish, crappie, drum, largemouth & white bass, sauger, walleye	740 acres, modern camping, primitive camping, all boats allowed, 10" min. on crappie, 15" min. on sauger & walleye
42	Stagecoach Lake SRA	Lancaster Co., 1 1/2S, 1/2W of Hickman	Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, pike	195 acres, primitive camping, boats limited to 5 mph, 8" minimum on bluegill, wheelchair accessible fishing pier
43	Tanglewood	Lancaster Co., 3 1/2E, 2 1/2S of Crete	Bluegill, bullhead, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass	33 acres, boats limited to 5 mph, Lower Platte South NRD
44	Teal Lake WMA	Lancaster Co., 4 1/2E, 4N of Wilber	Bluegill, bullhead, channel & flathead catfish, largemouth bass	29 acres, electric motors only, subject to frequent fish kills due to low levels
45	Wagon Train Lake SRA	Lancaster Co., 2E of Hickman	Bluegill, carp, channel & flathead catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, walleye	315 acres, primitive camping, boats limited to 5 mph
46	Wild Plum	Lancaster Co., 4 1/2E, 2S, 1/2W of Crete	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass	16 acres, power boats limited to 5 mph
47	Wildwood Lake	Lancaster Co., 1W, 1 1/2N of Agnew	Bluegill, bullhead, carp, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, walleye	103 acres, electric motors only, Lower Platte South NRD, catch/release only
48	Yankee Hill Lake SRA	Lancaster Co., 2 1/2E, 1S of Denton	Bluegill, bullhead, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, walleye	208 acres, electric fishing motors only
49	Wilson Creek 2X WMA	Otoe Co., 3E, 1 1/2S of Otoe	Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass	15 acres, electric motors only, Lower Big Blue NRD, very shallow
50	Wilson Creek 4F	Otoe Co., 2S, 1W, 1/4S of Dunbar	Bluegill, bullhead, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass	38 acres, electric fishing motors only, Nemaha NRD, very turbid
51	Bowwood	Pawnee Co., 2S of Steinauer	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass	6 1/2 acres, electric motors only
52	Burchard Lake	Pawnee Co., 3E, 1/2N of Burchard	Bluegill, bullhead, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, walleye, yellow perch	150 acres, boating limited to 5 mph; primitive camping, area closed during waterfowl season, except face of dam, 21" minimum on largemouth bass
53	Iron Horse Trail Lake	Pawnee Co., 1/2N, 2W of DuBois	Bluegill, channel & flathead catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, walleye	85 acres, all boats allowed, camping, picnicking, Nemaha NRD, turbid
54	Mayberry	Pawnee Co., 5N, 1 1/4E of Burchard	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, tiger muskie	25 acres, electric motors only

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55	Pawnee Prairie WMA	Pawnee Co., 6S, 2E, 2S of Burchard	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass	5 acres - 7 ponds
56	Prairie Knoll	Pawnee Co., 2W, 2N DuBois	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass	6 acres, electric motors only
57	Kirkman's Cove	Richardson Co., 1N, 2W of Humboldt	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass	160 acres, Nemaha NRD, turbid, all boats allowed, renovated in 1995
58	Verdon Lake	Richardson Co., 1/2W of Verdon	Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass	30 acres, electric motors only, primitive camping, subject to summer kill
59	Swan Creek 2A WMA	Saline Co., 14W, 3N of Wilber	Bluegill, bullhead, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass	16 acres, power boats limited to 5 mph
60	Swan Creek 5A	Saline Co., 3E, 2N of Tobias	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass	95 acres, area development planned in next few years, Lower Big Blue NRD, wheelchair accessible fishing pier in 1995
61	Walnut Creek 2A	Saline Co., 1/2E, 3 1/2N of Crete	Bluegill, bullhead, channel & flathead catfish, largemouth bass	26 acres, boats limited to 5 mph, Lower Big Blue NRD
62	Wehrspann Lake	Sarpy Co., 1N, 1W I-80 & Hwy. 50 Junction	Bluegill, bullhead, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, walleye	245 acres, boats limited to 5 mph, Papio/Missouri NRD, 21" minimum on largemouth bass, 8" minimum on bluegill, 10" minimum on crappie, wheelchair accessible fishing pier
63	Czechland Lake	Saunders Co., 1N, 1/4W of Prague	Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass	85-acres, Lower Platte North NRD, boats limited to 5 mph, 8" min. on bluegill, 10" min. on crappie, wheelchair accessible fishing pier
64	Memphis Lake SRA	Saunders Co., 1/2W of Memphis	Bluegill, buffalo, bullhead, carp, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass	45 acres, row boats and electric motors only, shallow
65	Red Cedar	Saunders Co., 5 1/2N, 2W of the north edge of Valparaiso	Bluegill, channel & flathead catfish, largemouth bass, saugeye	50 acres, boats limited to 5 mph, Lower Platte South NRD
66	Meadowlark	Seward Co., 6 1/2W, 1N of Agnew	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass	55 acres, boats limited to 5 mph, Lower Platte South NRD
67	Smith Creek	Seward Co., 2N, 2W, 1/4N of Beaver Crossing	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass	21 acres, boats limited to 5 mph, Upper Big Blue NRD, turbid
68	Twin Lakes WMA	Seward Co., 2 1/2N, 1/2W of Pleasant Dale	Bluegill, bullhead, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, tiger muskie, walleye	210 acres in east lake, 60 acres in west lake, electric fishing motors only, area closed during waterfowl seasons
69	Meridan	Thayer Co., 3S of Alexandria	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass	1 acre, electric motors only
70	Recharge	York Co., 1 1/2W of York	Bluegill, bullhead, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass	49 acres, boating limited to 5 mph, Upper Big Blue NRD
71	Waco Basin WMA	York Co., 1W, 1/2N of Waco	Black bullhead	15 acres
A	Hwy. 50 Bridge	Cass Co., Louisville	River species	Access point to Platte River
B	Louisville SRA	Cass Co., 1/2NW of Louisville	River species	Access point to Platte River
C	Schilling WMA	Cass Co., 1 NE of Plattsmouth	Carp, channel & flathead catfish, sturgeon	Access point to Missouri and Platte rivers, open April 15 -Sept. 30
D	Dodge Park	Douglas Co., 11000 N River Rd. in Omaha	Buffalo, carp, catfish, crappie	Access point to Missouri River
E	Elkhorn Crossing	Douglas Co., 1S, 3/4E of Hwy. 36 & County Rd. 92 Junction	River species	23 acres, access point to Elkhorn River, Papio/Missouri NRD
F	Haworth Park	Douglas Co., Bellevue	Buffalo, carp, catfish, crappie	Access point to Missouri River
G	Platte River Access	Douglas Co., 4W of Valley, SE corner of Hwy. 14 bridge	River species	1.9 acres, access to Platte River
H	Fairbury	Jefferson Co., S edge of Fairbury	Carp, channel & flathead catfish	Access point to Little Blue River below Fairbury dam
I	Brownville SRA	Nemaha Co., 1E of Brownville	Buffalo, carp, channel & flathead catfish, sturgeon	Access to Missouri River, ramp, primitive camping
J	Peru	Nemaha Co., Peru	Buffalo, carp, channel & flathead catfish, sturgeon	Access point to Missouri River
K	River View Marina SRA	Otoe Co., E of Nebraska City	Buffalo, carp, channel & flathead catfish, sturgeon	Access to Missouri River, ramp, primitive camping
L	Kinter's Ford WMA	Pawnee Co., S of Humboldt	Carp, channel & flathead catfish	Access point to Big Nemaha River
M	Indian Cave SP	Richardson Co., 4E of Barada	Buffalo, carp, channel & flathead catfish, sturgeon	Access point to Missouri River
N	Rulo	Richardson Co. S Hwy. 159 Bridge near Rulo, River mile 497.8	Buffalo, carp, channel & flathead catfish, sturgeon	Access point to Missouri River, concrete ramp
O	Blue River SRA	Saline Co., 5N of Dorchester	Carp, channel catfish	Access point to Big Blue River
P	Shady Trail	Saline Co., 1W, 4N, 1/2W, 1/2N of Crete	Carp, channel catfish	Access point to Big Blue River
Q	Hwy. 6 Bridge	Sarpy Co., E of Ashland	River species	Access point to Salt Creek
R	Schramm Park SRA	Sarpy Co., 6S I-80 & Hwy. 31 Junction	Carp, channel, flathead & blue catfish, sauger, walleye	Access point to Platte River
S	Blue Bluffs	Seward Co., 1/2N, 1E, 2S of Milford	Carp, channel catfish	Access point to Big Blue River
T	Blue Valley	Seward Co., 1/2S of Seward	Carp, channel catfish	Access point to Big Blue River

SOUTHCENTRAL

A variety of opportunities awaits anglers in Southcentral Nebraska. Large reservoirs, like Harlan and Sherman, offer fishing for walleye, white bass, and channel catfish. Most reservoirs have modern and primitive camping facilities and allow all boating. Smaller lakes provide angling opportunity for largemouth bass, bluegill and channel catfish. River fishing is available at public areas on the Loup, Platte, and Republican rivers. Stream trout fishing is offered at Elm Creek near Red Cloud.

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NO	NAME	LOCATION	SPECIES	REMARKS
1	Crystal Lake SRA	Adams Co., 2N, 1W of Ayr	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, tiger muskie	10 acres, electric motors only, winter-killed 1993, restocked
2	Lake Hastings	Adams Co., N edge of Hastings	Bullhead, channel catfish, crappie	63 acres, all boats allowed
3	Hastings NW Dam	Adams Co., 1N of Hastings Airport	Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass	63 acres, power boats limited to 5 mph, very turbid
4	32-Mile H, Prairie Lake	Adams Co., 1 1/2 E, 4 1/2 S of Juniata	Channel catfish	65 acres, Little Blue NRD, boats limited to 5 mph, turbid
5	32-Mile D, Roseland Lake	Adams Co., 4 1/2 W, 1 1/2 S of Juniata	Bullhead, carp, channel catfish	66 acres, Little Blue NRD, boats limited to 5 mph, turbid
6	Cottonmill Lake	Buffalo Co., 1W, 1/2N of Kearney on Hwy. 30	Bullhead, channel & flathead catfish, crappie, largemouth bass	No power boating, scheduled for renovation/restocking for 1995/1996
7	Ravenna Lake SRA	Buffalo Co., 1SE of Ravenna	Bullhead, carp, channel catfish, goldfish	30 acres, primitive camping, electric fishing motors only
8	Ansley Lake	Custer Co., W of Ansley	Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass	4 acres, no power boating
9	Pressey WMA	Custer Co., 3W Oconto	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass	2.5 acres
10	Buffalo Creek	Dawson Co., 6E, 7N of Cozad	Bullhead, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, pike, saugeye, walleye	220 acres, Central Platte NRD area
11	Gallagher Canyon Reservoir SRA	Dawson Co., 8S of Cozad	Channel & flathead catfish, crappie, drum, walleye, white bass	182 acres, primitive camping, all power boats allowed
12	Lake Helen	Dawson Co., N edge Gothenburg	Carp, channel catfish	20 acres
13	Lexington City Lake	Dawson Co., N edge Lexington	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass	3 acres
14	Midway Canyon Reservoir	Dawson Co., 6S, 2W of Cozad	Channel & flathead catfish, crappie, drum, walleye, white bass	609 acres, all power boats allowed
15	Plum Creek Canyon Reservoir	Dawson Co., 8S, 3 1/2E Cozad	Channel catfish, crappie, drum, walleye, white bass	252 acres
16	Elwood Reservoir WMA	Gosper Co., 3N of Elwood	Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, flathead catfish, largemouth & rock bass, pike, walleye, yellow perch	1,200 acres, bank access at entrance, boats limited to 5 mph, 18" minimum on walleye, summer drawdown
17	Johnson Lake SRA	Gosper Co., 7S of Lexington	Channel & flathead catfish, crappie, drum, striped bass, walleye, white bass, wiper	2,800 acres, primitive and modern camping, all boats allowed, 2 wheelchair accessible fishing piers
18	Phillips Canyon Reservoir	Gosper Co., 8S, 1E Lexington	Channel catfish, crappie, drum, walleye, white bass	142 acres
19	Detention Cell	Hall Co., 1N of Grand Island	Bluegill, bullhead, channel catfish, largemouth bass	35 acres
20	L.E. Ray Lake	Hall Co., Grand Island city lake, N of Husker Hwy. & East Blaine	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, tiger muskie	30 1/2 acres
21	Pier Lake	Hall Co., Grand Island city lake, Ashton Ave. & Bismarck Rd.	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass	8 3/4 acres

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22	Suchs Lake	Hall Co., Grand Island city lake, Harrison St., S of Burlington Railroad	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass	4.3 acres
23	Wastewater Pond	Hall Co., Grand Island city lake, Swift Rd., E of Stuhr Rd.	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, tiger muskie	7.5 acres
24	Harlan Co. Reservoir/Corps of Engineers	Harlan Co., S of Alma and Republican City	Channel & flathead catfish, crappie, pike, walleye, white bass, wiper	13,500 acres, modern and primitive camping, all boats allowed, 18" minimum on walleye, summer drawdown
25	Farwell South Reservoir	Howard Co., 4W, 3S of Farwell	Carp, channel & flathead catfish, crappie, walleye	40 acres, power boats not allowed
26	North Loup SRA	Howard Co., 3N of St. Paul	Bass, bluegill, channel catfish, crappie	7 acres, just north of the N. Loup River on Hwy. 281
27	Ft. Kearny SRA	Kearney Co., 3/4 E, 1N of Ft. Kearny SHP	Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass	6 gravel pit lakes, primitive camping, electric fishing motors only, wheelchair accessible fishing pier
28	Bader Memorial County Park	Merrick Co., 1 1/2 S of Chapman	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth & rock bass	12 acres in 7 lakes, primitive camping, electric fishing motors only, old sandpits
29	Hord Lake SRA	Merrick Co., 2E of Central City	Bluegill, bullhead, carp, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, tiger muskie	23 acres in 2 lakes, primitive camping, electric fishing motors only, old sandpits
30	Superior City Lake	Nuckolls Co., W edge of Superior	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass	1 acre
31	Holdrege City Lake	Phelps Co., 1/2N of Holdrege	Bluegill, channel & flathead catfish, crappie, largemouth bass	5 acres
32	Sandy Channel WMA	Phelps Co., 2S of Elm Creek, I-80 Interchange	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass	52 acres in 6 lakes, electric fishing motors only
33	Bowman Lake	Sherman Co., 1/2 W of Loup City	Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass	20 acres
34	Sherman Reservoir SRA	Sherman Co., 4E, 1N of Loup City	Channel catfish, crappie, flathead catfish, pike, walleye, white bass	2,600 acres, primitive camping, all boats allowed, summer drawdowns, 18" minimum on walleye with only 1 fish allowed over 25"
35	Liberty Cove	Webster Co., 2S, 2 1/2 W of Lawrence	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, pike	36 acres, Little Blue NRD, fishing pier with gravel access
A	Harold W. Anderson WMA	Howard Co., 2N, 3E of Dannebrog	Carp, channel catfish	Access to Middle Loup River
B	Loup Junction	Howard Co., 2 1/2N, 2E, 1/2N of St. Paul	Carp, channel catfish	Loup River access
C	Elm Creek	Webster Co., 4E, 2N of Red Cloud	Brown & rainbow trout	1/2 mile of stream on public land, rest on private land, permission required, trout stocked two times during year
D	Indian Creek	Webster Co., 1S of Red Cloud	Carp, channel catfish, white bass	Access to Republican River