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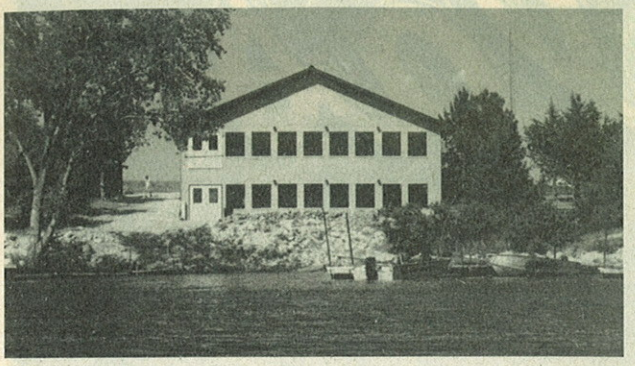

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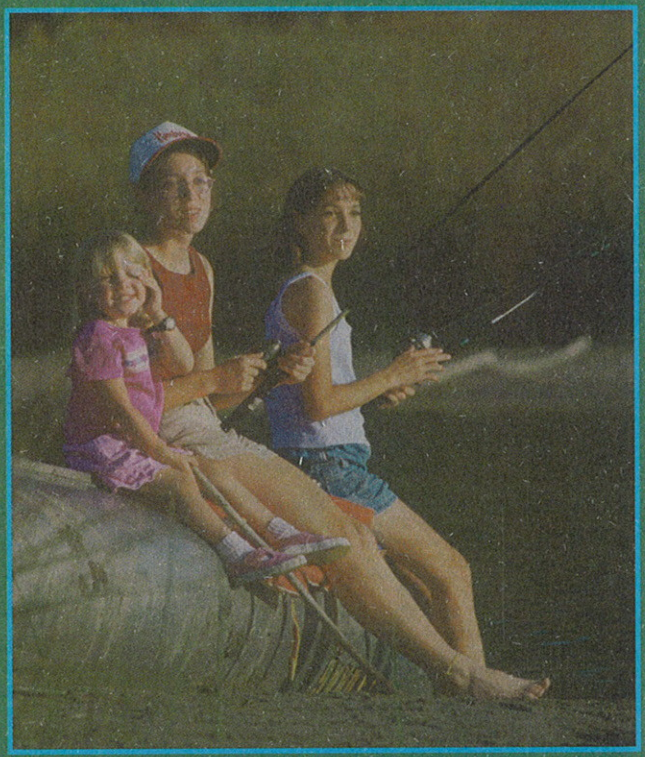

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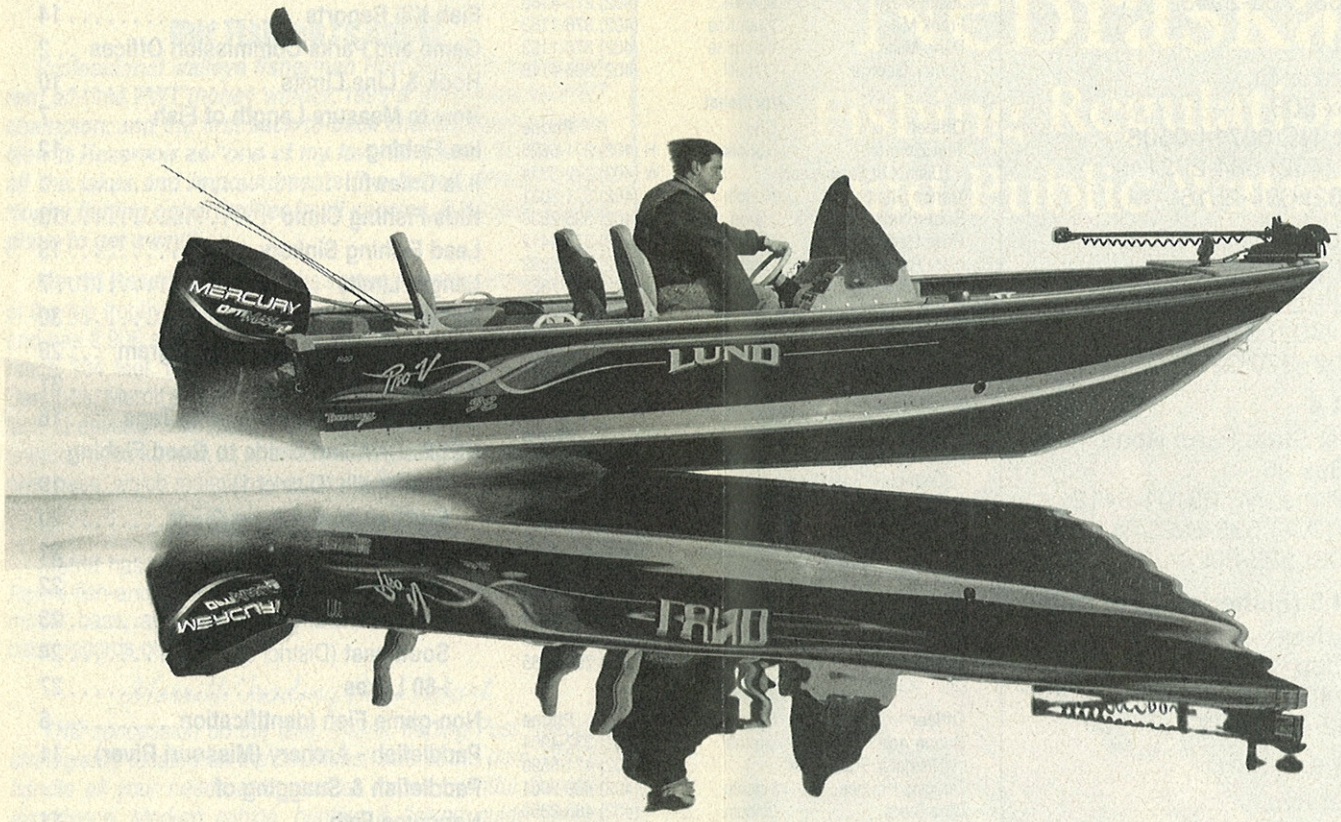

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PERMITS

RESIDENT ANNUAL FISH	$12.75
RESIDENT COMBINATION FISH-HUNT	21.75
NONRESIDENT ANNUAL	35.00
NONRESIDENT 3-DAY	10.75
RESIDENT 3-DAY	8.25
SPECIAL FISHING PERMIT	5.00
AQUATIC HABITAT STAMP	5.00
ANNUAL PARK ENTRY	14.00
DUPLICATE PARK ENTRY	7.00
DAILY PARK ENTRY	2.50

WHO IS REQUIRED TO HAVE A PERMIT?

A fishing permit is required to take or attempt to take any fish, bullfrogs, snapping turtles, tiger salamanders or mussels by any method, except for the owner or the guest of the owner of any totally protected water body 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 vehicle Park Entry Permit is required to fish on state park and state recreation areas. 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. The fishing permit must be carried by the holder while he/she is actively fishing. A resident is a person who has resided in Nebraska continuously for at least 30 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 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.

A **"Special Fishing Permit"** is available for severely physically disabled or developmentally disabled persons who can not cast or retrieve without assistance. This permit entitles the disabled person and one person assisting him or her to take, hunt, fish, catch, harvest or possess any aquatic organism in compliance with state law. An Aquatic Habitat Stamp is not required with this special permit. The annual permit is issued on a calendar year basis and costs $5 regardless of the age of the applicant. A "disabled person" means a person certified by a physician to have a permanent physical impairment or developmental disability that results in the inability to use fishing equipment unassisted. Applications are available from the Game and Parks Commission headquarters in Lincoln or Commission offices in Alliance, Bassett, Kearney, Norfolk, North Platte, Omaha, and Ak-Sar-Ben Aquarium at Gretna. The application must be verified by a physician before a permit can be issued.

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

A Nebraska lifetime hunting or fishing permit, representing a lifetime of exciting outdoor experiences, is the most valuable gift you can give yourself or a special friend or relative.

Three types of lifetime permits are available to Nebraska residents: Fishing, $257.50; Hunting, $224; and the Combination Hunting and Fishing, $448.00

The permit is valid for the life of the person to whom it is issued, even if the holder moves from the state. Only Nebraska residents may purchase a lifetime permit, and only for themselves or for another Nebraska resident.

Not included in the cost are some special stamps which must be purchased annually. Permits do not cover fees for big-game hunting.

Lifetime permits are available at Commission offices, Chadron State Park, Fort Robinson State Park, Wildcat Hills State Recreation Area (SRA) and the Calamus Fish Hatchery. Applications are also available from about 1,000 permit agents across the state.

AQUATIC HABITAT STAMP

An Aquatic Habitat Stamp is required of all residents and nonresidents, 18 years of age and older, who participate in activities that require a fishing permit. This includes short-term (three-day) permits; however, an angler who buys more than one three-day fishing permit is required to purchase only one Aquatic Habitat Stamp per year.

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Veterans 65 years and older and residents 70 and older who have a fee-exempt permit are exempt from purchasing an Aquatic Habitat Stamp. Anglers who have a Lifetime Fishing Permit also are exempt from the Aquatic stamp requirement. Although they are required to purchase an annual Nebraska Fishing Permit, anglers ages 16 and 17 are not required to have the Aquatic Habitat Stamp.

Revenue from the sale of these stamps is used solely to enhance and restore aquatic habitat and quality fishing in Nebraska's reservoirs, lakes and streams.

REEL IN REWARDS

In 2001, randomly-selected anglers who buy annual fishing permits (including annual hunt-fish combinations) will again receive donated prizes.

SYNOPSIS OF CHANGES FOR 2001

Species Length and Bag Limit Changes

Trout: That portion of Big Bordeaux Creek located on Big Bordeaux Creek Wildlife Management Area (WMA) will be managed as a "No Kill Stream" for all species of trout and only artificial lures with barbless or flattened barbed hooks will be allowed.

Channel catfish: The daily bag limit at the Louisville SRA, Fort Kearny SRA, Windmill SRA, Mormon Island SRA, Ravenna Lake, Plattsmouth City Lake, and the Steinhart Park Ponds (Nebraska City) has been reduced to three.

Walleye, Sauger and Saugeye: The possession of walleye is prohibited on that portion of Otter Creek from its junction at the lake shore of Lake McConaughy upstream to and including the culvert under Highway 92.

Largemouth bass: Wagon Train and Olive Creek lakes will have a 21" minimum length limit while Louisville SRA lakes #1, 1A, 2, 2A and 3, Ravenna Lake, Plattsmouth City Lake and the Steinhart Park Ponds will be managed as "No Kill Lakes".

Panfish: The daily bag limit at Louisville SRA, Fort Kearny SRA, Windmill SRA, Mormon Island SRA, Pibel SRA has been reduced to 10 in combination.

Bluegill, Redear and their hybrids: An eight inch minimum length limit for bluegill, redear and their hybrids is in effect at Wagon Train Lake. An eight inch minimum length limit for bluegill is in effect at Windmill SRA lake #4, Pibel lake and Olive Creek lake. Ravenna Lake, Plattsmouth City Lake and Steinhart Park Ponds with be managed as "No Kill Lakes" for bluegill.

Baitfish: Live baitfish can not be used or possessed on Wagon Train, Olive Creek, Pibel and Chalkrock lakes.

Fishing Tournaments: Any fishing tournament that requires an entry fee for participation must be registered with the Commission's Fisheries Division.

Jenny Newman Lake (Platte River State Park) and Marina Lake (Mahoney State Park): Open to fishing, 24-hours a day, year-round for specified anglers.

Underwater Spearfishing: Additional areas have been opened to underwater spearfishing for non-game fish species only.

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 or in the water 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, except a handicapped person who has a medical certificate on file.
- to seine sport fish of any size.
- to leave fish in a trap for more than 24 hours.
- to use float lines.
- to attach limb lines with nails, or attach them more than 12 inches above the water to trees on any lake or reservoir.
- to release in public waters of the state any fish that did not originate in that body of water.
- to attempt to snag fish, except in areas designated. See section on Snagging for details.
- to keep an externally foul-hooked fish.
- to consume and/or have an open container of alcohol at any state park, state recreation area or wildlife management area.

SEASONS

Hook-and-Line: Open year-round throughout the state, except as noted or as posted at the area.

Archery: Sport 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 from Apr. 1 through Aug. 31, 24 hours a day, statewide. Paddlefish archery season runs from the 2nd Saturday of July through the 4th Sunday

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SPORT FISH

The following fish species are designated as sport fish:

- American eel
- black crappie
- blue catfish
- bluegill
- brown trout
- brook trout
- burbot
- channel catfish
- chinook salmon
- cutthroat trout
- flathead catfish
- goldeye
- grass pickerel
- green sunfish
- largemouth bass
- muskellunge
- northern pike
- orangespotted sunfish
- paddlefish
- pumpkinseed
- rainbow trout
- redear sunfish
- Sacramento perch
- sauger
- saugeye
- shovelnose sturgeon
- skipjack herring
- smallmouth bass
- spotted bass
- striped bass
- striped bass hybrid (wiper)
- tiger muskellunge
- walleye
- white bass
- white crappie
- yellow perch

BAITFISH

Fish species that are designated as baitfish are as follows:

- bigmouth shiner
- brassy minnow
- common shiner
- creek chub
- emerald shiner
- fathead minnow
- gizzard shad
- golden shiner
- goldfish
- longnose dace
- plains killifish
- red shiner
- river shiner
- sand shiner
- stoneroller
- suckermouth minnow
- white sucker

THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES

The following fish species are listed as Threatened and Endangered in Nebraska and are not legal to possess:

- blacknose shiner
- finescale dace
- northern redbelly dace
- pearl dace
- pallid sturgeon
- lake sturgeon

NON-GAME FISH

All species that do not appear on any of the above lists are considered non-game.

BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS

STATEWIDE	Bag	Poss.
TROUT (ALL SPECIES)	7	14
Except the following bag limits:		
Lake McConaughy and Lake Ogallala	4	8
US West lake (Mahoney State Park)	3	
Big Bourdeaux Creek (Big Bourdeaux Creek WMA)	**No Harvest Allowed**	
STRIPED BASS & HYBRIDS/WHITE BASS (COMBINED) (no more than 1 fish over 18 inches on all waters)	15	30
Except the following bag limits:		
Conestoga, Summit, Willow Creek and Elwood reservoirs)	3	
WALLEYE/SAUGER/SAUGEYE (IN COMBINATION)	4	8
MUSKELLUNGE/TIGER MUSKIE	1	2
BAIT FISH/TIGER SALAMANDER	100	100
SHOVELNOSE STURGEON	10	20
PALLID AND LAKE STURGEON	**No Harvest Allowed**	
NORTHERN PIKE	3	6
Except the following bag limits:		
Cottonmill Lake (Kearney), Humphrey Pond (Ogallala), North Platte I-80 Lake	1	2
PANFISH	30	60
Except the following bag limits:		
Louisville SRA, Fort Kearny SRA, Windmill SRA, Mormon Island SRA, Walnut Creek Recreation Area, Zorinsky Lake, Wehrspann Lake, Fremont SRA except lake #1, Pibel Lake, Ansley City Lake, Auburn Rotary Club Lake, Cottonmill Lake (Kearney), Crystal Cove (South Sioux City), Eagle Scout Lake, (Grand Island), Grand Island Pier Lake, Holdrege City Lake, Lexington City Lake, Pawnee Park, East and West (Columbus), and Ravenna Lake (Buffalo County).	10	
U.S. West Lake, Adams Park Pond (Omaha), Benson Park Pond (Omaha), Fontenelle Park Pond (Omaha), Hanscom Park Pond (Omaha), Hitchcock Park Pond (Omaha), Humboldt City Park Pond, Miller Park Pond (Omaha), Towl Park Pond (Omaha), Walnut Grove Park Pond (Omaha), Plattsmouth City Lake, and Steinhart Park Ponds (Nebraska City)	**Total catch and release of bluegill.**	
MUSSELS AND CLAMS	10	20
ALL OTHER FISH	**No Limit**	
BULLFROGS	8	16
SNAPPING TURTLES	10	20
INLAND WATERS		
LARGEMOUTH, SMALLMOUTH, SPOTTED BASS (COMBINED)	4	8
Except the following bag limits:		
Marina Lake (Mahoney Park)	2	
Louisville SRA, U.S. West Lake, Adams Park Pond (Omaha), Cottonmill Lake (Kearney), Crystal Cove (South Sioux City), Grand Island Pier Lake, Hanscom Park Pond (Omaha), Hitchcock Park Pond (Omaha), Holdrege City Lake, Humboldt City Park Lake, Lexington City Lake, Miller Park Pond (Omaha), Pawnee Park East and West (Columbus), Plattsmouth City Lake, Ravenna Lake (Buffalo County), Steinhart Park Ponds (Nebraska City) Towl Park Pond (Omaha), and Walnut Grove Park Pond (Omaha).	**Total catch and release**	
CHANNEL CATFISH/BLUE CATFISH (COMBINED)	10	20
Except the following bag limits:		
Louisville SRA, Fort Kearny SRA, Windmill SRA, Mormon Island SRA, U.S West Lake, Fremont SRA (except lake #1), Adam Park Pond (Omaha), Ansley City Lake, Auburn Rotary Club Lake, Benson Park Pond (Omaha), Cottonmill Lake (Kearney), Crystal Cove (South Sioux City), Grand Island Pier Lake, Hanscom Park Pond (Omaha), Hitchcock Park Pond (Omaha), Holdrege City Park Lake, Laig Lake (Alliance) Lexington City Lake, Miller Park Pond (Omaha), Pawnee Park East and West (Columbus), Plattsmouth City Lake, Ravenna Lake (Buffalo County), Steinhart Park Ponds (Nebraska City), Humboldt City Park Lake, Towl Park Pond (Omaha), Walnut Grove Park Pond (Omaha).	3	
FLATHEAD CATFISH	4	8
PADDLEFISH	1	2
TOTAL CATCH AND RELEASE LAKES FOR ALL SPECIES		
Jenny Newman Lake (Platte River State Park)		
Fremont SRA Lake #1		
Two Rivers Lake #3		
WATERS OF THE MISSOURI RIVER		
Largemouth, Smallmouth, Spotted Bass (combined)	5	10
Blue Catfish	1	1
Channel Catfish	5	10
Flathead Catfish	5	10
Paddlefish (tag required) (Gavins Point Dam to the mouth of the Big Sioux)	2	2

Note exceptions listed in the Length Limit and Bag Possession section

of July. A valid Paddlefish Tag is required (see section on Paddlefish, pg.16). See section on Archery/Surface Spearing (pg. 10) for other exceptions. Hook and line length and bag limits apply for archery.

Snagging: The paddlefish snagging season runs from Oct. 1 through Oct. 30. A valid paddlefish tag is required. Please see section on Paddlefish Tags (pg.16). All other waters of the state are closed to snagging at all times. See section on Snagging (pg 10).

Surface Spearing: The entire state is open to the taking of nongame fish year-round, sunrise to sunset. Spearing is allowed 24 hours a day Apr. 1 through Aug. 31.

Underwater Spearing: Sport 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 (pg 10) for open waters.

BAG / POSSESSION

Sport fishing is permitted year-round on all Nebraska waters, except those areas closed by the Game and Parks Commission by posting or by 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 includes all waters of the state except the waters of the Missouri River. Waters of the Missouri River includes 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.

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

Daily Bag: The daily bag limit are fish harvested from midnight to midnight. No person may possess more than one day's bag limit of fish while on the water or actively engaged in fishing. Fish species subject to a bag limit and possession limit, but not a length 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 length limit can only be gilled and gutted prior to completion of that day's fishing. Once off the water the fish can be filleted for transportation and storage.

Possession Limit: This is the total number of a specific species of fish that a per-

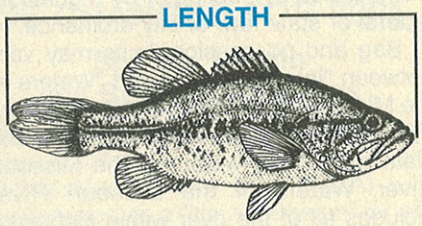
son may have in possession in portable coolers, home freezers, registered in his name in a commercial cold storage locker or in any other way under his control. Fish or aquatic animals placed in public storage must be labeled with the owner's name, address, phone number, date of birth, signature, date taken, species and numbers involved and the name of recipient if they are transferred.

Special Limits: In the following state-owned lakes, the daily bag and possession limit is 10 fish in combination. Two Rivers SRA Carp Lake, Douglas County; Niobrara Park Lake, Knox County; Cass County and Fremont SRA Lake No. 5, Dodge County. Note: restrictions on Urban Lakes. In Zorinsky Lake, Walnut Creek Recreation Area, Wehrspann Lake, Fremont SRA, Louisville SRA, Mormon Island SRA, Fort Kearny SRA, Windmill SRA and Pibel Lake there is a daily bag limit of 10 panfish (bluegill and crappie) in combination.

Catch and Release Lakes: Jenny Newman Lake, Two Rivers Lake No. 3 and Fremont Lake No. 1 are the only total catch-and-release lakes in the state. Jenny Newman Lake at Platte River State Park is open the entire year to children under the age of 16 and adults assisting children .At Jenny Newman Lake, Two Rivers Lake No. 3, Fremont Lake No. 1 and US West Lake at Mahoney State Park, all artificial lure hooks must either be barbless or have the barbs crimped.

HOW TO MEASURE LENGTH OF A FISH

Lay the fish on its side with the mouth closed and the 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



LENGTH LIMITS

Bass (Largemouth)

12-inch minimum: There is a 12-inch minimum length limit in the section of the Missouri River between Nebraska and Iowa and Nebraska and Missouri with the exception for Missouri River lakes and oxbows regulated with a 15-inch minimum length limit. Non-public waters except for totally 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 15-inch minimum size limit 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.

18-inch minimum: Marina Lake (Mahoney State Park)

21-inch minimum: Burchard Lake, Pawnee County; Zorinsky Lake, Douglas County; Skyview Lake, Madison County; Wehrspann Lake and Walnut Creek Recreation Area (Papio No. 21), Sarpy County; Wagon Train Lake, Olive Creek Lake, Lancaster County; Auburn Rotary Lake, Nemaha County and Willow Lake, Brown County.

Catch and release largemouth bass lakes: See Special Area and Urban Lake sections for those water bodies that are managed as "no kill bass lakes".

Bass (Smallmouth and 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 Kan.-Neb. 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. That portion of the Missouri River from Nebraska - South Dakota border downstream to Gavins Point Dam.

18-inch minimum: Harlan County Reservoir (including the Republican River upstream to the Highway 46 bridge), Harlan County; Sherman

HOW TO WEIGH A FISH BY LENGTH (approximate weights shown)

Black Crappie	Length (inch)	6	9	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)	6	7	8	9	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	13.8	
Rainbow Trout	Length (inch)	6	9	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)	6	9	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	
Yellow Perch	Length (inch)	6	8	9	10-	11	12	13	14	15	16									
	Weight (lbs.)	0.10	0.25	0.38	0.55	0.72	0.95	1.23	1.57	1.96	2.41									

Reservoir, Sherman County; Elwood Reservoir, Gosper County; Calamus Reservoir, Loup and Garfield Counties.

22-inch minimum: Branched Oak Reservoir, Lancaster County.

Other Walleye length limits: At Merritt Reservoir, the daily bag limit of four may include one walleye 15 to 18 inches and three over 18 inches or four over 18 inches, but only one walleye over 25 inches is allowed.

Note: Only one fish longer than 25 inches is allowed in the bag at Merritt Reservoir, Cherry County; Sherman Reservoir, Sherman County; Calamus Reservoir, Loup and Garfield counties; Lake McConaughy, Keith County; and Elwood Reservoir, Gosper County.

Muskellunge/Tiger Muskie

40-inch minimum: Statewide.

Shovelnose Sturgeon

No harvest is allowed on that portion of the Missouri River upstream from the mouth of the Big Sioux River.

Northern Pike

24-inch minimum: All inland waters east of U.S. 281.

30-inch minimum: Humphrey Pond (Ogallala), Keith County; Red Willow Reservoir, Frontier County; Enders Reservoir, Chase County; Cottonmill Lake, Kearney County; North Platte I-80 Lake, Lincoln County.

Bluegill

8-inch minimum: Stagecoach Reservoir, Wagon Train Lake, Olive Creek Lake, Lancaster County; Windmill SRA No. 4, Buffalo County; Mormon Island Lakes No. 1, 2 and 3, Hall County; Walnut Creek Recreation Area (Papio No. 21), Sarpy County; and Czechland Lake, Saunders County.

Redear Sunfish and their Hybrids

8-inch minimum: Wagon Train Lake, Lancaster County

Striped Bass and Hybrids/ White Bass (combined)

Inland waters and waters of the Missouri River, no more than one fish over 18 inches in length, three fish daily bag limit at Summit, Willow Creek, Conestoga and Elwood reservoirs. Total catch and release: Branched Oak Reservoir.

Crappie

10-inch minimum: Branched Oak and Pawnee reservoirs, Lancaster County; Wehrspann Lake and Walnut Creek Recreation Area (Papio No. 21), Sarpy County; Czechland Lake, Saunders County, and Zorinsky Lake, Douglas County; Sherman Reservoir, Sherman County, except for the month of April on Wehrspann and Zorinsky Lakes.

Flathead Catfish

Total catch and release, Branched Oak Reservoir.

Trout

Big Bordeaux Creek on Big Bordeaux Creek WMA is total catch and release

20-inch minimum: Lake Ogallala and Lake McConaughy (Keith County) on brown trout. Combination daily bag, which includes all trout species, is four with a possession limit of eight.

All Other Species;

No length requirements.

SPECIAL AREA REGULATIONS

Big Bordeaux Creek WMA (Dawes County): The portion of Big Bordeaux Creek located on the Big Bordeaux Creek WMA has been designated a "no kill stream" thus all species of trout must be release immediately. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks or hooks with flattened barbs will be allowed.

Burchard Lake: All bass caught must be immediately returned to the water, except that one fish 21 inches in length or longer may be kept in the daily bag. 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. Closure subject to change, check the 2001 Nebraska Hunt Guide

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.

Chalkrock Lake WMA (Cedar County): No live baitfish can be used or possessed.

Clear Lake (Brown County): It is unlawful to have in possession or use for bait any minnows, alive or dead or any live fish other than those taken from this lake.

Crescent Lake National Wildlife Refuge: Fishing is permitted during daylight hours in Island Lake year-round. Smith Lake is open to fishing during daylight hours from Nov. 1st. through Feb. 15th. Boats powered by electric motors or manual power are allowed only on Island Lake. No boats are allowed on Smith Lake. The use of internal combustion motors is prohibited on all refuge lakes. Possession or use of live or dead minnows and the possession of any fish not taken from refuge waters is unlawful. However, frozen or dead smelt may be used for bait. Overnight camping is not permitted.

Enders Reservoir (Chase County): It is unlawful to fish or boat inside the Game Refuge during the waterfowl hunting season.

Eugene T. Mahoney State Park (Cass County): Marina Lake: Children under 16 years of age and handicapped adults are permitted to fish the entire lake, except the immediate marina area. Daily bag limit is two fish. There is an 18-inch size limit on largemouth bass. **US West Lake:** 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. Only barbless hooks or hooks with flattened barbs may be used.

Fort Kearny SRA (Kearney County): The daily bag limit for channel catfish and panfish is three and 10 respectively.

Fort Robinson State Park (Dawes County): It is unlawful to use more than two lines with two hooks on each line when fishing in Cherry Creek, Icehouse and Grabel ponds and Carter P. Johnson Lake. This includes ice fishing.

Fremont SRA (Dodge County): Lake No. 1 is designated as a total catch-and-release (no kill) lake. Possession of any fish species except baitfish while fishing this water body is prohibited, and any fish caught must be returned unharmed to the lake immediately. Only barbless hooks or hooks with flattened barbs may be used on this lake. Other than Lake #1 (no kill). The bag limits for channel catfish is three and for panfish is 10.

Lake McConaughy (Keith County): It is unlawful to possess a walleye on that portion of Otter Creek from its junction at the lake shore of Lake McConaughy upstream to and including the culvert under Highway 92.

Louisville SRA (Cass County): Largemouth bass fishing is limited to catch and release on lakes on the area. The daily bag limits for channel catfish and panfish is three and 10 respectively.

Mormon Island SRA (Hall County): The daily bag limit for channel catfish and panfish is three and 10 respectively along with an 8-inch minimum length limit for bluegill.

Niobrara State Park (Knox County): Largemouth bass fishing is limited to catch-and-release on two park lakes; possession is prohibited.

North Platte National Wildlife Refuge (Scotts Bluff County): Lake Minatare and Lake Winters Creek are open to fishing 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 beginning 12:01 a.m. Mar. 1 and ending 12 p.m. Apr. 30.

Olive Creek Lake SRA (Lancaster County: No live baitfish can be used or possessed

Pibel Lake SRA (Wheeler County): The daily bag limit for panfish is 10 and there is an 8 inch minimum length limit on bluegill. No live baitfish can be used or possessed.

Platte River State Park (Cass County) Jenny Newman Lake: Children less than 16 years old and adults assisting children fishing are permitted to fish the entire lake, except the immediate marina area. Possession of any fish species, other than baitfish 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 bait hooks, all artificial lure hooks must either be barbless or have the barbs crimped.

Schilling Waterfowl Management Area: This area is open to fishing from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily from Apr. 15 through Sept. 15 except when closed by the Commission by posting.

Sherman Reservoir (Sherman County): Waters within 150 feet of the dam at Sherman Reservoir are closed to fishing from sunset to sunrise beginning 12:01 a.m. Apr. 1 and ending 12 p.m. Apr. 20.

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

Twin Lakes WMA (Seward County): This wildlife management area is closed to all public use from Oct. 15 until the end of the dark goose season.

Two Rivers SRA (Douglas County): Lake No. 3 is designated as a total catch and release (no kill) lake. Possession of any fish species except baitfish while fishing this water body is prohibited, and any fish caught must be returned unharmed to the lake immediately. Only barbless hooks or hooks with flattened barbs may be used. Archery fishing, spearing, gigging and chumming are prohibited in all lakes. Lake No. 5 is designated as a put-and-take trout fishing lake and is subject to special regulations. Open dates are from Apr. 1 through Oct. 15 unless otherwise posted. Fishing hours are 7 a.m. to sunset. A daily trout tag is required to attempt to take and to possess trout on the entire Two Rivers area. Cost of the tag is $4 which allows the harvest of four trout. Check at area office.

Valentine National Refuge: Fishing is permitted year-round during daylight hours, unless otherwise posted. Only electrical motors 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 is 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 Lake, 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.

Wagon Train Lake SRA (Lancaster County): No live baitfish can be used or possessed.

Walnut Creek Recreation Area (Papio No. 21): All bass caught must be immediately returned to the water, except that one fish 21 inches in length or longer may be kept in the daily bag. A minimum size limit of 10 inches on crappie, 8 inches on bluegill and a daily bag limit of 10 panfish (bluegill and crappie) in combination.

Windmill SRA (Buffalo County): The daily bag limit for channel catfish and panfish is three and 10 respectively. An 8-inch minimum length limit for bluegill is enforced on Windmill Lake #4.

Wehrspann Lake: All bass caught must be immediately returned to the water, except that one fish 21 inches in length or longer may be kept in the daily bag. A minimum size limit of 10 inches on crappie except during the month of April, and a daily bag limit of 10 panfish (bluegill and crappie) in combination.

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

Zorinsky Lake: All bass caught must be immediately returned to the water, except that one fish 21 inches in length or longer may be kept in the daily bag. A minimum size limit of 10 inches on crappie except during the month of April, and a daily bag limit of 10 panfish (bluegill and crappie) in combination.

Trout Waters

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.

It is unlawful to take or attempt to take sport 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.

Cherry 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.

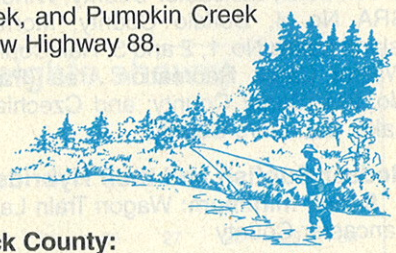
Keith County: Otter Creek, White Tail Creek and Lonergan Creek and all tributaries.

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.

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, Larabee Creek, White Clay Creek, Pine Creek, Deer Creek and Little Bordeaux 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.

Webster County: Elm Creek.

LIMITS AND FILLETING

Where length and bag limits apply, fish may not be filleted until fishing is completed for the day. Fish subject to a length limit cannot be possessed with more than the gills, viscera and scales removed while on the water, wading or engaged in fishing. 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 length and bag limits that apply to the water being fished.

HOOK AND LINE LIMIT

Ponds, lakes or reservoirs - Anglers are limited to no more than two lines with a maximum of two hooks on each line with these being any type of attached line (rod and reel, bank line pole or limb line). Limb lines are allowed but must not be more than 12 inches above the water line and can not be attached by nails or spikes. The name, address and fishing permit number or current drivers license number of the angler must be attached to all limb lines.

Rivers or streams - A total of 15 hooks are allowed ranging from 15 lines with a single hook attached or three lines with a maximum total of five hooks attached. These can be rod and reels, poles, bank lines or setlines which are in some way attached to the bank and not free floating. Float lines or trot lines are not legal in Nebraska. All lines must contain identification to include name, address and fishing permit number or current drivers license number.

Ice fishing - A total of five lines with two hooks on each line are permitted during ice fishing. Each ice fishing line must be under the direct supervision and within the unaided observation of the angler.

Snagging - For snagging, only one hook which has a gap between the point of the hook to the shank of not more than one-half inch is allowed.

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

Please note - Upon completion of fishing all limb lines, bank lines and set lines must be removed.

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 (pg 11) section. 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.

ARCHERY/SURFACE SPEARFISHING

Sport fish may be taken by bow and arrow from July 1 through Dec. 31 from sunrise to sunset, statewide. Sport fish may not be taken with surface spears. Nongame fish may be taken by archery or surface spear year-round statewide, sunrise to sunset between Sept.1 and Mar. 30 and 24 hours a day from Apr. 1 through 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 waters 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 and E. T. Mahoney state parks, and trout streams (see Special Areas). For surface spearing, only hand spears are legal. All spearing devices must be barbed.

UNDERWATER SPEARFISHING

Lawful spear guns include hand spears, rubber band- powered spear guns and spring-loaded spear guns. All spears used on powered spear guns must be attached to a lanyard no more than 20 feet long. Underwater spearfishing is not permitted within 100 yards of any designated swimming or water ski jump area, boat dock, boat ramp or spillway.

Seasons

Sport 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.

Waters Open to all Species

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, Knox County
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

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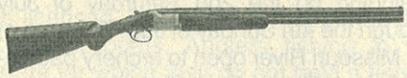
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14. Jeffrey Canyon Reservoir, Lincoln County
15. Johnson Reservoir, Gosper and Dawson counties
16. Sherman Reservoir, Sherman County
17. Elwood Reservoir, Gosper County
18. Merritt Reservoir, Cherry County
19. Calamus Reservoir, Loup and Garfield counties

Waters Open to Non-game Fish Species Only

1. Buffalo County - Union Pacific SRA, War Axe SRA, Bassway WMA, Bufflehead WMA, Kea Lake WMA, Kea West WMA, East Odessa WMA, Blue Hole East and West WMAs, West Elm Creek WMA, and North Kearney Rest Stop.
2. Dawson County - Dogwood East and West WMAs, Cozad WMA, Cozad West WMA, Willow Island WMA, and East Gothenburg WMA
3. Hall County - Cheyenne SRA, West Wood River WMA and Alda DOR
4. Phelps County - Sandy Channel SRA

DIVER'S FLAG

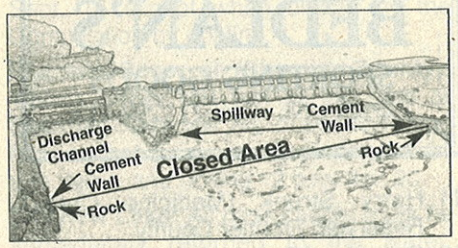
The diver's flag must be displayed on the water on a float or buoy when diving or underwater-powered spearfishing. Divers and underwater spearfishermen must remain within 150 feet of the flag. The flag must be at least 12 inches square, with a red background and white diagonal stripe that is one-fifth 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.

PADDLEFISH - ARCHERY

Missouri River

Paddlefish may be taken by bow and arrow and possessed on open waters of the Missouri River only during the season beginning on the 2nd Saturday of July through the 4th Sunday of July. The area of the Missouri River open to archery paddlefish is from Gavins Point Dam downstream to the mouth of the Big Sioux River at mile marker 734, except for a closed area that extends downstream from Gavins Point Dam to a line that extends from the east end of the south cement wall of the discharge canal northwest to the east end of the north wall of the stilling basin.



During the archery paddlefish season the portion of the Missouri River from the Gavins Point Dam downstream to the Nebraska tailwaters boat ramp is closed to the taking of game and non-game fish by archers. Only archers with an open tag pursuing paddlefish are allowed in this area.

Paddlefish harvested by bow and arrow may be possessed only on the Missouri River that is open during the respective season in the area designated as open for harvest. All paddlefish archery anglers must obtain and have in their possession a paddlefish tag in addition to a fishing permit (if required). Applicants must be 12 years old by the second Saturday of July to apply. See section on Paddlefish Tags on (pg 16). Any paddlefish landed must be tagged immediately in the dorsal fin with the angler's tag. Any paddlefish tag that is locked shut prior to attachment, altered or modified shall be void and will not be replaced. A harvest quota will be managed by issuing a limited number of free paddlefish tags with a limit of no more than two tags per person. Only the head, viscera and tail may be removed from archery-harvested paddlefish during transport until the place of residence is reached or the paddlefish is consumed.

Inland Waters

Paddlefish may be taken by archery in all inland water under regulations governing archery and surface spearing for game fish. The bag limit is one paddlefish and the possession limit is two paddlefish.

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 downstream to the mouth of the Big Sioux River at Mile Marker 734, except for a closed area that extends downstream from Gavins Point Dam to a line that extends from the east end of the south cement wall of the discharge canal northwest to the east end of the north wall of the stilling basin. Paddlefish harvested by snagging may be possessed only on the Missouri River during the respective open season in the area designated as open for harvest.

The snagging season runs only from Oct. 1 through Oct. 30. Legal hours are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. All snaggers must obtain and have in their possession an unfilled paddlefish tag in addition to a fishing permit and Aquatic Habitat Stamp (if required) to be actively snagging. Applicants must be 12 years old by Oct. 1 in order to apply for a snagging permit. Please see section on Paddlefish Tags. A paddlefish must be tagged immediately in the dorsal fin with the angler's tag upon addition to the creel. Any paddlefish tag that is locked prior to attachment, altered or modified shall be void and will not be replaced. Only one hook may be used when snagging, and the gap between the point of the hook to the shank may not exceed one-half inch.

The daily bag and possession limits are equal to the total number of tags issued to an individual. A harvest quota will be managed by issuing a limited number of free paddlefish tags with a limit of no more than two tags per person. (Consult section on paddlefish tags pg. 16). All paddlefish anglers are required to cast for and hook their own fish. All paddlefish between 35 and 45 inches long (measured along the center line of the fish, lying flat, including the entire eye to the natural fork of the tail), must be returned to the water immediately. The slot limit is designed to protect the majority of spawning-size fish.

It is unlawful to use a gaff hook or other penetrating device while landing snagged paddlefish. Immediate cleaning of a snagged paddlefish is restricted to the removal of only the snout, anterior of the eye and the viscera. Final processing may only be completed once the angler has reached his residence or prior to consumption. Anglers should be prepared to transport a large paddlefish with only the snout removed, if they choose to harvest a fish more than 45 inches in length.

BAITFISH

Baitfish may not be sold except by permit. For commercial purposes (bait vendors, private aquaculturists and nonresident fish dealers), 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 baitfish from any lake, reservoir or bayou unless otherwise stated below. Digging, seining and trapping for bait or any other purpose is prohibited on all state-owned or controlled areas. All nonbaitfish, of whatever size, taken while netting or seining for bait must immediately be returned to the waters from which taken. The bag limit of baitfish for personal use is 100. Possession limit is 100.

Gizzard Shad: Shad may be taken for use as bait by legal 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, see section on cast nets (pg. 12). Shad may be taken by legal seine, or dip net in any number in streams except those streams closed to the taking of baitfish or bait by such method. See Special Area Regulations , (pg 8).

Below Dams: The seining or capturing of baitfish 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 baitfish for personal use as bait using a legal baitfish 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. Sport fish can be used for bait: **(1)** if they have been legally acquired from a licensed aquaculturist or a nonresident fish dealer. The angler must keep a legible receipt or invoice from the dealer listing the date, seller's name and address; and number and size of each species sold, or **(2)** if they are captured using hook and line and used at the body of water from which they were captured. In the latter case, the angler will be required to follow both size and bag limits that are enforced on that water body.

Exporting: No more than 100 legally captured baitfish can be exported by a resident for his personal use in fishing outside the state. No other baitfish taken from Nebraska waters may be transported out

of the state in any manner, except baitfish artificially propagated in man-made impoundments by licensed aquaculturists.

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 baitfish.

Baits and Scents: Cutbait is legal if the fish used has been legally acquired and the size, bag and possession limits for that species and water body have been followed. It is also legal to chum for fish using non-harmful baits. Anise oil and other scents that do not stun, kill or harm fish are permitted.

Crayfish: There is no limit on the number of crayfish a person may possess, nor is a fishing permit required. Anyone over the age of 16 must have a bait vendor's license in order to sell crayfish. Crayfish may be captured by hook and line, by hand or by legal fish nets and traps as described below.

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. Baitfish seines of one-fourth inch non-metallic square mesh only and not over 20 feet long and four feet deep.
2. Baitfish dip nets of one-fourth inch non-metallic square mesh. Neither length nor width may exceed 36 inches.
3. Baitfish 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 one inch or less in diameter. All minnow traps shall be raised and the baitfish removed at least every 24 hours.
4. Landing nets, made of non-metallic mesh, used only for landing fish caught on hook-and-line.

ICE FISHING

When ice fishing, only five lines with no more than two 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 for a permanent shelter on state recreation and wildlife management area lakes. Applications and regulations are available from conservation officers, Commission offices or by mail from the Game and Parks Commission, Box 30370, Lincoln, NE 68503. This does not apply to temporary shelters used and removed each day.

CAST NETS

Cast nets can be used to collect gizzard shad for bait with the following restrictions:

1. Only cast nets up to 10 feet in diameter with a mesh size no larger than three-eighths inches square measure are legal gear.
2. Can only be used during the months of July, August and September
3. Can only be used to collect gizzard shad.
4. Live gizzard shad may only be used for bait the same day they care captured in the same water body where they are collected.
5. Cast nets can only be used on the following water bodies: Calamus Reservoir, Davis Creek Reservoir, Enders Reservoir, Farwell Reservoir, Gallagher Canyon Reservoir, Harlan County Reservoir, Jeffrey Reservoir, Johnson Lake, Lake Maloney, Lake McConaughy, Medicine Creek Reservoir, Midway Complex Reservoir, Phillips Canyon Reservoir, Red Willow Reservoir, Sherman Reservoir, Sutherland Reservoir, Swanson Reservoir, and the Tri County Canal from the diversion dam in Lincoln County to the J-2 return.

BULLFROGS

Bullfrog season runs Aug. 15 through Oct. 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 4.5 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.

BORDER WATERS

Missouri River (South Dakota, Iowa and Missouri): Anglers holding a valid Nebraska, South Dakota, Iowa or Missouri sport fishing license or permit may fish all waters of the Missouri River in the state they are licensed, as well as those of the adjacent state. Waters of the Missouri River are defined to include all flowing portions and backwaters, sloughs and chutes that draw water from the Missouri River. Oxbows and backwaters separated from the Missouri River by land are included if the state boundary line passes through some part of such waters. Mouths of tributaries may only be fished in the state that the angler is licensed. Anglers may fish from either bank or boats. Anglers fishing in the state for which they do not hold a fishing permit must abide by the more restrictive of the two state's regulations.

Gavins Point Dam Tailwaters: From Gavins Point Dam to 0.6 miles downstream a nonresident Nebraska fishing license is required of anglers who are not residents of Nebraska or South Dakota when fishing from a boat or from either bank.

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.

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.

AREAS OPEN TO THE USE OF ATV'S AND SNOWMOBILES FOR ICE FISHING

Snowmobiles, all-terrain and motorized off-highway amphibious vehicles may be operated on the frozen surface of the following designated lakes, unless otherwise posted closed: Bluestem, Branched Oak, Conestoga, Olive Creek, Pawnee, Stagecoach, Wagon Train, Enders, Medicine Creek, Red Willow, Swanson, Box Butte, Merritt, Oliver, Sherman, Elwood, Sutherland and Calamus Reservoirs; Fremont Lakes, Gallagher Canyon, Johnson Lake, Lake Maloney, Lake McConaughy, Lake Minatare, Lake Ogallala, Lewis and Clark Lake, Louisville Lakes, Rockford Lake, Summit Lake, Willow Creek Lake, Walgren Lake, Willow Lake (Brown County), Big Alkali Lake, and Cottonwood-Steverson Lake. These vehicles can only be operated on the state park areas between the hours of one-half hour before sunrise until 9:00 p.m. or as posted. It is recommended that these vehicles not be used unless the ice thickness is a minimum of 8 inches.

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 from which it came, without written authorization from the Game and Parks Commission.

NOTICE — DO NOT transfer any fish from one lake or stream to another. **It is illegal to dump your baitfish in a water body**. You could be destroying your own fishing!

URBAN FISHING PROGRAM WATERS

The Urban Fishing Program was created by the Commission in 1999 to improve fishing in and around Nebraska's urban areas. The program focuses on city park and state recreation area lakes which are accessible to large numbers of urban residents, particularly children. Program activities include aquatic habitat improvement, fishing access development, fish stocking, fish population management, and family fishing clinics. Special fishing regulations will be used on some waters to help improve their fisheries and angler catch rates. In general, these regulations will reduce or restrict harvest of certain game species. Populations of these species should subsequently increase and provide anglers with higher catch rate opportunities. Program waters should become favorite destinations for adults wishing to teach young children how to fish. Special fishing regulations are being placed on the following waters in 2000 under this program (additional regulations and affected waters will be included in future years):

Adams Park Pond (Omaha): Catch and release only for largemouth bass and bluegill. Daily bag limit of three channel catfish

Ansley City Lake: Daily bag limit of10 panfish in combination. Daily bag limit of three channel catfish

Auburn Rotary Club Lake: Daily bag limit of one largemouth bass with 21-inch minimum size limit. Daily bag limit of 10 panfish in combination. Daily bag limit of three channel catfish

Benson Park Pond (Omaha): Catch and release only for largemouth bass. Catch and release only for bluegill. Daily bag limit of three channel catfish

Cottonmill Lake (Kearney): Catch and release only for largemouth bass. Daily bag limit of 10 panfish in combination with 8-inch minimum size limit for bluegill and 10-inch minimum size limit for crappie. Daily bag limit of one northern pike with 30-inch minimum size limit. Daily bag limit of three channel catfish. No live baitfish allowed.

Crystal Cove (South Sioux City): Daily bag limit of 10 panfish in combination. Daily bag limit of three channel catfish

Fontenelle Park Pond (Omaha): Catch and release only for largemouth bass. Catch and release only for bluegill. Daily bag limit of three channel catfish

GI Eagle Scout Lake: Daily bag limit of 10 panfish in combination

Grand Island Pier Lake: Catch and release only for largemouth bass. Daily bag limit of 10 panfish in combination. Daily bag limit of three channel catfish

Hanscom Park Pond (Omaha): Catch and release only for largemouth bass. Catch and release only for bluegill. Daily bag limit of three channel catfish

Hitchcock Park Pond (Omaha): Catch and release only for largemouth bass. Catch and release only for bluegill. Daily bag limit of three channel catfish

Holdrege City Lake: Catch and release only for largemouth bass. Daily bag limit of 10 panfish in combination. Daily bag limit of three channel catfish

Humboldt City Park Lake: Catch and release only for largemouth bass. Catch and release only for bluegill. Daily bag limit of three channel catfish

Humphrey Pond (Ogallala): Daily bag limit of one northern pike with 30-inch minimum size limit

Laing Lake (Alliance): Daily bag limit of three channel catfish

Lexington City Lake: Catch and release only for largemouth bass. Daily bag limit of 10 panfish in combination. Daily bag limit of three channel catfish

Miller Park Pond (Omaha): Catch and release only for largemouth bass. Catch and release only for bluegill. Daily bag limit of three channel catfish

North Platte I-80 Lake: Daily bag limit of one northern pike with 30-inch minimum size limit

Pawnee Park East (Columbus): Catch and release only for largemouth bass. Daily bag limit of ten panfish in combination. Daily bag limit of three channel catfish

Pawnee Park West (Columbus): Catch and release only for largemouth bass. Daily bag limit of 10 panfish in combination. Daily bag limit of three channel catfish

Plattsmouth City Lake: Catch and release only for largemouth bass and bluegill. Daily bag limit of three channel catfish.

Ravenna Lake (Buffalo County): Catch and release only for largemouth bass. Daily bag limits of three channel catfish and10 panfish.

Steinhart Park Ponds (Nebraska City): Catch and release only for largemouth bass and bluegill. Daily bag limit of three channel catfish.

Towl Park Pond (Omaha): Catch and release only for largemouth bass. Catch and release only for bluegill. Daily bag limit of three channel catfish

Walnut Grove Park Pond (Omaha): Catch and release only for largemouth bass. Catch and release only for bluegill. Daily bag limit of three channel catfish

FREE FISHING DAY

Free Fishing and Park Entry Day is designed to attract those who no longer fish or who have never fished and to give them an opportunity to do so without the need to purchase a permit. It is held on the Saturday prior to Memorial Day weekend. Anglers can take advantage of that day, by taking a non-angler friend along and take fishing on any water body in the state and show them how much fun fishing can be.

KIDS' FISHING CLINICS

Is your club or organization interested in hosting a kids' fishing clinic? The Commission's Aquatic Education program has all the materials necessary to teach the youth in your community how much fun fishing can be. Fishing rods, bobbers, stickers and more are available from the Outdoor Education Division at the Outdoor Education Center at Ak-Sar-Ben Aquarium near Gretna, phone 402-332-3901.

FISHING TACKLE LOANER PROGRAM

The Nebraska Game and Parks Commission expanded its fishing tackle loaner program in May 2000. The program is a combined effort of the Outdoor Education, Parks, and Fisheries Divisions. The Commission is hoping to introduce even more Nebraskans to the fun of fishing by making fishing tackle available at 14 Commission parks across the state. Zebco 33 spincast rod and reel combos, hooks, bobbers, weights, and other tackle are available for park guests to use during their stay, at no charge. Would-be anglers of all ages may borrow the fishing tackle, but during periods of high demand, children are given priority. Anglers are asked to return the tackle promptly when finished fishing so others may use the equipment. Anglers should not keep the tackle at their campsite for the duration of their visit. Some parks loan the tackle out of their main office, while others have

their campground hosts loan the equipment out. A few parks have bait you can use as well, but at most you will need to purchase your own at the park or bring it with you to the park.

The 14 participating park areas in Nebraska are:

- Alexandria SRA (Jefferson County)
- Branched Oak SRA - Area 1 and 4 campgrounds (Lancaster County)
- Calamus Reservoir SRA (Garfield County)
- Chadron State Park (Dawes County)
- Fort Kearny SRA (Kearney County)
- Fort Robinson State Park (Sioux County)
- Lewis and Clark SRA (Knox County)
- Mahoney State Park (Sarpy County)
- Medicine Creek Reservoir SRA (Frontier County)
- Pawnee SRA (Lancaster County)
- Platte River State Park (Cass County)
- Ponca State Park (Dixon County)
- Victoria Springs SRA (Custer County)
- Willow Creek SRA (Pierce County)

HELP WANTED

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

FISH KILL REPORTS

Report dead or dying fish 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.

Keep the water safe and clean for future fishing. Report drum dumping/pollution activities to the Environmental Protection Agency at 1-800-223-0425.

PRIVATE WATERS

Permission from the landowner is required to access any body of water, or stream, located on private property. The issue of fishing private waters raises several questions. Although a private body of water may receive fish for stocking from the Game and Parks Commission, the owner controls access to it and anyone fishing it must have a valid fishing permit. What constitutes a private pond that doesn't require anglers to have a fishing permit? The only exception to the requirement of a permit 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.

If on a river or stream, when can a person legally enter private property without the owner's permission? After properly accessing a flowing body of water, an angler can fish while afloat in a tube, canoe or boat. An angler or canoeist in an unpowered vessel can enter private property downstream without permission, only if it's necessary to portage around a fence or obstruction. Landowner permission is required to operate vehicles, such as all-terrain vehicles, along or in a stream.

TOURNAMENTS, CONTESTS AND DERBIES

Tournament Registration - All fishing tournaments, derbies or contests held on waters owned or controlled by the Commission, that require an entry fee to participate, must be registered with the Commission's Fisheries Division 45 days prior to the event. Voluntary information on other tournaments, such as club tournaments, are also welcome. A Fishing Tournament Approval Certificate must be present at the tournament site.

Tournament Results - A tournament results form will be sent to the tournament director. This form must be completed and returned to the Commission's Fisheries Division within 30 days following the completion of the fishing tournament. Failure to return the form or provide the requested information will result in denial of future fishing tournament requests for at least one year.

Tagged fish - The use of tagged or otherwise marked fish are prohibited in any fishing tournament, derby or contest that are held 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.

LEAD FISHING SINKERS

The use of lead fishing sinkers has become a controversial issue over the last several years due to the poisoning of various bird species, especially loons, due to their ingestion of lead fishing sinkers. In fact several areas of the country have restricted the use of lead fishing weights due to these problems. Most fishing sinkers used in Nebraska contain lead. Lead can be dangerous to your body if eaten or breathed. Prolonged and high levels of exposure to lead can cause brain and nerve damage, slowed growth in children and reproductive problems and high blood pressure in adults.

In order to prevent exposure to lead please handle lead sinkers with care and follow the guidelines below:

- Never put lead sinkers in your mouth. This includes biting down on or chewing lead sinkers.
- Wash hands with soap after holding or using lead sinkers.
- Never handle or eat food immediately after handling lead sinkers wash your hands first.
- Take proper precautions when melting lead and pouring sinkers at home.

You may want to consider using fishing sinkers which do not contain lead if you are concerned about exposure to lead. Alternatives to lead sinkers are made out of steel, bismuth, tungsten, resin, and glass. Avoid sinkers made from zinc, as they are toxic to waterfowl.

FISHING TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION FORM

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Organizer (club, sponsor or individual): _____

Organizer address: _____

Phone: _____

About the Tournament

Location _____

Dates _____

Hours _____

Species counted for tournament scoring:

1. _____ 2. _____
3. _____ 4. _____
5. _____ 6. _____
7. _____ 8. _____
9. _____ 10. _____

Disposition (please check one):

- ❑ Fish will be measured at boat and released.
- ❑ Weighed in and then released
- ❑ Weighed in and then harvested
- ❑ Other (explain) _____

Awards will be based on (check one):

- ❑ Longest fish ❑ Heaviest fish
- ❑ Combination of number and length of fish
- ❑ Heaviest total catch
- ❑ Other (explain) _____

Please send to:
Fisheries Division
Nebraska Game and Parks Commission
PO Box 30370
Lincoln, NE 68503-0370

CATCH AND RELEASE WORKS

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.
- Barbless hooks reduce handling time and make it simpler to remove the hook, often by backing it from the fish's mouth without lifting the fish from the water.

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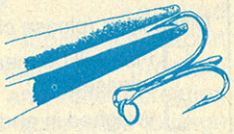
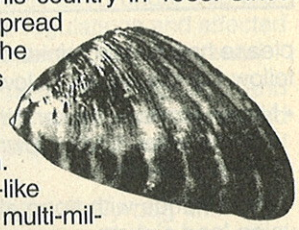


- Release the fish only after its equilibrium is maintained. If necessary, hold fish gently upright until it can swim away.
- Do not play the fish to exhaustion.
- Removal of deeply imbedded hooks by use of a hemostat or hook removal device is presently considered the best method to ensure higher survival of released fish. Modern hooks require a longer time period to rust so their presence can result in delayed mortality.

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 River 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 from boats carrying mussels from infested waters. Inspect your boat, motor and trailers frequently 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 periods out of the water if in a moist environment. If you think you have a zebra mussel, save it and send it to the nearest NGPC district office for identification.



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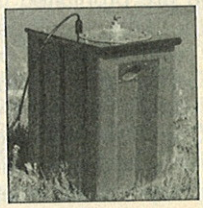

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NEBRASKA GAME AND PARKS COMMISSION

NEBRASKA PADDLEFISH ANGLING TAGS

The paddlefish is a limited and precious resource, and it is important that the harvest be closely regulated. However, past management methods did not produce quality fishing. A tag will be required for both archers and snaggers who want to harvest a paddlefish (see "Archery" and Snagging," p.11).

It is important to remember that one person can have no more than two tags for the archery season and two for the snagging season, or a total of four tags. These tags are non-transferable, they must be in possession while actively pursuing a paddlefish, and they must be immediately attached to the dorsal fin of a harvested paddlefish. Archers will have a 16-day season and snaggers will have a 30-day season.

To apply for a paddlefish tag, the archer or snagger must fill out the form at right. An angler may only apply once during each application period. Anglers who did not have a tag the previous year will receive preference over those who did. Two or more anglers can apply for buddy permits by including all applications in the same envelope and marking the appropriate box on the application.The application dates are as follows:

Paddlefish Application Dates

Initial Archery Application Dates (First Tag Only)	Postmarked from April 1 - 30
Initial Archery Paddlefish Drawing	May
Archery Open Application (First or Second Tag, first come, first served)	June 1 through end of archery season applications postmarked no earlier than June1
Initial Snagging Application Date (First Tag Only)	Postmarked from July 1 - 31
Initial Snagging Paddlefish Drawing	August
Snagging Open Application (First or Second Tag, first come, first served)	Sept. 1 through end of snagging season applications postmarked no earlier than Sept.1)

Preference will be given to those who were unsuccessful in obtaining a tag the previous year.

Application for Free Paddlefish Harvest Tag

This is my application for a tag that would allow me to harvest one paddlefish during a designated season. I understand that I will be required to complete a report form that will be sent with the tag. *(Please type or print)*

Last _____ First _____ Initial _____

Address _____
(Street, RR & Box, or PO Box)

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Drivers license number _____

Please note that the applicant must be 12 years old by the second Saturday of July to apply for an archery tag and October 1st. to apply for a snagging permit

If under 16, please enter your age _____

Type of Paddlefish Tag you are Applying for (check only one):

- ☐ First Archery tag
- ☐ First Snagging tag
- ☐ Second Archery tag
- ☐ Second Snagging tag

Type of Paddlefish Tag

- ☐ Single
- ☐ Buddy (please include additional applications)

Signature _____

I hereby certify that the above information is correct and that I am applying for a free non-transferable paddlefish tag and that I understand that tags that are locked shut prior to attachment, altered or modified shall be void and will not be replaced.

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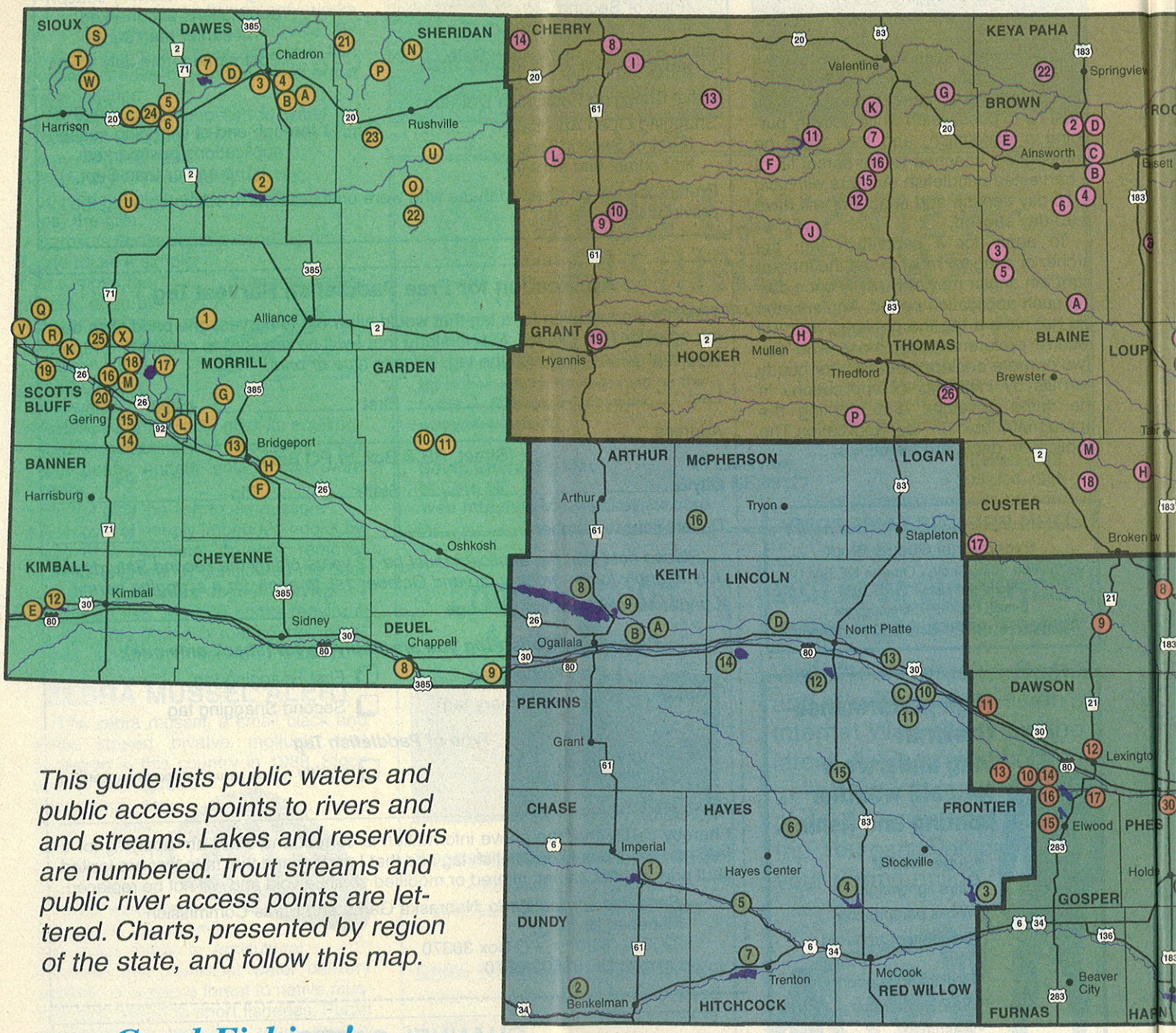

This guide lists public waters and public access points to rivers and and streams. Lakes and reservoirs are numbered. Trout streams and public river access points are lettered. Charts, presented by region of the state, and follow this map.

Good Fishing!

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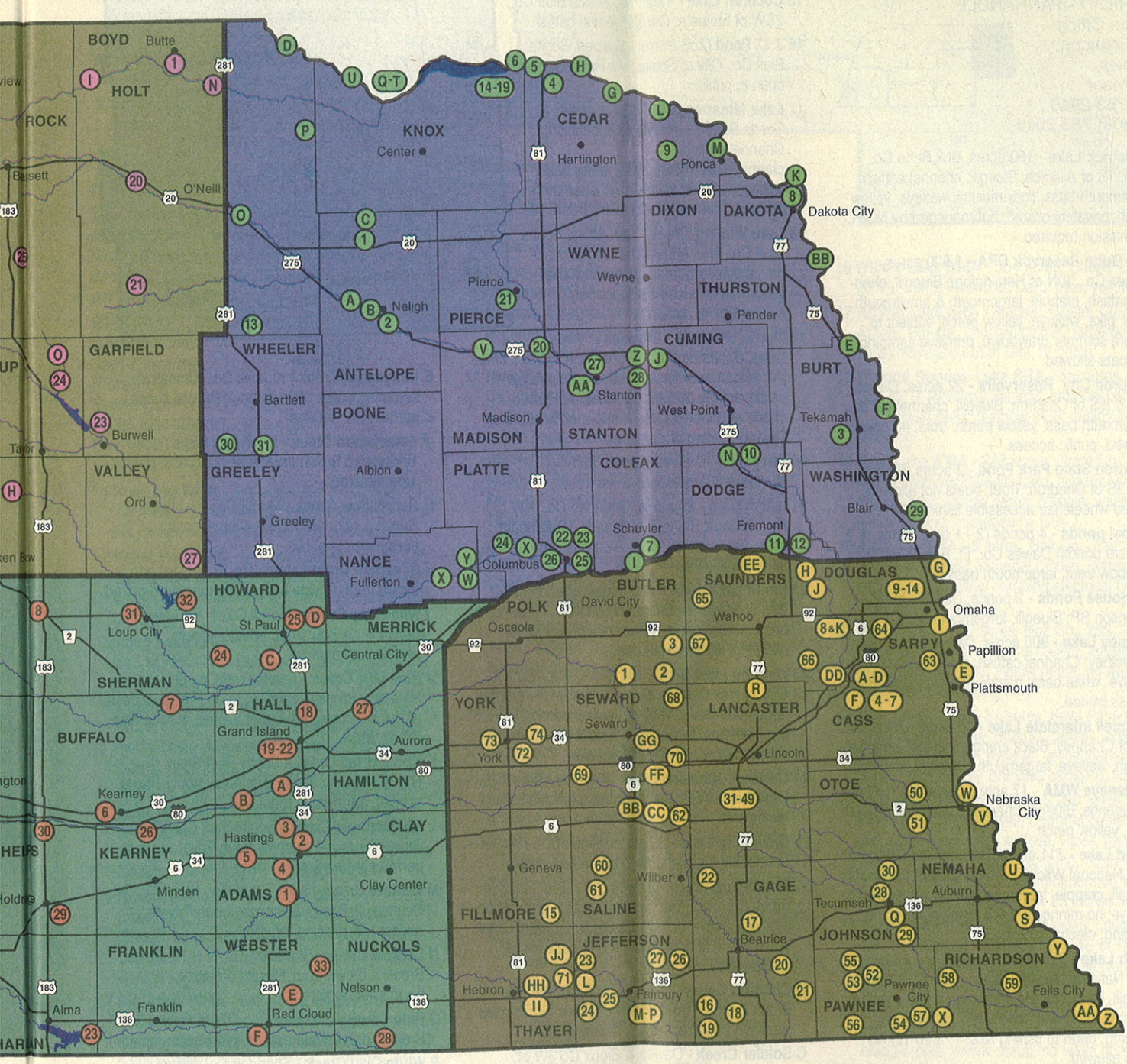

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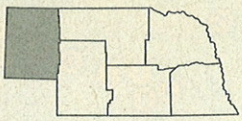
PANHANDLE

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.

DISTRICT I - PANHANDLE



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1 Kilpatrick Lake - 160 acres, Box Butte Co., 22W, 1S of Alliance; Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, tiger muskie, walleye, yellow perch; privately owned, but managed by NGPC, permission required.

2 Box Butte Reservoir SRA - 1,600 acres, Dawes Co., 10N of Hemingford; Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth & smallmouth bass, pike, walleye, yellow perch; subject to severe summer drawdown, primitive camping, all boats allowed.

3 Chadron City Reservoirs - 22 acres, Dawes Co., 5 ½S of Chadron; Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, yellow perch, trout; no boats allowed, public access.

4 Chadron State Park Pond - 2 acres, Dawes Co., 9S of Chadron; Trout; boats not allowed, limited wheelchair accessible fishing pier.

5 Grabel ponds - 4 ponds (2 - 1 acre ponds, & 2 - 2 acre ponds) Dawes Co., Ft. Robinson SP; Rainbow trout, largemouth bass.

6 Ice House Ponds - 2 ponds, Dawes Co., Ft. Robinson SP; Bluegill, largemouth bass.

7 Whitney Lake - 900 acres, Dawes Co., 1 ½W of Whitney; Channel catfish, crappie, perch, walleye, white bass; private irrigation reservoir, access limited.

8 Chappell Interstate Lake - 30 acres, Deuel Co., ½S of Chappell; Black crappie, bluegill, channel catfish, walleye, largemouth bass, yellow perch.

9 Goldeneye WMA - 17 acres, Deuel Co., 3W of Big Springs; Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, yellow perch.

10 Island Lake - 711 acres, Garden Co., Crescent Lake National Wildlife Refuge, 22N of Oshkosh; Bluegill, crappie, largemouth bass, yellow perch, walleye; no minnows, dead smelt allowed, no camping, electric motors only.

11 Smith Lake - 225 acres, Garden Co., Crescent Lake National Wildlife Refuge, 22N of Oshkosh; Bluegill, black crappie, largemouth bass, yellow perch;no minnows, dead smelt allowed, no camping, open to fishing Nov. 1 - Feb 15. No boats allowed.

12 Oliver Reservoir SRA - 270 acres, Kimball Co., 10W of Kimball; Bluegill, channel catfish, carp, crappie, largemouth bass, tiger muskie, walleye, yellow perch; all boats, primitive camping, wheelchair accessible fishing pier.

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

13 Bridgeport SRA - 78 acres in 5 lakes, Morrill Co., NW edge of Bridgeport; Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, pike, rainbow trout, walleye; primitive camping, all boats allowed on middle pit.

14 Buffalo Creek Pond WMA - 7 acres, Scotts Bluff Co., 5S, 1 ½W of Melbeta; Largemouth bass, rainbow trout; access via 1-mile foot trail.

15 Cochran Lake - 45 acres, Scotts Bluff Co., 2SW of Melbeta; Carp, channel catfish.

16 J. C. Pond (Zoo Pond) - 5 acres, Scotts Bluff Co., City of Scottsbluff; Rainbow trout; open to public.

17 Lake Minatare SRA - 2,300 acres, Scotts Bluff Co., 12NE of Scottsbluff; Channel catfish, crappie, smallmouth bass, white bass, walleye, wipers, yellow perch; camping, all boats allowed, closed Oct. 1-Jan. 14.

18 Lake Winters Creek - 235 acres, Scotts Bluff Co., N of Minatare; Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, walleye, yellow perch; electric motors only, closed Oct. 1- Jan. 14.

19 Morrill Sandpits - 25 acres in three lakes, Scotts Bluff Co., 3S of Morrill; Black crappie, largemouth bass, rainbow trout, yellow perch; county owned, permission required, check with Morrill City Manager or Scotts Bluff Co., no boating or camping.

20 Terry's Pit - 7 acres, Scotts Bluff Co., Terrytown; Largemouth bass, trout.

21 Isham Dam - 26 acres, Sheridan Co., NW of Hay Springs; Bluegill, bullheads, largemouth bass, yellow perch; private/permission required, all boats allowed.

22 Smith Lake WMA - 290 acres, Sheridan Co., 23S of Rushville; Bluegill, bullheads, largemouth bass, pike, walleye, yellow perch ; primitive camping, no wake boating.

23 Walgren Lake SRA - 100 acres, Sheridan Co., 5SE of Hay Springs; Bluegill, bullheads, crappie, largemouth bass, walleye, yellow perch, northern pike; primitive camping, boat speed limit, wheelchair accessible fishing pier.

24 Carter P. Johnson Lake - 15 acres, Sioux Co., Ft. Robinson SP; Rainbow trout; electric fishing motor only.

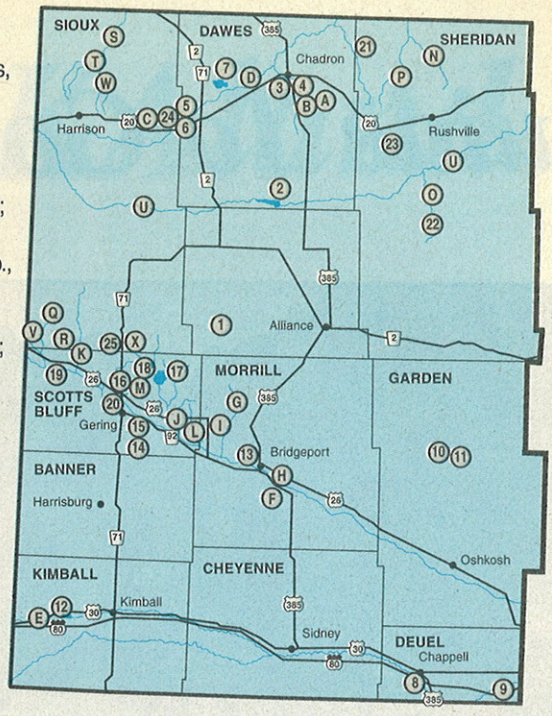
25 University Lake - 30 acres, Sioux Co., 7NW of Scottsbluff; Largemouth bass, yellow perch.

A Bourdeaux Creek - Dawes Co., SE of Chadron; Brook & brown trout; Private access, permission required. Public access on Big Bourdeaux Creek WMA which is total catch and release for all trout species.

B Chadron Creek - Dawes Co., S of Chadron; Brook & brown trout; Private access, permission required; public access at Chadron SP.

C Soldier Creek - Dawes & Sioux 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 - Morill 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.

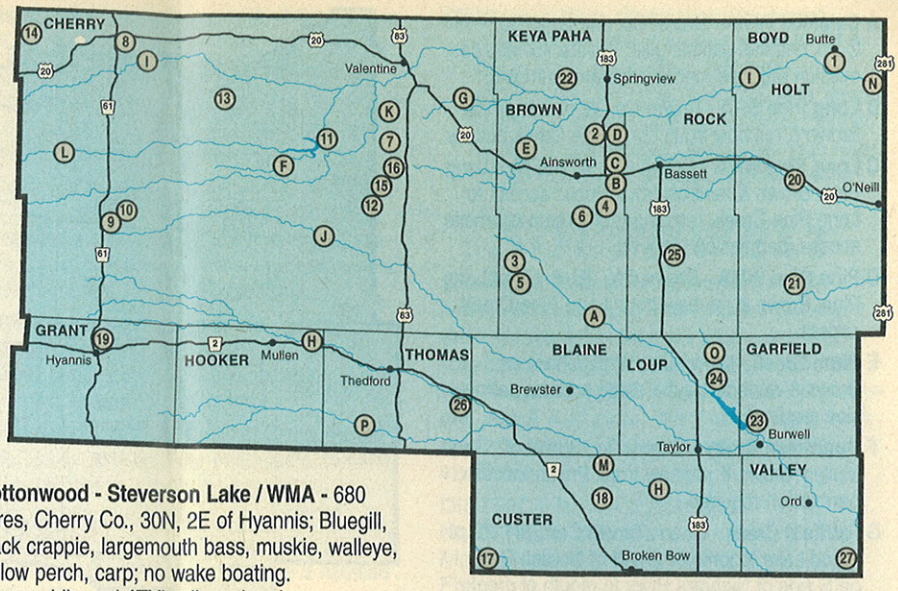
T Monroe Creek - Sioux Co., 4 ½N of Harrison; Brook trout; Public access on Gilbert-Baker WMA; also private access, permission required.

U Niobrara River - Sioux, and Dawes 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.



NORTH-CENTRAL

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.

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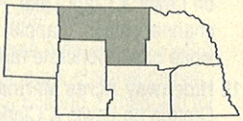

1 Hull Lake WMA - 5 ½ acres, Boyd Co., ½W, 2S 1W 1¼S of Butte; Bluegill, largemouth bass channel catfish; primitive camping, no drinking water.

2 Keller Park SRA - 5 ponds, Brown Co., 11S of Springview; Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, trout; pond No. 4 & 5 have catchable trout, camping.

3 Long Lake SRA - 155 acres, Brown Co., 8½ W, 21S of Ainsworth; Bullheads, pike, yellow perch; no wake boating.

4 Cozad lake on South Pine WMA - 80 acres, Brown Co., 11½S of Long Pine; Bluegill, largemouth bass, yellow perch; no wake boating.

5 Willow Lake WMA - 313 acres, Brown Co., 18½S 12 ½W, 1N of Ainsworth; Bluegill, bullhead, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, yellow perch; primitive camping, 21-inch minimum on largemouth bass, no wake boating. Snowmobile and ATV's allowed on ice.

6 Tower Lake on Yellowthroat WMA - 75 acres, Brown Co., 13S, 1 ½E of Ainsworth on trail; Bluegill, largemouth bass, yellow perch, black crappie; Fish and Wildlife Service Valentine Refuge regulations apply.

7 Big Alkali WMA - 842 acres, Cherry Co., 16S, 4W, 1½S of Valentine; Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, pike, yellow perch; all boats allowed, ramp, camping, fishing camp. Snowmobile and ATV's allowed on ice.

8 Cottonwood Lake SRA - 34 acres, Cherry Co., ½E, ½S of Merriman; Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, pike, yellow perch; primitive camping, vegetation hampers summer fishing, all boats allowed.

9 Cottonwood - Steverson Lake / WMA - 680 acres, Cherry Co., 30N, 2E of Hyannis; Bluegill, black crappie, largemouth bass, muskie, walleye, yellow perch, carp; no wake boating. Snowmobile and ATV's allowed on ice.

10 Home Valley Lake part of Cottonwood - Steverson WMA - Cherry Co., 30N, 2½E, 1N of Hyannis; Bluegill, black crappie, yellow perch largemouth bass; No boat motors, portage route from Cottonwood - Steverson Lake.

11 Merritt Reservoir SRA - 2,900 acres, Cherry Co., 26SW of Valentine; Bluegill, bullheads, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth & smallmouth bass, muskie, pike, walleye, white bass, yellow perch; camping available, all boats allowed. The daily bag limit of four walleye may include one walleye 15-18 inches and three over 18 inches or four over 18 inches but only one walleye over 25 inches is allowed.

12 Rat and Beaver WMA - 450 acres in 2 lakes, Cherry Co., 30S, 7W of Valentine; Bullhead, carp, pike, yellow perch; permission required for access.

13 Schoolhouse Lake - 105 acres, Cherry Co., 24S of Nenzel; Black crappie, bluegill, bullhead, largemouth bass; private access, permission required.

14 Shell Lake WMA - 160 acres, Cherry Co., 3N, 4E,8N of Gordon; Bluegill, channel catfish, pike, largemouth bass, yellow perch; no wake boating.

15 Valentine Refuge - Cherry Co., 16S, 6W 8S of Valentine to H.Q.; 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 US Fish and Wildlife Service regulations.

Clear Lake - 425 acres, Black bullhead, bluegill, pike, yellow perch.

Dewey Lake - 550 acres, Bluegill, largemouth bass, pike, 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.

16 Willow Lake WMA - 354 acres, Cherry Co., 23½S, 3W of Valentine; Carp, pike, yellow perch.

17 Arnold Lake SRA - 4 acres, Custer Co., ½S of Arnold; Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass; managed out of Dist. IV office.

18 Victoria Springs Lake SRA - 5½ acres, Custer Co., 6E of Anselmo; Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, rainbow trout; cabins and camping.

19 Frye Lake WMA - 243 acres, Grant Co., 1N, 1 ½E of Hyannis; Bluegill, carp, largemouth bass, tiger muskie, yellow perch, crappie, walleye; no wake boating, managed by Dist. I.

20 Atkinson SRA - 5 acres, Holt Co., ½W of Atkinson; Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, pike; primitive camping,electrical hookups, Elkhorn River access.

21 Swan Lake - 235 acres, Holt Co., 26S, ½W of Atkinson; Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, northern pike, yellow perch; no wake boating, leased for fishing only.

22 Cub Creek Lake - 27 acres, Keya Paha Co., 8½W of Springview; Bluegill, catfish, largemouth bass, tiger muskie, walleye, yellow perch; electric fishing motors only, primitive camping, NRD lake.

23 Calamus Reservoir SRA - 5,200 acres, Loup Co., 2W 5NW of Burwell; Channel catfish, crappie, white bass, pike, walleye, wiper, yellow perch; modern/primitive camping, no wake boating on upper lake, 18-inch minimum on walleye with only 1 fish allowed over 25 inches.

24 Gracie Creek Pond - 2 acre pond, Loup Co., N side of Calamus Reservoir 12N, 4E of Taylor; Rainbow trout; put and take trout stocking, wheelchair accessible fishing pier.

25 Twin Lakes WMA - 160 acres, Rock Co., 16S, 2 ½E, 2S of Bassett; Crappie, largemouth bass, bluegill, pike, yellow perch; no wake boating, no boat ramp.

26 Bessey Fish Pond - 3 acres, Thomas Co., 1W, ⅞ S, of Halsey; Largemouth bass, bluegill catfish; no motorized boating, fish cleaning station.

27 Davis Creek Reservoir - 1,145 acres, Valley Co., 5S, 1E of North Loup; Bluegill, bullhead, carp, crappie, largemouth bass, walleye, yellow perch; water level fluctuates dramatically due to irrigation.

A Calamus River - Brown Co. and Loup 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 ¼N 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., 35SW of Mullen; Brown & rainbow trout; Private access, permission required.

G Fairfield Creek - Cherry/Brown Cos., 8N, 2E of Wood Lake to forks or 2 ½W 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.

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., 16S, 4W, 4N 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 Dam WMA - 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 Dismal River - Thomas, Blaine & So. Hooker Cos.; Brown & rainbow trout, channel catfish; Private access, permission required.

NORTHEAST

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.

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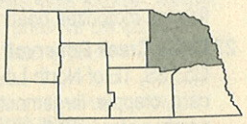

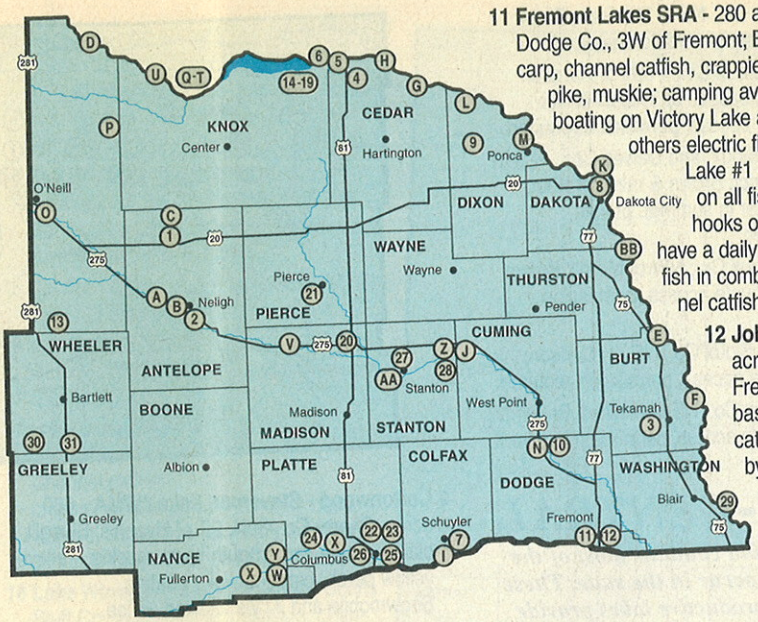

1 Grove Lake WMA - 50 acres, Antelope Co., 2N of Royal; Bluegill, bullhead, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, pike; primitive camping, no wake boating.

2 Penn Park Lake - 8 acres Antelope Co., Neligh city lake, SW edge; Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, carp.

3 Summit Lake SRA - 190 acres, Burt Co., 4 ½W, ½S of Tekamah; Bass, bluegill, carp, channel catfish, crappie, pike, walleye, wipers; no wake boating, fish cleaning station, daily bag limit of 3 wipers, with no more than 1 over 18 inches. Scheduled for rehabitation 2001-2002

4 Chalkrock Lake WMA - 44 acres, Cedar Co., 5N, 1 ½E of Hwy. 81 & 12 Jct.; Bass, bluegill, channel catfish; no wake boating. No baitfish allowed. Fish renovation in 2000.

5 Cottonwood Lake (Lake Yankton) - 250 acres, Cedar Co., Below Gavins Point Dam, north side of river; Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, pike, walleye; 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, smallmouth bass, channel & flathead catfish, crappie, drum, eel, paddlefish, , sauger, walleye, white bass; All boats allowed, wheelchair accessible fishing piers.

7 Schuyler City Lake - 18 acres, Colfax Co., In city park; Bass, bluegill, channel catfish, crappie.

8 Crystal Cove Lake - 30 acres, Dakota Co., NE of Hwy. 20 & 77 intersection in S. Sioux City; Bass, bluegill, channel catfish, pike, rainbow trout in winter; no power boats allowed, South Sioux City. Daily bag limit of 10 panfish in combination and 3 channel catfish.

9 Buckskin Hills Lake - 75 acres, Dixon Co., 2W, 3S, ½W of Newcastle; Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, walleye; primitive camping, no wake boating, NRD.

10 Dead Timber SRA - 20 acres, Dodge Co., 5NW of Scribner, 1 ½E; Bullhead, carp, channel & flathead catfish; primitive camping, electric fishing motors only, park entry permit required.

11 Fremont Lakes SRA - 280 acres in 20 lakes, Dodge Co., 3W of Fremont; Bluegill, bullhead, carp, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, pike, muskie; camping available, gas-powered boating on Victory Lake and Lake 20 only, all others electric fishing motors only. Lake #1 - Catch and release on all fish species, barbless hooks only. All other lakes have a daily bag limit of 10 panfish in combination and 3 channel catfish.

12 Johnson Park Lake - 3 acres, Dodge Co. 1E of Fremont; Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish; former Hwy 275 bypass, lake #2.

13 Goose Lake WMA - 200 acres, Holt Co., 4½ E 6S 4E of Chambers; Bass, bluegill, pike, yellow perch.

14 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.

15 Hideaway Acres Marina - Knox Co., 7N, ½W of Crofton on Lewis & Clark Lake, River mile 812.5; Carp, channel catfish, crappie, drum, sauger, walleye, white bass; Concrete ramp.

16 Lewis & Clark Lake SRA - 30,000 acres, Knox Co., 15N of Crofton; Carp, channel catfish, crappie, drum, sauger, walleye, white bass; modern and primitive camping on state and federal areas, all boats allowed.

17 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.

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 - 50 acres, Madison Co., Norfolk; Bass, bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, pike, walleye, carp; 21-inch minimum on largemouth bass, wheelchair accessible fishing pier, electric fishing motors only.

21 Willow Creek SRA - 700 acres, Pierce Co., 2SW of Pierce; Bluegill, bullhead, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, pike, walleye, wipers; camping, no wake boating on west half of lake, 3 wheelchair accessible fishing piers daily bag limit of 3 wipers, with no more than 1 over 18 inches.

22 Lake Babcock - 600 acres, Platte Co., 1W, 3N of Columbus; Bullhead, carp, channel & flathead catfish; no power boats, Loup Public Power.

23 Lake North - 200 acres, Platte Co., 3N of Columbus; Carp, channel catfish, crappie, drum, walleye; camping,Loup Public Power.

24 Looking Glass WMA - 2 lakes, 3-4 acres each, Platte Co., 1S of Monroe; Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass;

25 Pawnee Park East - 2 acres, Platte Co. south edge of Columbus; Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass; special urban fishing regulations apply

26 Pawnee Park West - 2 acres, Platte Co. south edge of Columbus; Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass; special urban fishing regulations apply

27 Maskenthine Reservoir - 98 acres, Stanton Co., 2NW of Stanton; Bass, bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, pike, walleye; primitive camping, no wake boating. Wheelchair accessible fishing pier, Lower Elkhorn NRD.

28 Red Fox Lake WMA - 25 acres, Stanton Co., 1 ¼S of Pilger on Hwy. 15; Bluegill, carp, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass; no wake boating, primitive ramp.

29 DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge - 760 acres, Washington Co., 6E of Blair on Hwy. 30; Bluegill, buffalo, carp, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, walleye; no wake boating speed limit for boats, open from early Jan. through late Feb. for ice fishing, mid-April through late September for open-water fishing.

30 Lake Ericson - 70 acres, Wheeler Co., ½S of Ericson; Bass, bluegill, carp, channel catfish, crappie, pike; no wake boating. Scheduled for rehabitation 2000-2002

31 Pibel Lake SRA - 25 acres, Wheeler Co., 9S, 1E of Bartlett; Bluegill, bullhead, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, pike; primitive camping, electric fishing motors only. Rehabitated in 2000. No baitfish allowed.

A Hackberry Creek WMA, Elkhorn River - Antelope Co., 1 ½E, ½N 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.

C Verdigre Creek WMA - 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., ½N of Hwy. 51 bridge, east side of Decatur, River mile 691.4; Carp, channel & flathead catfish, drum; Missouri 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; Missouri 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, Missouri River access, public access allowed, concrete ramp.

H St. Helena Access - Cedar Co., 6 ½E, 1N of Hwy. 81 & 121 Jct.; Channel & flathead catfish, paddlefish, sauger, walleye; Missouri River access, Cedar County public access allowed, gravel ramp.

I Whitetail WMA - Colfax Co., ½W 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 ½E of Pilger on county road; Carp, channel & flathead catfish; Elkhorn River access.

K Scenic Park Access - Dakota Co., ½E of Hwy. 77 bridge near S. Sioux City, River mile 732.0; Carp, channel & flathead catfish, drum, paddlefish; City of S. Sioux City, Missouri River access, public access allowed, concrete ramp.

L Mulberry Bend WMA - Dixon Co., 1E of Maskell on Hwy. 12 and 2 ½N; Carp, channel catfish, largemouth & smallmouth bass, paddlefish, pike; Missouri River access.

M State Park - Dixon Co., 2 ½N of Ponca, River mile 753.5; Carp, channel & flathead catfish, drum, paddlefish, sauger, walleye; Missouri 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 WMA - Holt Co., 1 ½SE of O'Neill; Carp, channel & 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 ½N 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 ½E, 1 ½N of Niobrara, NE River mile 841.0; Carp, channel & flathead catfish, sauger, walleye; Boat ramp, access to Missouri River.

S Niobrara SP - Knox Co., 1W of Niobrara; Large & smallmouth bass, sauger, walleye, northern pike; Access to Niobrara and Missouri River.

T 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.

U Verdel Landing - Knox Co., 2E, 2N of Verdel; Carp, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth & smallmouth bass, pike; Missouri River access.

V Yellowbanks WMA - Madison Co., 3N of Battle Creek; Carp, channel & flathead catfish; Elkhorn River access.

W George Syas WMA - Nance Co., 2S, 1 ½E of Genoa; Carp, channel catfish; Loup River access.

X 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.

Y Prairie Wolf WMA - Nance Co., 1S of Genoa; Carp, channel catfish; Loup River access.

Z Red Fox WMA - Stanton Co., 1S of Pilger on Hwy. 15; Carp, channel & flathead catfish; Elkhorn River access.

AA Wood Duck WMA - Stanton Co., 3SW of Stanton; Carp, channel & flathead catfish; Elkhorn River access.

BB Missouri River (Federal access areas) - Nebraska shoreline, River miles 691.3-691.9, 693.0-693.4, 694.5-695.3, 695.2-697.4, 697.7-699.6, 701.1-701.5; Buffalo, carp, drum, channel & flathead catfish, 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.

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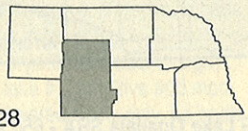


1 Enders Reservoir SRA - 1200 acres, Chase Co., 5E, 4 ½S of Imperial; Channel catfish, crappie, walleye, white bass, wiper, northern pike; primitive camping, all boats allowed, severe summer drawdown. 30-inch minimum length on northern pike.

2 Rock Creek Lake SRA - 50 acres, Dundy Co., 4N, 1W of Parks; Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, rainbow trout, redear sunfish; primitive camping, electric fishing motors only, rehabilitation work scheduled for year 2001

3 Medicine Creek SRA (Harry Strunk Lake) - 1,850 acres, Frontier Co., 2W, 7N of Cambridge; Channel & flathead catfish, crappie, walleye, white bass, wiper; primitive and modern camping, all boats allowed.

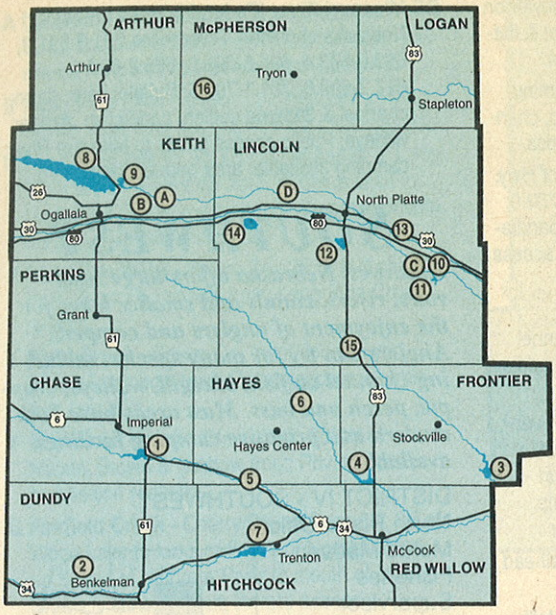
4 Red Willow SRA (Hugh Butler Lake) - 1,630 acres, Frontier Co., 11N of McCook; Channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, walleye, white bass, wiper, northern pike; modern camping, all boats allowed. 30-inch minimum length on northern pike.

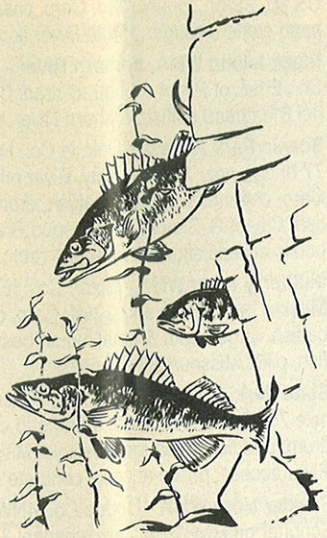
5 Frenchman WMA - 20 acres (gravel pits), Hayes Co , ½N of Palisade; Channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, northern pike.

6 Hayes Center Lake WMA - 50 acres, Hayes Co., 12NE of Hayes Center; Bullhead, crappie, channel & flat- head catfish, northern pike; electric fishing motors only.

7 Swanson Reservoir SRA - 5,000 acres, Hitchcock Co., 2W of Trenton; Channel catfish, crappie, walleye, white bass, wiper, northern pike.

8 Lake McConaughy SRA - 30,000 acres, Keith Co., 10N of Ogallala; Channel catfish, perch, rainbow trout, smallmouth bass, striped bass, white bass, walleye, wiper, northern pike; modern and primitive camping, all boats allowed, walleye bag limits allow only 1 fish over 25 inches. Combination bag limit on all trout is 4 with a possession limit of 8. Minimum length limits of 20 inches on brown trout. Otter Creek is closed to walleye harvest.





9 Lake Ogallala SRA - 650 acres, Keith Co., 10N of Ogallala; Channel catfish, rainbow trout, walleye, brown trout, yellow perch; modern/primitive camping, all boats allowed, no anchors allowed, wheelchair accessible fishing pier. Combination bag limit on all trout is 4 with a possession limit of 8. Minimum length limits of 20 inches on brown trout.

10 Chester Island WMA - Lincoln Co., 2S, ½W of Brady; Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass; 4.2 acres (4 sandpits)

11 Jeffrey Reservoir - Lincoln Co., 5S, 3W of Brady; Channel catfish, walleye, white bass, wiper; 900 acres, all boats allowed

12 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

13 Pawnee Slough WMA - Lincoln Co., 2W of Maxwell; Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth & rock bass; 30 acres

14 Sutherland Reservoir SRA - Lincoln Co., 2S of Sutherland; Channel catfish, walleye, white bass, wiper, yellow perch, drum; 3,000 acres, ice fishermen use caution due to heated discharge from power plant, primitive camping, all boats allowed, wheelchair accessible fishing pier

15 Wellfleet Lake - Lincoln Co., ½SW of Wellfleet; Bluegill, channel & flathead catfish, crappie, largemouth bass; 50 acres, primitive camping, electric fishing motors only

16 Diamond Bar - McPherson Co., 18W 3S Tryon; Largemouth bass, northern pike, yellow perch, bluegill, crappie; 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 Sutherland Supply Canal - Keith & Lincoln Cos.; Brown & rainbow trout; Access via Central Public Power District road

C CNPPID Canal (Tri County) - Lincoln Co., North Platte to Lexington; Channel & flathead catfish, walleye, white bass, wiper; no wake boating, 15-inch minimum on walleye

D North River WMA - Lincoln Co., 2 ½N of Hershey; Carp, channel & flathead catfish, pike; Encompasses 2 miles of North Platte River

SOUTH-CENTRAL

A variety of opportunities await anglers in South-central 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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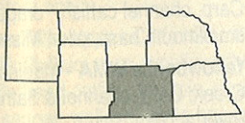


1 Crystal Lake SRA - 10 acres, Adams Co., 2N, 1W of Ayr; Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, tiger muskie; electric motors only, restocked.

2 Lake Hastings - 63 acres, Adams Co., N edge of Hastings; Bullhead, channel catfish, crappie; all boats allowed special boating regulations.

3 Hastings NW Dam - 63 acres, Adams Co., 1N of Hastings Airport; Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass; no wake boating, very turbid.

4 32-Mile H, Prairie Lake - 65 acres, Adams Co., 1 ½ E, 4 ½ S of Juniata; Channel catfish; Little Blue NRD, no wake boating, turbid.

5 32-Mile D, Roseland Lake - 66 acres, Adams Co., 4 ½ W, 1 ½ S of Juniata; Bullhead, carp, channel catfish; Little Blue NRD, no wake boating, turbid.

6 Cottonmill Lake - Buffalo Co., 1W, ½N of Kearney on Hwy. 30; Channel catfish,bluegill largemouth bass, northern pike; Lake rehabitation in 1997-99, restocked 1999-2000. No wake boating, special urban fishing regulations

7 Ravenna Lake SRA - 17 acres, Buffalo Co., 1SE of Ravenna; Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass; primitive camping, electric fishing motors only. Rehabitation 2001-2002. Restocking in 2001

8 Ansley Lake - 4 acres, Custer Co., W of Ansley; Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass; no power boating special urban fishing regulations.

9 Pressey WMA - 2.5 acres, Custer Co., 3W Oconto; Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass.

10 Gallagher Canyon Reservoir SRA - 182 acres, Dawson Co., 8S of Cozad; Channel & flathead catfish, crappie, drum, walleye, white bass; primitive camping, all power boats allowed.

11 Lake Helen - 20 acres, Dawson Co., N edge Gothenburg; Carp, channel catfish.

12 Lexington City Lake - 7 acres, Dawson Co., N edge Lexington; Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass.

13 Midway Canyon Reservoir - 609 acres, Dawson Co., 6S, 2W of Cozad; Channel & flathead catfish, crappie, drum, walleye, white bass; all power boats allowed.

14 Plum Creek Canyon Reservoir - 252 acres, Dawson Co., 8S, 3 ½E Cozad; Channel catfish, crappie, drum, walleye, white bass; all power boats allowed.

15 Elwood Reservoir WMA - 1,200 acres, Gosper Co., 3N of Elwood; Channel & flathead catfish, crappie, largemouth & rock bass, wiper, walleye, yellow perch, spotted bass, wiper, muskie; no wake boating, 18 inch minimum on walleye, with a bag limit of only 1 fish over 25 inches, summer drawdown Daily bag limit of 3 on wipers with no more then 1 fish over 18 inches.

16 Johnson Lake SRA - 2,800 acres, Gosper Co., 7S of Lexington; Channel & flathead catfish, crappie, striped bass, wipers, walleye, white bass, drum; primitive and modern camping, all boats allowed, 2 wheelchair accessible fishing piers. 15 inch minimum length limit on walleye.

17 Phillips Canyon Reservoir - 142 acres, Gosper Co., 8S, 1E Lexington; Channel catfish, crappie, drum, walleye, white bass; all boats allowed

18 Scout Lake - 40 acres, Hall Co., 1N of Grand Island; Bluegill, bullhead, channel catfish, largemouth bass, carp, crappie; 10 panfish special bag limit (city). Special urban fishing regulations.

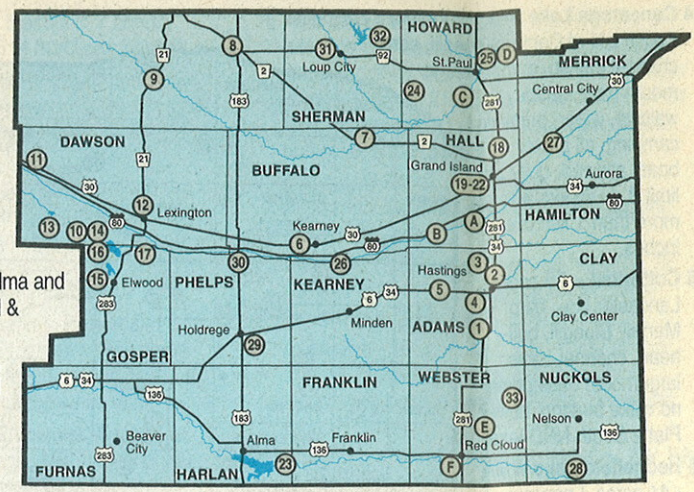
19 L.E. Ray Lake - 30½ acres, Hall Co., Grand Island city lake, N of Husker Hwy. & East Blaine; Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, tiger muskie; special city regulations.

20 Pier Lake - 8¾ acres, Hall Co., Grand Island city lake, Ashton Ave. & Bismarck Rd.; Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass; . Special urban fishing regulations.

21 Suchs Lake - 4½ acres, Hall Co., Grand Island city lake, Harrison St., S of Burlington Railroad; Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass.

22 Wastewater Pond - 7½ acres, Hall Co., Grand Island city lake, Swift Rd., E of Stuhr Rd.; Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, tiger muskie.

23 Harlan Co. Reservoir/Corps of Engineers - 13,500 acres, Harlan Co., S of Alma and Republican City; Channel & flathead catfish, crappie, pike, walleye, white bass, wiper, drum; modern and primitive camping, all boats allowed, 18-inch min. on walleye, summer drawdown



24 Farwell South Reservoir - 40 acres, Howard Co., 4W, 3S of Farwell; Carp, channel & flathead catfish, crappie, walleye; electric motors only.

25 North Loup SRA - 7 acres, Howard Co., 3N of St. Paul; Bass, bluegill, channel catfish, crappie; just north of the N. Loup River on Hwy. 281.

26 Ft. Kearny SRA - Kearney Co., ¾ E, 1N of Ft. Kearny SHP; Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass; 7 gravel pit lakes, camping, electric fishing motors only, wheelchair accessible fishing pier. Fish feeder, lake #4 May - Sept. Panfish bag limit of 10, channel catfish bag limit of 3.

27 Bader Memorial County Park - 12 acres in 7 lakes, Merrick Co., 1 ½ S of Chapman; Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth; primitive camping, no boats allowed, old sandpits.

28 Superior City Lake - 1 acre, Nuckolls Co., W edge of Superior; Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass.

29 Holdrege City Lake - 10 acres, Phelps Co., ½N of Holdrege; Bluegill, channel & flathead catfish, crappie, largemouth bass; no wake boating, rehabilitation project 1999-2000, stocked in 2000

30 Sandy Channel SRA - 52 acres in 6 lakes, Phelps Co., 2S of Elm Creek, I-80 Interchange; Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass; electric fishing motors only. No wake boating on lake #8.

31 Bowman Lake - 20 acres, Sherman Co., ½ W of Loup City; Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass.

32 Sherman Reservoir SRA - 2,600 acres, Sherman Co., 4E, 1N of Loup City; Channel catfish, crappie, flathead catfish, pike, walleye, white bass, drum; primitive camping, all boats allowed, summer drawdowns, 18-inch min. on walleye with only 1 fish allowed over 25-inch 10-inch crappie length limit.

33 Liberty Cove - 36 acres, Webster Co., 2S, 2½ W of Lawrence; Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, pike; Little Blue NRD, fishing pier with gravel access.

A Loch Linda WMA - Hall Co., 10S, 3W of Grand Island; Carp, channel catfish; Access to Platte River.

B Martins Reach WMA - Hall Co., 4S, 2W of Wood River; Carp, channel catfish; Access to Platte River.

C Harold W. Anderson WMA - Howard Co., 2N, 3E of Dannebrog; Carp, channel catfish; Access to Middle Loup River.

D Loup Junction WMA - Howard Co., 2 ½N, 2E, ½N of St. Paul; Carp, channel catfish; Loup River access.

E Elm Creek WMA - Webster Co., 4E, 2N of Red Cloud; Brown & rainbow trout; ½ mile of stream on public land, rest on private land, permission required, trout stocked two times during year, March and September.

F Indian Creek WMA - Webster Co., 1S of Red Cloud; Carp, channel catfish, white bass; Access to Republican 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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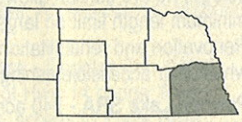


1 Oxbow Trails Lake - 43 acres, Butler Co., 1½ E of Ulysses; Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass; no wake boating, Upper Big Blue NRD lake.

2 Redtail WMA - 17 acres, Butler Co., 1E of Dwight; Bluegill, crappie, channel catfish, largemouth bass; walk-in access only.

3 Timber Point - 28 acres, Butler Co., 1S, 2E of Brainard; Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, tiger muskie; no wake boating, Lower Platte South NRD lake.

4 Jenny Newman - 4½ acres, Cass Co., Platte River State Park; Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, grass carp; total catch and release, family fishing area check special regulations. Catch and release for all species. All hooks on artificial lures need to be barbless or have barbs crimped.

5 Louisville SRA - 40 acres, in 5 lakes, Cass Co., ½NW of Louisville; Bluegill, carp, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass; primitive camping, electric trolling motors only, access point to Platte River. Lakes 1A and 3 renovated in 2000. Catch and release on bass, panfish bag limit of 10, channel catfish bag limit of 3.

6 Marina Lake - 4½ acres, Cass Co., Mahoney State Park; Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass.

7 US West Lake - 10 acres, Cass Co., Mahoney State Park; Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, trout (seasonal); catch & release only for bass & bluegill, check regulations for other species, trout stocked in fall and winter, barbless hooks only. Wheelchair accessible fishing pier.

8 Two Rivers SRA - 32 acres, in 7 lakes, Douglas Co., 3 ½E, 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; crappie, largemouth bass, bluegill, carp & bullhead in lake #7; 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 - 300 acres, Douglas Co., Abbott Drive & Carter Blvd. in Omaha; Bluegill, buffalo, bullhead, carp, catfish, crappie, drum, walleye largemouth bass, pike, ; all boats allowed, city of Omaha lake, wheelchair accessible fishing pier.

10 Dam Site 6 - 42 acres, Douglas Co., 2W Bennington; Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass; Papio/Missouri NRD lake.

11 Glenn Cunningham Lake - 377 acres, Douglas Co., 96th & State in Omaha; Bluegill, bullhead, carp, channel catfish, largemouth, walleye, yellow & white bass; no-wake power boating, camping, city of Omaha lake, wheelchair accessible fishing pier.

12 Papio D-4 - 30½ acres, Douglas Co., ¼N of NE 36 & 98th St., northwest Omaha; Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass; Papio/Missouri NRD lake. Foot access.

13 Standing Bear Lake - 135 acres, Douglas Co., 132nd & Military in Omaha; Bass, bluegill, catfish, crappie, drum, saugeye, trout (seasonal), walleye, yellow perch; electric fishing motors only, city of Omaha lake, trout stocked in fall and winter, wheelchair accessible fishing pier.

14 Zorinsky Lake - 255 acres, Douglas Co., 156th & F Sts. in Omaha; Bluegill, bullhead, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, tiger muskie,; city of Omaha lake, 21-inch minimum on largemouth bass, 8-inch minimum on bluegill, 10-inch minimum on crappie except during the month of April. Combination bag limit of 10 panfish, wheelchair accessible fishing pier.

15 Bruning Lake - 258 acres, Fillmore Co., 2 ½E, 1N of Bruning; Bullhead, carp, channel catfish; Little Blue NRD lake, very turbid.

16 Arrowhead WMA - 77 acres, Gage Co., 3E, ½S of Diller; Bullhead, carp, channel catfish; power no wake boating, very turbid & shallow.

17 Bear Pierce Cedar 2A - 24 acres, Gage Co., 2N, 2E of Hwy. 77 & Hwy. 136 Junction; Channel catfish; turbid & shallow, Lower Big Blue NRD lake.

18 Big Indian 11A - 76 acres, Gage Co., 3S, 3W of Wymore; Bullhead, channel catfish; primitive camping, all power boating allowed, Lower Big Blue NRD lake.

19 Donald Whitney WMA - 43 acres, Gage Co., 3 ½W of Odell; Bullhead, channel catfish; in 2 lakes, electric trolling motors only, turbid.

20 Rockford Lake SRA - 150 acres, Gage Co., 7E, 2S of Beatrice; Bluegill, bullhead, crappie, carp, channel & flathead catfish, largemouth bass; all power boating allowed, primitive camping.

21 Wolf Wildcat #12 - 42 acres, Gage Co., 7S of Virginia; Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass; Lower Big Blue NRD lake, limited access.

22 Clatonia 3A - 46 acres, Gage Co., 1N of Clatonia; Channel catfish, bullhead; no wake boating, Lower Big Blue NRD lake, turbid.

23 Alexandria SRA - 43 acres, Jefferson Co., 3E 1S of Alexandria; Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass; electric trolling motors only, primitive camping.

24 Buckley 3F - 22 acres, Jefferson Co., 7W 4½S of Fairbury; Channel catfish; no wake boating. Blue NRD lake, turbid.

25 Crystal Springs Lakes - 18 acres in 3 lakes, Jefferson Co., 1S, 1W of Fairbury; Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish; no boats allowed.

26 Cub Creek 9B (Leisure Lake) - 25 acres, Jefferson Co., 1E, 4S of Plymouth; Carp, channel catfish; no wake boating, Lower Big Blue NRD lake, very turbid.

27 Cub Creek Watershed 12A - 27 acres, Jefferson Co., 3W, 4 ½S of Plymouth; Carp, channel catfish; all boats allowed, turbid, Lower Big Blue NRD lake.

28 Osage WMA - 4 one-acre ponds, Johnson Co., 3N, 2W, ¾N of Tecumseh; Bluegill, largemouth bass;

29 Twin Oaks WMA - 3 acres in 2 ponds, Johnson Co., 2E, 4S of Tecumseh; Bluegill, largemouth bass.

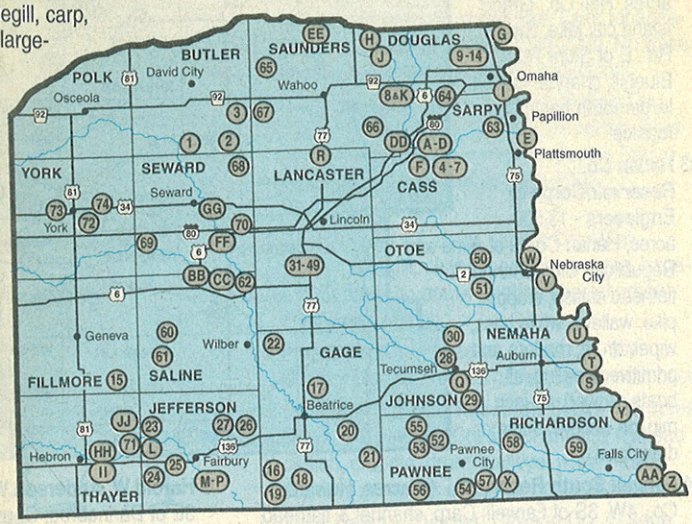
30 Wirth Brothers Lake - 37 acres, Johnson Co., 1W, 3S, 1W of Cook; Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, northern pike; South Branch Site 27 Nemaha NRD, ADA accessible boat ramp and parking, no wake boating.

31 Bluestem Lake SRA - 326 acres, Lancaster Co., 2 ½W of Sprague; Bluegill, crappie, flathead & channel catfish, largemouth bass;primitive camping, all boats allowed, turbid.

32 Bowling Lake - 12 acres, Lancaster Co., 3rd & Baker, NW Airpark, Lincoln; Bluegill, bullhead, carp, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass; non-powered boats only, city of Lincoln lake, shallow, turbid; wheelchair accessible fishing pier.

33 Branched Oak Lake SRA - 1,800 acres, Lancaster Co., ½E, 4N of Malcolm; Bluegill, bullhead, carp, blue, channel & flathead catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, northern pike, walleye, white perch, wiper; no wake boating 400 ft. from dam & 100 ft. from all shores, wheelchair accessible fishing pier, daily bag limit 1 on walleye over 22 inches, 10 inch minimum on crappie, catch and release on wipers and flathead catfish.

34 Conestoga Lake SRA - 230 acres, Lancaster Co., 1 ½N of Denton; Bluegill, carp, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, saugeye, walleye, wiper; primitive camping, all power boats allowed, daily bag limit 3 on wipers with no more than 1 fish over 18 inches.



35 Cottontail - 29 acres, Lancaster Co., 1N of Martell; Bluegill, bullhead, channel catfish, largemouth bass;power no wake boating. Lower Platte South NRD lake.

36 Hedgefield Lake WMA - 44 acres, Lancaster Co., 2W, ½N of Panama; Bluegill, bullhead, channel catfish, largemouth bass, crappie; electric fishing motors only

37 Holmes Lake - 100 acres, Lancaster Co., 70th & Normal Blvd. in Lincoln; Bluegill, crappie, carp, channel, and flathead catfish, largemouth bass, white perch, wipers; non-powered boats only, city of Lincoln lake, wheelchair accessible fishing pier.

38 Killdeer Lake WMA - 20 acres, Lancaster Co., 2½N of Martell; Bluegill, bullheads, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass; electric trolling motors only.

39 Merganser - 41 acres, Lancaster Co., ½N, 1E, ¼N of Kramer; Bluegill, bullhead, channel catfish, largemouth bass; no wake boating, Lower Platte South NRD lake.

40 Oak Lake - 47-acre in 3 lakes, Lancaster Co., I-180 & Sun Valley Blvd., NW Lincoln; Bullhead, carp, channel catfish, crappie, green sunfish; city of Lincoln lake, shallow, subject to winter kill.

41 Olive Creek Lake SRA - 175 acres, Lancaster Co., 2E, 1S of Kramer; Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass; primitive camping, no wake boating, 8 inch minimum length limit on bluegill, no live baitfish allowed, 21 inch minimum length limit on largemouth bass. Renovation and rehabilitation in 2000, wheelchair accessible fishing pier.

42 Pawnee Lake SRA - 740 acres, Lancaster Co., 2N, 1 ½W of Emerald; Carp, channel & flathead catfish, crappie, drum, largemouth & white bass, sauger, walleye; modern camping, primitive camping, all boats power allowed, 10-inch minimum on crappie, 15-inch minimum on sauger & walleye.

43 Stagecoach Lake SRA - 195 acres, Lancaster Co., 1 ½S, ½W of Hickman; Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, wiper; primitive camping, no wake boating, 8-inch minimum on bluegill, wheelchair accessible fishing pier.

44 Tanglewood - 33 acres, Lancaster Co., ½N, 1W, ½S of Kramer; Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, bullhead; no wake boating, Lower Platte South NRD lake. Seepage problem.

45 Teal Lake WMA - 29 acres, Lancaster Co., 4 ½E, 4N of Wilber; Bluegill, bullhead, channel & flathead catfish, largemouth bass; electric motors only, subject to frequent fish kills due to low levels. Seepage problem.

46 Wagon Train Lake SRA - 315 acres, Lancaster Co., 2E of Hickman; Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass redear sunfish; 8 inch minimum length limit on bluegill, redear sunfish and their hybrids, no live baitfish allowed, 21 inch minimum length limit on largemouth bass. No wake boating, renovation and rehabitation in 2000, wheelchair accessible fishing pier.

47 Wild Plum - 16 acres, Lancaster Co., 1½N, ½W, of Kramer; Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass tiger muskie; no wake boating, Lower Platte South NRD lake.

48 Wildwood Lake WMA - 103 acres, Lancaster Co., 1W, 1 ½N of Agnew; Bluegill, bullhead, carp, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, walleye; electric motors only, Lower Platte South NRD lake. Lake rehabitation in 2000-2002.

49 Yankee Hill Lake SRA - 208 acres, Lancaster Co., 2 ½E, 1S of Denton; Bluegill, bullhead, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, walleye;electric fishing motors only.

50 Wilson Creek 2X WMA - 15 acres, Otoe Co., 3E, 1 ½S of Otoe; Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass; electric motors only, Nemaha NRD lake, very shallow.

51 Wilson Creek 4F (Prairie Owl) - 38 acres, Otoe Co., 2S, 1W, ¼S of Dunbar; Bluegill, bullhead, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass; electric fishing motors only, Nemaha NRD lake, shallow.

52 Bowwood WMA - 6½, Pawnee Co., 2S of Steinauer; Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass; acres, electric motors only.

53 Burchard Lake WMA - 150 acres, Pawnee Co., 3E, ½N of Burchard; Bluegill, bullhead, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, yellow perch; no wake boating; primitive camping, area closed during waterfowl season, except face of dam, 21-inch minimum on largemouth bass.

54 Iron Horse Trail Lake - 85 acres, Pawnee Co., ½N, 2W of DuBois; Bluegill, channel & flathead catfish, crappie, largemouth bass; no wake boating, No personal watercraft, camping, picnicking, Nemaha NRD, NRD park sticker needed, turbid.

55 Mayberry WMA - 25 acres, Pawnee Co., 5N, 1 ¼E of Burchard; Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, tiger muskie; electric motors only.

56 Pawnee Prairie WMA - 5 acres in 7 ponds, Pawnee Co., 6S, 2E, 2S of Burchard; Bluegill, largemouth bass,channel catfish.

57 Prairie Knoll WMA - 6 acres, Pawnee Co, 2W, 2N DuBois; Bluegill, largemouth bass; electric motors only.

58 Kirkman's Cove - 160 acres, Richardson Co., 1N, 2W of Humboldt; Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass; Nemaha NRD, NRD park sticker needed, 35 mph maximum on lower 2/3 of lake, no personal watercraft, turbid.

59 Verdon Lake SRA - 30 acres, Richardson Co., ½W of Verdon; Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass; electric motors only, primitive camping, rehabitation conducted in 1999.

60 Swan Creek 2A WMA - 16 acres, Saline Co., 14W, 3N of Wilber; Bluegill, bullhead, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass; no wake boating.

61 Swan Creek 5A - 95 acres, Saline Co., 3E, 2N of Tobias; Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass; area development planned in next few years, Lower Big Blue NRD, wheelchair accessible fishing pier, turbid.

62 Walnut Creek 2A - 26 acres, Saline Co., ½E, 3 ½N of Crete; Bluegill, bullhead, channel catfish, largemouth bass, crappie; no wake boating, Lower Big Blue NRD lake, shallow.

63 Walnut Creek Reservoir - 100 acres, Sarpy Co., 2S 3E of Papillion; Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, redear sunfish; Papio-Missouri NRD lake, check their regulations for open hours. 21-inch minimum on largemouth bass, combination bag limit on panfish of 10, 8-inch minimum on bluegill and green and redear sunfish, 10-inch minimum on crappie.

64 Wehrspann Lake - 245 acres, Sarpy Co., 1N, 1W I-80 & Hwy. 50 Junction; Bluegill, bullhead, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, walleye, white perch; boats limited to 5 mph, Papio/Missouri NRD lake, 21-inch minimum on largemouth bass, 8-inch minimum on bluegill, 10-inch minimum on crappie except during the month of April, combination bab limit of 10 panfish, wheelchair accessible fishing pier.

65 Czechland Lake - 85-acres, Saunders Co., 1N, ¼W of Prague; Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass; Lower Platte North NRD, no wake boating, 8-inch minimum on bluegill, 10-inch minimum on crappie, wheelchair accessible fishing pier.

66 Memphis Lake SRA - 45 acres, Saunders Co., ½W of Memphis; Bluegill, buffalo, bullhead, carp, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass; row boats and electric motors only, shallow. Lake rehabitation in 2001-2002.

67 Red Cedar - 50 acres, Saunders Co., 5 ½N, 2W of the north edge of Valparaiso; Bluegill, channel & flathead catfish, largemouth bass; no wake boating, Lower Platte South NRD lake.

68 Meadowlark - 55 acres, Seward Co., 4W, 1N, 1½W of Agnew; Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass; no wake boating, Lower Platte South NRD lake.

69 Smith Creek - 21 acres, Seward Co., 2N, 2W, ¼N of Beaver Crossing; Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass; no wake boating, Upper Big Blue NRD lake, turbid.

70 Twin Lakes WMA - 60 acres, Seward Co., 2 ½N, ½W of Pleasant Dale; Bluegill, bullhead, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, tiger muskie, walleye; 210 acres in east lake, in west lake, electric trolling motors only, area closed during waterfowl seasons.

71 Meridan WMA - 1 acre, Thayer Co., 3S of Alexandria; Bluegill, largemouth bass; electric motors only.

72 Overland Trails Lake - 14 acres, York Co., 3E, 1½ S of York; Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass; Upper Big Blue NRD lake.

73 Recharge - 49 acres, York Co., 1 ½W of York; Bluegill, bullhead, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass; no wake boating, Upper Big Blue NRD lake.

74 Waco Basin WMA - 15 acres, York Co., 1W, ½N of Waco; Black bullhead.

A Hwy. 50 Bridge - Cass Co., Louisville; River species; Access point to Platte River.

B Louisville SRA - Cass Co., ½NW of Louisville; Carp, channel catfish, sturgeon; Foot access point to Platte River.

C Mahoney State Park - Cass Co., 1S, 3E of Ashland; Carp, channel catfish, sturgeon; Foot access point to Platte River.

D Platte River State Park - Cass Co., 2S, 3W Louisville; Carp, channel catfish, sturgeon; Foot access point to Platte River.

E 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.

F Schramm Park SRA - Cass Co., 9S of Gretna on NE 31; Carp, channel catfish, sturgeon; Foot access point to Platte River.

G Dodge Park - Douglas Co., 11000 N River Rd. in Omaha; Buffalo, carp, catfish, crappie; Access point to Missouri River.

H Elkhorn Crossing - Douglas Co., 1S, ¾E of Hwy. 36 & County Rd. 92 Junction; River species; 23 acres, access point to Elkhorn River, Papio/Missouri NRD lake.

I Haworth Park - Douglas Co., Bellevue; Buffalo, carp, catfish, crappie; Access point to Missouri River.

J Platte River Access - Douglas Co., 4W of Valley, SE corner of Hwy. 14 bridge; River species; 1.9 acres, access to Platte River.

K Two Rivers SRA - Douglas Co., 1½ S of Venice; Carp, channel catfish, sturgeon; Foot access point to Platte River.

L Alexandria Southwest WMA - Jefferson Co, ½S, 1E of Alexandria; Channel catfish; Access to Big Sandy Creek.

M Flathead WMA - Jefferson Co, 1S, of Fairbury; Channel and flathead catfish; Access to Little Blue River.

N Rose Creek WMA - Jefferson Co, 2S, 2½W, 1½S of Fairbury; Channel catfish, bullhead; Access to Rose Creek.

O Rose Creek West WMA - Jefferson Co, 2S, 3½W, 2S of Fairbury; Channel catfish, bullhead; Access to Rose Creek

P Fairbury - Jefferson Co., S edge of Fairbury; Carp, channel & flathead catfish; Access point to Little Blue River below Fairbury.

Q Twin Oaks WMA - Johnson Co., 2E, 2S ¾W of Tecumseh; Channel catfish, carp; ½ mile walk, access to Big Nemaha River.

R Jack Sinn WMA - Lancaster Co , 2S of Ceresco; Channel catfish, bullhead; Access to Rock Creek.

S Aspen Wall Bend WMA - Nemaha Co , ¾S of Nemaha; Channel catfish, carp; ¾ mile walk, access to Little Nemaha and Missouri River.

T Brownville SRA - Nemaha Co., 1E of Brownville; Buffalo, carp, channel & flathead catfish, sturgeon; Access to Missouri River, ramp, primitive camping.

U Peru - Nemaha Co., Peru; Buffalo, carp, channel & flathead catfish, sturgeon;Access point to Missouri River.

V Hamburg Bend WMA - Otoe Co., 4SE of Nebraska City; Channel, flathead and blue catfish, carp, sturgeon; South of OPPD power plant, access to Missouri River.

W River View Marina SRA - Otoe Co., E of Nebraska City; Buffalo, carp, channel & flathead catfish, sturgeon; Access to Missouri River, ramp, primitive camping.

X Kinter's Ford WMA - Pawnee Co., S of Humboldt; Carp, channel & flathead catfish; Access point to Big Nemaha River.

Y Indian Cave SP - Richardson Co., 4E of Barada; Buffalo, carp, channel & flathead catfish, sturgeon; Access point to Missouri River.

Z Margrave WMA - Richardson Co. , 1½S, 2¾E of Preston; Channel catfish, carp; ½ mile walk, access to Big Nemaha River.

AA 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.

BB Blue River SRA - Saline Co., 5N of Dorchester; Channel catfish, carp; Access point to Big Blue River.

CC Shady Trail - Saline Co., 1W, 4N, ½W, ½N of Crete; Channel catfish, carp; Access point to Big Blue River.

DD Catfish Run WMA - Sarpy Co., E of Ashland; River species; Access point to Salt Creek off Hwy. 6.

EE Brandle WMA - Saunders Co. ,5W, 2N of Cedar Bluff; Channel catfish, carp; Access to Platte River.

FF Blue Bluffs - Seward Co., ½N, 1E, 2S of Milford; Channel catfish, carp; Access point to Big Blue River.

GG Blue Valley - Seward Co., ½S of Seward; Channel catfish, carp; Access point to Big Blue River.

HH Little Blue WMA - Thayer Co., 2E of Hebron; Channel, flathead catfish; Access to Little Blue River.

II Little Blue East WMA - Thayer Co., 4E of Hebron; Channel, flathead catfish; Access to Little Blue River.

JJ Meridian WMA - Thayer Co., 3S of Alexandria; Channel, flathead catfish; Access to Little Blue River.

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.

1 Bassway Strip WMA - Four lakes 1 to 8 acres Buffalo Co., Minden Inter., ¼S on Hwy. 10, left on county road back tracking toward I 80; Bluegill, bullheads, carp, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass; Platte River access. Improved boat ramp, no wake boating.

2 Blue Hole WMA (West lake) - 37 acres, Buffalo Co., Elm Creek Inter., SW quadrant; Bluegill, carp, rock bass, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass; Platte River access.

3 Blue Hole WMA (East lake) - 34 acres, Buffalo Co., Elm Creek Inter., 1 ½S, 1 ½E on canal road; Bluegill, carp, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass.

4 Bufflehead WMA - 15 acres, Buffalo Co., Kearney Inter., 1N to 11th St., 3E, 1S, ½E; , Yellow perch, bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass; improved boat ramp, no wake boating.

5 Coot Shallows WMA - 12 acres, Buffalo Co., Odessa Inter., ¾N, 1¾W; Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, northern pike, yellow perch; improved boat ramp, no wake boating, rehabilitation in 2000.

6 East Odessa WMA - 7 acres, Buffalo Co., Odessa Inter., 4E on S side; Bluegill, bullhead, carp, largemouth bass; Platte River access.

7 Kea Lake WMA - 20 acres, Buffalo Co., Kearney Inter., SW quadrant; Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass.

8 Kea West WMA - 8 acres, Buffalo Co., Kearney Inter., 1N to 11th St., 1¼W, 1S to overpass approach, turn left; Bluegill, yellow perch, rock bass, channel catfish, largemouth bass, crappie.

9 North Kearney Rest Area DOR - 7 acres, Buffalo Co., Kearney Inter., 1¾W on I 80 to rest stop; Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, walleye; no boats allowed.

10 South Kearney Rest Area DOR - ¾ acre, Buffalo Co., Kearney Inter., 1¾W on I 80 to rest stop; Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, redear sunfish; no boats allowed.

11 Union Pacific SRA - 15 acres, Buffalo Co., Odessa Inter., NE quadrant; Channel catfish, largemouth, smallmouth & rock bass; primitive camping.

12 War Axe SRA - 14 acres, Buffalo Co., Shelton Inter., NE quadrant; Bluegill, carp, walleye, channel catfish & largemouth; primitive camping.

13 West Elm Creek WMA - 8½ acres, Buffalo Co., Elm Creek Inter., 5W; Channel catfish, Redear sunfish & smallmouth bass; access across private property.

14 Windmill SRA - Four 2-acre lakes, one 7- acre lake, Buffalo Co., Gibbon Inter., NE quadrant; Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, rainbow trout in winter, panfish daily bag limit of 10, channel catfish daily bag limit of 3; modern camping. Fish feeder on lake #4 May - September.

15 Cozad WMA - 18 acres, Dawson Co., Cozad Inter., SE quadrant; Bluegill, carp, channel catfish, largemouth & rock bass; improved boat ramp, no wake boating.

16 Darr WMA - 13 acres, Dawson Co., Darr Inter., NW quadrant; Channel catfish, largemouth, rock and smallmouth bass.

17 Dogwood WMA - 2 lakes, 5 & 7 acres, Dawson Co., Lexington Inter., 5 ½E, 2 ½S over overpass, ¼E; Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth & rock bass; Platte River access.

18 East Gothenburg WMA - 15 acres, Dawson Co., Gothenburg Inter., ½S, ½E, 3 ½NE & E; Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass.

19 West Cozad WMA - 18 acres, Dawson Co., Cozad Inter., 1N to Hwy. 30, 1¾W, ¾S across overpass, ¼N & E; Carp, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass.

20 Willow Island WMA - 24 acres, Dawson Co., Cozad Inter., 5¼W of Cozad on Hwy. 30, ¾S across overpass; Carp, channel catfish, largemouth bass.

21 Alda DOR - 12 acres, Hall Co., Alda Inter., NE quadrant; Bluegill, carp, channel catfish, largemouth bass; No boats allowed.

22 Cheyenne SRA - 17 acres, Hall Co., Wood River Inter., NW quadrant; Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass; primitive camping.

23 Grand Island East bound Rest Area - 6 acres Hall Co., 3E of Grand Island Interchange, S of I 80; Bluegill, carp, channel catfish, largemouth bass; No boats allowed.

24 Mormon Island DOR (East) - 22 acres, Hall Co., Grand Island Inter., N of I 80, 1 ½E; Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, tiger muskie; access on foot from Mormon Island SRA, 8-inch minimum on bluegill.

25 Mormon Island SRA (Middle) - 19 acres, Hall Co., NE quadrant, Grand Island Inter.; Bluegill, carp, channel catfish, largemouth bass, tiger muskie; access on foot from Mormon Island, 8-inch minimum on bluegill.

26 Mormon Island SRA (West) - 42 acres, Hall Co., NE quadrant, Grand Island Inter.; Bluegill, bullhead, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, carp; modern camping, 8-inch minimum on bluegill, panfish daily bag limit of 10, channel catfish daily bag limit of 3. Fish feeders May - September.

27 West Wood River WMA - 15 acres, Hall Co., Wood River Inter., ½S, 1W, N across overpass, ¼W; Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass.

28 Birdwood WMA - 20 acres, Lincoln Co., North Platte Inter., ½S, 3 ½W, 1N, NW across overpass; Channel catfish, large mouth & rock bass, perch, rainbow trout in winter.

29 Brady Interchange WMA - 25 acres, Lincoln Co., Brady Inter., SE quadrant; Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass.

30 Crystal Lake - 6½ acres, Lincoln Co., Maxwell Inter., ¾N, 2W, ½N, 3 ½W, ½S across overpass; Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass.

31 East Hershey WMA - 20 acres, Lincoln Co., North Platte Inter., ½S, 7¾W, 1 ½N, NE across overpass; Channel catfish, large mouth bass, perch, rock & smallmouth bass.

32 East Sutherland WMA - 27 acres, Lincoln Co., Hershey Inter., ¼S, 3W, ½N, NE across overpass; Bullheads, channel catfish, largemouth & rock bass, perch.

33 Fremont Slough WMA - 30 acres, Lincoln Co., North Platte Inter., 1 ½S, 4 ¾E, ¼N, right turn across canal, ¼N under overpass, ¼E; Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass.

34 Ft. McPherson WMA - 30 acres, Lincoln Co., Maxwell Inter., SE quadrant; Bluegill, carp, channel catfish, largemouth bass; primitive camping.

35 Hershey WMA - 53 acres, Lincoln Co., Hershey Inter., SE quadrant; Channel catfish, large mouth, rock & smallmouth bass, perch, pike, walleye.

36 Maxwell Rest Stop DOR - 5 acres, Lincoln Co., Maxwell Inter., 3E; Bluegill, crappie, largemouth bass; no boats allowed.

37 North Platte City Lake - 26 acres, Lincoln Co., North Platte Inter., SE quadrant; Walleye, channel catfish, largemouth & rock bass, northern pike ; 30 - inch minimum length limit on northern pike

38 Brady WMA - 5½ acres, Lincoln Co., Brady Inter., ¾N, 3W across overpass; Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth & smallmouth bass.

39 West Gothenburg WMA - 15 acres, Lincoln Co., Brady Inter., 3 ½E on Hwy. 30, ¼S across tracks; Channel catfish, largemouth & rock bass.

40 West Hershey WMA - 6 acres, Lincoln Co., Hershey Inter., ½W; Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass;private access.

41 West Maxwell WMA - 7 acres, Lincoln Co., Maxwell Inter., ¾N, ¾W, ¼S; Channel catfish, rock & smallmouth bass.

*All I-80 lakes are electric motor only unless otherwise indicated.

AQUATIC HABITAT WORK IN PROGRESS OR COMPLETED

Smith Lake - Sheridan Co., Dredging completed

Lake Minatare - Scottsbluff Co., Construction portion completed, evaluation of rock material, sample manmade rock shoals in progress

Crescent Lake - Garden Co., Project scheduled for 2004

Cottonwood/Steverson Lake - Cherry Co., Completed/renovated, restocked

Gracie Creek Pond - Loup Co., Project on indefinite hold.

Cottonwood Lake - Cherry Co., Project scheduled for 2004, 2005

Shell Lake - Cherry Co., Dredging completed, survey tobe scheduled

Merritt Reservoir - Cherry Co., Completed/stabilized eroding shorlines

Fremont Lakes #1, 3 - Dodge Co., Completed/aerators installed

Fremont Lakes #4, 18 - Dodge Co., In progress/aeration systems to be installed

Lewis and Clark Reservoir - Knox Co., Completed/stabilized eroding shorlines, constructed jetties, offshore breakwaters

Pibel Lake - Wheeler Co., Completed/ excavation, stabilized eroding banks, enlarged islands

Summit Lake - Burt Co., In progress/stabilize shoreline erosion, jetties, hard points, sediment dikes, modify outlet structure, renovation, restocking

Willow Creek - Pierce Co., In progress/construction of jetties

Grove Lake - Antelope Co., In progress/sediment bypass system constructed, vacuum pump and air vent system installed, dredging scheduled for 2002

Goose Lake - Holt Co., In progress/planning stage

Lake Ogallala - Keith Co., In progress/aeration system, diffusers installed, studies being completed

Enders Reservoir - Chase Co., Project to begin no sooner than 2004

Lake Maloney Holding Pond - Lincoln Co., In progress/construction may begin in FY00-01

Rock Creek Lake - Dundy Co., In progress/outlet structure and back slope of dam repaired, renovation, dredging, restocking planned

Cottonmill Lake, City of Kearney - Buffalo Co., Completed/islands and jetties constructed, stabilized eroding banks, filter system constructed, sediment catch basin constructed

Fort Kearny Lake #4 - Kearney Co., Completed/aeration system installed

Windmill Lake #4 - Buffalo Co., Completed/bubble aeration system installed

Ravenna Lake - Buffalo Co., In progress/planning stage

Harlan Reservoir - Harlan Co., Project scheduled for design and engineering in 2004, construction to begin no sooner than 2005

Sherman Reservoir - Sherman Co., Project design and engineering to begin no sooner than 2001, construction scheduled to begin in 2002

Hitchcock Park Pond - Douglas Co., Completed/pond deepened, aeration system installed, shorelines stabilized, stocking.

Benson Park Pond - Douglas Co., Completed/pond deepened, aeration system installed, shorelines stabilized, outlet repaired, stocking

Bowling Lake - Lancaster Co., Project scheduled for design and engineering FY 2002-2003, construction for FY 2003-2004

Branched Oak Reservoir - Lancaster Co., Project 1 completed/jetties constructed, offshore breakwaters installed, evaluation underway

Branched Oak Reservoir - Lancaster Co., Project 2 construction work expected to begin no sooner than 2004 and 2005

Holmes Lake - Lancaster Co., Project scheduled for design and engineering in 2004

Glenn Cunningham Reservoir - Douglas Co., Project on hold pending Corps of Engineers funding

Louisville Lake #1A - Cass Co., Completed/aeration system installed, fishery renovated

Louisville Lake #2 - Cass Co., Completed/aeration system installed, fishery renovated

Memphis Lake - Saunders Co., In progress/in design stage

Olive Creek Reservoir - Lancaster Co., In progress/excavation, stabilize eroding shorelines, construct jetties, offshore breakwaters, islands, sediment dikes, modify outlet structure, stocking

Wagon Train Reservoir - Lancaster Co., Completed/renovation, stabilize shoreline erosion, construct jetties and hard points, create fringe wetlands, construct sediment/nutrient dikes, construct sediment pond, modify outlet structure, stocking

Towl Park Pond - Douglas Co., Project scheduled for 2002

Walnut Grove Park Pond - Douglas Co., Project scheduled for 2004

Two Rivers Lake #1 - Douglas Co., Completed/aeration system installed

Two Rivers Lake #2 - Douglas Co., Completed/aeration system installed

Two Rivers Lake #3 - Douglas Co., Completed/aeration system installed

Two Rivers Lake #5 - Douglas Co., Completed/dredging, aerators installed

Verdon Lake - Richardson Co., Completed/excavation, repair drainage ditch, island constructed, jetty, constructed drop structure

Yankee Hill Reservoir - Lancaster Co., Project design and engineering scheduled for 2001 with construction work to begun in 2002

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NEBRASKA FISH CONSUMPTION ADVISORIES IN EFFECT FOR 2001

At this time, there are no advisories that limit total consumption!

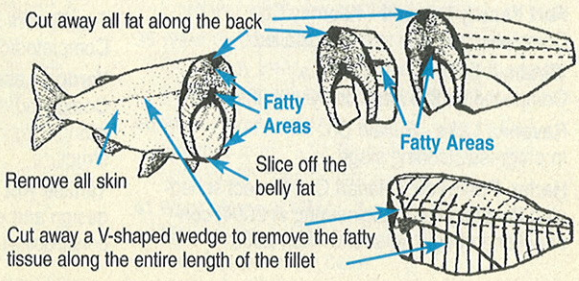
Water Body	Location	Fish Species Sampled	General Population	Sub-population	Pollutant of Concern	Year Issued
W.Fork Big Blue River	Dorchester	Carp	x		Dieldrin	1993
Elkhorn River	Waterloo	Carp	x		Dieldrin, PCBs	1993
Platte River	North Bend to Missouri River	Carp	x		PCBs, Dieldrin	1993 &1994
Missouri River	Omaha to Rulo	Ch. catfish	x		PCBs, Dieldrin	1993
Papillion Creek	Bellevue	Carp	x		PCBs, Dieldrin	1993
W. Papillion Creek	Ralston	Carp	x		Dieldrin, PCBs	1993
South Platte River	Paxton	Carp	x		PCBs	1993
Carter Lake	Omaha	Lm. bass	x		PCBs	1993
Lake McConaughy	Ogallala	Ch. catfish	x		PCBs	1993
Sutherland Reservoir	Sutherland	Ch. catfish	x		PCBs	1993
Oliver Reservoir	Kimball	Lm. bass	x		Mercury	1993
Salt Creek	Lincoln to Platte River	Carp	x		PCBs, Dieldrin	1994
Box Butte Reservoir	Hemingford	N. pike	x		Mercury	1994
Loup R. Power Canal	Genoa	Carp	x		PCBs	1995
Midway Canyon Reservoir	Cozad	Carp	x		PCBs	1995
Lake Ogallala	Ogallala	Ch. catfish	x		PCBs, Dieldrin	1995
Sutherland Outlet Canal	Sutherland	Ch. catfish	x		PCBs	1995
Jeffrey Reservoir	Brady	Ch. catfish	x		PCBs	1995
Liberty Cove lake	Lawrence	Lm. bass	x		Mercury	1995
Wehrspann Lake	Millard	Lm. bass		x	Mercury	1995
Zorinsky Lake	Omaha	Lm. bass	x		Mercury	1995
Little Blue River	Steele City	Carp	x		Mercury	1996
Czechland Lake	Prague	Carp	x		Mercury	1996
Skyview Lake	Norfolk	Lm. bass	x		Mercury	1996
Crystal Cove Lake	S. Sioux City	Lm. bass		x	Mercury	1997
Elkhorn River	O'Neill	Carp		x	Mercury	1997
Maskenthine Lake	Stanton	Lm. bass		x	Mercury	1997
Logan Creek	Lyons	Ch. catfish	x		PCBs, Dieldrin	1997
Omaha Creek	Homer	Ch. catfish	x		PCBs, Dieldrin	1997
North Platte River	Bridgeport	Carp	x		PCBs, Dieldrin & DDE	1998
Maloney Reservoir Outlet	North Platte	Carp	x		PCB	1998
North Platte River	North Platte	Lm. bass		x	Mercury	1998
Prairie Lake	Juniata	Carp		x	Mercury	1999
Rockford Lake	Beatrice	Lm. bass		x	Mercury	1999

HOW TO MINIMIZE RISK BY CAREFULLY CLEANING YOUR FISH

LIMITED CONSUMPTION: Although fish consumption advisories have been issued for the water bodies listed here, please note that a person consuming an occasional meal of fish (less than one 5-ounce serving per week) from these waters is not considered to be subject to a significant health risk.

KEY

General Population. = Advisory applies to all individuals
Sub-population. = Advisory applies to women of child-bearing age, infants and children less than 15 years of age



STATE RECORD RULES

1. Fish must exceed current record by at least one ounce or it will be considered as a tie.
2. Fish must be taken from Nebraska waters.
3. It must be legally taken by hook-and-line, underwater spearfishing, surface spearing or archery. Fish must be caught, played and landed by the applicant.
4. Fish must be weighed on a certified scale and witnessed by a Game and Parks Commission Fisheries Biologist or Law Enforcement Officer.
5. Species of fish must be verified by a Commission fisheries biologist.
6. Angler must display a Nebraska fishing permit to the individual verifying the application.
7. Application forms are available from any Commission office or permit vendor.

MASTER ANGLER

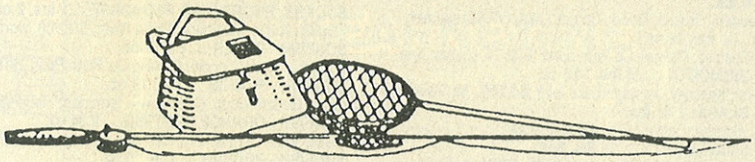
If you make an outstanding catch, it may qualify for a Game and Parks Commission Master Angler Award. Application forms are available from any Commission office, conservation officer or permit vendor. Rules include:

1. All fish must be taken from Nebraska waters.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. Anglers 16 years of age or older must possess a current Nebraska fishing permit and enter the permit number on the application.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. Anglers who release a Master Angler fish will receive a "Catch and Release Master Angler" pin in addition to the Master Angler certificate.
8. Minimum weights must be met to qualify for a Master Angler Award for a harvested fish.
9. 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.
Largemouth Bass	20 in. or 5 lbs.
Spotted Bass	18 in. or 3 lbs.
Rock Bass	11 in. or 1 lb.
Smallmouth Bass	18 in. or 3 lbs.
Striped Bass	32 in. or 10 lbs.
Striper Hybrid	24 in. or 8 lbs.
White Bass	17 in. or 2.5 lbs
Bluegill	10 in. or 1 lb.
Buffalo	26 in. or 10 lbs.
Bullhead	15 in. or 2 lbs.
Burbot	16 in. or 1 lb.
Carp	32 in. or 15 lbs.
Blue Catfish	40 in. or 30 lbs.
Channel Catfish	30 in. or 12 lbs.
Flathead Catfish	32 in. or 15 lbs
Crappie	15 in. or 2 lbs.
Drum	22 in. or 5 lbs.
Gar	40 in. or 8 lbs.
Goldeye	16 in. or 1.5 lbs.
Muskellunge/Tiger Muskie	40 in. or 15 lbs.
Paddlefish	*45 in.
Yellow Perch	13 in or 1.25 lbs.
White Perch	12 in or 1 lb.
Northern Pike	36 in or 10 lbs.
Sauger	21 in. or 3 lbs.
Saugeye	23 in. or 5 lbs.
Shovelnose Sturgeon	28 in. or 2.5 lbs.
Sucker	18 in. or 2 lbs.
Sunfish	10 in. or 1 lb.
Brook Trout	14 in. or 1 lb.
Brown Trout	22 in. or 4 lbs.
Rainbow Trout	23 in. or 5 lbs.
Walleye	28 in. or 8 lbs.

*From front of eye to natural fork of tail



MASTER ANGLER / STATE RECORD APPLICATION

Please print legibly. See rules.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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 _____

Address _____

City _____ Phone _____

Weight or length witnessed by:

1. _____
   Signature
   _____
   Address
2. _____
   Signature
   _____
   Address
3. _____
   Notary Public (for State Record only)
4. _____
   Game & Parks Comm. official species verification (for State Record only)

Species may be verified after State Record application is received by the Game and Parks Commission. See State Record rules.

Mail to: Fisheries Division, Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, P.O. Box 30370, Lincoln, NE 68503-0370