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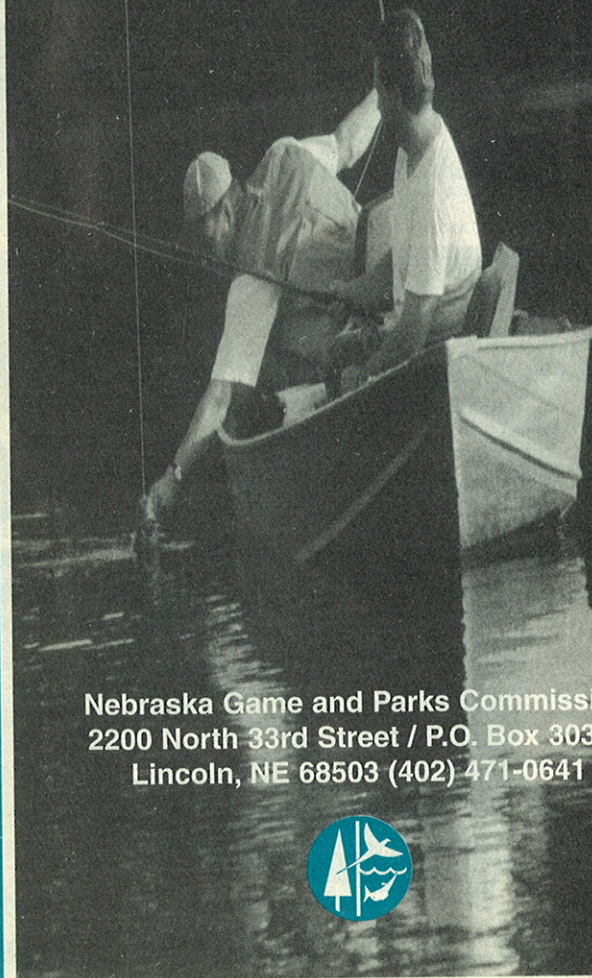
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PERMITS

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 muskies by any method, except for the owner or the guest of the owner of any totally protected waterbody 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 on the person while 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.

Legislation passed by the 1997 Legislature authorized the Commission to issue a "Special Fishing Permit" for severely physically disabled or developmentally disabled persons. 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 listed at left, Chadron State Park, Fort Robinson State Park, Wildcat Hills State Recreation Area 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.

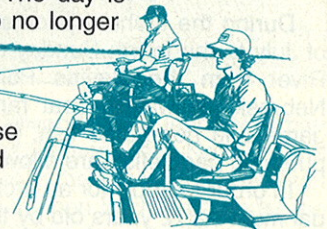
Veterans 65 years and older and residents 70 and older who have a fee-exempt permit are exempt from purchasing an Aquatic Habitat Stamp. Anglers who have a Lifetime Fishing Permit also are exempt from the Aquatic stamp requirement. Although they are required to purchase an annual Nebraska Fishing Permit, 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.

FREE FISHING DAY

Legislation passed in 1996 authorized a Free Fishing and Park Entry Day in Nebraska. The 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 license. Free Fishing and Park Entry Day is held the Saturday prior to Memorial Day weekend. Anglers can take advantage of that day, invite a non-angler friend along and take them on a fishing trip on any water body in the state showing them how much fun fishing really is.



SYNOPSIS OF CHANGES FOR 2000

Species Length and Bag Limit Changes

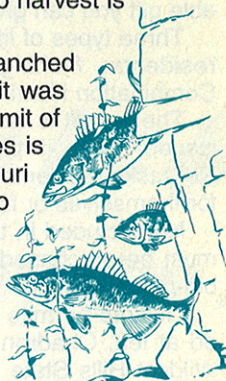
Salmon: Minimum length and reduced bag limits on salmon were eliminated since no further stocking of salmon are scheduled for Lake McConaughy and Lake Ogallala due to the inability to obtain disease-free salmon eggs or fry.

Channel catfish: The daily bag limit on the Missouri River has been reduced to five. The daily bag limit at the Fremont State Recreation Area and several lakes under the Urban Fishing Program have been reduced to three.

Flathead catfish: The daily bag limit on the Missouri River has been reduced to five while no harvest is allowed on Branched Oak Reservoir.

White bass, Striped bass and their Hybrid: Calamus Reservoir was removed from the list of waterbodies with a daily bag limit of three, Elwood Reservoir was added to the list with a daily bag limit of three while no harvest is allowed at Branched Oak Reservoir.

Walleye, Sauger and Saugeye: At Branched Oak Reservoir, the minimum length limit was increased to 22 inches with a daily bag limit of one. A minimum length limit of 15 inches is now in effect on the portion of the Missouri River from Gavins Point Dam upstream to the Nebraska/South Dakota border. At Merritt Reservoir, the daily bag limit may include one walleye 15 to 18 inches and three over 18 inches of which only one can be over 25 inches.



Muskellunge and Tiger Muskie: The statewide length limit was increased to 40 inches.

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

Black crappie, White crappie, Bluegill, Yellow perch, Rock bass, Green sunfish, Pumpkinseed sunfish, Orange-spotted sunfish, and Redear sunfish and their hybrids: Wehrspann Reservoir, Walnut Creek Lake Recreation Area and the Fremont State Recreation Area lakes were added to the list of waters managed with a daily bag limit of 10 panfish in the aggregate.

Crappie: During the month of April only, the 10 inch minimum length limit restriction will be removed on Zorinsky and Wehrspann reservoirs. This is to allow the removal of some of the smaller crappie but still prevent over-harvest the rest of the year.

Bluegill: The eight-inch length limit regulation was removed from Zorinsky and Wherspann reservoirs due to their current poor growth rates and the presence of gizzard shad that is contributing to their poor population size structure.

Bow and Arrow Fishing

During the archery paddlefish season (second Saturday of July to the fourth Sunday of July) the portion of 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. Only archers with an open tag, pursuing paddlefish are allowed in this area.

In order to apply for an archery paddlefish tag the individual must be 12 years old by the second Saturday of July.

Float Lines, Limb Lines and Ice Fishing

Float lines are no longer allowed on Nebraska waters.

Paddlefish Snagging

Individuals must be 12 years old by October 1 in order to apply for a paddlefish snagging permit.

Urban Fishing Areas

Nebraska has initiated a new urban fishing program targeted to improve urban fisheries for area kids. More restrictive harvest regulations are necessary to maintain size quality and catch rates. See section on Urban Fishing.

Bait and Cast Nets

White suckers have been added to list of approved baitfish.

The use of cast nets for the collection of gizzard shad for bait is legal during the months of July, August and September on approved waters (check list in bait section). Live shad can only be used in the waters from which they were captured.

Jenny Newman Lake

Adults will be allowed to fish while assisting kids fishing the lake. The open fishing periods have been changed from sunrise to 10:00 a.m. April 1st to October 31st and open sunrise to sunset from November 1st to March 31st.

Master Angler Awards

Wipers: The qualifying length and weight for striped bass X white bass hybrids (wipers) was increased to 24 inches and 8 pounds respectively.

Muskellunge and Tiger Muskie: The qualifying length and weight was increased to 40 inches and 15 pounds respectively.

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
- redeer 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
- lake sturgeon
- northern redbelly dace
- pallid sturgeon
- pearl dace

NON-GAME FISH

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

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, with the exception of a handicapped person with 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 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 from that body of water.
- to attempt to snag fish, except in areas designated. See section on Snagging for details.
- to keep a foul-hooked fish, which is any fish hooked externally.
- to consume and/or have an open container of alcohol on 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.

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 of July. A valid Paddlefish Tag is required (see section on Paddlefish). See section on Archery/Surface Spearing for other exceptions. Hook and line 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 Tag. All other waters of the state are closed to snagging at all times. See section on Snagging for details.

Surface Spearing: The entire state is open to the taking of nongame fish year-round, sunrise to sunset. 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 for open waters.

BAG / POSSESSION

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

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

Daily Bag: 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 person 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: Many cities limit the take to less than 10. In Zorinsky Lake, Walnut Creek Recreation Area and Wehrspann Lake there is a daily bag limit of 10 panfish (bluegill and crappie) in combination.

Statewide	Bag	Poss.
Trout (all species, note exceptions at)	7	14
Lake McConaughy, Lake Ogallala and US West lake)		
Striped Bass & Hybrids/White Bass (combined)	15	30
(no more than 1 fish over 18 inches long statewide, 3-fish daily bag limit at Conestoga, Summit, Willow Creek and Elwood reservoirs)		
Muskellunge/Tiger Muskie (combined)	1	2
Bait Minnows/Tiger Salamander	100	100
Shovelnose Sturgeon	10	20
Pallid and Lake Sturgeon	No Harvest Allowed	
Northern Pike	3	6
Bluegill, Black and White Crappie, Yellow Perch, Rock Bass and Green, Pumpkinseed, Orangespotted and Redear sunfish and their hybrids (singly or in aggregate) This group of fish are defined as panfish	30	60
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
(only one fish in daily bag may exceed 21 inches in length)		
Channel/Blue Catfish (combined)	10	20
Flathead Catfish	4	8
Paddlefish	1	2
Walleye/Sauger/Saugeye (in combination)	4	8
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)	2	2
(Gavins Point Dam to the mouth of the Big Sioux)		
Walleye/Sauger/Saugeye (combined)	4	8
<i>Note exceptions listed in the Length Limit and Bag Possession section</i>		

Catch and Release Lakes: Wildwood Lake, 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 to children under the age of 16 and adults assisting children from April 1st. through October 31st. from sunrise to 10 a.m. and open the rest of the year sunrise to sunset. Tackle restrictions exist on 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.

LENGTH LIMITS

Bass (Largemouth)

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

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

12-inch minimum: Non-public waters except for totally private waters.

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 Kansas-Nebraska border north to its junction with U.S. Hwy. 20, west and north on Hwy. 183 to the Nebraska-South Dakota border, except for those regulated under the 18-inch size limit. That portion of the Missouri River from Nebraska - South Dakota border downstream to Gavins Point Dam.

18-inch minimum: Elwood Reservoir, Gosper County; Harlan County Reservoir (including the Republican River upstream to the Highway 46 bridge), Harlan County; Sherman Reservoir, Sherman County; and Calamus Reservoir, Loup and Garfield Counties.

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

Other Walleye length limits: At Merritt Reservoir, the daily bag may include one walleye 15 to 18 inches and three over 18 inches of which only one can be over 25 inches.

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: Enders Reservoir, Chase County, and Red Willow Reservoir, Frontier County.

Bluegill

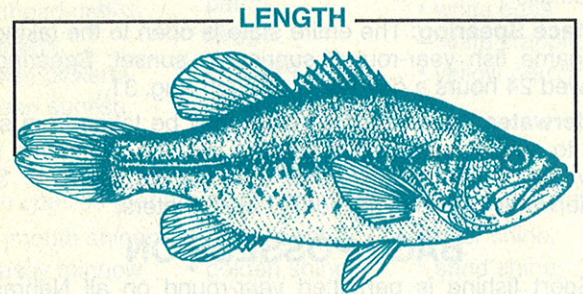
8-inch minimum: Stagecoach Reservoir, Lancaster County; Mormon Island Lakes No. 1, 2 and 3, Hall County; Walnut Creek Recreation Area (Papio No. 21), Sarpy County; and Czechland Lake, Saunders County.

Striped Bass and Hybrids/ White Bass (combined)

Inland waters and waters of the Missouri River, no more than 1 fish over 18 inches in length, 3-fish daily bag limit at Summit, Willow Creek, Conestoga and Elwood reservoirs. Total catch and release: Branched Oak Reservoir.

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)



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

	Length (inch)	6	9	12	13	14	15	16	17	18										
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									

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.

Trout

20-inch minimum: Lake McConaughy and Lake Ogallala (Keith County) on brown trout. Combination daily bag, which includes all trout species, is 4 with a possession of 8.

Flathead Catfish

Total catch and release, Branched Oak Reservoir.

All Other Species — None.

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

Anglers are limited to no more than 2 lines with a maximum of 2 hooks on each line in any pond, lake or reservoir, and for one-half mile in their inlets, outlets and canals.

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

One hook means a single, double or treble-pointed hook. All hooks attached to an artificial bait or lure are counted as one hook. These limits apply to all fishing, including rod and reel, poles, bank lines, setlines and all other types. The name, address and fishing permit number or current drivers license number of the angler must be attached to all limb lines and set lines.

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 March 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.

Open Waters

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

DIVER'S FLAG

The diver's flag must be displayed on the water on a float or buoy when diving or underwater-powered spearfishing. 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.

SNAGGING

Snagging of paddlefish and nongame fish only is permitted in the Missouri River under season dates and limits specified in the Paddlefish and Snagging of Nongame Fish section. 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.

PADDFISH & 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

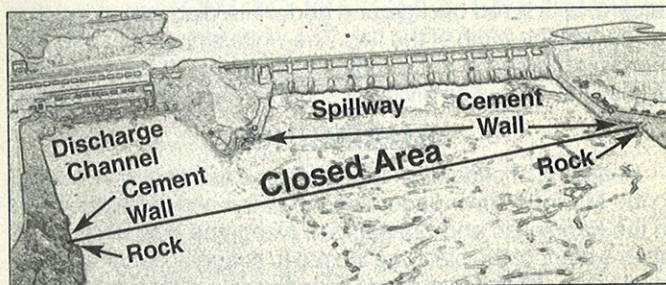
and have in their possession an unfilled paddlefish tag in addition to a fishing license and Aquatic Habitat Stamp (if required) to be actively snagging. Applicants must be 12 years old by October 1st. in order to apply for a snagging permit. Please see section on Paddlefish Tags. A paddlefish must be 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 on page 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.

PADDLEFISH - 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. 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 license (if required). Applicants must be 12 years old by the second Saturday of July to apply. Please see section on Paddlefish Tags on page 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.

ICE FISHING

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

A special \$5 permit is required 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.

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.

BAITFISH

Baitfish may not be sold except by permit. For commercial purposes (bait vendors, private aquaculturists and nonresident fish dealers), please refer to the official regulations supplied with your permit. The following regulation guidelines apply only to bait obtained for personal use. It is unlawful to take 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 sport fish, of whatever size, taken while netting or seining for bait must immediately be returned to the waters from which taken. The bag limit of 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). 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 Areas).

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 license 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 4 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 1 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.

CAST NETS

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

1. Only cast nets up to ten 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 are captured in the same water body where they are collected.
5. Cast nets can only be used on the following waterbodies: 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.

Closed Waters: See Special Areas section.

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.

SPECIAL AREA REGULATIONS

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.

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.

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

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 November 1st. through February 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 are 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, from sunrise to 10 a.m. daily. 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 on this lake.

Fort Robinson State Park (Dawes County): It is unlawful to use more than 2 lines with 2 hooks on each line when fishing in Cherry Creek, Icehouse and Grabel ponds and Carter P. Johnson Lake. This includes ice fishing.

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. Lake No. 20: It shall be unlawful to fish from a boat from 10 a.m. to 1 hour before sunset. Other than Lake #1 (no kill) the bag limits for channel catfish is 3 and for panfish in the aggregate it is 10.

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 from March 1 through April 30. There is a 15-inch minimum size limit on walleye and largemouth bass in Lake Minatare and Lake Winters Creek.

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, from sunrise to 10 a.m. daily, April 1st. to October 31st. and is open sunrise to sunset from November 1st. through March 31st. 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): Sherman Dam and the area paralleling the shoreline at the dam extending 150 feet lakeward shall be closed to fishing from sunset to sunrise Apr. 1 through 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 on this lake. Archery fishing, spearing, jigging and baiting are prohibited in all lakes. Lake No. 5: is designated as a put-and-take trout fishing lake and is subject to special regulations. A daily trout tag is required to attempt to take and to possess trout on the entire Two Rivers area. 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. Electric-type outboard motors only are permitted on lakes open to fishing. The use of internal combustion motors is prohibited.

Possession or use of live or dead minnows and possession of any fish not taken from refuge waters are unlawful. However, frozen or dead smelt may be used for bait. There is a 15-inch size minimum on black bass on all refuge lakes, except Watts 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.

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.

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

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, Schlager 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.

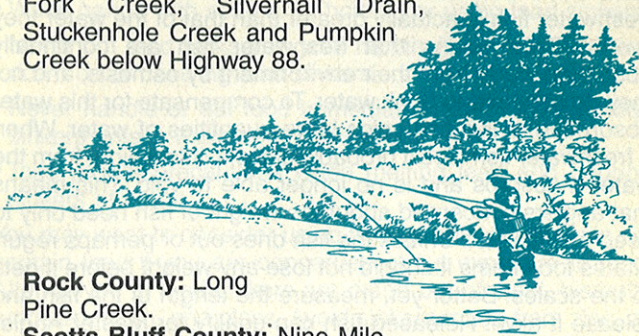
Garden County: Blue Creek.

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, Larrabee 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.

BORDER WATERS

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

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

Missouri River (South Dakota): Nebraska or South Dakota residents holding a valid sport fishing permit from their home state may fish that part of the Missouri River that constitutes the legal boundary between the two states. This includes Lewis and Clark Lake, Gavins Point Dam and its tailwaters. However, anglers must conform to the regulations of the state in which they are fishing unless the regulations of their home state are more restrictive. Then, the angler must conform to the more restrictive regulations. Non-resident licensed anglers can only fish in the state from which they

are licensed. At Lewis and Clark Lake it is unlawful for any person to use more than two lines with more than two hooks on each line; this restriction applies to all water area from Gavins Point Dam upstream to the Santee boat ramp in Knox County, Nebraska. In no case may an angler licensed in only one state fish in tributaries in the other state. Fishing is permitted from boat or bank.

Missouri River (Missouri): Anglers holding a valid sport fishing permit from either Nebraska or Missouri may fish with hook-and-line on the flowing portion of the Missouri River lying within the boundary of Nebraska or Missouri. In no case may the angler licensed in only one state fish in the tributaries, bayous or backwaters of the Missouri River in the other state. Anglers may not fish from or attach any device or equipment to land under the jurisdiction of the state in which they are not licensed. Creel limits and methods of the state that licenses the sport angler shall apply.

FISH STOCKING

It is unlawful to release any non-native fish, reptile or amphibian in waters of the state or to release any fish in any public waters in the state except those 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 waterbody.** You could be destroying your own fishing!

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.



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 of ten 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 ten 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 ten 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 minnows for bait

Crystal Cove (South Sioux City): Daily bag limit of ten 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

Fremont SRA: Daily bag limit of ten panfish in combination. Daily bag limit of three channel catfish

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

Grand Island Pier Lake: Catch and release only for largemouth bass. Daily bag limit of ten 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 ten 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

Jenny Newman Lake (Platte River State Park): Catch-and-release only for all species. Open sunrise to 10:00am from April 1st through October 31st. Open sunrise to sunset from November 1st through March 31st. Open to children under the age of 16. Adults (parents or guardians) may fish while assisting children fishing under their supervision

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

Lexington City Lake: Catch and release only for largemouth bass. Daily bag limit of ten 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 ten panfish in combination. 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

WEIGHT LOSS?

Just how much weight does that big fish lose after you catch it? Many anglers believe that unless a fish is weighed immediately it may lose several ounces by the time it gets to the scales. However, the physiology of freshwater fish dictates that this is not necessarily the case. The salt content of freshwater fish is actually greater than that of the water they live in. This means that freshwater fish are continually absorbing water from their environment by osmosis, and no, they do not need to drink water. To compensate for this water absorption, a live fish voids large quantities of water. When a freshwater fish dies it probably gains a little weight from the water it absorbs and is no longer able to void. This means that anglers concerned about the weight of fish need only to keep the fish wet. Unless the fish dries out or perhaps regurgitates food items it should not lose any weight before it gets to the scales. Better yet, measure the length of the fish and release it alive. Released fish can qualify for Master Angler Awards by exceeding minimum lengths, and the weight of the fish can be calculated from the measured length.

TOURNAMENTS/CONTESTS/DERBIES

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

HELP WANTED

You can help fisheries managers by returning the tags from any tagged fish you 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.

ETHICAL ANGLERS

- Know and obey fishing regulations that protect our aquatic resources and spread the harvest among all anglers.
- Follow a personal code of behavior since laws cannot cover all situations.
- Learn techniques to handle fish that will ensure survival if released to be caught again.
- Respect property owners' rights when access to water requires crossing private land.
- Ensure good fishing for future generations by limiting the harvest, rather than focusing on harvesting the limit.
- Cooperate and act courteously with all resource users, including other anglers, swimmers and boaters.
- Respect the environment and leave the fishing site in the same or better condition.
- Know that deliberately discarding bait fish or plants into lakes, reservoirs and other waterways can destroy the ecological balance of the aquatic environment.

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:

- Wash hands with soap after holding or using lead sinkers.
- Never put lead sinkers in your mouth. This includes biting down on or chewing lead sinkers.
- Never handle or eat food immediately after handling lead sinkers unless washing 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.

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 munic-

ipal 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.

PRIVATE WATERS

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



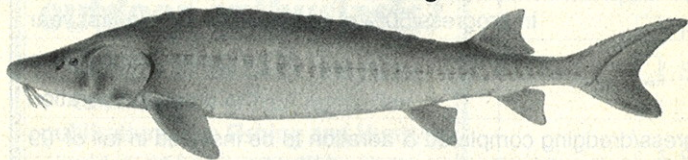
IMPORTANT FISH TO IDENTIFY



THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES

Lake sturgeon and pallid sturgeon. Season closed. If caught, return to the water immediately. Anglers who catch either of these species are asked to notify the Game and Parks Commissions Fisheries Division or the Ak-Sar-Ben Aquarium, so biologists can record where the species was caught.

Lake Sturgeon

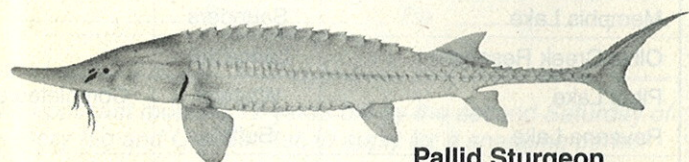


PALLID STURGEON ALERT

Anglers should be on the look out for tagged pallid sturgeon when fishing Nebraska rivers and streams. The pallid sturgeon is an endangered species at both the state and national levels, and recovery efforts are under way throughout the Missouri River Basin.

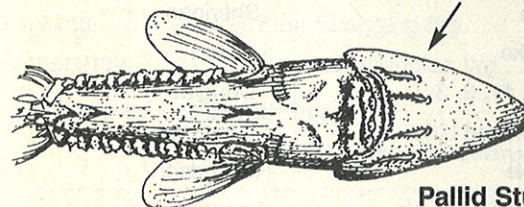
Cooperating with the Missouri Department of Conservation, the Game and Parks Commission stocked 412 pallid sturgeon, 10 inches long, in the lower Platte River in October 1997. Each fish has a numbered yellow tag attached to the left pectoral fins. The tags have a Missouri Conservation Department mailing address, but anglers are urged to help with the recovery effort by reporting the tag number, the date caught and released, and the location where caught and released. **Please do NOT** remove the tag.

It is most important to remember to return any pallid sturgeon caught to the water as soon as possible. While tag information may be sent to the address on the tag, it should also be sent to the Fisheries Division, Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, PO Box 30370, Lincoln, NE 68503-0370.

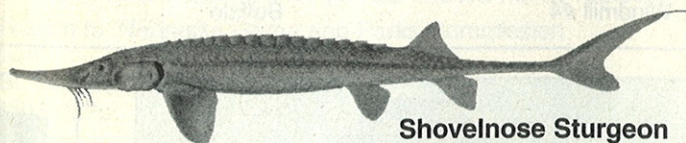


Pallid Sturgeon

Outer barbels twice as long as inner barbels

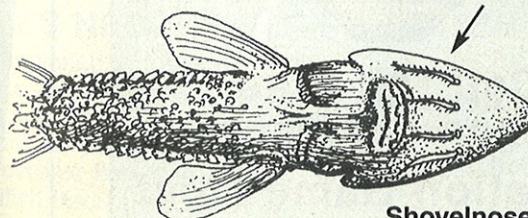


Pallid Sturgeon



Shovelnose Sturgeon

Barbels all same length



Shovelnose Sturgeon

NEBRASKA AQUATIC HABITAT PROGRAM (NEW LIFE FOR AGING WATERS)

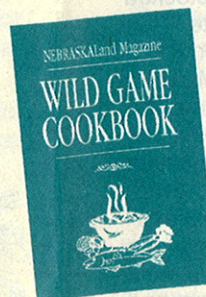
December 1999 marks the end of the third year of the eight-year Nebraska Aquatic Habitat Program Plan approved by the Nebraska Legislature in 1996. The first year was spent developing budget strategies and a time line and collecting revenue. Aquatic habitat construction began in 1998, and the projects are listed below. Anglers who are interested in seeing how the money from the Aquatic Habitat Stamp sales has been put to work are invited to inspect the projects.

AQUATIC HABITAT WORK IN PROGRESS OR COMPLETED

Water Body	County	Status / Description
Benson Park Pond	Douglas	In progress/excavation, shoreline stabilization, outlet work, aeration
Branched Oak Reservoir	Lancaster	Construction completed/jetties & offshore breakwater; Evaluation in progress
Cottonmill Lake	Buffalo	Completed/excavation, jetty construction, inlet/outlet work, restocking
Cottonwood/Steverson	Cherry	Completed/eradicated rough fish & restocked
Fort Kearney #4	Kearney	Completed/aeration
Fremont Lakes 1 & 3	Dodge	Completed/aeration to destratify
Glenn Cunningham Reservoir	Douglas	In progress/feasibility study by USACE under consideration
Gracie Creek	Loup	Indefinite hold/project currently infeasible
Grove Lake	Antelope	In progress/siphon installed & being evaluated, dredging to be completed
Hitchcock Park Pond	Douglas	Completed/excavation, shoreline stabilization, outlet work, aeration
Lake Maloney Holding Pond	Lincoln	In progress/design phase
Lake Minatare	Scotts Bluff	Completed/Walleye spawning habitat installed
Lake Ogallala	Keith	In progress/aeration in north basin and north end of south basin
Lewis & Clark Reservoir	Knox	Completed/breakwater jetties constructed
Louisville #1A & 2	Cass	Completed/aeration, rough fish eradication & restocking
Memphis Lake	Saunders	In progress/design phase
Olive Creek Reservoir	Lancaster	In progress/construction to begin before end of year
Pibel Lake	Wheeler	Completed/excavation, bank stabilization, island construction, outlet replacement
Ravenna Lake	Buffalo	In progress/design phase
Rock Creek Lake	Dundy	In progress/design phase
Shell Lake	Cherry	Completed pending evaluation/dredging to prevent winterkill
Smith Lake	Sheridan	In progress/50% of material dredged in first year
Summit Lake	Burt	In progress/design phase
Two Rivers #1, 2, 3	Douglas	Completed/aeration
Two Rivers Trout Lake	Douglas	In progress/dredging completed & aeration to be installed in fall of '99
Verdon Lake	Richardson	Completed/excavation, jetty & island construction, outlet work, restocking
Wagon Train Reservoir	Lancaster	In progress/construction to begin early 2000, excavation, jetty construction, sediment dikes, outlet work, restocking
Willow Creek Reservoir	Pierce	In progress/design phase
Windmill #4	Buffalo	Completed/aeration



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NEBRASKA PADDLEFISH ANGLING TAGS

Major changes in both the archery and snagging paddlefish seasons were made in 1997. 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. 8).

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. A 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 DrawingMay
Archery Open Application (First or Second Tag, first come, first served)June 1 through end of archery season applications postmarked no earlier than June 1
Initial Snagging Application Date (First Tag Only)Postmarked from July 1 - 31
Initial Snagging Paddlefish DrawingAugust
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):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> First Archery tag | <input type="checkbox"/> First Snagging tag |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Second Archery tag | <input type="checkbox"/> Second Snagging tag |

Type of Paddlefish Tag

- | | |
|---------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Single | <input type="checkbox"/> Buddy (please include additional applications) |
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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.

Send this application to: Nebraska Game and Parks Commission
Fisheries Division
2200 N, 33rd St. PO Box 30370
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CHANNEL CATFISH BECOMES NEBRASKA'S STATE FISH

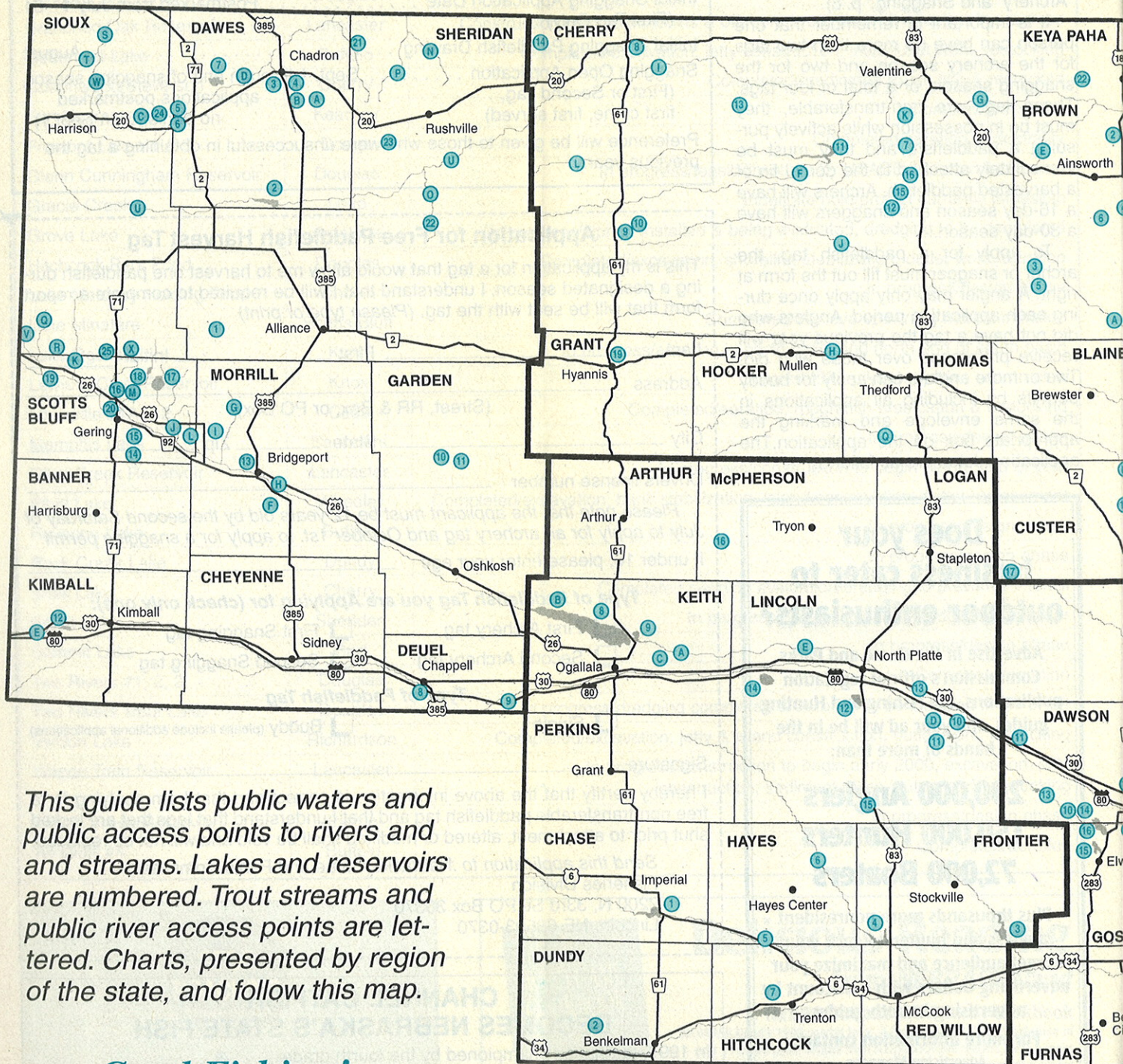
In 1997, legislation championed by the fourth grade class of Valley, Nebraska and introduced by Senator Carol Hudkins authorized the governor to designate official state items. On August 26, 1997 Governor Ben Nelson named the channel catfish Nebraska's State Fish.



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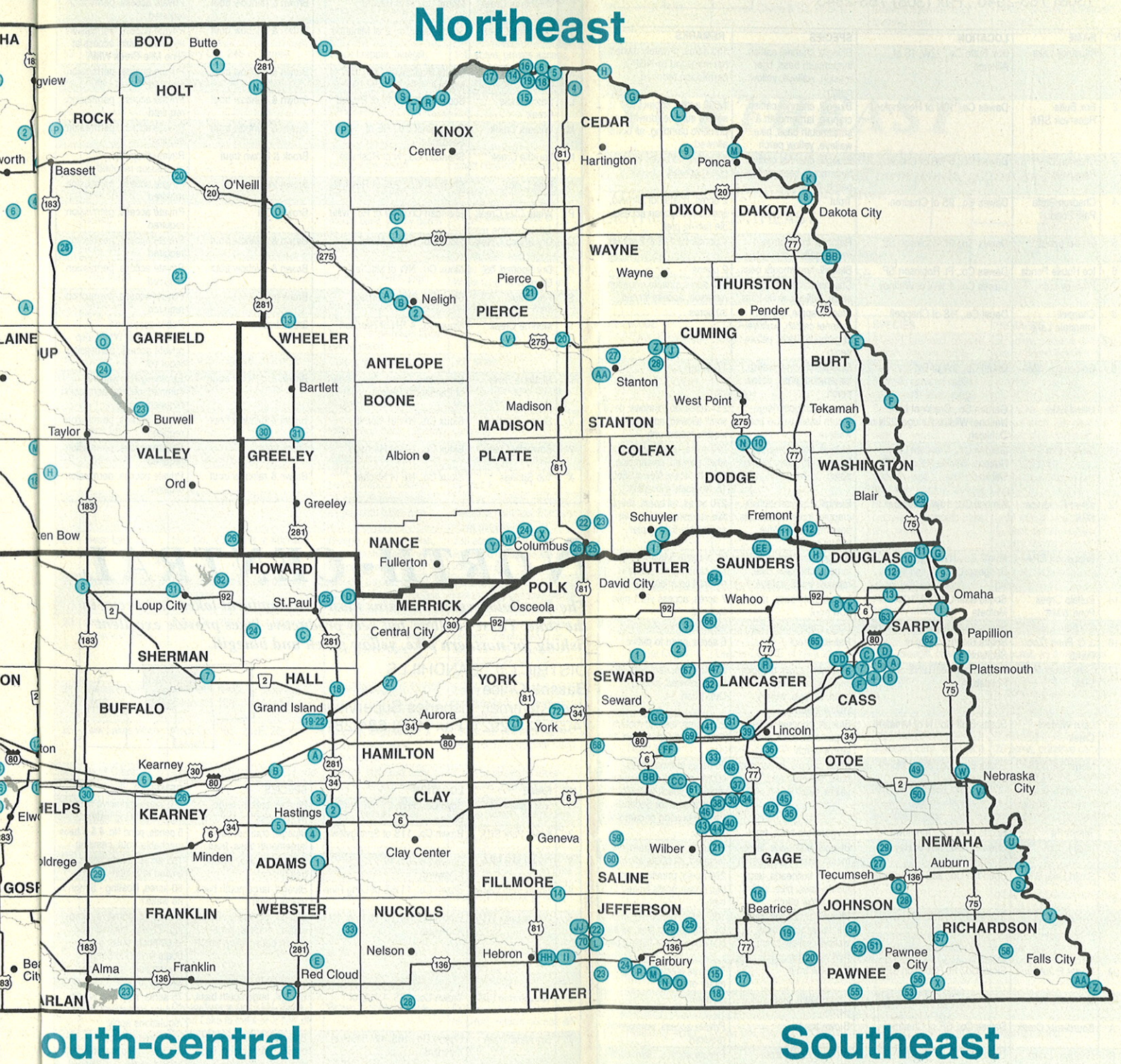


This guide lists public waters and public access points to rivers and streams. Lakes and reservoirs are numbered. Trout streams and public river access points are lettered. Charts, presented by region of the state, and follow this map.

Good Fishing!

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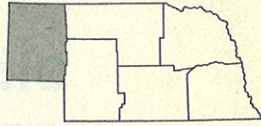
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PANHANDLE

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
Alliance Office - Jack Peterson,
Fisheries Supervisor
(308) 763-2940 ; Fax (308) 763-2943



NO	NAME	LOCATION	SPECIES	REMARKS
1	Kilpatrick Lake	Box Butte Co., 22W, 1S of Alliance	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, tiger muskie, walleye, yellow perch	160 acres, privately owned, but managed by NGPC, permission required.
2	Box Butte Reservoir SRA	Dawes Co., 10N of Hemingford	Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth & smallmouth bass, pike, walleye, yellow perch	1,600 acres, subject to severe summer drawdown, primitive camping, all boats allowed
3	Chadron City Reservoirs	Dawes Co., 5 1/2S of Chadron	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, yellow perch, trout	22 acres, no boats allowed, public access
4	Chadron State Park Pond	Dawes Co., 9S of Chadron	Trout	2 acres, boats not allowed, limited wheelchair accessible fishing pier
5	Grabel ponds	Dawes Co., Ft. Robinson SP	Rainbow trout, largemouth bass	4 ponds (1, 1, 2 & 2 acres)
6	Ice House Ponds	Dawes Co., Ft. Robinson SP	Bluegill, largemouth bass	2 ponds
7	Whitney Lake	Dawes Co., 1 1/2W of Whitney	Channel catfish, crappie, perch, walleye, white bass	900 acres, private irrigation reservoir, access limited
8	Chappell Interstate Lake	Deuel Co., 1/2S of Chappell	Black crappie, bluegill, channel catfish, walleye, largemouth bass, yellow perch	30 acres
9	Goldeneye WMA	Deuel Co., 3W of Big Springs	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, yellow perch	17 acres
10	Island Lake	Garden Co., Crescent Lake National Wildlife Refuge, 22N of Oshkosh	Bluegill, crappie, largemouth bass, yellow perch, walleye	711 acres, no minnows, dead smelt allowed, no camping, electric motors only.
11	Smith Lake	Garden Co., Crescent Lake National Wildlife Refuge, 22N of Oshkosh	Bluegill, black crappie, largemouth bass, yellow perch	225 acres, no minnows, dead smelt allowed, no camping, open to fishing Nov. 1 - Feb 15. No boats allowed
12	Oliver Reservoir SRA	Kimball Co., 10W of Kimball	Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, tiger muskie, walleye, yellow perch	270 acres, all boats, primitive camping, wheelchair accessible fishing pier
13	Bridgeport SRA	Morrill Co., NW edge of Bridgeport	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, pike, rainbow trout, walleye	78 acres in 5 lakes, primitive camping, all boats allowed on middle pit
14	Buffalo Creek Pond WMA	Scotts Bluff Co., 5S, 1 1/2W of Melbeta	Largemouth bass, rainbow trout	7 acres, access via 1-mile foot trail
15	Cochran Lake	Scotts Bluff Co., 2SW of Melbeta	Carp, channel catfish	45 acres
16	J. C. Pond (Zoo Pond)	Scotts Bluff Co., City of Scottsbluff	Rainbow trout	5 acres, open to public
17	Lake Minatare SRA	Scotts Bluff Co., 12NE of Scottsbluff	Channel catfish, crappie, smallmouth bass, white bass, walleye, wipers, yellow perch	2,300 acres, camping, all boats allowed, closed Oct. 1-Jan. 14
18	Lake Winters Creek	Scotts Bluff Co., N of Minatare	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, walleye, yellow perch	235 acres, electric motors only, closed Oct. 1- Jan. 14
19	Morrill Sandpits	Scotts Bluff Co., 3S of Morrill	Black crappie, largemouth bass, rainbow trout, yellow perch	25 acres in three lakes, county owned, permission required, check with Morrill City Manager or Scotts Bluff Co., no boating or camping
20	Terry's Pit	Scotts Bluff Co., Terrytown	Largemouth bass, trout	7 acres
21	Isham Dam	Sheridan Co., NW of Hay Springs	Bluegill, bullheads, largemouth bass, yellow perch	26 acres, private/permission required, all boats allowed
22	Smith Lake WMA	Sheridan Co., 23S of Rushville	Bluegill, bullheads, largemouth bass, pike, walleye, yellow perch	290 acres, primitive camping, power boats limited to 5 mph
23	Walgren Lake SRA	Sheridan Co., 5SE of Hay Springs	Bluegill, bullheads, crappie, largemouth bass, walleye, yellow perch, northern pike	100 acres, primitive camping, boat speed limit, wheelchair accessible fishing pier
24	Carter P. Johnson Lake	Sioux Co., Ft. Robinson SP	Rainbow trout	15 acres electric fishing motor only
25	University Lake	Sioux Co., 7NW of Scottsbluff	Largemouth bass, yellow perch	30 acres
A	Bourdeaux Creek	Dawes Co., SE of Chadron	Brown trout	Private access, permission required
B	Chadron Creek	Dawes Co., S of Chadron	Brook & brown trout	Private access, permission required; public access at Chadron SP

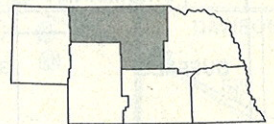
*All waters in this District have a 15" minimum size limit on walleye unless otherwise stated.

NO	NAME	LOCATION	SPECIES	REMARKS
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	Morrill Co., SE of Bridgeport	Brown trout	Private access, permission required
G	Red Willow Creek	Morrill Co., E of Bayard	Brown & rainbow trout	Private access, permission required
H	Silvernail Drain	Morrill Co., E of Northport	Brown trout	Private access, permission required
I	Wildhorse Creek	Morrill Co., N of Bayard	Brown & rainbow trout	Private access, permission required
J	Nine Mile Creek	Scotts Bluff Co., E of Minatare	Brown & rainbow trout	Private access, permission required, public access at Nine Mile Creek WMA
K	Spotted Tail Creek	Scotts Bluff/Sioux Cos., NW of Mitchell	Brown & rainbow trout	Private access, permission required
L	Stuckenhole Creek	Scotts Bluff Co., W of Bayard	Brown & rainbow trout	Private access, permission required
M	Winters Creek	Scotts Bluff Co., NE of Scottsbluff	Brown & rainbow trout	Private access, permission required
N	Larabie Creek	Sheridan Co., N of Rushville	Brook & brown trout	Private property, permission required
O	Pine Creek	Sheridan Co., 20S of Rushville	Brown trout	Private access, permission required
P	White Clay Creek	Sheridan Co., NW of Rushville	Brown trout	Private access, permission required
Q	Dry Sheep Creek	Sioux Co., NW of Morrill	Brown & rainbow trout	Private access, permission required
R	Dry Spotted Tail Creek	Sioux Co., NW of Mitchell	Brown & rainbow trout	Private access, permission required
S	Hat Creek	Sioux Co., NE of Harrison	Brook trout	Private access, permission required
T	Monroe Creek	Sioux Co., 4 1/2N of Harrison	Brook trout	Public access on Gilbert-Baker WMA; also private access, permission required
U	Niobrara River	Sioux, 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.

DISTRICT II - SANDHILLS
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NO	NAME	LOCATION	SPECIES	REMARKS
1	Hull Lake WMA	Boyd Co., 1/2W, 2S 1W 1/4S of Butte	Bluegill, catfish, largemouth bass	5 1/2 acres, primitive camping, no drinking water
2	Keller Park SRA	Brown Co., 11S of Springview	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, trout	5 ponds, pond No. 4 & 5 have catchable trout, camping
3	Long Lake SRA	Brown Co., 8 1/2 W, 21S of Ainsworth	Bullheads, pike, yellow perch	155 acres, power boats limited to 5 mph
4	South Pine WMA	Brown Co., 11 1/2S of Long Pine	Bluegill, largemouth bass, yellow perch	80 acres, Boating - 5 mph / no wake?
5	Willow Lake WMA	Brown Co., 18 1/2S 12 1/2W, 1N of Ainsworth	Bluegill, bullhead, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, yellow perch	313 acres, primitive camping, 21-inch minimum on largemouth bass, power boats limited to 5 mph. Snowmobile and ATV's allowed on ice
6	Yellowthroat WMA	Brown Co., 13S, 1 1/2E of Ainsworth on trail	Bluegill, largemouth bass, yellow perch, black crappie	75 acres, Fish and Wildlife Service Valentine Refuge regulations apply
7	Big Alkali WMA	Cherry Co., 16S, 4W, 1 1/2S of Valentine	Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, pike, yellow perch	842 acres, all boats allowed, ramp, camping, fishing camp. Snowmobile and ATV's allowed on ice

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8	Cottonwood Lake SRA	Cherry Co., 1/2E, 1/2S of Merriman	Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, pike, yellow perch	34 acres, primitive camping, vegetation hampers summer fishing, all boats allowed
9	Cottonwood - Steverson Lake / WMA	Cherry Co., 30N, 2E of Hyannis	Bluegill, black crappie, largemouth bass, muskie, walleye, yellow perch, carp	680 acres, 5 mph / no wake. Snowmobile and ATV's allowed on ice
10	Home Valley Lake part of Cottonwood - Steverson WMA	Cherry Co., 30N, 2 1/2E, 1N of Hyannis	Bluegill, largemouth bass, yellow perch	235 acres, renovated in 1998, foot access only from Cottonwood - Steverson Lake area
11	Merritt Reservoir SRA	Cherry Co., 26SW of Valentine	Bluegill, bullheads, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth & smallmouth bass, muskie, pike, walleye, white bass, yellow perch	2,900 acres, camping available, all boats allowed, 18-inch minimum on walleye with only 1 fish allowed over 25 inches
12	Rat and Beaver WMA	Cherry Co., 30S, 7W of Valentine	Bullhead, carp, pike, yellow perch	450 acres in 2 lakes, permission required for access
13	Schoolhouse Lake	Cherry Co., 24S of Nenzel	Black crappie, bluegill, bullhead, largemouth bass	105 acres, private access, permission required
14	Shell Lake WMA	Cherry Co., 3N, 4E, 8N of Gordon	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, pike, yellow perch	160 acres, power boats limited to 5 mph
15	Valentine Refuge	Cherry Co., 16S, 6W 8S of Valentine to H.Q.		
	Clear Lake (425 acres)		Black bullhead, bluegill, pike, yellow perch	Minnnows 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.
	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	Cherry Co., 23 1/2S, 3W of Valentine	Carp, pike, yellow perch	354 acres
17	Arnold Lake SRA	Custer Co., 1/2S of Arnold	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass	4 acres, managed out of Dist. IV office
18	Victoria Springs Lake SRA	Custer Co., 6E of Anselmo	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, rainbow trout	5 1/2 acres, cabins and camping
19	Frye Lake WMA	Grant Co., 1N, 1 1/2E of Hyannis	Bluegill, carp, largemouth bass, tiger muskie, yellow perch, crappie, walleye	243 acres, power boats limited to 5 mph, managed by Dist. I
20	Atkinson SRA	Holt Co., 1/2W of Atkinson	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, pike	5 acres, primitive camping, electrical hookups, Elkhorn River access
21	Swan Lake	Holt Co., 26S, 1/2W of Atkinson	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, northern pike, yellow perch	235 acres, power boats limited to 5 mph, leased for fishing only
22	Cub Creek Lake	Keya Paha Co., 8 1/2W of Springview	Bluegill, catfish, largemouth bass, tiger muskie, walleye, yellow perch	27 acres, electric fishing motors only, primitive camping, NRD lake
23	Calamus Reservoir SRA	Loup Co., 2W 5NW of Burwell	Channel catfish, crappie, white bass, pike, walleye, wiper, yellow perch	5,200 acres, modern/primitive camping, 5 mph boating on upper lake, 18-inch minimum on walleye with only 1 fish allowed over 25 inches
24	Gracie Creek Pond	Loup Co., N side of Calamus Reservoir 12N, 4E of Taylor	Rainbow trout	2 acre pond, put and take trout stocking, wheelchair accessible fishing pier
25	Twin Lakes WMA	Rock Co., 16S, 2 1/2E, 2S of Bassett	Crappie, largemouth bluegill bass, pike, yellow perch	160 acres, power boats limited to 5 mph, no boat ramp
26	Davis Creek Reservoir	Valley Co., 5S, 1E of North Loup	Bluegill, bullhead, carp, crappie, largemouth bass, walleye, yellow perch	1,145 acres, water level fluctuates dramatically due to irrigation
A	Calamus River	Brown Co. 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 1/4N of Long Pine	Brown & rainbow trout	Long Pine Creek access
E	Plum Creek	Brown Co., W of Johnstown	Brown & rainbow trout	Private access, permission required
F	Boardman Creek	Cherry Co., 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 1/2W of Norden Road on S side of Niobrara River to mouth of creek	Brown & rainbow trout	Private access, permission required, vehicle access difficult, most areas accessible by long hike
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

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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

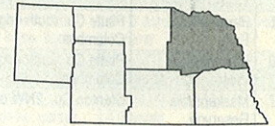
Anglers in the northeast find exciting fishing action at popular Lewis & Clark Lake, as well as many small farm ponds, catfish and trout streams and the mighty Missouri River.

DISTRICT III - NORTHEAST

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NO	NAME	LOCATION	SPECIES	REMARKS
1	Grove Lake WMA	Antelope Co., 2N of Royal	Bluegill, bullhead, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, pike	50 acres, primitive camping, power boats limited to 5 mph
2	Penn Park Lake	Antelope Co., Neligh city lake, SW edge	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, carp	8 acres
3	Summit Lake SRA	Burt Co., 4 1/2W, 1/2S of Tekamah	Bass, bluegill, carp, channel catfish, crappie, pike, walleye, wipers	190 acres, motorboats limited to 5 mph, fish cleaning station, daily bag limit of 3 wipers, with no more than 1 over 18 inches
4	Chalkrock Lake WMA	Cedar Co., 5N, 1 1/2E of Hwy. 81 & 12 Jct.	Bass, bluegill, channel catfish, tiger muskie, walleye	44 acres, boats limited to 5 mph
5	Cottonwood Lake (Lake Yankton)	Cedar Co., Below Gavins Point Dam, north side of river	Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, pike, walleye	250 acres, border water area with S. Dakota, open to Nebr. permit holders, electric fishing motors only
6	Gavins Point Dam Tailwaters	Cedar Co., 1S, 4W of Yankton, SD	Buffalo, carp, channel & flathead catfish, crappie, drum, eel, paddlefish, smallmouth bass, sauger, walleye, white bass	All boats allowed, wheelchair accessible fishing piers
7	Schuyler City Lake	Colfax Co., In city park	Bass, bluegill, channel catfish, crappie	18 acres
8	Crystal Cove Lake	Dakota Co., NE of Hwy. 20 & 77 intersection in S. Sioux City	Bass, bluegill, channel catfish, pike, rainbow trout in winter	30 acres, no power boats allowed, South Sioux City. Daily bag limit of 10 panfish in combination and 3 channel catfish
9	Buckskin Hills Lake	Dixon Co., 2W, 3S, 1/2W of Newcastle	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, walleye	75 acres, primitive camping, boats limited to 5 mph, NRD
10	Dead Timber SRA	Dodge Co., 5NW of Scribner, 1 1/2E	Bullhead, carp, channel & flathead catfish	20 acres, primitive camping, electric fishing motors only, park entry permit required
11	Fremont Lakes SRA	Dodge Co., 3W of Fremont	Bluegill, bullhead, carp, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, pike, muskie	280 acres in 20 lakes, 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	Dodge Co. 1E of Fremont	Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish	3 acres, former Hwy 275 bypass, lake #2
13	Goose Lake WMA	Holt Co., 18NW, 5E of Bartlett	Bass, bluegill, pike, yellow perch	200 acres
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, 1/2W of Crofton on Lewis & Clark Lake, River mile 812.5	Carp, channel catfish, crappie, drum, sauger, walleye, white bass	Concrete ramp

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16	Lewis & Clark Lake SRA	Knox Co., 15N of Crofton	Carp, channel catfish, crappie, drum, sauger, walleye, white bass	30,000 acres, modern and primitive camping on state and federal areas, all boats allowed
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	Madison Co., Norfolk	Bass, bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, pike, walleye	50 acres, 21-inch minimum on largemouth bass, wheelchair accessible fishing pier, electric fishing motors only
21	Willow Creek SRA	Pierce Co., 2SW of Pierce	Bluegill, bullhead, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, pike, walleye, wipers	700 acres, camping, motor-boats limited to 5 mph 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	Platte Co., 1W, 3N of Columbus	Bullhead, carp, channel & flathead catfish	600 acres, power boats not allowed, Loup Public Power
23	Lake North	Platte Co., 3N of Columbus	Carp, channel catfish, crappie, drum, walleye	200 acres, camping, Loup Public Power
24	Looking Glass WMA	Platte Co., 1S of Monroe	Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass	Two small lakes, 3-4 acres each
25	Pawnee Park East	Platte Co. south edge of Columbus	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass	2 acres special urban fishing regulations apply
26	Pawnee Park West	Platte Co. south edge of Columbus	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass	2 acres special urban fishing regulations apply
27	Maskenthine Reservoir	Stanton Co., 2NW of Stanton	Bass, bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, pike, walleye	98 acres, primitive camping, boats limited to 5 mph. Wheelchair accessible fishing pier, Lower Elkhorn NRD
28	Red Fox Lake WMA	Stanton Co., 1 1/4S of Pilger on Hwy. 15	Bluegill, carp, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass	25 acres, boats limited to 5 mph, primitive ramp
29	DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge	Washington Co., 6E of Blair on Hwy. 30	Bluegill, buffalo, carp, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, walleye	760 acres, 5 mph speed limit for boats, open from early Jan. through late Feb. for ice fishing, mid-April through late September for open-water fishing
30	Lake Ericson	Wheeler Co., 1/2S of Ericson	Bass, bluegill, carp, channel catfish, crappie, pike	70 acres, power boats limited to 5 mph
31	Pibel Lake SRA	Wheeler Co., 9S, 1E of Bartlett	Bluegill, bullhead, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, pike	25 acres, primitive camping, electric fishing motors only
A	Hackberry Creek WMA, Elkhorn River	Antelope Co., 1 1/2E, 1/2N of Clearwater	Carp, channel & flathead catfish	Elkhorn River access
B	Red Wing WMA	Antelope Co., 5SW of Neligh	Carp, channel & flathead catfish	Elkhorn River access
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., 1/2N of Hwy. 51 bridge, east side of Decatur, River mile 691.4	Carp, channel & flathead catfish, drum	Mo. River access, private access, fee, concrete ramp
F	Pelican Point SRA	Burt Co., 5E, 4N of Tekamah, River mile 672.8	Buffalo, carp, channel & flathead catfish, drum, sauger, walleye	Mo. River access, public access ramp, primitive camping
G	Cedar County Access	Cedar Co., 4NE of Wynot, River mile 784.9	Carp, channel & flathead catfish, drum, paddlefish, sauger, walleye	Cedar County, Mo. River access, public access allowed, concrete ramp
H	St. Helena Access	Cedar Co., 6 1/2E, 1N of Hwy. 81 & 121 Jct.	Channel & flathead catfish, paddlefish, sauger, walleye	Mo. River access, Cedar County public access allowed, gravel ramp
I	Whitetail WMA	Colefax Co., 1/2W of Schuyler on US 30, 3S on county road	Carp, channel & flathead catfish, sauger	Platte River access
J	Black Island WMA, Elkhorn River	Cuming Co., 2 1/2E of Pilger on county road	Carp, channel & flathead catfish	Elkhorn River access
K	Scenic Park Access	Dakota Co., 1/2E of Hwy. 77 bridge near S. Sioux City, River mile 732.0	Carp, channel & flathead catfish, drum, paddlefish	City of S. Sioux City, Mo. River access, public access allowed, concrete ramp
L	Mulberry Bend WMA	Dixon Co., 1E of Maskell on Hwy. 12 and 2 1/2N	Carp, channel catfish, largemouth & smallmouth bass, paddlefish, pike	Mo. River access
M	Ponca State Park	Dixon Co., 2 1/2N of Ponca, River mile 753.5	Carp, channel & flathead catfish, drum, paddlefish, sauger, walleye	Mo. River access, public access, concrete ramp
N	Powder Horn WMA	Dodge Co., 4NW of Scribner on Hwy. 275	Carp, channel & flathead catfish	Elkhorn River access
O	Dry Creek WMA	Holt Co., 1 1/2SE 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 1/2N of Niobrara, NE River mile 838.8	Carp, channel & flathead catfish, sauger, walleye	Gravel road to ramp gets muddy with heavy rains, ramp subject to flooding

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R	Ferry Landing SRA	Knox Co., 2 1/2E, 1 1/2N of Niobrara, NE River mile 841.0	Carp, channel & flathead catfish, sauger, walleye	Boat ramp, access to Missouri River
S	Niobrara 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	Mo. 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 1/2E 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 mile 691.3-691.9 River mile 693.0-693.4 River mile 694.5-695.3 River mile 695.2-697.4 River mile 697.7-699.6 River mile 701.1-701.5	Buffalo, carp, channel & flathead catfish, drum, paddlefish, sauger, walleye	Public access points to Missouri River, camping available, area boundaries posted

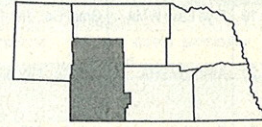
SOUTHWEST

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

DISTRICT IV - SOUTHWEST

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NO	NAME	LOCATION	SPECIES	REMARKS
1	Enders Reservoir SRA	Chase Co., 5E, 4 1/2S of Imperial	Channel catfish, crappie, walleye, white bass, wiper, northern pike	1200 acres, primitive camping, all boats allowed, severe summer drawdown. 30-inch minimum length on northern pike
2	Rock Creek Lake SRA	Dundy Co., 4N, 1W of Parks	Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, rainbow trout, redear sunfish	50 acres, primitive camping, electric fishing motors only, rehabilitation work scheduled for year 2000
3	Medicine Creek SRA (Harry Strunk Lake)	Frontier Co., 2W, 7N of Cambridge	Channel & flathead catfish, crappie, walleye, white bass, wiper	1,850 acres, primitive and modern camping, all boats allowed
4	Red Willow SRA (Hugh Butler Lake)	Frontier Co., 11N of McCook	Channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, walleye, white bass, wiper, northern pike	1,630 acres, modern camping, all boats allowed. 30-inch minimum length on northern pike
5	Frenchman WMA	Hayes Co., 1/2N of Palisade	Channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, northern pike	20 acres (gravel pits)
6	Hayes Center Lake WMA	Hayes Co., 12NE of Hayes Center	Bullhead, channel & flathead catfish, crappie, northern pike	50 acres, electric fishing motors only
7	Swanson Reservoir SRA	Hitchcock Co., 2W of Trenton	Channel catfish, crappie, walleye, white bass, wiper, northern pike	5,000 acres
8	Lake McConaughy SRA	Keith Co., 10N of Ogallala	Channel catfish, perch, rainbow trout, smallmouth bass, striped bass, white bass, walleye, wiper, northern pike	30,000 acres, 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

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9	Lake Ogallala SRA	Keith Co., 10N of Ogallala	Channel catfish, rainbow trout, walleye, brown trout, yellow perch	650 acres, modern/primitive camping, all boats 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, 1/2W 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., 1/2SW 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	Otter Creek	Keith Co., 12E of Lewellen	Brown & rainbow trout	Private property, permission required
C	Sutherland Supply Canal	Keith & Lincoln Cos.	Brown & rainbow trout,	Access via Central Public Power District road
D	CNPPID Canal (Tri County)	Lincoln Co., North Platte to Lexington	Channel & flathead catfish, walleye, white bass, wiper	Power boats limited to 5 mph, 15-inch minimum on walleye
E	North River WMA	Lincoln Co., 2 1/2N of Hershey	Carp, channel & flathead catfish, pike	Encompasses 2 miles of North Platte River

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10	Gallagher Canyon Reservoir SRA	Dawson Co., 8S of Cozad	Channel & flathead catfish, crappie, drum, walleye, white bass	182 acres, primitive camping, all power boats allowed
11	Lake Helen	Dawson Co., N edge Gothenburg	Carp, channel catfish	20 acres
12	Lexington City Lake	Dawson Co., N edge Lexington	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass	3 acres
13	Midway Canyon Reservoir	Dawson Co., 6S, 2W of Cozad	Channel & flathead catfish, crappie, drum, walleye, white bass	609 acres, all power boats allowed
14	Plum Creek Canyon Reservoir	Dawson Co., 8S, 3 1/2 E Cozad	Channel catfish, crappie, drum, walleye, white bass	252 acres
15	Elwood Reservoir WMA	Gosper Co., 3N of Elwood	Channel & flathead catfish, crappie, largemouth & rock bass, wiper, walleye, yellow perch, spotted bass, wiper, muskie	1,200 acres, boats limited to 5 mph, 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 than 1 fish over 18 inches
16	Johnson Lake SRA	Gosper Co., 7S of Lexington	Channel & flathead catfish, crappie, striped bass, walleye, white bass, drum,	2,800 acres, primitive and modern camping, all boats allowed, 2 wheelchair accessible fishing piers. 15 inch minimum length limit on walleye
17	Phillips Canyon Reservoir	Gosper Co., 8S, 1E Lexington	Channel catfish, crappie, drum, walleye, white bass	142 acres
18	Scout Lake	Hall Co., 1N of Grand Island	Bluegill, bullhead, channel catfish, largemouth bass, carp, crappie	55 acres, 10 panfish special bag limit (city). Special urban fishing regulations
19	L.E. Ray Lake	Hall Co., Grand Island city lake, N of Husker Hwy. & East Blaine	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, tiger muskie	30 1/2 acres, special city regulations
20	Pier Lake	Hall Co., Grand Island city lake, Ashton Ave. & Bismarck Rd.	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass	8 3/4 acres. Special urban fishing regulations
21	Suchs Lake	Hall Co., Grand Island city lake, Harrison St., S of Burlington Railroad	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass	4.3 acres
22	Wastewater Pond	Hall Co., Grand Island city lake, Swift Rd., E of Stuhr Rd.	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, tiger muskie	7.5 acres
23	Harlan Co. Reservoir/Corps of Engineers	Harlan Co., S of Alma and Republican City	Channel & flathead catfish, crappie, pike, walleye, white bass, wiper, drum	13,500 acres, modern and primitive camping, all boats allowed, 18-inch min. on walleye, summer drawdown
24	Farwell South Reservoir	Howard Co., 4W, 3S of Farwell	Carp, channel & flathead catfish, crappie, walleye	40 acres, electric motors only
25	North Loup SRA	Howard Co., 3N of St. Paul	Bass, bluegill, channel catfish, crappie	7 acres, just north of the N. Loup River on Hwy. 281
26	Ft. Kearny SRA	Kearney Co., 3/4 E, 1N of Ft. Kearny SHP	Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass	7 gravel pit lakes, primitive camping, electric fishing motors only, wheelchair accessible fishing pier. Fish feeder, lake #4 May - Sept.
27	Bader Memorial County Park	Merrick Co., 1 1/2 S of Chapman	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth & rock bass	12 acres in 7 lakes, primitive camping, electric motors only, old sandpits
28	Superior City Lake	Nuckolls Co., W edge of Superior	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass	1 acre
29	Holdrege City Lake	Phelps Co., 1/2N of Holdrege	Bluegill, channel & flathead catfish, crappie, largemouth bass	5 acres rehabilitation project 1999-2000
30	Sandy Channel WMA	Phelps Co., 2S of Elm Creek, I-80 Interchange	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass	52 acres in 6 lakes, electric fishing motors only 5 mph/no wake on lake #8
31	Bowman Lake	Sherman Co., 1/2 W of Loup City	Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass	20 acres
32	Sherman Reservoir SRA	Sherman Co., 4E, 1N of Loup City	Channel catfish, crappie, flathead catfish, pike, walleye, white bass	2,600 acres, primitive camping, all boats allowed, summer drawdowns, 18-inch min. on walleye with only 1 fish allowed over 25-inch 10-inch crappie length limit
33	Liberty Cove	Webster Co., 2S, 2 1/2 W of Lawrence	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, pike	36 acres, Little Blue NRD, fishing pier with gravel access
A	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 1/2N, 2E, 1/2N of St. Paul	Carp, channel catfish	Loup River access
E	Elm Creek WMA	Webster Co., 4E, 2N of Red Cloud	Brown & rainbow trout	1/2 mile of stream on public land, rest on private land, permission required, trout stocked two times during year, March and September
F	Indian Creek WMA	Webster Co., 1S of Red Cloud	Carp, channel catfish, white bass	Access to Republican River

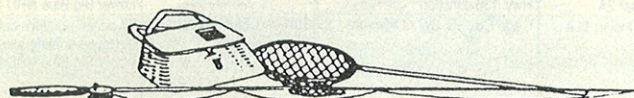
SOUTH-CENTRAL

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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NO	NAME	LOCATION	SPECIES	REMARKS
1	Crystal Lake SRA	Adams Co., 2N, 1W of Ayr	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, tiger muskie	10 acres, electric motors only, restocked
2	Lake Hastings	Adams Co., N edge of Hastings	Bullhead, channel catfish, crappie	63 acres, all boats allowed special boating regulations
3	Hastings NW Dam	Adams Co., 1N of Hastings Airport	Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass	63 acres, power boats limited to 5 mph, very turbid
4	32-Mile H, Prairie Lake	Adams Co., 1 1/2 E, 4 1/2 S of Juniata	Channel catfish	65 acres, Little Blue NRD, boats limited to 5 mph, turbid
5	32-Mile D, Roseland Lake	Adams Co., 4 1/2 W, 1 1/2 S of Juniata	Bullhead, carp, channel catfish	66 acres, Little Blue NRD, boats limited to 5 mph, turbid
6	Cottonmill Lake	Buffalo Co., 1W, 1/2N of Kearney on Hwy. 30	Channel catfish, bluegill largemouth bass, northern pike	Lake rehabilitation in 1997-99, restocked 1999-2000. Boating 5 mph/no wake, special urban fishing regulations
7	Ravenna Lake SRA	Buffalo Co., 1SE of Ravenna	Bullhead, carp, channel catfish, goldfish	30 acres, primitive camping, electric fishing motors only. Scheduled for rehabilitation 2000-2001
8	Ansley Lake	Custer Co., W of Ansley	Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass	4 acres, no power boating special urban fishing regulations
9	Pressey WMA	Custer Co., 3W Oconto	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass	2.5 acres

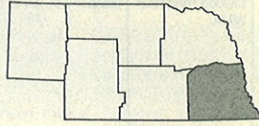


SOUTHEAST

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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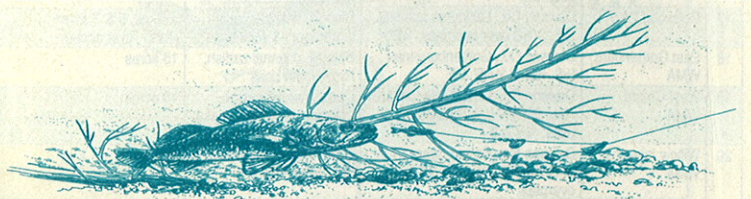


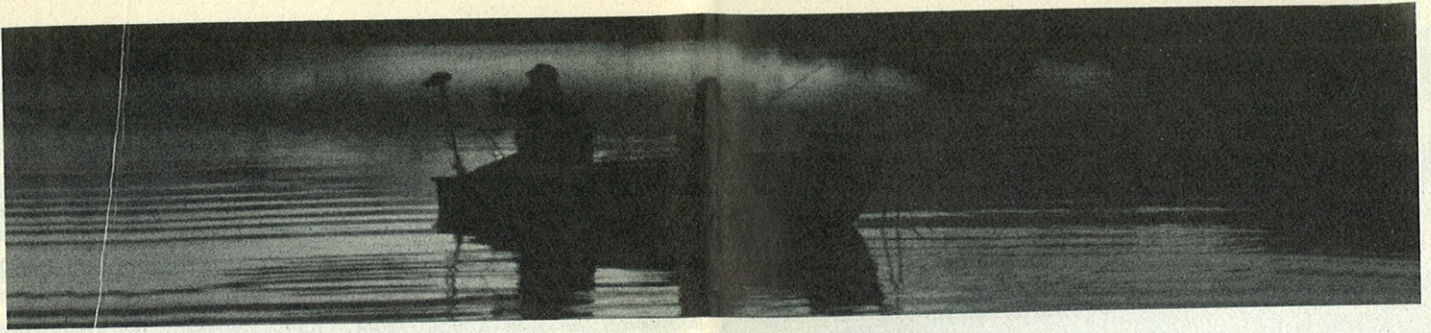
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1	Oxbow Trails Lake	Butler Co., 1½ E of Ulysses	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass	43 acres, boating limited to 5 mph, Upper Big Blue NRD lake
2	Redtail WMA	Butler Co., 1E of Dwight	Bluegill, crappie, channel catfish, largemouth bass	17 acres, walk-in access only
3	Timber Point	Butler Co., 1S, 2E of Brainard	Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, tiger muskie	28 acres, boats limited to 5 mph, Lower Platte South NRD lake
4	Jenny Newman	Cass Co., Platte River State Park	Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, grass carp	4½ acres, total catch and release, family fishing area check special regulations Open to fishing April 1 - October 31 from sunrise to 10 a.m., sunrise to sunset rest of year. All hooks on artificial lures need to be barbless or have barbs crimped.
5	Louisville SRA	Cass Co., ½NW of Louisville	Bluegill, carp, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass	40 acres in 5 lakes, primitive camping, electric trolling motors only, access point to Platte River, lake 2A renovated in 1999 lake 2 in 1998
6	Marina Lake	Cass Co., Mahoney State Park	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass	4½ acres, special restrictions open sunrise to 10 a.m. check for open dates
7	US West Lake	Cass Co., Mahoney State Park	Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, trout (seasonal)	10 acres, catch & release only for bass & bluegill, check regulations for other species, trout stocked in fall and winter, barbless hooks only. Wheelchair accessible fishing pier
8	Two Rivers SRA	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	32 acres in 7 lakes, primitive and modern camping, non-powered boats only, no boats on lake #5, access point to Platte River, wheelchair accessible fishing pier
9	Carter Lake	Douglas Co., Abbott Drive & Carter Blvd. in Omaha	Bluegill, buffalo, bullhead, carp, catfish, crappie, drum, largemouth bass, pike, walleye	300 acres, all boats allowed, city of Omaha lake, wheelchair accessible fishing pier.
10	Glenn Cunningham Lake	Douglas Co., 96th & State in Omaha	Bluegill, bullhead, carp, channel catfish, largemouth, walleye, yellow & white bass	377 acres, no-wake power boating, camping, city of Omaha lake, wheelchair accessible fishing pier
11	Papio D-4	Douglas Co., ¼N of NE 36 & 98th St., northwest Omaha	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass	30 ½ acres, Papio/Missouri NRD lake. Foot access
12	Standing Bear Lake	Douglas Co., 132nd & Military in Omaha	Bass, bluegill, catfish, crappie, drum, saugeye, trout (seasonal), walleye, yellow perch	135 acres, electric fishing motors only, city of Omaha lake, trout stocked in fall and winter, wheelchair accessible fishing pier
13	Zorinsky Lake	Douglas Co., 156th & F Sts. in Omaha	Bluegill, bullhead, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, tiger muskie,	255 acres, 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. Special bag limits in effect, wheelchair accessible fishing pier
14	Bruning Lake	Fillmore Co., 2 ½E, 1N of Bruning	Bullhead, carp, channel catfish	258 acres, Little Blue NRD lake, very turbid
15	Arrowhead WMA	Gage Co., 3E, ½S of Diller	Bullhead, carp, channel catfish	77 acres, power boats limited to 5 mph, very turbid & shallow
16	Bear Pierce Cedar 2A	Gage Co., 2N, 2E of Hwy. 77 & Hwy. 136 Junction	Channel catfish	24 acres, turbid & shallow, Lower Big Blue NRD lake
17	Big Indian 11A	Gage Co., 3S, 3W of Wymore	Bullhead, channel catfish	76 acres, primitive camping, all power boating allowed, Lower Big Blue NRD lake

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18	Donald Whitney WMA	Gage Co., 3 ½W of Odell	Bullhead, channel catfish	43 acres in 2 lakes, electric trolling motors only, turbid
19	Rockford Lake SRA	Gage Co., 7E, 2S of Beatrice	Bluegill, bullhead, carp, channel & flathead catfish, crappie, largemouth bass	150 acres, all power boating allowed, primitive camping
20	Wolf Wildcat #12	Gage Co., 7S of Virginia	Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass	42 acres, Lower Big Blue NRD lake, limited access
21	Clatonia 3A	Gage Co., 1N of Clatonia	Channel catfish, bullhead	46 acres, boats limited to 5 mph, Lower Big Blue NRD lake, turbid
22	Alexandria SRA	Jefferson Co., 3E 1S of Alexandria	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass	43 acres, electric trolling motors only, primitive camping, Lakes rehabilitated in 1996 to create two lakes with the fishery renovated and restocked
23	Buckley 3F	Jefferson Co., 7W 4½S of Fairbury	Channel catfish	22 acres, boats limited to 5 mph, Blue NRD lake, turbid
24	Crystal Springs Lakes	Jefferson Co., 1S, 1W of Fairbury	Bluegill, largemouth bass, channel catfish	18 acres in 3 lakes, no boats allowed
25	Cub Creek 9B (Leisure Lake)	Jefferson Co., 1E, 4S of Plymouth	Carp, channel catfish	25 acres, boating limited to 5 mph, Lower Big Blue NRD lake, very turbid
26	Cub Creek Watershed 12A	Jefferson Co., 3W, 4 ½S of Plymouth	Carp, channel catfish	27 acres, all boats allowed, turbid, Lower Big Blue NRD lake
27	Osage WMA	Johnson Co., 3N, 2W, ¾N of Tecumseh	Bluegill, largemouth bass	4 one-acre ponds
28	Twin Oaks WMA	Johnson Co., 2E, 4S of Tecumseh	Bluegill, largemouth bass	3 acres, 2 ponds
29	Wirth Brothers Lake	Johnson Co., 1W, 3S, 1W of Cook	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, northern pike	37 acres, South Branch Site 27 Nemaha NRD, ADA accessible boat ramp and parking, boating limited to 5 mph
30	Bluestem Lake SRA	Lancaster Co., 2 ½W of Sprague	Bluegill, crappie, flathead & channel catfish, largemouth bass	326 acres, primitive camping, all boats allowed, turbid
31	Bowling Lake	Lancaster Co., 3rd & Baker, NW Airpark, Lincoln	Bluegill, bullhead, carp, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass,	12 acres, non-powered boats only, city of Lincoln lake, shallow, turbid; wheelchair accessible fishing pier
32	Branched Oak Lake SRA	Lancaster Co., ½E, 4N of Malcolm	Bluegill, bullhead, carp, blue, channel & flathead catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, northern pike, walleye, white perch, wiper	1,800 acres, 5 mph boating (no wake) 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
33	Conestoga Lake SRA	Lancaster Co., 1 ½N of Denton	Bluegill, carp, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, saugeye, walleye, wiper	230 acres, primitive camping, all power boats allowed, daily bag limit 3 on wipers with no more than 1 fish over 18 inches
34	Cottontail	Lancaster Co., 1N of Martell	Bluegill, bullhead, channel catfish, largemouth bass	29 acres, power boats limited to 5 mph, Lower Platte South NRD lake
35	Hedgefield Lake WMA	Lancaster Co., 2W, ½N of Panama	Bluegill, bullhead, channel catfish, largemouth bass, crappie	44 acres, electric fishing motors only
36	Holmes Lake	Lancaster Co., 70th & Normal Blvd. in Lincoln	Bluegill, carp, channel, and flathead catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, white perch, wipers	100 acres, non-powered boats only, city of Lincoln lake, wheelchair accessible fishing pier
37	Killdeer Lake WMA	Lancaster Co., 2½N of Martell	Bluegill, bullheads, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass	20 acres, electric trolling-motors only
38	Merganser	Lancaster Co., ½N, 1E, ¼N of Kramer	Bluegill, bullhead, channel catfish, largemouth bass	41 acres, power boats limited to 5 mph, Lower Platte South NRD lake
39	Oak Lake	Lancaster Co., I-180 & Sun Valley Blvd., NW Lincoln	Bullhead, carp, channel catfish, crappie, green sunfish	47-acre (3 lakes), city of Lincoln lake, shallow, subject to winter kill
40	Olive Creek Lake SRA	Lancaster Co., 2E, 1S of Kramer	Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass	175 acres, primitive camping, power boats limited to 5 mph, very shallow, very turbid. Scheduled for renovation and rehabilitation for 1999-2000
41	Pawnee Lake SRA	Lancaster Co., 2N, 1 ½W of Emerald	Carp; channel & flathead catfish, crappie, drum, largemouth & white bass, sauger, walleye	740 acres, modern camping, primitive camping, all boats allowed, 10-inch minimum on crappie, 15-inch minimum on sauger & walleye
42	Stagecoach Lake SRA	Lancaster Co., 1 ½S, ½W of Hickman	Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, wiper	195 acres, primitive camping, boats limited to 5 mph, 8-inch minimum on bluegill, wheelchair accessible fishing pier
43	Tanglewood	Lancaster Co., ½N, 1W, ½S of Kramer	Bluegill, bullhead, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass	33 acres, boats limited to 5 mph, Lower Platte South NRD lake. Seepage problem
44	Teal Lake WMA	Lancaster Co., 4 ½E, 4N of Wilber	Bluegill, bullhead, channel & flathead catfish, largemouth bass	29 acres, electric motors only, subject to frequent fish kills due to low levels. Seepage problem

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45	Wagon Train Lake SRA	Lancaster Co., 2E of Hickman	Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, redear sunfish	315 acres, primitive camping, boats limited to 5 mph, Scheduled for renovation and rehabilitation for 1999-2000
46	Wild Plum	Lancaster Co., 1 1/2N, 1/2W, of Kramer	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, tiger muskie	16 acres, power boats limited to 5 mph, Lower Platte South NRD lake
47	Wildwood Lake WMA	Lancaster Co., 1W, 1 1/2N of Agnew	Bluegill, bullhead, carp, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, walleye	103 acres, electric motors only, Lower Platte South NRD lake, catch/release only
48	Yankee Hill Lake SRA	Lancaster Co., 2 1/2E, 1S of Denton	Bluegill, bullhead, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, walleye	208 acres, electric fishing motors only
49	Wilson Creek 2X WMA	Otoe Co., 3E, 1 1/2S of Otoe	Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass	15 acres, electric motors only, Nemaha NRD lake, very shallow
50	Wilson Creek 4F (Prairie Owl)	Otoe Co., 2S, 1W, 1/4S of Dunbar	Bluegill, bullhead, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass	38 acres, electric fishing motors only, Nemaha NRD lake, very turbid
51	Bowwood WMA	Pawnee Co., 2S of Steinauer	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass	6 1/2 acres, electric motors only
52	Burchard Lake WMA	Pawnee Co., 3E, 1/2N of Burchard	Bluegill, bullhead, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, yellow perch	150 acres, boating limited to 5 mph; primitive camping, area closed during waterfowl season, except face of dam, 21-inch minimum on largemouth bass
53	Iron Horse Trail Lake	Pawnee Co., 1/2N, 2W of DuBois	Bluegill, channel & flathead catfish, crappie, largemouth bass	85 acres, 5 mph, no wake, No personal watercraft, camping, picnicking, Nemaha NRD, NRD park sticker needed, turbid
54	Mayberry WMA	Pawnee Co., 5N, 1 1/4E of Burchard	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, tiger muskie	25 acres, electric motors only
55	Pawnee Prairie WMA	Pawnee Co., 6S, 2E, 2S of Burchard	Bluegill, largemouth bass, channel catfish	5 acres - 7 ponds
56	Prairie Knoll WMA	Pawnee Co., 2W, 2N DuBois	Bluegill, largemouth bass	6 acres, electric motors only
57	Kirkman's Cove	Richardson Co., 1N, 2W of Humboldt	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass	160 acres, Nemaha NRD, NRD park sticker needed, 35 mph maximum on lower 2/3 of lake, no personal watercraft, turbid
58	Verdon Lake SRA	Richardson Co., 1/2W of Verdon	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass	30 acres, electric motors only, primitive camping, rehabilitation conducted in 1999
59	Swan Creek 2A WMA	Saline Co., 14W, 3N of Wilber	Bluegill, bullhead, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass	16 acres, power boats limited to 5 mph
60	Swan Creek 5A	Saline Co., 3E, 2N of Tobias	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass	95 acres, area development planned in next few years, Lower Big Blue NRD, wheelchair accessible fishing pier, turbid
61	Walnut Creek 2A	Saline Co., 1/2E, 3 1/2N of Crete	Bluegill, bullhead, channel catfish, largemouth bass, crappie	26 acres, boats limited to 5 mph, Lower Big Blue NRD lake, shallow
62	Walnut Creek Reservoir	Sarpy Co., 2S 3E of Papillion	Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, redear sunfish	100 acres, 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
63	Wehrspann Lake	Sarpy Co., 1N, 1W I-80 & Hwy. 50 Junction	Bluegill, bullhead, channel catfish, largemouth bass, walleye, white perch	245 acres, boats limited to 5 mph, Papio/Missouri NRD lake, 21-inch minimum on bluegill, 10-inch minimum on crappie except during the month of April, wheelchair accessible fishing pier
64	Czechland Lake	Saunders Co., 1N, 1/4W of Prague	Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass	85-acres, Lower Platte North NRD, boats limited to 5 mph, 8-inch min. on bluegill, 10-inch min. on crappie, wheelchair accessible fishing pier
65	Memphis Lake SRA	Saunders Co., 1/2W of Memphis	Bluegill, buffalo, bullhead, carp, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass	45 acres, row boats and electric motors only, shallow
66	Red Cedar	Saunders Co., 5 1/2N, 2W of the north edge of Valparaiso	Bluegill, channel & flathead catfish, largemouth bass	50 acres, boats limited to 5 mph, Lower Platte South NRD lake
67	Meadowlark	Seward Co., 6 1/2W, 1N, 1 1/2W of Agnew	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass	55 acres, boats limited to 5 mph, Lower Platte South NRD lake
68	Smith Creek	Seward Co., 2N, 2W, 1/4N of Beaver Crossing	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass	21 acres, boats limited to 5 mph, Upper Big Blue NRD lake, turbid

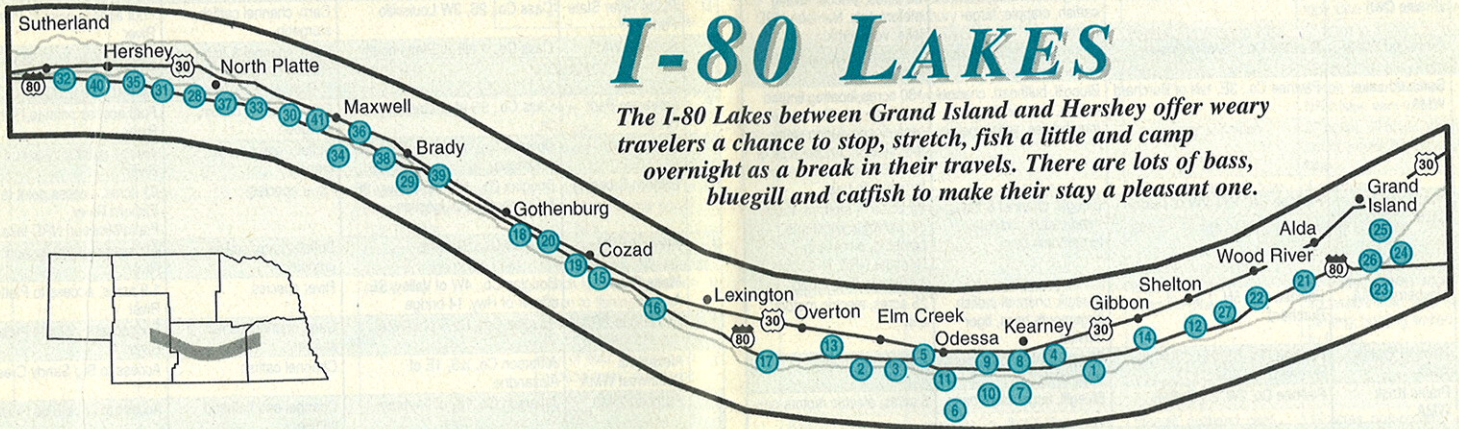
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69	Twin Lakes WMA	Seward Co., 2 1/2N, 1/2W of Pleasant Dale	Bluegill, bullhead, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, tiger muskie, walleye	210 acres in east lake, 60 acres in west lake, electric trolling motors only, area closed during waterfowl seasons
70	Meridan WMA	Thayer Co., 3S of Alexandria	Bluegill, largemouth bass	1 acre, electric motors only
71	Recharge	York Co., 1 1/2W of York	Bluegill, bullhead, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass	49 acres, boating limited to 5 mph, Upper Big Blue NRD lake
72	Waco Basin WMA	York Co., 1W, 1/2N of Waco	Black bullhead	15 acres
A	Hwy. 50 Bridge	Cass Co., Louisville	River species	Access point to Platte River
B	Louisville SRA	Cass Co., 1/2NW of Louisville	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, 3/4E 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., 1 1/2 S of Venice	Carp, channel catfish, sturgeon	Foot access point to Platte River
L	Alexandria Southwest WMA	Jefferson Co., 1/2S, 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, 2 1/2W, 1 1/2S of Fairbury	Channel catfish, bullhead	Access to Rose Creek
O	Rose Creek West WMA	Jefferson Co., 2S, 3 1/2W, 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 3/4W of Tecumseh	Channel catfish, carp	1/2 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., 3/4S of Nemaha	Channel catfish, carp	3/4 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., 1 1/2S, 2 1/4E of Preston	Channel catfish, carp	1/2 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, 1/2W, 1/2N 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., 1/2N, 1E, 2S of Milford	Channel catfish, carp	Access point to Big Blue River
GG	Blue Valley	Seward Co., 1/2S 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	Meridan 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.



NO	NAME	LOCATION	SPECIES	REMARKS
1	Bassway Strip WMA	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	Four lakes 1 to 8 acres. Platte River access. Improved boat ramp, boating 5 mph / no wake
2	Blue Hole WMA (West lake)	Buffalo Co., Elm Creek Inter., SW quadrant	Bluegill, carp, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass	37 acres Platte River access
3	Blue Hole WMA (East lake)	Buffalo Co., Elm Creek Inter., 1 ½S, 1 ½E on canal road	Bluegill, carp, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass	34 acres
4	Bufflehead WMA	Buffalo Co., Kearney Inter., 1N to 11th St., 3E, 1S, ½E	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass	15 acres, improved boat ramp, boating 5 mph / no wake
5	Coot Shallows WMA	Buffalo Co., Odessa Inter., ¼N, 1¾W	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, northern pike, yellow perch	12 acres, improved boat ramp, boating 5 mph / no wake
6	East Odessa WMA	Buffalo Co., Odessa Inter., 4E on S side	Bluegill, bullhead, carp, largemouth bass	7 acres Platte River access
7	Kearney WMA	Buffalo Co., Kearney Inter., SW quadrant	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass	20 acres
8	Kea West WMA	Buffalo Co., Kearney Inter., 1N to 11th St., 1¼W, 1S to overpass approach, turn left	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, rock bass, crappie	8 acres
9	North Kearney Rest Area DOR	Buffalo Co., Kearney Inter., 1¼W on I 80 to rest stop	Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, walleye	7 acres, no boats allowed
10	South Kearney Rest Area DOR	Buffalo Co., Kearney Inter., 1¼W on I 80 to rest stop	Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, redear sunfish	¾ acre, no boats allowed
11	Union Pacific SRA	Buffalo Co., Odessa Inter., NE quadrant	Channel catfish, largemouth, smallmouth & rock bass	15 acres, primitive camping,
12	War Axe SRA	Buffalo Co., Shelton Inter., NE quadrant	Bluegill, carp, channel catfish & largemouth	14 acres, primitive camping
13	West Elm Creek WMA	Buffalo Co., Elm Creek Inter., 5W	Channel catfish, Redear sunfish & smallmouth bass	8 ½ acres, access across private property
14	Windmill SRA	Buffalo Co., Gibbon Inter., NE quadrant	Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, rainbow trout in winter	Four 2-acre lakes, one 7-acre lake, modern camping. Fish feeder on lake #4 May - September
15	Cozad WMA	Dawson Co., Cozad Inter., SE quadrant	Bluegill, carp, channel catfish, largemouth & rock bass	18 acres, improved boat ramp, boating 5 mph / no wake
16	Darr WMA	Dawson Co., Darr Inter., NW quadrant	Channel catfish, largemouth, rock & smallmouth bass	13 acres
17	Dogwood WMA	Dawson Co., Lexington Inter., 5 ½E, 2 ½S over overpass, ¼E	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth & rock bass	2 lakes, 5 & 7 acres Platte River access
18	East Gothenburg WMA	Dawson Co., Gothenburg Inter., ½S, ½E, 3 ½NE & E	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass	15 acres
19	West Cozad WMA	Dawson Co., Cozad Inter., 1N to Hwy. 30, 1¾W, ¾S across overpass, ¼N & E	Carp, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass	18 acres
20	Willow Island WMA	Dawson Co., Cozad Inter., 5¼W of Cozad on Hwy. 30, ¾S across overpass	Carp, channel catfish, largemouth bass	24 acres

NO	NAME	LOCATION	SPECIES	REMARKS
21	Alda DOR	Hall Co., Alda Inter., NE quadrant	Bluegill, carp, channel catfish, largemouth bass	12 acres No boats allowed
22	Cheyenne SRA	Hall Co., Wood River Inter., NW quadrant	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass	17 acres, primitive camping.
23	Grand Island East bound Rest Area	Hall Co., 3E of Grand Island Interchange, S of I 80	Bluegill, carp, channel catfish, largemouth bass	6 acres No boats allowed
24	Mormon Island DOR (East)	Hall Co., Grand Island Inter., N of I 80, 1 ½E	Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, tiger muskie	22 acres, access on foot from Mormon Island SRA, 8-inch minimum on bluegill
25	Mormon Island SRA (Middle)	Hall Co., NE quadrant, Grand Island Inter.	Bluegill, carp, channel catfish, largemouth bass, tiger muskie	19 acres, access on foot from Mormon Island, 8-inch minimum on bluegill
26	Mormon Island SRA (West)	Hall Co., NE quadrant, Grand Island Inter.	Bluegill, bullhead, carp, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass	42 acres, modern camping, 8-inch minimum on bluegill. Fish feeders May - Sept.
27	West Wood River WMA	Hall Co., Wood River Inter., ½S, 1W, N across overpass, ¼W	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass	15 acres,
28	Birdwood WMA	Lincoln Co., North Platte Inter., ½S, 3 ½W, 1N, NW across overpass	Channel catfish, large mouth & rock bass, perch, rainbow trout in winter	20 acres
29	Brady Interchange WMA	Lincoln Co., Brady Inter., SE quadrant	Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass	25 acres
30	Crystal Lake	Lincoln Co., Maxwell Inter., ¾N, 2W, ½N, 3 ½W, ½S across overpass	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass	6 ½ acres
31	East Hershey WMA	Lincoln Co., North Platte Inter., ½S, 7¼W, 1 ½N, NE across overpass	Channel catfish, large mouth bass, perch, rock & smallmouth bass	20 acres
32	East Sutherland WMA	Lincoln Co., Hershey Inter., ¼S, 3W, ½N, NE across overpass	Bullheads, channel catfish, largemouth & rock bass, perch	27 acres
33	Fremont Slough WMA	Lincoln Co., North Platte Inter., 1 ½S, 4 ¾E, ¼N, right turn across canal, ¼N under overpass, ¼E	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass	30 acres
34	Ft. McPherson WMA	Lincoln Co., Maxwell Inter., SE quadrant	Bluegill, carp, channel catfish, largemouth bass	30 acres, primitive camping
35	Hershey WMA	Lincoln Co., Hershey Inter., SE quadrant	Channel catfish, large mouth, rock & smallmouth bass, perch, pike, walleye	53 acres
36	Maxwell Rest Stop DOR	Lincoln Co., Maxwell Inter., 3E	Bluegill, crappie, largemouth bass	5 acres, no boats allowed
37	North Platte City Lake	Lincoln Co., North Platte Inter., SE quadrant	Channel catfish, largemouth & rock bass, walleye, northern pike	26 acres, 30 - inch minimum length limit on northern pike
38	West Brady WMA	Lincoln Co., Brady Inter., ¾N, 3W across overpass	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth & smallmouth bass	5 ½ acres
39	West Gothenburg WMA	Lincoln Co., Brady Inter., 3 ½E on Hwy. 30, ¼S across tracks	Channel catfish, largemouth & rock bass	15 acres
40	West Hershey WMA	Lincoln Co., Hershey Inter., ½W	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass	6 acres, private access
41	West Maxwell WMA	Lincoln Co., Maxwell Inter., ¾N, ¾W, ¼S	Channel catfish, rock & smallmouth bass	7 acres

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



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Fish Tissue Testing Program

The Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), with assistance from the Game and Parks Commission, has collected and analyzed fish tissue samples from our lakes and streams since 1977. In 1990, DEQ adopted an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) method of assessing human risks related to the consumption of fish flesh. The EPA standards prompted the Nebraska Department of Health to issue several fish consumption advisories over the past eight years. There are 37 advisories statewide, including 17 lakes and 21 segments on 13 different streams. Since 1990, over 475 fish samples have been analyzed from collections on over 50 stream segments and over 59 lakes. The sample targets one predator species, usually a largemouth bass or walleye, and one bottom-feeder, either a channel catfish or common carp. So, these samples do not analyze all the major game fish species present in a specific water or the various sizes within a species.

How Do We Compare With Surrounding States?

Nebraska has one of the most aggressive fish consumption advisory programs in the Midwest, testing for a variety of contaminants. Wyoming and South Dakota do not have fish tissue testing programs, so no advisories are issued. Differences among states in the way advisories are issued may lead to some confusion. The fact that Nebraska issued more advisories than neighboring states does not indicate poor water quality; rather it shows more stringent assessment techniques. It's unfortunate that a nationwide testing standard hasn't been adopted for uniform comparisons.

What Are Nebraska's Primary Contaminants?

Three main contaminants show up in samples across the state — polychlorinated biphenyl compounds (PCBs), dieldrin (pesticide), and organic mercury. PCBs and dieldrin are both known carcinogens, while mercury poses risk of developmental problems in the unborn, infants and children.

PCBs are a class of aromatic compounds produced and marketed in the U.S. since 1929. Before 1971, they were used as plasticizers, heat transfer fluids, hydraulic fluids, lubricants and wax extenders. Since 1971, use has been limited to enclosed electrical systems (capacitors and transformers). U.S. production of PCBs was discontinued in the 1977; importation was greatly reduced in 1979 and stopped completely in 1982. Before 1979 disposal of PCB compounds was not subject to federal regulation. Of the approximately 1.25 billions pounds pur-

chased by U.S. industry, about 60% are still in use in capacitors, 36% are in landfills or dumps, and about 4% had been destroyed by incineration and degraded in the environment.

Dieldrin was once widely applied to cornfields for pest control and has been used to treat wood products for termite protection. Legal use of dieldrin in the U.S. was halted in 1974, except for use in subterranean termite control. In 1985, importing dieldrin ceased, and in 1987 its registration was canceled. Dieldrin is extremely persistent and remains in the environment. This carcinogen is believed to emanate from both agricultural and urban run-off.

Mercury is a naturally-occurring element, present at low levels in rocks, soil, sediment, air and water. In addition to natural sources, mercury can be released into the environment from mining operations, sanitary landfills, fossil fuel combustion, municipal incineration, industrial waste discharges and from certain fungicides. Mercury occurs in aquatic systems in three forms: elemental (metallic), organic, and inorganic (mercurous and mercuric salts) compounds. The organic form is the most toxic to both aquatic organisms and humans. In the environment, elemental mercury is oxidized to inorganic mercury which is then converted into the organic form (methyl mercury) by certain microorganisms. It poses a threat to humans, since it is stored in the tissues of aquatic organisms in the methylated form. Fish absorb methyl mercury from aquatic organisms they eat and the water they live in as it passes over their gills. Predacious fish such as walleye, northern pike and largemouth bass reside at the top of the aquatic food chain and tend to exhibit higher mercury concentrations than less predacious fish. Long-term exposure, even to small concentrations, will lead to higher concentrations in the flesh. Therefore, larger fish will typically have higher mercury concentrations than smaller fish.

While mercury is not a carcinogen, elevated levels in fish tissue is a concern, since it is known to cause developmental problems in unborn, infant, and young children. Based on scientific studies, Nebraska has adopted an "action level" of 0.25 mg/kg for mercury in fish tissue for women of child bearing age, infants and children under 15 years. The action level for mercury in Nebraska for the general population is 0.35 mg/kg. There are no known methods to effectively reduce mercury contamination in fish tissue. However, some studies underway are examining reduction of methyl mercury through a fillet marinade process prior to cooking.

What Else Is Tested?

All fish tissue samples are tested for 4 heavy metals and 18 chemicals, including such well known contaminants as lead, chlordane, DDT and diazinon. None of these have been sampled in levels sufficient to prompt an advisory.

How Great Is The Cancer Risk?

Advisories for high levels of cancer-causing chemicals (PCB's and dieldrin) in fish are issued when concentrations reach a risk level of 1 in 10,000. That means under the worst-case scenario, the contamination would cause one additional case of cancer per 10,000 people eating those fish. **Theoretically, each of those 10,000 people would have to eat five ounces of fish from an advisory area every week for 70 years to produce that one case of cancer.**

Mercury is not a cancer risk but, because of the way it reacts in the human body, advisories for mercury encourage all consumers to reduce fish consumption from waters listed, especially pregnant and nursing women, infants and children under 15. **These advisories target consumers who eat fish caught from advisory waters as a major part of their total diet.**

What Waters Are Contaminated and Which Are Safe?

All bodies of water have not yet been tested because of budget constraints. Current advisories involve 16 lakes and 15 rivers/streams/canals across the state (see advisory chart). On the bright side, 40 lakes and 25 rivers/streams have received a clean bill of health (see p. 29).

So, What's the Bottom Line?

Fish are an excellent source of protein and have been shown to have real health benefits, such as preventing heart diseases. Consumers should not eliminate fish from their diet, but should be aware of the advisories and not eat large amounts of fish from listed waters. Additionally, most chemical contaminants can be reduced by preparing the fish properly. Remove the skin and trim the fat from the belly flap area, the lateral lines and along the back to help reduce chemical concentrations. Broiling, grilling and baking are the best methods of removing additional fat in cooking. Mercury is distributed throughout a fish's muscle tissue (fillets), rather than in the fat and skin. So, the only way to reduce mercury intake is to reduce the amount of contaminated fish consumed.

Additional Information

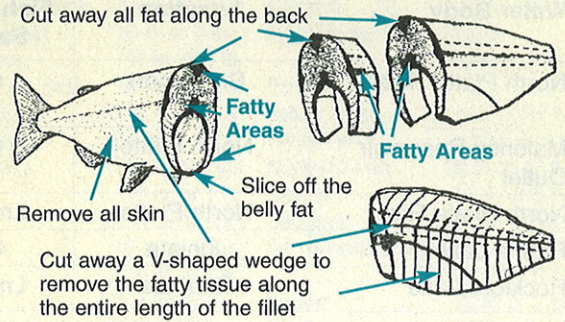
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HOW TO MINIMIZE RISK BY CAREFULLY CLEANING YOUR FISH

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



NEBRASKA FISH CONSUMPTION ADVISORIES IN EFFECT FOR 2000

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

NEBRASKA FISH CONSUMPTION ADVISORIES IN EFFECT FOR 2000 (cont.)

Water Body	Location	Fish Species Sampled	General Population	Sub-population	Pollutant of Concern	Year Issued
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

SITES REMOVED FROM FISH CONSUMPTION ADVISORY IN 1999

Water Body	Location	Fish Species Sampled	General Population	Sub-population	Pollutant of Concern	Year Issued
Beaver Creek	Albion	Ch. catfish	x		Dieldrin	1993
Big Nemaha River	Preston	Carp	x		PCBs, Dieldrin	1993
Merritt Reservoir	Valentine	Lm. bass	x		Mercury	1993
Elkhorn River	Norfolk	Carp	x		Dieldrin, PCBs	1994

WATER'S TESTED AND FOUND SAFE

Rivers/Streams/Canals

- Aowa Creek at Ponca
- Bazile Creek at Niobrara
- Big Blue River at Crete & Seward
- Bow Creek at Wynot
- Cedar River at Cedar Rapids
- Frenchman River at Champion*
- Keystone Canal at H-2 Check Dam
- Little Blue River at Hebron*
- Long Pine Creek at Camp Witness
- Loup River at Columbus*
- Medicine Creek at Stockville
- Middle Loup River at St. Paul*
- Missouri River at Lynch
- Muddy Creek at Preston
- Niobrara River at Verdel & Valentine (NWR)
- North Fork Big Nemaha River at Salem
- North Platte River at Bridgeport, Hershey, Lewellen, McGrew, Melbeta
- Platte River at Cozad, Grand Island & Wood River
- Republican River at McCook
- Rock Creek at Waverly
- Shell Creek at Schuyler
- South Fork Big Nemaha River at Salem
- Turkey Creek at DeWitt*
- Wahoo Creek at Ashland
- South Platte River at Big Springs, North Platte, Ogallala & above Tri-County Diversion
- Weeping Water Creek at Union
- White River at Chadron*

Lakes/Reservoirs

- Babcock Lake at Columbus
- Bennett Reservoir at Chappell
- Big Indian Reservoir at Wymore
- Bluestem Lake at Sprague
- Branched Oak Lake at Malcolm
- Buckskin Hills Lake at Newcastle
- Burchard Lake at Burchard

- Calamus Reservoir NW of Burwell*
- Chalkrock Reservoir at Fordyce
- Cochran Lake at Melbeta
- Conestoga Lake at Emerald
- DeSoto Lake at Blair
- Elwood Reservoir at Elwood
- Enders Reservoir at Imperial*
- Fort McPherson Lake at Maxwell
- Gallagher Canyon Reservoir at Cozad*
- Gerald Gentleman Pond at Sutherland
- Glen Cunningham Lake at Omaha
- Goose Lake in Holt County
- Grove Lake at Royal*
- Hackberry Lake SW of Valentine
- Harlan Co. Reservoir at Republican City*
- Hartland Park Lake at Omaha*
- Hershey Lake at Hershey
- Holmes Lake at Lincoln
- Hord Lake at Central City
- Island Lake 40 N of Oshkosh*
- Johnson Lake at Lexington
- Korty Diversion Pond at Sutherland
- Lake Maloney at North Platte
- Lake Minatare NE of Scottsbluff
- Lewis & Clark Lake north of Crofton
- Medicine Creek Reservoir at Cambridge*
- Oak Lake at Lincoln
- Olive Creek Reservoir at Martell
- Pawnee Lake west of Lincoln
- Red Willow Reservoir at McCook*
- Sherman County Reservoir at Loup City
- Summit Lake at Tekamah
- Swan Creek Lake at Tobias*
- Swanson Reservoir at Trenton
- Valentine Mill Pond NW of Valentine
- Wagon Train Lake at Hickman
- Willow Creek Lake near Pierce
- Wood River at Chapman
- Yankee Hill Lake SW of Lincoln

* Tested in 1998 and 1999

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.
5. Species of fish must be verified by a Commission fisheries official.
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.**

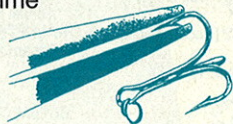
CATCH AND RELEASE WORKS

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.
- 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.

Crimping barbs



The minimum weight and length requirements are:

American Eel 24 in. or 1 lb.	Gar 40 in. or 8 lbs.
Largemouth Bass . 20 in. or 5 lbs.	Goldeye 16 in. or 1.5 lbs.
Spotted Bass 18 in. or 3 lbs.	Muskellunge/Tiger Muskie 40 in. or 15 lbs.
Rock Bass 11 in. or 1 lb.	Paddlefish *45 in.
Smallmouth Bass . 18 in. or 3 lbs.	Yellow Perch . . . 13 in. or 1.25 lbs.
Striped Bass 32 in. or 10 lbs.	White Perch 12 in. or 1 lb.
Striper Hybrid . . . 24 in. or 8 lbs.	Northern Pike . . . 36 in. or 10 lbs.
White Bass17 in. or 2.5 lbs	Sauger21 in. or 3 lbs.
Bluegill10 in. or 1 lb.	Saugeye23 in. or 5 lbs.
Buffalo26 in. or 10 lbs.	Shovelnose Sturgeon 28 in. or 2.5 lbs.
Bullhead15 in. or 2 lbs.	Sucker18 in. or 2 lbs.
Burbot16 in. or 1 lb.	Sunfish10 in. or 1 lb.
Carp32 in. or 15 lbs.	Brook Trout 14 in. or 1 lb.
Blue Catfish 40 in. or 30 lbs.	Brown Trout 22 in. or 4 lbs.
Channel Catfish . . 30 in. or 12 lbs.	Rainbow Trout . . . 23 in. or 5 lbs.
Flathead Catfish . . 32 in. or 15 lbs	Walleye28 in. or 8 lbs.
Crappie15 in. or 2 lbs.	
Drum22 in. or 5 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

RECORD FISH DISPLAY

If you take a state-record game fish by hook-and-line, you may wish to donate it to the Game and Parks Commission for display at Ak-Sar-Ben Aquarium near Gretna. The Commission will mount your trophy, complete with engraved plate with your name, species of fish, weight, when and where it was taken. To make such a donation, contact the Aquarium within 24 hours at 402/332-3901. Aquarium hours are 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily. Any current hook-and-line record-holder who would like to donate their trophy game fish also may contact the Aquarium.

NEBRASKA RECORD FISH

HOOK AND LINE

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

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

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

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

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

BASS - SMALLMOUTH ... 6 lbs. 1.5 oz.
Wally Allison, North Platte, Merritt Reservoir, 5/17/78

BASS - STRIPED ... 64 lbs. 15.875 oz.
Gene Baker, Sutherland, Sutherland Reservoir, 8/17/93

BASS - STRIPED HYBRID (WIPEE) ... 20 lbs. 1 oz.
Steve Lytle, McCook, Red Willow Reservoir, Frontier Co., 8/1/99, golden shiner

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

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

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

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

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

BUFFALO - BIGMOUTH ... 44 lbs. 14.5 oz.
Shayne Miller, Kearney, Johnson Lake inlet, 5/17/91, Mr. Twister

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

BUFFALO - SMALLMOUTH ... 56 lbs. 3oz.
Jeffrey B. Johnson, Fremont, Fremont L.#20, 6/3/98, turkey liver

BURBOT ... 6 lbs. 9 oz.
Todd Schmidt, Norfolk, Missouri River, Cedar Co. 2/7/98, minnow

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

CARP - BIGHEAD ... 33 lbs. 12 oz.
John Sutherland, Max, North Platte River Keith Co., 7/1/95, crawdad

CARP - GRASS CARP ... 51 lbs.
David Milton, Madison NE, Skyview Lake, Madison Co. 4/7/99, nightcrawler

CATFISH - BLUE ... 100 lbs. 8 oz.
Raynold Promes, Wynot, Missouri River near Wynot, 11/9/70, snagging

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

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

CATFISH - STONE ... 5.12 oz.
Arvid J. Larsen, Norfolk, No. Fork Elkhorn R., Madison Co., 6/22/98, nightcrawler

CRAPPIE - BLACK ... 4 lbs. 5 oz.
Frank Dohn, Omaha, Sandpit, Douglas Co. 4/20/99, minnow

CRAPPIE - WHITE ... 4 lbs. 1 oz.
Elsie M. Jensen, Broken Bow, Red Willow Reservoir, 5/18/80, Swedish minnow

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

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

GAR - SHORTNOSE ... 19 lbs.
Ronald Hardin, Omaha, lake in Cass Co., 6/29/74, sunfish

GIZZARD SHAD ... 4 lbs. 7.75 oz.
Joe Rinbauer, Alliance, Box Butte Reservoir, 3/26/89, silver spoon

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

GOLDEYE ... 3 lbs. 15.5 oz.
Gary Kumm, Bloomfield, Lewis & Clark, 8/13/88, minnow

GRASS PICKEREL ... 5.75 oz.
Trevor Bailey, Norfolk, Cameron Lake, Rock Co., 12/20/96, minnow

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

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

NORTHERN PIKE ... 30 lbs. 1 oz.
Steve Morris, Scottsbluff, Terry's Pit, Scottsbluff Co. 10/07/97

PADDLEFISH ... 93 lbs.
Kathy Reiman, Yankton SD, Missouri River (Gavin Pt. Dam tailwaters), 10/28/98, snagging

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

PERCH - WHITE ... 2 lb.
Bryan Juhas, Omaha, sandpit, Sarpy Co., 5/14/96, nightcrawler

PERCH - YELLOW ... 2 lbs. 10.75 oz.
John D. Skrdla, Stuart, Hackberry Lake, 2/11/84

PUMPKINSEED ... 11.25 oz.
Jim Johnson, Minatare, Box Butte Reservoir, 9/23/87, worm/nightcrawler

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

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

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

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

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

SAUGEYE ... 8 lbs. 9 oz.
Todd Weber, Lincoln, Onestoga, 9/25/99, live bait

SHOVELNOSE STURGEON ... 4 lbs. 4 oz.
Sean D. Gellatly, Plattsmouth, Platte River, Cass Co., 5/15/96, nightcrawler

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

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

SUNFISH - GREEN ... 1 lb. 8 oz.
Chad L. Hoefs, Lincoln, Cuming Co. Farm Pond, 5/16/99, wax worm

SUNFISH - HYBRID ... 1 lb. 15 oz.
Jane Bottorff-Eng, Gillette, WY, farm pond, 5/30/93, nightcrawler

SUNFISH - ORANGE SPOTTED ... 0.34 oz.
Gary Wulf, Central City, Hamilton County sandpit, 6/5/94

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

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

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

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

TROUT - RAINBOW ... 14 lbs. 2 oz.
Frank Alois, North Platte, canal, Keith Co. 3/18/75, nightcrawler

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

BOW AND ARROW

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

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

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

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

BASS - STRIPED HYBRID ... 8 lbs. 10 oz.
Ryan Othling, Lincoln, Branched Oak Reservoir, 10/5/97

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

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

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

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

CARP ... 46 lbs.
Dirk Gage, Overland Park KS, Sandpit, Buffalo Co. 7/3/99

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

CARP - GRASS CARP ... 52 lbs. 12 oz.
Scott Stork, Blair, Washington Co. Farm Pond, 5/21/99

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

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

CATFISH - CHANNEL ... 21 lbs. 12 oz.
Mike Lacey, Gering, Lake Minatare, 7/23/82 (Record reinstated)

CATFISH - FLATHEAD ... 46 lbs. 2 oz.
Jim Foral, Lincoln, Bluestem Creek, Sprague, 10/13/84 (Record reinstated)

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

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

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

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

GAR - SHORTNOSE ... 3 lbs. 8 oz.
Brian P. Wheeler, Springfield, Omaha F&W Club, Cass Co. 6/13/99

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SUCKER - WHITE ... 3 lbs. 6 oz.
Robert Jacobs, Oshkosh, Lake Ogallala, Keith Co., 6/20/97

SUNFISH - GREEN ... 8 oz.
Marly Gulthrie, McCook, sandpit near Bartley, 7/22/76

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

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

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

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

UNDERWATER POWERED SPEARFISHING

BASS - KENTUCKY SPOTTED ... 2 lbs. 12.5 oz.
Dustin Noble, North Platte, Lincoln Co. sandpit, 8/12/99

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

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

BASS - SMALLMOUTH ... 5 lbs. 12.5 oz.
Dennis Girard, Alliance, Box Butte Reservoir, 7/6/97

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

BASS - WHITE ... 1 lb. 13 oz.
Mark Wiezorek, North Platte, Lake McConaughy, 7/20/97

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

BLUEGILL X GREEN SUNFISH HYBRID ... 12 oz.
James Matthew Weekly, Omaha, Lake Aero, Douglas Co. 1/17/97

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

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

CARP ... 36 lbs.
Steven Bixenman, Colby, KS, Hitchcock Co. sandpit, 6/7/88

CATFISH - CHANNEL ... 25 lbs. 10 oz.
Anthony Nason, Alliance, Box Butte Reservoir 7/7/97

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

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

FRESHWATER DRUM ... 1 lbs. 3 oz.
James Matthew Weekly, Omaha, Douglas Co sandpit, 7/1/97

GOLDEYE ... 1 lb. 5.5 oz.
Geo. (Mike) Fritton, Silver Creek, Merrick County sandpit, 7/5/82

PERCH - YELLOW ... 1 lb. 11.5 oz.
Leroy Adamson, Alliance, Box Butte Reservoir, 7/15/80

NORTHERN PIKE ... 21 lbs. 14 oz.
Todd Knecht, Wood River, Rock Creek Lake, 7/15/98

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

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

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

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

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

SUNFISH - GREEN ... 9.9 oz.
Brian Janucik, Gretna, Lake Aero, Douglas Co., 7/26/99

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

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

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

SURFACE SPEARFISHING

BUFFALO - SMALLMOUTH ... 7 lbs.
Don Merrill, Omaha, Burt Co. Canal, 7/19/97

CARP ... 21 lbs.
Joshua Kreitman, Ulysses, NE, Big Alkalai L., Cherry Co., 6/2/99

GRASS CARP ... 13 lbs. 11oz.
Donald H. Merrill, Omaha, Missouri River, Burt Co., 5/22/99

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

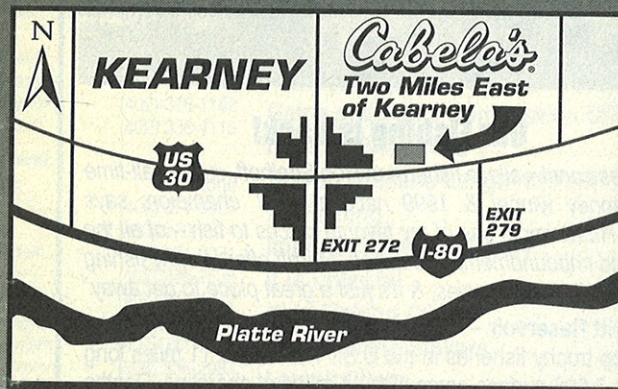
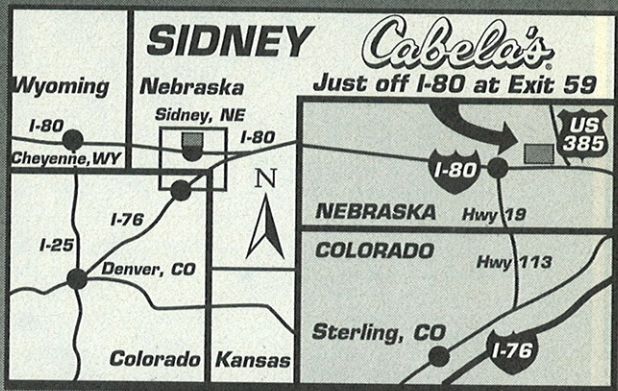
GAR - SHORTNOSE ... 3 lbs. 8 oz.
Brian P. Wheeler, Springfield, Omaha F&W Club, Cass Co., 6/13/99

GIZZARD SHAD ... 1 lbs. 15 oz.
Robert Adamson, Alliance, Bridgeport SRA, Morrill Co., 6/27/94

RIVER CARPSUCKER ... 3 lbs. 9 oz.
Matthew Dorris, Lemoyne, Lake McConaughy, 6/14/97

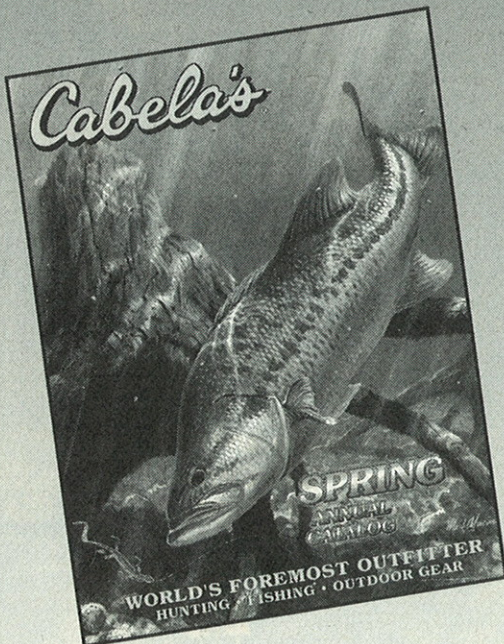
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