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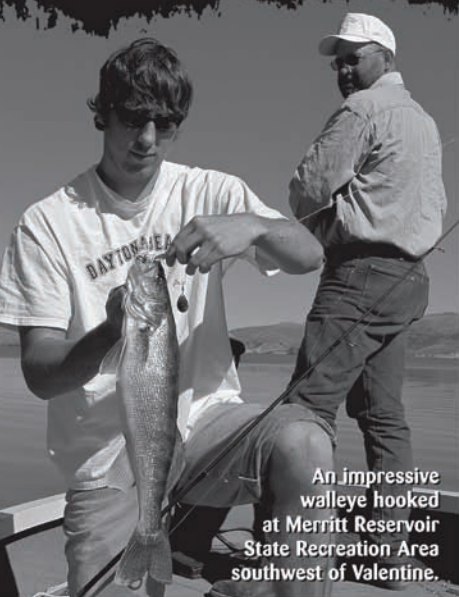
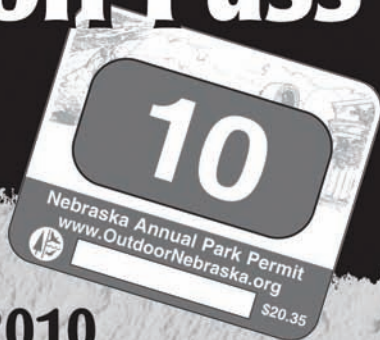
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ABOUT THIS GUIDE

Anglers are responsible for knowing the regulations and laws before fishing in Nebraska. This publication is only a guide to those regulations and laws. To read the state's regulations and laws, visit the following links:

Regulations:

<http://www.ngpc.state.ne.us/admin/regulations/regulations.asp>

Statutes:

<http://law.justia.com/nebraska/codes/s37index/s37index.html>

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NEW FOR 2010

The following are changes to fishing regulations for 2010:

- Iron Horse Trail Lake is added to the list of waters with a 21-inch minimum length limit on black bass.
- It is unlawful to harvest wipers at Zorinsky Lake. Wipers have been stocked into Zorinsky to prey on abundant gizzard shad. The regulation will reduce premature harvest of small wipers.
- The new walleye spawning reef habitat at Sherman Reservoir is included in the area closed to fishing from sunset to sunrise, April 1 - 20.
- It is unlawful to possess live baitfish at Hedgefield Lake in Lancaster County. The lake is being rehabilitated, and the goal of the regulation is to reduce introduction of undesirable fish.
- It is unlawful to possess live baitfish at Lake Wanahoo in Saunders County. The goal of the regulation is to reduce introduction of undesirable fish.
- The following have been added to a list of waters managed as High Use Fishing Areas: Open Fields and Waters program lakes and ponds, Big Springs City Pond, Birdwood Lake, Friend City Lake, Hedgefield Lake, Hooper City Lake, Humphrey Pond, Kramer Park Lake, Lake Wanahoo, North Platte Interstate 80 Lake, Oxford City Lake, Papio 4, Schwer Park Pond, Silver Creek City Lake, and Stanton Lake.
- Regarding bait collection and dealer regulations, the maximum legal opening size of a baitfish trap throat increased from 1.5 to 2 inches.

PERMITS

A Nebraska permit is required of residents and nonresidents age 16 and over.

Nonresidents under age 16 need not have a fishing permit if they are accompanied by someone who has a Nebraska fishing permit.

Residents – The requirements to qualify as a Nebraska resident:

- Reside in Nebraska continuously for 30 days or more before making application for a permit and intend to become a resident of Nebraska.
- Residents attending school in another state, or stationed outside the state of Nebraska as part of a military assignment, who have maintained Nebraska as their state of legal residency.
- Military personnel and full-time students stationed or attending school in Nebraska for a period of at least 30 days.

NOTE: A new resident should be prepared to provide documentation of residency (driver's license, voter registration, etc.) to an officer when in possession of a resident permit.

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

2010 PERMIT FEES

RESIDENT FISH			
Fish, annual	\$27.50	Fish, lifetime (age 0-5)	\$306.50
Fish/Hunt, annual	\$39	Fish, lifetime (age 6-15)	\$365.50
Fish, 1-day	\$6.50	Fish, lifetime (age 16-45)	\$445
Fish, 3-day	\$21.50	Fish, lifetime (age 46+)	\$365.50
Paddlefish	\$20	Fish/Hunt, lifetime (age 0-5)	\$424.50
Deployed military, annual	\$15	Fish/Hunt, lifetime (age 6-15)	\$572
Veteran Fish/Hunt, annual	\$5	Fish/Hunt, lifetime (age 16-45)	\$698
Senior Fish/Hunt, annual	\$5	Fish/Hunt, lifetime (age 46+)	\$572
Special disabled, annual	\$5		
NONRESIDENT FISH			
Fish, annual	\$59.50	Fish, lifetime (age 0-16)	\$631
Fish/Hunt, annual	\$130	Fish, lifetime (age 17+)	\$950
Fish, 1-day	\$8.50	Fish/Hunt, lifetime (age 0-16)	\$1,250.50
Fish, 3-day	\$26.50	Fish/Hunt, lifetime (age 17+)	\$1,870
Paddlefish	\$40		
PARK			
Park, annual	\$20		
Duplicate park, annual	\$10	NOTE: An issuing fee may apply to some permits.	
Park, daily	\$4		

PERMIT FEES

Fees – Issuing fees may apply to all fishing and park permits listed below EXCEPT veteran fish/hunt, senior fish/hunt, disabled, and deployed military permits.

Stamps – Aquatic Habitat Stamp included in price of all fishing permits listed below EXCEPT the following that do not require one: paddlefish, veteran fish/hunt, senior fish/hunt, and disabled permits.

PURCHASING PERMITS

Permits may be purchased at Commission permitting offices, permit vendors or at OutdoorNebraska.org.

WHY BUY A PERMIT?

It is important for anglers to buy a fishing permit to support Nebraska fisheries management and habitat protection and restoration projects.

WHO NEEDS A FISHING PERMIT?

A fishing permit is required is required to take, or attempt to take, fish, bullfrogs, snapping turtles, tiger salamanders, or mussels by any method. An angler must carry the fishing permit while actively fishing.

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WHEN FISHING PERMIT IS NOT REQUIRED

The owner or a guest of the owner of any totally private body of water is not required to have a fishing permit on that body of water if that body of water:

- is located entirely on private land
- is entirely privately stocked
- does not connect by inflow or outflow with any off-property body of water
- is not commercially operated
- is a licensed, commercial put-and-take operation

OTHER TYPES OF PERMITS

Fee-Exempt Permits – These are available to resident veterans who:

- are 50 percent disabled as a result of armed forces service
- receive a pension from the Veterans Administration as a result of a total and permanent disability not incurred in the line of duty while in military service
- obtained fee-exempt permits before Jan. 1, 2006

Veteran and Senior Permits – An annual fish/hunt permit is available for resident veterans age 64 and older and residents age 69 and older.

Special Fishing Permit – This annual permit is for physically or developmentally disabled residents who cannot cast or retrieve unassisted.

- This entitles the disabled person and one person assisting him or her to take, fish, catch, harvest, or possess any aquatic organism in compliance with state regulations.
- If the person assisting does not have a valid fishing permit, they are restricted to one daily bag limit between the two anglers.
- Disabled person is defined as 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 Commission district offices, as well as offices in Omaha and the Ak-Sar-Ben Aquarium.

Educational Fishing Project Permit – This may be obtained by instructors at any university, college, or high school from the Fisheries Division for his/her students, 16 years of age and older, who are participating in an educational fishing project.

Paddlefish Permit – Required, along with a Nebraska fishing permit, for taking paddlefish by snagging or bow and arrow.

BORDER WATERS

Anglers holding a Nebraska, South Dakota, Iowa, or Missouri sport fishing license may fish all waters of the Missouri River in the state they are licensed, as well as Missouri River waters of the state immediately across the river.

- Missouri River waters are defined to include all flowing portions and backwaters, sloughs and chutes that draw water from the Missouri River.
- Oxbows and backwaters separated from the Missouri River by land are included if the state boundary line passes through some part of such waters.

- Mouths of tributaries may be fished only in the state that the angler is licensed.
- Anglers may fish from either bank or boats.
- Anglers fishing in the state for which they do not hold a fishing permit must abide by the more restrictive of the two state's regulations.

Iowa and Missouri resident anglers may fish waters of Hamburg Bend WMA and the Nebraska portion of the Missouri River from the chute entrance (adjacent to Iowa) to the chute exit (adjacent to Missouri).

BAG, POSSESSION AND LENGTH LIMITS

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 along Nebraska's border and all reservoirs, oxbows, sloughs, chutes, backwaters, and marshes that have annual surface water connection to the river and the first 300 yards upstream from the mouth of all tributary streams

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

Daily Bag Limit – The number of fish harvested from midnight to the following midnight. No person may possess more than one day's bag limit of fish while on the water or actively fishing.

Possession Limit – The total number of fish that a person may possess in portable coolers, home freezers, registered in his/her name in a commercial cold storage locker, or in any way under their control. Fish or aquatic animals placed in public storage or transferred must be labeled with the owner's name, address, phone number, date of birth, signature, date taken, species and numbers, and the name of recipient, if transferred.

How to Measure a Fish – Lay the fish on its side with its mouth closed and the tail lobes pressed together. With a yardstick or tape measure under the fish, measure the length from the tip of the snout to the end of the tail. Do not follow the contour of the fish.

Minimum Length Limit – A fish must be equal to or longer than the defined length to be legally harvested.

Maximum Length Limit – A fish must be equal to or shorter than the defined length to be legally harvested.

Protected Slot Limit – A range of lengths of a particular species that may not be harvested legally. For instance, a 28- to 34-inch protected slot limit on northern pike means that only northern pike less than 28 inches in length or greater than 34 inches may be harvested.

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STATEWIDE BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS		
Species	Bag	Possession
Trout *	4	8
NOTE: All species combined		
Striped bass, white bass, wiper *	15	30
NOTE: No more than one fish longer than 18 inches on all waters		
Walleye, sauger, saugeye (in combination) *	4	8
NOTES: In combination; only one fish 22 inches or longer allowed in daily bag; inland waters only		
Muskellunge, tiger muskie	1	2
Baitfish, tiger salamander, leopard frog (in combination)	100	100
Shovelnose sturgeon	10	20
NOTE: No harvest allowed on the Missouri River upstream from mouth of the Big Sioux River		
Pallid and lake sturgeon	No harvest allowed	
Northern pike *	3	6
Blue catfish	1	2
Flathead catfish *	5	10
Panfish *	30	60
NOTE: See species list on page 14		
Mussel and clam	10	20
Game fish and nongame fish species not listed	No Limit	
Bullfrog	8	16
Snapping turtle	10	20
INLAND WATERS BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS		
Largemouth, smallmouth and spotted bass (in combination) *	4	8
NOTE: Only one bass 21 inches or longer allowed in the daily bag		
Channel catfish *	10	20
WATERS OF THE MISSOURI RIVER BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS		
Largemouth, smallmouth and spotted bass (in combination)	5	10
NOTES: In combination; only one bass 21 inches or longer allowed in the daily bag		
Channel catfish	5	10
NOTE: Including the Niobrara River downstream from Spencer Dam		
Paddlefish	2	2

* Refer to the Public Fishing Areas section for special bag, possession and length limits on specific bodies of water.

One-Over Length Bag Limits – For some species, such as largemouth bass and walleye, the number of large fish that may be harvested may be limited on some or all waters. For example, while it may be legal to harvest four largemouth bass more than 15 inches from a given lake, statewide regulations prohibit an angler from harvesting more than one largemouth bass 21 inches or longer each day from any waters. Therefore, for lakes with a 21-inch minimum length limit on largemouth bass, the daily bag limit becomes one fish.

LENGTH LIMITS

These species have minimum length limits statewide:

- largemouth bass
- smallmouth bass
- spotted bass
- walleye
- sauger
- saugeye
- muskellunge
- tiger muskie

Refer to the Public Fishing Areas section of this guide for special regulations on specific bodies of water.

Black Bass (Largemouth, Smallmouth and Spotted)

- Daily bag limit may contain only one black bass 21 inches or longer, statewide
- 12-inch minimum – The Missouri River between Nebraska and Iowa, and between Nebraska and Missouri
- 15-inch minimum – All inland waters, including DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge, Snyder Bend Lake and Lake Yankton. Exceptions are waters regulated by either a 21-inch minimum or catch-and-release on all black bass.

Walleye, Sauger and Saugeye

- Daily bag limit – may contain only one walleye, sauger or saugeye 22 inches or longer on all inland waters, except Elwood and Sherman reservoirs
- 15-inch minimum – statewide, except for the portion of the Missouri River downstream of Gavins Point Dam (no minimum length) and the following reservoirs:
 - DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge – 15-inch minimum length
 - Merritt Reservoir, Calamus Reservoir and Harlan County Reservoir including the Republican River upstream to Hwy. 46 – daily bag limit of four may include one walleye from 15 to 18 inches and three longer than 18 inches or four longer than 18 inches. No more than one 22 inches or longer in the daily bag.
 - Sherman Reservoir – daily bag limit may include two walleye longer than 15 inches but less than 20 inches and one walleye longer than 28 inches. There is a slot limit protecting 20- to 28-inch walleyes
 - Elwood Reservoir – 15-inch minimum length in conjunction with an 18- to 24-inch protected slot limit, with only one walleye longer than 24 inches allowed in daily bag
 - Branched Oak Lake – daily bag limit is one walleye 22 inches or longer

Muskellunge and Tiger Muskie

- 40-inch minimum – statewide

Northern Pike

- 28-inch maximum – Valentine National Wildlife Refuge
- 30-inch minimum – Alda DOR, Grove Lake, Cottonmill Lake, Enders Reservoir, Red Willow Reservoir, Maskenthine Reservoir, Sherman Reservoir
- 28-to 34-inch protected slot length limit – Box Butte Reservoir and Goose Lake

Crappie

- 10-inch minimum – Branched Oak Lake, Czechland Lake, Sherman Reservoir, Walnut Creek Recreation Area, Wehrspann Lake *, Zorinsky Lake *
-- * length limit not in effect in April

Sunfish (see list on page 14)

- 8-inch minimum – Czechland Lake, Olive Creek Lake, Walnut Creek Recreation Area, Wildwood Lake, Yankee Hill Lake

Striped Bass, White Bass and Their Hybrids (Combined)

- Daily bag limit can contain only one fish 18 inches or longer – statewide

Bullfrogs

- 4½-inch minimum (snout to vent) – statewide

LENGTH LIMITS AND CLEANING OF FISH

Where length and bag limits apply, fish may not be filleted until fishing is completed for the day and anglers are off the water. Fish subject to bag and possession limits but not length limits, may be processed before 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 may not be possessed with more than the gills, viscera and scales removed while on the water, wading or engaged in fishing. Any fish in possession while actively fishing or on the water will be subject to length and bag limits that apply to the water being fished. Once off the water, the fish may be filleted for transportation and storage.

SPECIAL DAILY BAG LIMITS

Black Bass (Largemouth, Smallmouth, and Spotted)

Refer to the Public Fishing Areas section for waters that are catch-and-release only for black bass.

Flathead Catfish

Catch-and-release only: Branched Oak Lake

Channel Catfish

Daily bag limit – 3

Refer to the Public Fishing Areas section for the waters managed with this regulation.

Catch-and-release only:

- Fort Kearny SRA No. 2
- Two Rivers SRA Lakes 3 and 4
- Wildwood Lake
- Windmill SRA No. 3

Trout

Daily bag limit – 8

- Arnold Lake SRA
- Auble Pond
- Auburn Rotary Club Lake
- Barnett Park Lake
- Benson Lake
- Birdwood WMA Lake
- Bowling Lake
- Crystal Cove Lake
- Crystal Springs lakes
- Curtis Golf Course Pond
- David City Park ponds
- Fort Kearny #6
- Fremont SRA lakes
- Lake Halleck
- Heartwell Park Lake
- Hitchcock Lake
- Holdrege City North Lake
- Holmes Lake
- Humphrey Pond
- Lexington City Park Lake
- Niobrara SP ponds
- Pawnee Park East Lake
- Qwest Lake
- Standing Bear Lake
- Steinhart Park ponds
- Such's Lake
- TaHaZouka Park Pond
- Towl Park Pond
- Weeping Water Pond
- Windmill SRA lakes
- Two Rivers Trout Lake (Four fish allowed per tag with up to three tags purchased per day)

Striped Bass, White Bass and Their Hybrids

Daily bag limit – 3 (no more than 1 longer than 18 inches)

- Elwood Reservoir
- Stagecoach Reservoir
- Wagon Train Reservoir
- Willow Creek Reservoir

Catch-and-release only:

- Branched Oak Lake
- Zorinsky Lake

Northern Pike

Daily bag limit – 10 (only one more than 34 inches in length and nine less than 28 inches, or all 10 less than 28 inches), Possession limit – 20

- Box Butte Reservoir

Panfish

Daily bag limit – 10

Catch-and-release only:

Refer to the Public Fishing Areas section for special panfish regulations.

Bullfrogs

Season – Aug. 15 – Oct. 31

Bag Limit – 8

Methods of Take – They may be taken only by hand, hand net or hook-and-line.

Artificial light may be used.

Size – They must measure 4½ inches from snout to vent or be released. Only the entrails may be removed before transport.

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Snapping Turtles

Season– year-round

Bag Limit – 10, Possession Limit – 20

Method of Take – They may be taken only by hand, hand net, hook-and-line, bow-and-arrow, or gaff hook.

Mussels

Season– year-round

Bag Limit – 10, Possession Limit – 20

Method of Take – They may be taken only by hand, hand net or hook-and-line.

HIGH USE FISHING AREAS

The following areas will be managed under a High Use Fishing Area regulation combination that consists of a 21-inch minimum length limit (one-fish daily bag limit) on black bass, 10-fish daily bag limit on panfish and three-fish daily bag limit on channel catfish:

Southeast:

- Adams Park Pond
- Auburn Rotary Club Lake
- Baright Lake
- Bennington Lion Club Pond
- Benson Park Pond
- Cottontail Lake
- David City Park ponds
- Fontenelle Park Pond
- Friend City Lake
- Glenn Cunningham Lake
- Hanscom Park Pond
- Hedgefield Lake
- Henderson Pond
- Hitchcock Park Pond
- Humboldt City Park Lake
- Kramer Park Lake
- Lake Halleck
- Lake Wanahoo
- Lawrence Youngsman Lake
- Meadowlark Lake
- Memphis SRA Lake
- Midlands Lake
- Miller Park Pond
- Papio D4
- Pawnee City Pond
- Plattsmouth City Lake
- Prairie View Lake Recreation Area
- Qwest Lake
- Schwer Park Pond
- Shadow Lake

- Stanton Lake
- Steinhart Park ponds
- Tecumseh City Pond
- Towl Park Pond
- Walnut Grove Park Pond
- Weeping Water Pond
- Recharge Lake
- Southwest:
- Ansley City Lake
- Barnett Park Pond
- Birdwood Lake
- Humphrey Pond
- Melham Park Pond
- North Platte Interstate 80 Lake

South-Central:

- Auble Pond
- Bader Memorial County Park pits
- Bethphage Pond
- Cornhusker WMA Pond
- Cottonmill Lake
- G.I. Eagle Scout Lake
- Heartland Gun Range Pond
- Such's Lake
- Heartwell Park Lake
- Holdrege City North Lake
- Indian Creek WMA Pond
- Lexington City Lake
- L.E. Ray Lake
- Lincoln Park Pond
- Morman Island SRA

High Using Fishing areas (cont.)

- Oxford City Lake
- Ravenna Lake
- Sacramento-Wilcox WMA
- Silver Creek City Lake
- Sutton Clark Pond
- War Axe SRA
- Wolbach City Pond
- Yanney Park Lake

Northwest:

- Big Springs City Pond
- Laing Lake

Northeast:

- Columbus Hospital Pond
- Crystal Cove Lake
- Hooper City Lake
- Johnson Park Lake
- Neligh Park Pond
- Niobrara SP Ponds
- Pawnee Park East and West
- Skyview Lake
- TaHaZouka Park Pond
- Tilden City Pond

Statewide:

- Open Fields and Waters lakes and ponds

CATEGORIES OF FISH SPECIES

GAME FISH: Includes all baitfish, commercial fish and sport fish.

NONGAME FISH: Includes all species not on any of the lists below.

Sport Fish:

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

Panfish:

- all sunfish hybrids
- black crappie
- bluegill
- green sunfish
- orangespotted sunfish
- pumpkinseed
- redear sunfish
- rock bass
- white crappie
- yellow perch

Sunfish:

- all sunfish hybrids
- bluegill
- green sunfish
- orangespotted sunfish
- pumpkinseed
- redear sunfish

Commercial Fish:

- black bullhead

- freshwater drum

- yellow bullhead

- yellow perch

Baitfish:

- alewife
- bigmouth shiner
- brassy minnow
- creek chub
- devil crayfish *
- emerald shiner
- fathead minnow
- gizzard shad
- golden shiner

- goldfish
- longnose dace
- northern crayfish*
- northern leopard frog *
- papershell crayfish *
- plains killfish
- plains leopard frog *
- red shiner
- ringed crayfish *

- river shiner
- sand shiner
- stoneroller
- suckermouth minnow
- tiger salamander *
- white sucker

* amphibians and crustaceans covered under baitfish regulations

It is illegal to possess the following threatened and endangered species:

- blacknose shiner
- finscale dace
- lake sturgeon

- northern redbelly dace
- pallid sturgeon
- pearl dace

- sturgeon chub
- Topeka shiner

BAIT REGULATIONS

Baitfish, listed amphibians and crayfish may not be sold, except by permit. For commercial purposes (bait dealers, private aquaculturists and nonresident fish dealers), refer to the regulations supplied with your permit.

The following regulations apply only to bait obtained for personal use.

- It is unlawful to take baitfish, listed amphibians or crayfish from any lake, reservoir or bayou unless otherwise stated below.
- Digging and trapping for bait or any other purpose is prohibited on all state-owned or controlled areas.
- Seining for baitfish, listed amphibians or crayfish is allowed on streams located on SRAs and WMAs unless the stream is listed as closed.
- All nonbaitfish taken while netting or seining for bait must be returned immediately to the waters from which taken.
- The bag and possession limit of baitfish and listed amphibians for personal use is 100.

Gizzard Shad and Alewife – They may be taken for use as bait by legal dip nets from lakes, ponds, reservoirs, and below dams and other artificial obstructions for a distance of 200 yards below such obstructions.

- Live shad and alewife may be used only in the body of water in which they were captured.
- Shad and alewife may be taken by legal seine or dip net in streams, except those streams closed to the taking of baitfish or bait by such method.

Below Dams – The seining of baitfish, listed amphibians or crayfish is unlawful for a distance of 200 yards below any dam or spillway. In these waters, baitfish, listed amphibians and crayfish may be taken by legal baitfish dip nets for personal use only.

Restricted Species – It is unlawful to sell, transport or offer for sale as bait, any live carp, carpsucker, bullhead, buffalo, gar, quillback, gizzard shad, alewife, 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, bullhead, buffalo, gar, quillback, gizzard shad, alewife, or bowfin may be transported for use as bait.

Sport Fish May be Used for Bait if:

- they have been acquired legally 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.
- they are captured using hook and line and used at the body of water from which they were captured. Anglers must follow both the length and bag limits for that body of water.

Missouri River – The use of baitfish seined by anglers from the Missouri River below Gavins Point Dam is restricted to that area. It is illegal for either anglers or bait dealers to transport baitfish from this area of the Missouri River.

Importation – It is unlawful for individuals to import live baitfish from out of state for use in inland waters. This does not include the Missouri River. It is unlawful to import or transport carp, carpsucker, buffalo, quillback, gar, gizzard shad, alewife, or bowfin into the state for use as bait. Special permits are required for a person to import and sell bait or baitfish.

NO-LIVE-BAITFISH AREAS

The following areas do not allow the use or possession of live baitfish:

Southeast:

- Hedgefield Lake
- Holmes Lake
- Lake Wanahoo
- Meadowlark Lake
- Olive Creek Lake
- Wildwood Lake
- Yankee Hill Lake

Southwest:

- Ansley City Lake
- Lexington City Lake

Northwest:

- Crescent Lake NWR
- Frye Lake
- Valentine NWR

Northeast:

- Chalkrock Lake
- Pibel Lake
- Skyview Lake
- TaHaZouka Park Pond
- Clear Lake (Brown County)

South-Central:

- Bethpage Pond
- Cottonmill Lake
- Such’s Lake
- Grand Island LE Ray
- Heartwell Park Pond
- Holdrege City North Lake
- Lincoln Park Pond
- Ravenna Lake
- Sutton Clark Pond
- Yanney Park Lake

OTHER RESTRICTIONS

White Perch – It is illegal to transport or possess live white perch away from the body of water from which they were caught. The introduction of white perch into new bodies of water may destroy the quality of the fish community and may require the total renovation of the fishery.

Dumping – It is illegal to release baitfish or any fish caught from a different body of water into public waters.

Exportation – Up to 100 legally captured baitfish and/or listed amphibians may be exported by a resident for personal use for fishing outside the state if allowed by the destination state. Licensed aquaculturists may transport an unlimited number of baitfish that has been artificially propagated in man made impoundments out of state if allowed by the destination state.

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 body of water have been followed. It also is legal to chum for fish using non harmful baits. Anise oil and other scents that do not stun, kill or harm fish are permitted.

Leopard Frogs and Tiger Salamanders – All regulations that cover the legal use of baitfish also apply to these species.

Crayfish – There is no possession limit on crayfish. Anyone over the age of 16 must have a bait dealer'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 nets, traps and electrical gear capable of stunning fish is prohibited except for the following:

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

NEBRASKA WILDLIFE CRIMESTOPPERS

Report a game law violation by calling toll-free (800) 742-7627.

The call will remain confidential and the caller may be eligible for a cash reward.

CAST NETS

- Only cast nets up to 10 feet in diameter with a mesh size no larger than three-eighths inches square measure are legal gear.
- Cast nets may be used only during July, August, September, October, and November.
- Cast nets may be used to collect gizzard shad and alewife only.
- Live gizzard shad and alewife only may be used for bait the same day they were captured and only in the same body of water where they were collected.
- Cast nets may be used to collect bait only on the following bodies of water:

Northeast:

- Calamus Reservoir
- Midway complex reservoirs

South-Central:

- Davis Creek Reservoir
- Elwood Reservoir
- Farwell South Reservoir
- Gallagher Canyon Reservoir
- Harlan County Reservoir
- Johnson Lake
- Midway Reservoir
- Phillips Canyon Reservoir
- Plum Creek Reservoir
- Sherman Reservoir

Southwest:

- Enders Reservoir
- Jeffrey Reservoir
- Lake Maloney
- Medicine Creek Reservoir
- Lake McConaughy
- Red Willow Reservoir
- Sutherland Reservoir
- Swanson Reservoir
- Tri-County Canal from the diversion dam in Lincoln County to the J-2 return

FISH STOCKING

It is unlawful to release any nonnative fish, reptile or amphibian in waters of the state or to release any fish in any public waters in the state except in those waters from which it came, without written authorization from the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission.

THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES

It is unlawful to take by seine, dip net or trap any baitfish in the following streams, which contain threatened and endangered fish species:

- Cherry County – Brush Creek west of Brownlee, and Gordon Creek west of Nebraska Highway 61
- Dawes County – Niobrara River east of Box Butte Reservoir and west of U.S. Highway 385
- Keya Paha County – Cottonwood Creek, East Holt Creek and Holt Creek
- Madison County – Taylor Creek west of U.S. Highway 81

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Under federal and/or state law, discrimination is prohibited on the basis of race, color, religion, age, gender, marital status, national origin, disability, or political affiliation. If you think you have been discriminated against in any program, activity or facility or want more information, contact the Affirmative Action Officer, Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, Lincoln, Nebraska, (402) 471-0641; the Equal Opportunity Commission, Lincoln, Nebraska, (402) 471-2024, TTY/TDD (402) 471-4693. USFWS, Division of Bird Habitat and Conservation, Civil Rights Coordinator, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, MBSP 4020, Arlington, Virginia, 22203.

OTHER REGULATIONS

TROUT WATERS

It is unlawful to possess a dip/landing net or seine of any type on trout streams in Sioux, Scotts Bluff, Morrill, Garden, and Keith counties that are tributaries of the North Platte River and Lake McConaughy, including:

- Pumpkin
- Red Willow
- Wildhorse
- Stuckenhole
- Ninemile
- Tub Springs
- Winter
- Sheep
- Dry Sheep
- Spotted Tail
- Dry Spotted Tail
- Otter
- Clear
- Lonergan
- Upper Dugout
- Indian
- Silvernail Drain
- Cedar creeks

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

Northeast:

Rock County

- Long Pine Creek

Antelope County

- Verdigre Creek and tributaries

Brown County

- Bone Creek and tributaries
- Long Pine Creek and tributaries
- Fairfield Creek
- Plum Creek and tributaries

Holt County

- Steel Creek
- North, Middle and South branches of Verdigre Creek

Loup County

- Gracie Creek

Knox County

- North, Middle and South branches of Verdigre Creek and tributaries above the town of Verdigre
- Steel Creek

Northwest:

Box Butte County

- Niobrara River

Cherry County

- Middle Loup River and tributaries
- North Loup River and tributaries
- Schlagel Creek

- Snake River and tributaries
- Plum Creek and tributaries
- Fairfield Creek

Cheyenne County

- Lodgepole Creek west of Brownson

Dawes County

- Chadron Creek
- Big Bordeaux Creek
- Little Bordeaux Creek
- Dead Horse Creek
- Squaw Creek
- White Clay Creek
- White River above Crawford
- Niobrara River from Box Butte Reservoir west to Wyoming border and tributaries (seining not allowed below Box Butte Reservoir downstream to U.S. Hwy. 385)

Garden County

- Blue Creek

Hooker County

- Dismal River and tributaries

Keith County

- Otter Creek
- Whitetail Creek
- Lonergan Creek and tributaries

Kimball County

- Lodgepole Creek and tributaries

Morrill County

- Red Willow Creek
- Cedar Creek
- Greenwood Creek
- Wildhorse Creek
- Lawrence Fork Creek
- Silvernail Drain
- Indian Creek
- Stuckenhole Creek
- Pumpkin Creek below Neb. Hwy. 88

Scotts Bluff County

- Ninemile Creek
- Winters Creek
- Tub Springs
- Wet Spotted Tail Creek
- Dry Spotted Tail Creek
- Sheep Creek
- Dry Sheep Creek
- Stuckenhole Creek
- Akers Draw
- Mitchell Drain
- Moffat Drain
- Alliance Drain

- Bayard Drain

Sheridan County

- Snake River
- Larabee Creek
- White Clay Creek
- Pine Creek
- Deer Creek
- Little Bordeaux Creek
- Sioux County
- Sheep Creek Drain
- Dry Sheep Creek Drain
- Dry Spotted Tail Creek
- Spotted Tail Creek
- Sowbelly Creek
- White River
- Soldier Creek and tributaries
- Monroe Creek
- Hat Creek
- Niobrara River and tributaries

South-central:

Webster County

- Elm Creek

ARCHERY AND SURFACE SPEARFISHING

- Game fish may be taken by bow and arrow statewide from July 1 through Dec. 31 from sunrise to sunset.
- Game fish may not be taken with surface spears.
- Nongame fish may be taken by archery or surface spear statewide from sunrise to sunset between Sept. 1 and March 31, and 24 hours a day from April 1 through Aug. 31.
- Artificial lights are allowed.
- Only hand-drawn longbows (including compound bows) are legal.
- A disabled person who has a medical certificate on file with the Commission may use a crossbow or a bow fitted with a draw-lock type device.
- Arrows may have only one point, which must be barbed, and must be attached by a line to the bow at the time the arrow is released.
- For surface spearing, only hand spears are legal.
- All spearing devices must be barbed.
- The following waters are closed year-round: Two Rivers, Louisville, Fort Kearny, Fremont, Mormon Island and Windmill SRAs, Platte River and Eugene T. Mahoney state parks, and trout streams.

UNDERWATER SPEARFISHING

- Lawful spear guns include hand spears, rubber band-powered spear guns, compressed air 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 – The season for game fish is July 1 through Dec. 31 in waters listed below. Bag, possession and length limits are the same as for hook and line, except that there is a daily bag limit of two walleyes and a possession limit of four walleyes in effect on all lakes listed below. Hours are sunrise to sunset.

The season for nongame fish is year-round in waters listed below. There are no size, bag or possession limits. Hours are sunrise to sunset.

Waters Open to All Species – All privately owned lakes are open, with permission of the owner, as well as:

- Lake McConaughy
- Lake Ogallala
- Lake Minatare
- Box Butte Reservoir
- Lewis and Clark Lake
- Harlan County Reservoir
- Enders Reservoir
- Elwood Reservoir
- Red Willow Reservoir
- Medicine Creek
- Sutherland Reservoir
- Maloney Reservoir
- Jeffrey Reservoir
- Johnson Reservoir
- Sherman Reservoir
- Swanson Reservoir
- Merritt Reservoir
- Calamus Reservoir

Waters Open to Nongame Fish Species Only – The following are open to nongame fish only:

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

Diver's Flag – A diver's flag must be displayed on the water on a float or buoy when diving or underwater spearfishing. Divers and underwater spearfishers 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.

HOOK-AND-LINE REGULATIONS

Hook-and-line fishing is allowed year-round throughout the state, except as noted or as posted at an area.

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

Ponds, Lakes or Reservoirs – Anglers are limited to no more than two lines, with a maximum of two hooks on each line, with these being any type of attached line (rod and reel or fishing pole) on all lakes, ponds or reservoirs or in their inlets, outlets and canals within one-half mile of these bodies of water, with the exception of ice-fishing line limits. This includes Lewis and Clark Lake from Gavins Point Dam upstream to the Santee boat ramp in Knox County.

Ice-Fishing – A total of five lines with two hooks on each line are permitted. Each line must be under direct supervision and within unaided observation of the angler. Holes made for ice-fishing may not exceed 10 inches in diameter on any area controlled by the 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 or Commission offices. This does not apply to temporary shelters used and removed each day.

Rivers or Streams – A total of 15 hooks are allowed, ranging from 15 lines each with a single hook attached, to three lines with a maximum of five hooks attached. Anglers must be at least one-half mile from any lake, pond or reservoir that is associated with a river or stream. These can be rods and reels, poles, bank lines, or set lines that are attached to the bank and not free-floating. Float lines are illegal and defined as any line not attached to the shoreline or a pole. All bank lines and setlines must contain the angler's name, address and fishing-permit number or driver's license number.

NOTE: Upon completion of fishing, all bank lines and set lines must be removed.

IT IS UNLAWFUL TO ...

- borrow or use the permit of another or lend your permit to another
- leave dead fish or any part of one on the banks or in the water of any stream, lake or other body of water
- fish on any private land without landowner permission
- release into public waters of the state any fish that did not originate in that body of water
- use a crossbow or similar device while archery fishing, except for a disabled person who has a medical certificate on file
- seine sport fish of any size
- leave fish in a trap for more than 24 hours
- attempt to snag fish, except in designated areas (see page 24)
- use limb lines or set lines in any pond, lake or reservoir
- catch fish by hand

- buy or attempt to buy a permit while under license suspension or revocation in any state
- keep an externally foul-hooked fish, except those legally snagged
- consume and/or have an open container of alcohol at any state park, state recreation area or wildlife management area

SNAGGING

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

PADDLEFISH

PERMITS

- One person may have no more than two Nebraska archery permits and two Nebraska snagging permits per year.
- Permits and their accompanying tags are nontransferable.
- Permits are issued using a preference system. The applicant will receive a preference point if he or she is unsuccessful in being awarded a permit.
- Any person that does not apply at least once during five consecutive years will lose all accumulated points.

Buddy Applications – Buddy permits are for two applicants only. Applicants must be either both residents or both nonresidents. If there is a difference in preference points, the applications will be assigned to the applicant with the lowest preference points.

Application Periods

Archery permit: April 1-30

Permits remaining following the first drawing will be sold on first-come, first-served basis beginning at 1 p.m. Central Time on the first working day of June.

Snagging permit: July 1-31

Permits remaining following the first drawing will be sold on first-come, first-served basis beginning at 1 p.m. Central Time on the first working day of September.

NOTE: All application periods begin at 1 p. m. Central Time. Mailed applications must be received in the Lincoln office by 5 p. m. on the last day of the application period. Online applications end at midnight.

Bag and Possession Limits – The daily bag and possession limits are the total number of tags issued to an individual. Paddlefish harvested by snagging or archery may be possessed only on the Missouri River during the open season in the designated open area.

Requirements – Snaggers and archers must have in their possession an unfilled paddlefish tag while actively snagging or bowfishing, in addition to a valid fishing permit, if required.

From Gavins Point Dam to 0.6 miles downstream, snaggers and archers must possess a valid Nebraska resident or Nebraska nonresident snagging or archery permit or a South Dakota resident snagging or archery permit. In the remainder of the river open to snagging, South Dakota nonresident permits also are valid.

Tagging – 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 before attachment, altered or modified shall be void and will not be replaced.

SNAGGING

Snagging of paddlefish and nongame fish in the Missouri River is permitted from the Gavins Point Dam downstream to the mouth of the Big Sioux River at mile marker 734.

Season – Oct. 1-31

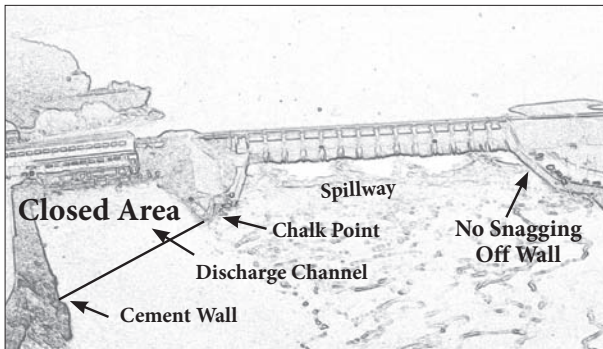
Legal Hours – 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Closed Area – The area extending downstream from Gavins Point Dam to a line that extends from the east end of the south cement wall of the discharge channel northwest to the east end of the chalk point is closed to snagging.

Also:

Snagging off the north wall of the spillway is prohibited.

All inland waters are closed to paddlefish harvest.

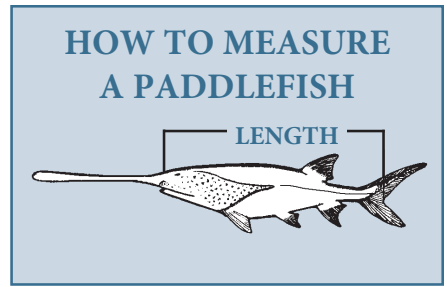


Minimum Age – Applicants must be 12 years old by Oct. 1 in order to apply for a snagging permit.

Hooks – Only one hook may be used when snagging, and the gap between the point of the hook and the shank may not exceed one-half inch.

All paddlefish anglers are required to cast for and hook their own fish.

Length Limit – All paddlefish between 35 and 45 inches long (measured along the centerline of the fish, lying flat, from the front margin of the eye to the natural fork of the tail), must be returned to the water immediately.



Gaff Hook – It is unlawful to use a gaff hook or other penetrating device while landing snagged paddlefish.

Cleaning and Transportation – Immediate cleaning of a snagged paddlefish is restricted to the removal of the snout in front of the eye and the viscera. Final processing may not be completed until anglers have reached their residence or before consumption. Harvested paddlefish longer than 45 inches in length may be transported with only the snout removed.

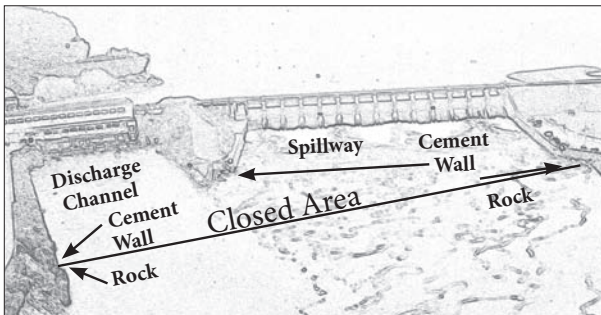
ARCHERY

Paddlefish are permitted to be taken by bow and arrow and possessed in the Missouri River from the Gavins Point Dam downstream to the mouth of the Big Sioux River at mile marker 734.

Season – July 10-Aug. 8 (30 days, beginning on second Saturday in July)

Legal hours – sunrise to sunset

Closed Area – The area extending downstream from Gavins Point Dam to a line that extends from the east end of the south cement wall of the discharge channel northwest to the east end of the north wall of the spillway is closed to archers. The area downstream of this line is open to archers taking game and nongame fish during the appropriate seasons.



Minimum Age – Applicants must be 12 years old by the second Saturday of July in order to apply for a snagging permit.

Cleaning and Transportation – 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.

OTHER INFORMATION

ATVS AND SNOWMOBILES FOR ICE-FISHING

Snowmobiles, all-terrain and motorized off-highway amphibious vehicles may be operated on the frozen surface of designated lakes. These vehicles may be operated only from one-half hour before sunrise until 9 p.m. or as posted. Recommended ice thickness for vehicle use is eight inches. The lakes are, unless posted as closed:

- Bluestem
- Branched Oak
- Conestoga
- Olive Creek
- Pawnee
- Stagecoach
- Wagon Train
- Enders
- Medicine Creek
- Red Willow
- Swanson
- Box Butte
- Merritt
- Oliver
- Sherman
- Elwood
- Sutherland
- Harlan
- Calamus
- Fremont lakes
- Gallagher Canyon
- Johnson
- Maloney
- McConaughy
- Minatare
- Ogallala
- Lewis and Clark
- Louisville lakes
- Rockford
- Shell
- Summit
- Willow Creek
- Walgren
- Willow (Brown Co.)
- Big Alkali
- Cottonwood-Steverson

TOURNAMENTS, CONTESTS AND DERBIES

Registration – All fishing tournaments, derbies or contests that require an entry fee, held on publicly owned, controlled or managed waters, must be registered with the Commission’s Fisheries Division at least 45 days before the event. Download a registration form at OutdoorNebraska.org.

Denial – An event may be denied if the date and location conflict with a previously approved event. Applicant denial also may be based on safety concerns due to low water conditions or anticipated heavy use that could result in boat ramp congestion.

Special Conditions – The Commission may impose special conditions for a fishing tournament, derby or contest if deemed necessary to protect the resource or to assure public safety. Special conditions may include: aerated live wells, release of live fish, designated release areas, on-the-water measurements, and immediate release of fish with no on-shore weigh-in ceremony.

Certificate – A Fishing Tournament Approval Certificate must be present at the tournament site.

Posted Dates – The tournament dates will be listed at OutdoorNebraska.org.

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

Tagged Fish – The use of tagged or otherwise marked fish is prohibited in any fishing tournament, derby or contest that is held on waters owned or controlled by the Commission and waters stocked by the Commission during the preceding 24 months, excluding private lakes not owned by the state or other governmental entity.

FREE FISHING AND PARK ENTRY DAY – MAY 22

Free Fishing and Park Entry Day is intended to attract those who no longer fish or who have never fished with an opportunity to do so without purchasing a permit. It is held on the Saturday before Memorial Day weekend. All bag and length limits are still in effect.

AQUATIC NUISANCE SPECIES PREVENTION

Definition of Aquatic Nuisance Species – This is any waterborne, non-native organism that threatens the diversity or abundance of native species, the ecological stability of impacted waters, or threatens a commercial, agricultural, aquacultural, or recreational activity.

Impact – Nuisance species may cause significant ecological problems because they have been introduced into habitat in which there are no natural pathogens, parasites or predators. Lack of these natural controls in new habitat may allow a nuisance species to grow exponentially. Introduced nuisance species may prey upon or compete directly with native species and could transmit diseases to native species.

Preventive Steps – Anglers and boaters should take precautions to prevent the introduction or spread of nuisance species. This is especially important to boaters who travel to waters that have nuisance species not present in any Nebraska waters.

Follow these procedures:

- Inspect boat, trailer and all boating and fishing equipment and remove any visible plant material and organisms before leaving water access sites.
- Drain water from the livewell and bilge on land at water access site, with exception being livewells used to transport game fish or baitfish, which then must be disposed of properly.
- Wash mud off of waders.
- Zebra and quagga mussels can survive up to two weeks out of water, so after boating in infested water and before transporting your boat, rinse boat and all equipment with hot tap water (more than 140 degrees F); spray boat and trailer with a high pressure sprayer or dry boat and all equipment for a least five days.
- Be sure to run the water out of the lower unit.



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List of Nuisance Species – Among the aquatic nuisance species of immediate concern to Nebraska are:

Asian clam	rusty crayfish
bighead carp	salt cedar
curlyleaf pondweed	silver carp
Eurasian water milfoil	snakehead
quagga mussel	spiny water flea
New Zealand mud snail	viral hemorrhagic septicemia (disease)
phragmites	zebra mussel
purple loosestrife	

For more information on aquatic nuisance species, go to snr.unl.edu/invasives.

FISH KILL REPORTS

Promptly report dead or dying fish to a conservation officer, Nebraska Game and Parks Commission district office, or the 24-hour Nebraska State Patrol pollution complaint number at (402) 471-4545, to make it easier to determine the cause.

POLLUTION

Keep the water safe and clean for future fishing. Report dumping or pollution activities to the Environmental Protection Agency toll-free at (800) 223-0425.

LAKE MAPPING

Lake contour maps are available at OutdoorNebraska.org.

FAMILY FISHING NIGHTS EXPANDED FOR 2010

Nebraska's Youth Fishing Program is sponsoring Family Fishing Nights at lakes in the Lincoln and Omaha areas, as well as other cities. Rods and reels, as well as bait and fishing instruction are available to participants. This is an opportunity for people who have never fished or haven't fished in years. Appropriate fishing and park permits are required. All events are from 6-8:30 p.m., unless otherwise noted.

June 3 – Holmes Lake, Lincoln

June 8 – Prairie View Lake, Bennington

June 15 – Mormon Island SRA Middle Lake, Grand Island

June 16 – Interstate 80 Lake, North Platte

June 16 – Bowling Lake, Lincoln

June 17 – Yanney Park Lake, Kearney

June 24 – Halleck Park Lake, Papillion

June 26 – Carp-O-Rama, Pawnee Lake, Emerald, 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

June 30 – Skyview Lake, Norfolk

June 30 – Cunningham Lake, Omaha

July 1 – Pawnee Park East, Columbus

July 7 – Wildwood Lake, Agnew

July 14 – Interstate 80 Lake, North Platte

July 15 – Mormon Island SRA Middle Lake, Grand Island

July 16 – Cottonmill Lake, Kearney

July 15 – Walnut Creek Reservoir, Papillion

July 20 – Bowling Lake, Lincoln

July 28 – Zorinsky Lake, Omaha

Aug. 5 – Holmes Lake, Lincoln

Aug. 10 – Halleck Park Lake, Papillion

28 Other Information

STATE RECORDS AND MASTER ANGLERS

If you make an outstanding catch, it may qualify for either a State Record or a Master Angler Award. Application forms are available from Commission offices, conservation officers, permit vendors, this guide and at OutdoorNebraska.org

STATE RECORD RULES

- Fish must be caught in accordance with Nebraska fishing regulations by rod and reel, underwater spear-fishing, surface spearing, or archery and must be taken from Nebraska waters.
- Fish must be weighed on an accredited or certified scale. A commercial measuring tape or stick should be used to measure the fish.
- Only fish that exceed the current record by at least one ounce are eligible for a state record.
- Two witnesses, one of which must be a permanent employee of the Commission, must witness the weighing and measuring of the fish and sign the application.
- The angler must display a Nebraska fishing permit to the Commission employee that witnesses the weight.
- One clear photograph showing a close-up side view of the fish and one clear photograph showing the angler with the fish must accompany the completed application. All photographs become the property of the Commission.
- A Commission fisheries biologist must verify the species of fish, and the fish must be preserved flat until the species is verified.
- The Commission may collect fish scales, tissue or spine samples to check fish identification and to refuse any questionable application.
- The Commission may revoke a state record if the record holder is found in possession of illegal fishing gear or has been cited for repeated fishing violations that cast suspicion on the authenticity of the record catch.
- No fish caught from any aquaculture or commercial put-and-take facility is eligible.
- Applications must be submitted within 30 days of the date the fish was caught.

MASTER ANGLER RULES

- All fish must be taken from Nebraska waters.
- If a fish is caught from private waters, a valid fishing permit is required to receive the award.
- Fish must be taken by hook-and-line, not bank lines.
- Fish must be legally hooked, played and landed by the applicant.
- The catch must be verified by an employee of the Commission, a permit vendor, a witness, or a photograph.
- Anglers 16 years of age or older must possess a valid Nebraska fishing permit and enter the permit number on the application.
- Only fish immediately released are eligible for an award based on length. Any fish kept in a livewell or on a stringer must meet the minimum weight requirement.
- Anglers may receive only one award based on weight per year for each species. Catch-and-release awards are unlimited.
- Anglers who release a Master Angler fish will receive a Catch and Release Master Angler pin in addition to the Master Angler certificate.

SPECIES	MASTER ANGLER		STATE RECORDS			
	(Minimums) lbs. OR in.		Rod and Reel	Bow and Arrow	Underwater Powered Spearfishing	Surface Spearfishing
Alewife	—	—	3.5 oz.	—	3 oz.	—
Largemouth Bass	5	20	10 lbs. 11 oz.	8 lbs. 14 oz.	7 lbs. 4 oz.	—
Rock Bass	1	11	2 lbs. 4 oz.	1 lb. 6 oz.	1 lbs. 4 oz.	—
Smallmouth Bass	3	18	7 lbs. 4 oz.	3 lbs 5 oz.	5 lbs. 12.5 oz.	—
Spotted Bass	3	18	3 lbs. 12 oz.	2 lbs. 6 oz.	2 lbs. 12.5 oz.	—
Striped Bass	10	32	64 lbs. 15 oz.	8 lbs. 5 oz.	26 lbs. 15.5 oz.	—
Striper Hybrid	8	24	20 lbs. 1 oz.	8 lbs. 12 oz.	12 lbs.	—
White Bass	2.5	17	5 lbs.	3 lbs.	1 lb. 13 oz.	—
Yellow Bass	—	—	1 lb. 7 oz.	—	—	—
Bowfin	—	—	8 lbs.	—	—	—
Buffalo	10	26	—	—	—	—
Bigmouth Buffalo	10	26	64 lbs.	53 lbs.	25 lbs. 7 oz.	33 lbs. 3 oz.
Black Buffalo	10	26	41 lbs.	6 lbs. 7 oz.	27 lbs.	—
Smallmouth Buffalo	10	26	56 lbs. 3 oz.	60 lbs. 2 oz.	13 lbs. 4 oz.	12 lbs. 7 oz.
Bullhead	2	15	3 lbs. 15 oz.	1 lb. 11 oz.	—	—
Black Bullhead	2	15	—	—	1 lb. 12 oz.	—
Burbot	1	16	6 lbs. 9 oz.	—	—	—
Bighead Carp	—	—	53 lbs. 3 oz.	78 lbs. 14 oz.	—	67 lbs.
Common Carp	15	32	33 lbs. 12 oz.	46 lbs.	37 lbs. 14 oz.	23 lbs. 4 oz.
Grass Carp	—	—	64 lbs.	62 lbs. 1 oz.	6 lbs. 4 oz.	25 lbs. 4 oz.
Hybrid Grass Carp	—	—	—	43 lbs. 3 oz.	—	—
Silver Carp	—	—	—	23 lbs. 2 oz.	—	—
Quillback	—	—	13 lbs. 10 oz.	11 lbs. 2 oz.	6 lbs. 6 oz.	—
River Carpsucker	—	—	13 lbs. 4 oz.	9 lbs. 14 oz.	12 lbs. 2 oz.	5 lbs. 15 oz.
Channel Catfish	12	30	41 lbs. 8 oz.	31 lbs. 13 oz.	25 lbs. 10 oz.	—
Flathead Catfish	15	32	80 lbs.	52 lbs. 8 oz.	31 lbs. 5 oz.	—
Blue Catfish	30	40	100 lbs. 8 oz.	—	—	—
Stonecat	—	—	5.2 oz.	—	—	—
Creek Chub	—	—	9.5 oz.	—	4 oz.	—
Black Crappie	2	15	4 lbs. 8 oz.	1 lbs. 14 oz.	2 lbs. 5 oz.	—
White Crappie	2	15	4 lbs. 1 oz.	2 lbs. 13 oz.	1 lb.	—
Freshwater Drum	5	22	29 lbs. 6 oz.	22 lbs. 13 oz.	16 lbs.	—
American Eel	1	24	5 lbs.	—	—	—
Longnose Gar	8	40	20 lbs. 7 oz.	22 lbs. 13 oz.	4 lbs. 6 oz.	17 lbs. 6 oz.
Shortnose Gar	3	26	6 lbs. 14 oz.	7 lbs. 8 oz.	2 lbs. 6.5 oz.	3 lbs. 15 oz.
Spotted Gar	3	26	4 lbs. 8 oz.	3 lbs. 2 oz.	—	5 lbs.
Goldeye	1.5	16	3 lbs. 15.5 oz.	2 lbs. 1 oz.	1 lb. 5.5 oz.	—

SPECIES	MASTER ANGLER		STATE RECORDS			
	(Minimums) lbs. OR in.		Rod and Reel	Bow and Arrow	Underwater Powered Spearfishing	Surface Spearfishing
Goldfish	—	—	3 lbs. 7 oz.	1 lbs. 8 oz.	—	—
Skipjack Herring	—	—	2 lbs.	—	—	—
Muskellunge	15	40	41 lbs. 8 oz.	17 lbs. 10 oz.	—	—
Tiger Muskellunge	15	40	33 lbs. 5 oz.	13 lbs. 14 oz.	13 lbs. 9 oz.	—
Paddlefish *	50	45	93 lbs.	86 lbs.	—	—
Sacramento Perch	—	—	2 lbs. 8 oz.	—	—	—
White Perch	1	12	2 lbs. 6 oz.	1 lb. 11 oz.	4 oz.	—
Yellow Perch	1.25	13	2 lbs. 10.75 oz.	1 lb. 2 oz.	1 lbs. 11.5 oz.	—
Grass Pickerel	—	—	5.75 oz.	—	—	—
Northern Pike	10	36	30 lbs. 1 oz.	21 lbs. 14 oz.	20 lbs. 5 oz.	—
European Rudd	—	—	2 lbs. 7 oz.	3 lb. 6 oz.	2 lbs. 11 oz.	—
Chinook Salmon	—	—	2 lbs. 8 oz.	—	—	—
Coho Salmon	—	—	5 lbs. 12 oz.	—	—	—
Kokanee Salmon	—	—	4 lbs. 2 oz.	—	4 lbs. 2 oz.	—
Sauger	3	21	8 lbs. 5 oz.	—	—	—
Saugeye	5	23	8 lbs. 14 oz.	—	—	—
Gizzard Shad	—	—	4 lbs. 7.75 oz.	5 lbs. 5 oz.	3 lbs. 3 oz.	2 lbs. 2 oz.
Golden Shiner	—	—	14 oz.	—	3 oz.	—
Shovelnose Sturgeon	2.5	28	4 lbs. 5 oz.	—	—	—
Sucker	2	18	9 lbs.	—	3 lbs. 1 oz.	—
Longnose Sucker	2	18	2 lbs. 9 oz.	—	—	—
Blue Sucker	2	18	18 lbs. 14 oz.	9 lbs. 2 oz.	—	—
Shorthead Redhorse	2	18	2 lbs. 12 oz.	3 lbs. 2 oz.	2 lbs. 9.5 oz.	—
White Sucker	2	18	3 lbs. 12 oz.	5 lbs. 13 oz.	4 lbs. 10 oz.	2 lbs. 5 oz.
Bluegill	1	10	2 lbs. 13 oz.	1 lb. 6 oz.	15 oz.	—
Green Sunfish	1	10	1 lb. 8 oz.	9.6 oz.	9.9 oz.	—
Hybrid Sunfish	1	10	1 lb. 15 oz.	9.9 oz.	12 oz.	—
Orangespotted Sunfish	1	10	5 oz.	0.5 oz.	0.45 oz.	—
Pumpkinseed	1	10	11.25 oz.	—	5.5 oz.	—
Redear Sunfish	1	10	1 lb. 10 oz.	7.9 oz.	1 lb.	—
Brook Trout	1	14	5 lbs. 1 oz.	—	—	—
Brown Trout	4	22	20 lbs. 1 oz.	9 lbs. 13 oz.	5 lbs. 5 oz.	—
Cutthroat Trout	—	—	5 lbs. 7 oz.	2 lbs. 3 oz.	—	—
Rainbow Trout	5	23	14 lbs. 2 oz.	11 lbs.	3 lbs. 9 oz.	—
Tiger Trout	—	—	6 oz.	—	—	—
Walleye	8	28	16 lbs. 2 oz.	11 lbs. 1 oz.	13 lbs. 11 oz.	—

* Paddlefish are measured 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: Rod and Reel 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 and Parks Commission official species verification (for State Record only)

Species may be verified after State Record application is received. See State Record rules.

PUBLIC FISHING AREAS

HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

Lakes, rivers and streams are listed alphabetically within each of the following fisheries management districts: northwest, northeast, southwest, south-central, and southeast.

FAMILY FRIENDLY LAKES

The areas denoted with FFL are designated as Family Friendly Lakes. These lakes identified as being safe, comfortable and having great fish-catching potential. These locations have a combination of barrier-free fishing piers, fishing trails, groomed park areas, concessions, playgrounds, picnic areas, and highly maintained fish populations. Contact the nearest fisheries supervisor for details and to discover what fish are biting.



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ABBREVIATIONS OF FISH SPECIES

This list contains abbreviations used for fish species denoted in the public fishing areas.

BBH	Bullhead	LMB	Largemouth Bass
BCF	Blue Catfish	MUE	Muskellunge
BKT	Brook Trout	NOP	Northern Pike
BLG	Bluegill	PAH	Paddlefish
BNT	Brown Trout	RBT	Rainbow Trout
BUF	Buffalo	ROB	Rock Bass
CAP	Common Carp	RSF	Redear Sunfish
CCF	Channel Catfish	SAR	Sauger
CRP	Crappie	SMB	Smallmouth Bass
FCF	Flathead Catfish	SNS	Shovelnose Sturgeon
FRD	Freshwater Drum	SPB	Spotted Bass
GOE	Goldeye	WAE	Walleye
GRC	Grass Carp	WHB	White Bass
GRP	Grass Pickerel	WHP	White Perch
GSF	Green Sunfish	WIP	Striped Bass Hybrid (wiper)
HSF	Sunfish Hybrid	YEP	Yellow Perch

NORTHWEST

^{FEL}Bessey Fish Pond (Thomas) - 3 acres, 1W, 1/4S of Halsey - Nebraska National Forest. Camping. BLG, CCF, LMB, RBT. Trout - daily bag limit of 8. No motorized boating. Fishing deck. Rainbow Trout stocked seasonally.

Big Alkali WMA (Cherry) - 842 acres, 16S, 4W, 1 1/2 S of Valentine. BLG, CAP, CCF, CRP, LMB, NOP, YEP. All boats allowed, ramp, camping, fishing camp. Snowmobiles and ATVs allowed on ice.

Big Springs City Pond (Deuel) - 0.5 acres, North end of Elm Street. BLG, CCF, LMB. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section. Rehabilitation project in 2009-2010.

Blue Lake (Garden) - 311 acres, 22N of Oshkosh. BLG, CRP, SMB, YEP. Access via a primitive 2.7-mile sandy access trail on private property (no snow removal), open daylight hours only, no camping, no hunting, no ATVs or horses, no fires, no littering, only 4-wheel drive vehicles allowed (MANDATORY). Area is closed to access during the 9-day regular firearm deer season. Access to the lake was made possible through a lease agreement with the private landowner, thus please follow the rules. Close all gates. Trespassers off marked trail and parking lot will be prosecuted. Small boats recommended, primitive boat launch, 5 mph no wake. Renovated in 2008; catchable-size fish should be available in 2011.

Boardman Creek (Cherry) - 35SW of Valentine. BNT, RBT. Private access, permission required.

Bourdeaux Creek (Dawes) - SE of Chadron. BKT, BNT. Public access on Big Bourdeaux Creek WMA and US Forest Service lands.

Box Butte Reservoir SRA (Dawes) - 1,600 acres, 10N of Hemingford. BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, NOP, ROB, SMB, WAE, YEP. Northern pike - protected slot limit of 28 to 34 inches, daily bag limit of 10, only 1 of which may be more than 34 inches with possession limit being 20. Subject to severe summer drawdown; primitive camping and electrical hook-ups are available, all boats allowed.

FFL Bridgeport SRA (Morrill) - 78 acres in 5 lakes, NW edge of Bridgeport. BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, RBT, WAE, WIP, YEP. Channel catfish - daily bag limit of 3; Trout - daily bag limit of 4. Primitive camping; all boats allowed on the middle pit, all other pits restricted to electric motor and non-powered boats. Rainbow trout stocked in NW lake. Wipers stocked in middle lake.

FFL Carter P. Johnson Lake (Sioux) - 15 acres, Fort Robinson SP. Cabins and camping. BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, RBT, ROB. Trout - daily bag limit of 4. Electric motor and non-powered boats allowed, wheelchair-accessible pier.

FFL Chadron City Reservoirs (Dawes) - 20 acres in 2 ponds, 5 1/2S of Chadron. BLG, CCF, LMB, RBT, YEP. Trout - daily bag limit of 4. Non-powered boats allowed.

Chadron Creek (Dawes) - S of Chadron. BKT, BNT. Trout - daily bag limit of 4. Public access at Chadron State Park, otherwise private access, permission required.

FFL Chadron State Park Pond (Dawes) - 2 acres, 9S of Chadron. RBT. Trout - daily bag limit of 4. Boats not allowed; wheelchair-accessible deck. Cabins and camping.

FFL Chappell Interstate Lake (Deuel) - 30 acres, 1/2S of Chappell, I-80 Exit 85 - Wheatland Drive. BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, YEP.

Cherry Creek Diversion Pond (Dawes) - 0.25 acres, 100 yards SW from Cherry Creek Pond on Ft. Robinson. BNT.

Cherry Creek Pond (Dawes) - 2 acres, Ft. Robinson. BLG, BNT, LMB, RBT.

Clear Lake (Cherry) - 425 acres, 16S, 6W, 8S of Valentine to Refuge H.Q. BLG, LMB, NOP, YEP. Northern pike - 28 inch maximum length. Possession of baitfish prohibited, dead smelt allowed. Possession of fish not taken from refuge waters unlawful. No camping. Electric motor and non-powered boats allowed. Refuge open sunrise to sunset. Aquatic vegetation hampers summer fishing.

Cottonwood Lake SRA (Cherry) - 34 acres, 1/2 E, 1/2 S of Merriman. BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, NOP, YEP. Primitive camping; aquatic vegetation hampers summer fishing, all boats allowed.

Cottonwood-Steverson Lake WMA (Cherry) - 680 acres, 30N, 2E of Hyannis. BLG, CAP, CRP, LMB, MUE, WAE, YEP. Concrete boat ramp, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Snowmobiles and ATVs allowed on ice.

Crane Lake (Garden) - 128 acres, Crescent Lake National Wildlife Refuge, 22 N of Oshkosh. YEP. Panfish-daily bag limit of 10; Possession of baitfish prohibited, dead smelt allowed. No camping. Open to fishing Nov. 1 - Feb. 15. Fishing allowed during daylight hours only. Fisherman must be off the lake no later than 1 hour after sunset. No boats or float tubes allowed. Limited fishing opportunity due to winterkill.

Crescent Lake WMA (Garden) - 982 acres, 22N of Oshkosh. BLG, CRP, LMB, YEP. Access via a primitive access trail to a parking area. Primitive boat ramp, 5 mph no wake. Renovated in 2008.

Defair Lake WMA (Grant) - 70 acres, 1E, 2S, 1/2E of Hyannis. YEP. Shallow lake.

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Dewey Lake (Cherry) - 550 acres, 16S, 6W, 8S of Valentine to Refuge H.Q. BLG, LMB, NOP, YEP. Northern pike - 28-inch maximum length. Possession of baitfish prohibited, dead smelt allowed. Possession of fish not taken from refuge waters unlawful. No camping allowed. Electric motor and non-powered boats. Refuge open sunrise to sunset. Aquatic vegetation hampers summer fishing.

Dismal River (Hooker) - BNT, CAP, CCF, RBT. Private access, permission required.

Dry Sheep Creek (Sioux) - NW of Morrill. BNT, RBT. Private access, permission required.

Dry Spotted Tail Creek (Sioux) - NW of Mitchell. BNT, RBT. Private access, permission required.

Duck Lake (Cherry) - 66 acres, 16S, 6W, 8S of Valentine to Refuge H.Q. BBH, BLG, LMB, YEP. Possession of baitfish prohibited, dead smelt allowed. Possession of fish not taken from refuge waters unlawful. No camping. Electric motor and non-powered boats allowed. Refuge open sunrise to sunset. Aquatic vegetation hampers summer fishing.

East Hyannis Lake (Avocet WMA) (Grant) - 120 acres, 1E of Hyannis. YEP. Shallow lake, aquatic vegetation hampers summer fishing.

Fairfield Creek (Cherry) - 8N, 2E of Wood Lake to forks or 2 1/2 W of Norden Road on S side of Niobrara River to mouth of creek. BNT, RBT. Private access, permission required, vehicle access difficult, most areas accessible by long hike.

Frye Lake WMA (Grant) - 243 acres, 1N, 1 1/2 E of Hyannis. BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, WAE, YEP. Panfish - daily bag limit of 10. No live baitfish can be used or possessed. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake).

Gilbert-Baker Pond (Sioux) - 2 acres, 10 N of Harrison. BLG, LMB, RBT. Trout - daily bag limit of 4. Located on the east portion of Gilbert-Baker WMA.

Goldeneye WMA (Deuel) - 17 acres, 1S, 3W of Big Springs. BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, YEP.

^{FFL}**Grabel Ponds (Dawes)** - 6 acres in 4 ponds, Fort Robinson SP. Cabins and camping. BLG, CCF, LMB, RBT, ROB. Trout - daily bag limit of 4.

Greenwood Creek (Morrill) - SE of Bridgeport. BNT, RBT. Private access, permission required.

Hackberry Lake (Cherry) - 680 acres, 16S, 6W, 8S of Valentine to Refuge H.Q. BLG, LMB, NOP, YEP. Northern pike - 28-inch maximum length. Possession of baitfish prohibited, dead smelt allowed. Possession of fish not taken from refuge waters unlawful. No camping allowed. Electric motor and non-powered boats allowed. Refuge open sunrise to sunset. Aquatic vegetation hampers summer fishing.

Hat Creek (Sioux) - NE of Harrison. BKT, BNT. Private access, permission required.

Home Valley Lake (Cherry) - 220 acres, 30N, 2 1/2E, 1N of Hyannis. BLG, CAP, CRP, LMB, WAE, YEP. Part of the Cottonwood-Steverson WMA. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake), portage route from Cottonwood-Steverson Lake. Snowmobiles and ATVs allowed on ice. Access to the north side of lake via private property, permission is required.

Hudson Lake (Cherry) - 160 acres, 15S, 8W, 1N of Valentine. BLG, LMB, YEP. Private lake, open to the public for daytime, ice-fishing only.

Ice House Ponds (Dawes) - 6 acres in 3 ponds, Fort Robinson SP. Cabins and camping. BLG, LMB.

Isham Dam (Sheridan) - 26 acres, NW of Hay Springs. BBH, BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, YEP. Private lake, permission required; all boats allowed.

Island Lake (Garden) - 711 acres, Crescent Lake National Wildlife Refuge, 22N of Oshkosh. BLG, CRP, LMB, YEP. Panfish - daily bag limit of 10. Possession of baitfish prohibited, dead smelt allowed.. No camping; electric motor and non-powered boats allowed; area open one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset.

^{FEL}Laing Lake (Box Butte) - 10 acres, Alliance, W. 18th St. and Box Butte Ave. BLG, CCF, LMB. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section.

Lake Minatare SRA (Scott Bluff) - 2,100 acres, 12NE of Scottsbluff. CCF, CRP, SMB, WAE, WHB, WIP, YEP. Waters within 150 feet of the dam are closed to fishing from sunset to sunrise March 1 through April 30. Camping; all boats allowed; closed Oct. 15-Jan. 14 or as posted. Subject to severe drawdowns.

Lake Winters Creek (Scotts Bluff) - 235 acres, N of Minatare. BLG, CCF, LMB, SMB, YEP. Electric motor and non-powered boats allowed; closed Oct. 15-Jan. 14, or as posted. Area is open sunrise to sunset only. Subject to severe drawdowns.

Larabee Creek (Sheridan) - N of Rushville. BNT, RBT. Private access, permission required.

Lodgepole Creek (Kimball) - Kimball to Wyoming border. BNT, RBT. Private access, permission required. Subject to low water or no water.

Lord Lake (Cherry) - 15 acres, 9.5 miles west of Merritt Reservoir. BLG, CRP, LMB.

Merritt Reservoir SRA and WMA (Cherry) - 2,900 acres, 26SW of Valentine. BBH, BLG, CAP, CCF, CRP, LMB, MUE, NOP, SMB, WAE, WHB. Walleye - daily bag limit of 4 may include one walleye from 15 through 18 inches and three over 18 inches or four over 18 inches but no more than one over 22 inches in length allowed in the daily bag. Channel catfish - daily bag limit of 5. All boats allowed. Modern and primitive camping.

Middle Loup River (Thomas) - BNT, CAP, CCF, RBT. Private access, permission required.

Minnechadua Creek (Cherry) - Valentine, below hatchery supply and in Valentine City Park. RBT. Trout - daily bag limit of 8. Rainbow trout stocked seasonally.

Monroe Creek (Sioux) - 4 1/2N of Harrison. BKT. Public access on Gilbert-Baker WMA, otherwise private access, permission required.

Morrill Sandpits (Scotts Bluff) - 25 acres in 3 lakes, 3S of Morrill. BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, RBT, YEP. Trout - daily bag limit of 4. County owned, permission required, check with the City of Morrill. No boating or camping allowed.

Ninemile Creek (Scotts Bluff) - BNT, RBT. Trout - daily bag limit of 4. Public access at Nine Mile Creek WMA 3E, 5N of Minatare. Walk-in access SE of WMA and 2N 1E of Minatare, otherwise permission required.

Niobrara River (Sioux) - BNT, RBT. Private access, permission required. Extremely low water in summer. Public access on Agate Fossil Beds National Monument.

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North Loup River (Cherry) - BNT, CAP, CCF, RBT. Private access, permission required.

Oliver Reservoir SRA (Kimball) - 270 acres, 10W of Kimball. BLG, CAP, CCF, CRP, LMB, MUE, WAE, YEP. Primitive camping, all boats allowed, wheelchair-accessible pier. Subject to low water.

Pelican Lake (Cherry) - 798 acres, 16S, 6W, 8S of Valentine to Refuge H.Q. BBH, BLG, LMB, NOP, YEP. Northern pike - 28-inch maximum length. Possession of baitfish prohibited, dead smelt allowed. Possession of fish not taken from refuge waters unlawful. No camping. Electric motor and non-powered boats allowed. Refuge open sunrise to sunset. Aquatic vegetation hampers summer fishing.

Pine Creek (Sheridan) - 20S of Rushville. BNT. Private access, permission required.

Rat and Beaver WMA (Cherry) - 450 acres in 2 lakes, 30S, 7W of Valentine. BBH, BLG, CAP, CRP, NOP, YEP. Primitive boat ramp.

Red Willow Creek (Morrill) - E of Bayard. BNT, RBT. Private access, permission required.

Schlagel Creek WMA (Schlagel Creek) (Cherry) - 16S, 4W, 4N of Valentine. BNT. Trout - daily bag limit of 4. Private access, permission required except on Schlagel Creek WMA.

Schoolhouse Lake (Cherry) - 105 acres, 24S of Nenzel. BBH, BLG, CRP, LMB, YEP. Private access, permission required.

Sheep Creek (Sioux) - NW of Morrill. BNT, RBT. Private access, permission required.

Shell Lake WMA (Cherry) - 160 acres, 3N, 4E, 8N of Gordon. BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, NOP, YEP. Aquatic vegetation hampers summer fishing. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Snowmobiles and ATV's allowed on ice.

Sidney Legion Park Pond (Cheyenne) - 1.75 acres, City of Sidney. BLG, CCF, LMB.

Silvernail Drain (Morrill) - E of Northport. BNT. Private access, permission required.

Smith Lake (Garden) - 225 acres, Crescent Lake National Wildlife Refuge, 26N of Oshkosh. BLG, CRP, LMB, YEP. Panfish-daily bag limit of 10. Possession of fish not taken from refuge waters unlawful. No camping. Open to fishing Nov. 1-Feb. 15. Fishing allowed during daylight hours only. Fisherman must be off the lake no later than 1 hour after sunset. No boats or float tubes allowed.

Smith Lake WMA (Sheridan) - 290 acres, 23S of Rushville. BBH, BLG, CRP, LMB, NOP, WAE, YEP. Panfish-daily bag limit of 10. Primitive camping, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Handicap accessible concrete boat ramp.

Snake River (Upper Reach) (Cherry) - near Gordon. BNT, RBT. Private access, permission required.

Soldier Creek (Dawes) - 3W of Crawford. BKT, BNT, RBT. Trout - daily bag limit of 4. Public access at Fort Robinson State Park and Soldier Creek Wilderness Area.

Sowbelly Creek (Sioux) - NE of Harrison. BKT, BNT. Private access, permission required.

Spotted Tail Creek (Scotts Bluff) - NW of Mitchell. BNT, RBT. Private access, permission required.

Stuckenhole Creek (Scotts Bluff) - W of Bayard. BNT, RBT. Private access, permission required.

FEL Terry's Pit (Scotts Bluff) - 7 acres, Terrytown. CCF, LMB, RBT. Trout - daily bag limit of 4.

Tub Springs (Sioux) - NE of Mitchell. BNT, RBT. Private access, permission required.

FEL Valentine Mill Pond (Cherry) - 20 acres, north edge of Valentine. BLG, CCF, LMB.

FEL Walgren Lake SRA (Sheridan) - 100 acres, 5SE of Hay Springs. BBH, BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, NOP, WAE, YEP. Primitive camping; boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake), wheelchair-accessible fishing pier.

Watts Lake (Cherry) - 230 acres, 16S, 6W, 8S of Valentine to Refuge H.Q. BLG, LMB, MUE, YEP. Possession of baitfish prohibited, dead smelt allowed. Possession of fish not taken from refuge waters unlawful. No camping allowed. Electric motor and non-powered boats allowed. Refuge open sunrise to sunset. Aquatic vegetation hampers summer fishing.

West Long Lake (Cherry) - 62 acres, 16S, 6W, 8S of Valentine to H.Q. BLG, LMB, NOP, YEP. Northern pike - 28-inch maximum length. Possession of baitfish is prohibited, dead smelt allowed. Possession of fish not taken from refuge waters unlawful. No camping allowed. Electric motor and non-powered boats allowed. Refuge open sunrise to sunset. Dense vegetation in summer.

White Clay Creek (Sheridan) - NW of Rushville. BNT. Private access, permission required.

White River (Dawes) - W of Fort Robinson. Cabins and camping. BNT, RBT. Trout - daily bag limit of 4. Public access at Fort Robinson State Park, otherwise private access, permission required.

Whitney Lake (Dawes) - 900 acres, 1 1/2W of Whitney. CCF, CRP, WAE, WHB, YEP. Private irrigation reservoir, access limited. Subject to drawdowns. Public boat ramp on SE corner of the lake.

Wildhorse Creek (Morrill) - N of Bayard. BNT. Private access, permission required.

Winters Creek (Scotts Bluff) - NE of Scottsbluff. BNT, RBT. Private access, permission required.

Wood Reserve Ponds (Dawes) - 2 acres in 4 ponds, Soldier's Creek Wilderness Area, Fort Robinson SP. RBT. Trout - daily bag limit of 4. Access via 1 mile hike up the middle branch of Soldiers Creek.

NORTHEAST

Atkinson SRA (Holt) - 5 acres, 1/2 W of Atkinson. BLG, CAP, CCF, LMB, NOP, SMB. Primitive camping, electrical hookups. Elkhorn River access.

Bazile Creek WMA (Missouri River) (Knox) - 4E, 1 1/2N of Niobrara, river mile 838.8. CAP, CCF, FCF, NOP, SAR, SMB, WAE. Walleye and sauger - 15-inch minimum length. Gravel road to ramp gets muddy with heavy rains, ramp subject to flooding.

Black Island WMA (Elkhorn River) (Cumings) - 2 1/2E of Pilger on county road. CAP, CCF, FCF.

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Boyer Chute National Wildlife Refuge (Washington) - 3 1/2E of Fort Calhoun. Restored channel off the Missouri River. CAP, CCF, FCF. Ice fishing is not allowed. No more than two lines with two hooks on each line maybe used. Set lines are prohibited. Archery and spearfishing are permitted for rough fish only. Digging or seining for bait is prohibited. Collecting and/or possession of frogs, toads, turtles and clams are prohibited. All watercraft are prohibited in the Boyer Chute waterway. Check with refuge for additional regulations. Open a half-hour before sunrise to a half-hour after sunset.

Brooky Bottom Park (Missouri River) (Cedar) - 4NE of Wynot, river mile 784.9. CAP, CCF, FCF, FRD, PAH, SAR, WAE. Concrete boat ramp.

Buckskin Hills Lake WMA (Dixon) - 75 acres, 2W, 3S, 1/2W of Newcastle. BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, WAE. Largemouth bass - 21-inch minimum length. Primitive camping; boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Owned by Lewis and Clark NRD.

Burwell Lake (Ladybird) (Garfield) - 3 acres, 1E of Burwell. BLG, CCF, LMB.

Calamus Reservoir SRA (Loup) - 5,200 acres, 2W, 5NW of Burwell. CAP, CCF, CRP, MUE, NOP, WAE, WHB, WIP, YEP. Channel catfish - daily bag limit of 5. Walleye - daily bag limit of 4 may include one walleye from 15 through 18 inches and three over 18 inches or four over 18 inches, but no more than one walleye over 22 inches in length allowed in the daily bag. Modern/primitive camping; boating on upper lake restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Fish-cleaning stations at Homestead Knolls and Nunda Shoals.

Calamus River (Loup) - Brown County and Loup County. CAP, CCF, NOP. Private access, permission required; canoe sites and camping.

Carney Pond (Holt) - 2.5 acres, 1/2 S O'Neill on Hwy 281. BLG, CCF, LMB.

Chalkrock Lake WMA (Cedar) - 44 acres, 5N, 1 1/2E of Hwy 81 and 12 Jct. BLG, CCF, LMB. No live baitfish can be used or possessed. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake).

^{FFL}**Columbus Hospital Pond (Platte)** - 9 acres, Columbus, 38th St. and 41st Ave. BLG, CCF, LMB. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section. Handicap-accessible deck. City developing park facilities around this new lake.

^{FFL}**Cottonwood Lake (Lake Yankton) (Cedar)** - 250 acres, Below Gavins Point Dam, north side of river. Camping. BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, NOP, WAE. Largemouth bass - 15-inch minimum length. Border water area with South Dakota, open to Nebraska permit holders. Electric motor and non-powered boats allowed. Fish-cleaning station SW corner of lake.

Cozad Lake (South Pine WMA) (Brown) - 80 acres, 11S, 2W of Long Pine. BLG, LMB, YEP.

Crystal Cove Lake (Dakota) - 30 acres, NE of Hwy 20 and 77 intersection in South Sioux City, entrance on W. 39th St. BLG, CCF, LMB, NOP, RBT. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section; Trout - daily bag limit of 8. Electric motor and non-powered boats allowed, wheelchair-accessible pier. Rainbow trout stocked seasonally.

Cub Creek Lake (Keya Paha) - 27 acres, 8 1/2 W of Springview. BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, YEP. Electric motor and nonpower boats allowed; primitive camping; NRD-owned lake.

Dead Timber SRA (Dodge) - 20 acres, 5NW, 1 1/2E of Scribner. BBH, BLG, CAP, CCF, CRP, FCF, LMB. Electric motor and non-powered boats allowed. Modern and primitive camping.

Decatur Boat Ramp (Missouri River) (Burt) - South of Hwy. 51 bridge. CAP, CCF, FCF, FRD.

DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge (Washington) - 760 acres, 6E of Blair on Hwy 30. Refuge entrance fee permit required. BLG, BUF, CAP, CCF, CRP, LMB, WAE WHB. Walleye - 15-inch minimum length; Largemouth bass - 15-inch minimum length. All anglers shall abide by the regulations of the state in which they are licensed, either Nebraska or Iowa. Check with refuge for additional regulations. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Open early January through late February for ice-fishing; no more than two lines with two hooks per line can be used including ice fishing in DeSoto NWR Lake. Open April 15 - Oct. 14 for open-water fishing. Open a half-hour before sunrise to a half-hour after sunset.

Dismal River (Blaine) - BNT, CAP, CCF, RBT. Private access, permission required.

Dry Creek WMA (Elkhorn River) (Holt) - 1 1/2SE of O'Neill. CAP, CCF. Elkhorn River access.

East Branch Verdigre Creek (Grove Lake WMA) (Antelope) - NE of Royal above Grove Lake. BNT, RBT. Trout - daily bag limit of 4. Public access available as posted, rainbow trout stocked on weekly basis.

Ferry Landing (Missouri River) (Knox) - 2 1/2E, 1 1/2N of Niobrara, river mile 841. CAP, CCF, FCF, NOP, SAR, WAE, SMB. Walleye and sauger - 15-inch minimum length. Boat ramp.

FFL Fremont Lakes SRA (Dodge) - 280 acres in 19 lakes, 3W of Fremont. BBH, BLG, CAP, CCF, CRP, LMB, MUE. Panfish - daily bag limit of 10; Channel catfish - daily bag limit of 3; Bullheads - daily bag limit of 5; Trout- daily bag limit of 8. Catchable bullheads stocked into lake number 3. Wipers stocked into lake number 5. Muskellunge stocked into lakes number 2, 7, 8, 20. Trout seasonally stocked in lake number 5. Gas-powered boating on Victory Lake and Lake No. 20 only, all other lakes electric motor and non-powered boats allowed. Modern and primitive camping.

Gavins Point Dam Tailwaters (Missouri River) (Cedar) - 1S, 4W of Yankton, S.D.. BUF, CAP, CCF, CRP, FCF, FRD, GOE, PAH, SAR, SMB, WAE, WHB. Paddlefish - see paddlefish section of guide for regulations. All boats allowed; wheelchair-accessible deck. Fish-cleaning stations available (north and south sides). From Gavins Point Dam to 0.6 miles downstream, a nonresident Nebraska fishing license is required of anglers who are not residents of Nebraska or South Dakota when fishing from a boat or either bank.

George Syas WMA (Loup River) (Platte) - 2S, 1 1/2E of Genoa. CAP, CCF.

Goose Lake (Holt) - 237 acres, 18N, 5E of Bartlett. BLG, LMB, NOP, YEP. Northern pike - 28- to 34-inch protected slot limit. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake).

Gracie Creek (Loup) - N side of Calamus Reservoir. RBT. Trout - daily bag limit of 4. Private access except for approximately 200 yards upstream of Gracie Creek pond, permission required on private land.

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FFL Gracie Creek Pond (Loup) - 2 acres, N side of Calamus Reservoir-12N, 4E of Taylor. CAP, RBT. Trout - daily bag limit of 4. Put-and-take trout stocking, wheelchair-accessible deck. Modern and primitive camping.

Grove Lake (Antelope) - 50 acres, 2N of Royal. BBH, BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, NOP, RBT. Northern pike - 30-inch minimum length; Trout - daily bag limit of 4. Primitive camping allowed. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Rainbow trout stocked seasonally.

Hackberry Creek WMA (Elkhorn River) (Antelope) - 1 1/2E, 1/2N of Clearwater. CAP, CCF, FCF.

Hooper City Lake (Dodge) - 4 acres, N edge of Hooper on Main Street. BLG, CCF, LMB. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section. Rehabilitation project completed in 2009.

Hull Lake WMA (Boyd) - 6 acres, 1/2 W, 2S 1W 1 1/4 S of Butte. BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB.

FFL Johnson Park Lake (Dodge) - 10 acres, 1 E of Fremont. BLG, CCF, LMB. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section. Paved boat ramp, electric motor and non-powered boats allowed.

FFL Keller Park SRA (Brown) - 7 acres in 5 ponds, 11S of Springview. BLG, CCF, LMB, RBT. Trout - daily bag limit of 4. Pond Nos. 4 and 5 have catchable trout. Primitive camping.

Lake Babcock (Platte) - 600 acres, 1W, 3N of Columbus. BBH, CAP, CCF, FCF. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). May be closed to boating during waterfowl season. Shallow lake, owned by Loup Public Power.

Lake Ericson (Wheeler) - 70 acres, 1/2S of Ericson. BLG, CAP, CCF, CRP, LMB, NOP. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake), boat ramp in NW corner. Lake and dam managed by Lake Ericson Corporation.

Lake North (Platte) - 200 acres, 3N of Columbus. CAP, CCF, CRP, FRD, WAE. Camping; shallow lake. Owned by Loup Public Power, all boats allowed.

Leigh Lake (Platte) - 154 acres, 1/4 NW Leigh. BLG, CCF, LMB. Construction completed in 2009. Fishing opportunities dependent on fill rate. Modern and primitive camping areas to be completed in 2010..

Leigh Tri-county (Colfax) - 7 acres, W edge of Leigh. BLG, CCF, LMB. Additional city regulations enforced.

Lewis and Clark Lake SRA (Knox) - 30,000 acres, 7N, 4W of Crofton. CAP, CCF, CRP, FRD, SAR, SMB, WAE, WHB. Walleye and sauger - 15-inch minimum length. No more than two lines with two hooks on each are allowed from Gavins Point Dam upstream to the Santee boat ramp in Knox County. All boats allowed. Boat ramps available at Bloomfield Area, Hideaway Acres Marina, Weigand and Burbach Park, and Miller Creek Area. Cabins and camping.

Long Lake SRA (Brown) - 155 acres, 8 1/2 W, 21S of Ainsworth. BBH, CAP, NOP, YEP. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Primitive camping.

Long Pine Creek (Brown) - BNT, RBT. Trout - daily bag limit of 4. Public access at Long Pine SRA, camping (1/2NW of Long Pine).

Long Pine WMA (Brown) - 1N, 1/4W of Long Pine. BNT, RBT. Trout - daily bag limit of 4. Remainder of stream is private access, permission required.

Looking Glass WMA (Platte) - 7 acres in 2 lakes, 1S of Monroe. BLG, CCF, LMB.

Loup River Diversion Canal, Loup River (Nance) - Genoa to Columbus. CAP, CCF, FCF, FRD. Tailrace at Columbus, stilling basin W of Genoa, and tailwaters below Monroe and Columbus powerhouses most productive.

Lyons City Lake (Burt) - 5 acres, W edge of Lyons. BLG, CCF, LMB.

Maskenthine Reservoir (Stanton) - 98 acres, 2NW of Stanton. BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, NOP, WAE. Northern pike - 30-inch minimum length. Camping. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake); wheelchair-accessible pier. Owned by Lower Elkhorn NRD.

Middle Loup River (Blaine) - BNT, CAP, CCF, RBT. Public access at Milburn diversion; remainder of stream is private access, permission required.

Milburn Diversion (Middle Loup River) (Blaine) - 2 NW of Milburn. CAP, CCF.

Missouri River (Federal access areas) (Knox) - Nebraska shoreline of river. BUF, CAP, CCF, FCF, FRD, PAH, SAR, SMB, WAE. Walleye and sauger - 15-inch minimum length from Gavins Point Dam upstream to South Dakota border. Camping available. Area boundaries posted, river miles 691.3-691.9, 693.0-693.4, 694.5-695.3, 695.2-697.4, 697.7-699.6, 701.1-701.5.

Mulberry Bend WMA (Missouri River) (Dixon) - 1E of Maskell on Hwy 12 and 2 1/2N. CAP, CCF, PAH, SAR, SMB, WAE. Concrete ramp.

^{FEL}**Neligh Park (West Point Park Pond) (Cumings)** - Adjacent to Cumings fairgrounds. BLG, CCF, LMB. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section.

Niobrara River (Keya Paha) - CAP, CCF. Private access, permission required.

Niobrara SP (Knox) - 7 acres in 2 ponds, 1W of Niobrara. BLG, CCF, LMB, RBT. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section; Trout - daily bag limit of 8. No boats. Niobrara River access. Cabins and camping. Rainbow trout stocked seasonally.

Niobrara Townsite Boat Ramp (Missouri River) (Knox) - N of old Niobrara townsite on county road, river mile 844.0. BUF, CAP, CRP, NOP, SAR, SMB, WAE. Walleye and sauger - 15-inch minimum length. Double-wide concrete ramps - not usable during periods of low water levels.

North Loup River (Blaine) - BNT, CAP, CCF, RBT. Public access at Kent Diversion Dam WMA, 5 1/2E of Taylor; otherwise private access, permission required.

Overton Lake (Holt) - 135 acres, 21S, 5E of Newport. BLG, LMB, YEP. Leased for ice-fishing only, open Dec. 1 through March 15. Closed to public use the remainder of the year.

^{FEL}**Pawnee Park East (Platte)** - 5 acres, Columbus - south edge, use west park entrance then cross under Hwy 81 on park road. BLG, CCF, LMB, RBT. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section; Trout - daily bag limit of 8. Rainbow trout stocked seasonally.

^{FEL}**Pawnee Park West (Platte)** - 2 acres, Columbus - south edge, west side of Hwy 81, south off 8th St. BLG, CCF, LMB. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section.

Pelican Point SRA (Missouri River) (Burt) - 5E, 4N of Tekamah, river mile 672.8. BUF, CAP, CCF, FCF, FRD, SAR, WAE. Public boat ramp, primitive camping.

Penn Park Lake (Antelope) - 8 acres, Neligh city lake, southeast of the Hwy 14 and Hwy 275 interchange. BLG, CAP, CCF, LMB. City regulations in place. Largemouth bass - catch and release.

^{FPL}**Pibel Lake SRA (Wheeler)** - 20 acres, 9S, 1E of Bartlett. BBH, BLG, CCF, LMB. Panfish - daily bag limit of 10; Channel catfish - daily bag limit of 3. No live baitfish can be used or possessed. Primitive camping; boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake).

Pigeon-Jones (Dakota) - 200 acres, 1/2 mile E Hubbard. BLG, CCF, LMB. Construction anticipated during 2009-2010..

Pine Glen WMA (Brown) - 960 acres, 2E, 8 1/4N from Long Pine. BNT, RBT. Trout - daily bag limit of 4. Access to Long Pine Creek by hike to bottom of canyon.

Plum Creek (Brown) - W of Johnstown. BNT, RBT. Trout - daily bag limit of 4. Public access at Bobcat WMA (10N, 1W, 1/2N of Ainsworth) and Plum Creek Valley WMA (1/2W of Johnston on Hwy 20, 1.25 S on county road). Remainder of stream is private access, permission required. One-acre pond on Plum Creek Valley WMA is stocked with rainbow trout.

Ponca State Park (Missouri River) (Dixon) - 2 1/2N of Ponca, river mile 753.5. CAP, CCF, FCF, FRD, PAH, SAR, SMB, WAE. Concrete ramp. Cabins and camping.

^{FPL}**Powder Creek Reservoir (Dixon)** - 107 acres, 2E, 4S of Newcastle. BBH, BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, NOP, WAE. Largemouth bass - 21-inch minimum length; boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake).

Powder Horn WMA (Elkhorn River) (Dodge) - 4NW of Scribner on Hwy 275. CAP, CCF, FCF.

Prairie Wolf WMA (Loup River) (Nance) - 1S of Genoa. CAP, CCF.

Red Fox WMA (Stanton) - 25 acres, sandpit, 1 1/2S of Pilger on Hwy 15. BLG, CAP, CCF, CRP, LMB. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake), primitive boat ramp.

Red Fox WMA (Elkhorn River) (Stanton) - 1S of Pilger on Hwy 15. CAP, CCF, FCF.

Red Wing WMA (Elkhorn River) (Antelope) - 5SW of Neligh. CAP, CCF, FCF.

Scenic Park Access (Missouri River) (Dakota) - 1/2E of Hwy 77 bridge near S. Sioux City, river mile 732.0. CAP, CCF, FCF, FRD. Concrete boat ramp.

^{FPL}**Skyview Lake (Madison)** - 50 acres, Norfolk - north of Business Hwy 275, W of Hwy 81 on Maple Avenue. BLG, CCF, LMB, WAE. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section. No live baitfish can be used or possessed. Wheelchair-accessible deck, electric motor or non-powered boats allowed.

Spencer WMA (Niobrara River) (Holt) - 18N of O'Neill. CAP, CCF, SAR. Bag limit on channel catfish is 5 from the dam downstream to the Missouri River. Primitive camping.

St. Helena Access (Missouri River) (Cedar) - 6 1/2E, 1N of Hwy 81 & 121 Jct. CCF, FCF, FRD, PAH, SAR, SMB, WAE. Concrete boat ramp.

Steel Creek (Holt) - BNT, RBT. Private access, permission required.

FFL Summit Lake SRA (Burt) - 190 acres, 4 1/2W, 1/2S of Tekamah. BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, WAE. Panfish - daily bag limit of 10; Channel catfish - daily bag limit of 3; boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake), fish-cleaning station. Camping.

Sunshine Bottoms (Missouri River) (Boyd) - 3E, 4N of Lynch. CAP, CCF, FRD, GOE, SAR, SMB, WAE. Boat ramp.

Swan Lake (Holt) - 235 acres, 26S, 1/2W of Atkinson. BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, YEP. Primitive boat ramp, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Private lake leased for fishing only.

FEL TaHaZouka Park Lake (Madison) - 5 acres, Norfolk - south edge of Norfolk just east of Hwy 81 and just north of the Elkhorn River. BLG, CCF, LMB, RBT. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section. No live baitfish can be used or possessed; Trout - daily bag limit of 8. Rainbow trout stocked seasonally.

Tilden City Pond (Antelope) - 1 acre, Tilden - Horseshoe Bend Memorial Park - SW corner of town on 5th St. BLG, CCF, LMB. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section. Additional city regulations.

Tower Lake (Yellowthroat WMA) (Brown) - 75 acres, 12.5S, 1.5E of Ainsworth. BLG, CRP, LMB, YEP.

Twin Lakes WMA (Rock) - 160 acres, 16S, 2 1/2E, 2S of Bassett. BLG, CRP, LMB, NOP, YEP. Area closed to fishing Oct. 15 through Jan. 1, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake), primitive boat ramp.

Verdel Landing WMA (Missouri River) (Knox) - 2E, 2N of Verdel. CAP, CCF, CRP, LMB, NOP, SAR, SMB, WAE. Walleye and sauger - 15-inch minimum length limit. Double wide boat ramp, ample parking.

Whitetail WMA (Platte River) (Colfax) - 1/2W of Schuyler on Hwy. 30, 3S on county road. CAP, CCF, FCF, SAR.

Wilkinson WMA (Platte) - 1 acre in 2 ponds, 1 1/2S of Platte Center. BLG, CCF, LMB.

Willow Creek SRA (Pierce) - 700 acres, 2SW of Pierce. BLG, CAP, CCF, CRP, LMB, WAE, WIP. Wiper - daily bag limit of 3, with no more than 1 fish 18 inches or greater. Wheelchair-accessible dock. Boats restricted to 5mph (no wake) on west half of lake. Modern and primitive camping.

Willow Lake WMA (Brown) - 313 acres, 18 1/2S, 12 1/2W, 1N of Ainsworth. BBH, BLG, CAP, CRP, LMB, YEP. Primitive camping; boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake); snowmobiles and ATVs allowed on ice.

Wood Duck WMA (Stanton) - 50 acres, 3SW of Stanton. CAP, CCF, CRP, FCF, LMB. Elkhorn River access. Access road to river closed during hunting season, shallow lakes and oxbow marshes open to fishing.

Yellowbanks WMA (Elkhorn River) (Madison) - 3N, 2 1/2W of Battle Creek. CAP, CCF, FCF.

SOUTHWEST

FEL Ansley Lake (Custer) - 4 acres, Ansley - west edge of town off Hwy 2. BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section. No live baitfish can be used or possessed. Improved boat ramp, electric motor or non-powered boats allowed.

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Arnold Lake SRA (Custer) - 4 acres, 1/2 S of Arnold, west side of Hwy 40. BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, RBT. Trout - daily bag limit of 8. Aquatic vegetation hampers summer fishing. Rainbow trout stocked seasonally.

FEL Barnett Park Pond (Red Willow) - 5 acres, S edge McCook off Hwy 83. BLG, CCF, LMB, RBT. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section; Trout - daily bag limit of 8. Electric motor or non-powered boats allowed. Rainbow trout stocked seasonally.

Birdwood WMA (Lincoln) - 20 acres, North Platte interchange, 1/2S, 3 1/2W, 1N, NW across overpass. BLG, CCF, LMB, RBT, ROB, YEP. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section; Trout - daily bag limit of 8. Electric motor or non-powered boats allowed. Rainbow trout stocked seasonally.

Brady Interchange WMA (Lincoln) - 25 acres, Brady interchange, SE quadrant. BLG, LMB, RSF. Electric motor or non-powered boats allowed.

Chester Island WMA (Lincoln) - 4 acres in 4 pits, 2S, 1/2W of Brady. BLG, CCF, LMB. No boats.

CNPPID Canal (Tri County) (Lincoln) - North Platte to Lexington. CCF, FCF, SMB, WAE, WHB, WIP. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake).

Crystal Lake (Lincoln) - 7 acres, Maxwell interchange, 3/4N, 2W, 1/2N, 3 1/2W, 1/2S across overpass. BLG, CCF, LMB. Electric motor or non-powered boats allowed.

Curtis Golf Course Pond (Frontier) - 1.7 acres, E edge of Curtis, Hwy 23 and Arrowhead Meadows Drive. BLG, CCF, LMB, RBT. Trout - daily bag limit of 8; See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section. Boats Prohibited. Rainbow trout stocked seasonally.

Dismal River (Custer) - BNT, CAP, CCF, RBT. Public access at Arcadia diversion; remainder of stream is private access, permission required.

East Hershey WMA (Lincoln) - 20 acres, North Platte interchange, 1/2S, 7 3/4W, 1 1/2N, NE across overpass. BLG, CCF, LMB, ROB, YEP. Electric motor or non-powered boats allowed.

East Sutherland WMA (Lincoln) - 27 acres, Hershey interchange, 1/4S, 3W, 1/2N, NE across overpass. BLG, CCF, HSF, LMB, NOP, ROB, YEP. Electric motor or non-powered boats allowed.

Enders Reservoir SRA (Chase) - 1,200 acres, 5E, 4 1/2S of Imperial. CAP, CCF, CRP, FCF, LMB, MUE, NOP, SMB, WAE, WHB, WIP. Northern pike - 30-inch minimum length. Primitive camping; all boats allowed; operating under low water conditions. It is unlawful to fish or boat inside the game refuge during the waterfowl hunting season.

Fort McPherson DOR (Lincoln) - 30 acres, Maxwell interchange, SE quadrant. BLG, CCF, LMB, ROB, SMB. Electric motor and non-powered boats allowed.

Fremont Slough WMA (Lincoln) - 30 acres, North Platte interchange, 1 1/2S, 4 3/4E, 1/4N, right turn across canal, 1/4N under overpass. BLG, CCF, CAP, LMB. Electric motor or non-powered boats allowed.

Frenchman WMA (Hayes) - 20 acres in 3 pits, 1/2N of Palisade. BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, NOP. Electric motor or non-powered boats allowed.

Hayes Center Lake WMA (Hayes) - 50 acres, 12NE of Hayes Center. BLG, CCF, LMB. Electric motor or non-powered boats allowed.

Hershey WMA (Lincoln) - 53 acres, Hershey interchange, SE quadrant. BLG, CCF, FCF, LMB, NOP, ROB, WAE, YEP. Electric motor or non-powered boats allowed.

^{FEL}**Humphrey Pond (Keith)** - 3 acres, east edge of Ogallala on Hwy. 30. BLG, CCF, LMB, RBT. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section; Trout - daily bag limit of 8. Closed to boats. Rainbow trout stocked seasonally.

Jeffrey Reservoir (Lincoln) - 900 acres, 5S, 3W of Brady. BLG, CAP, CCF, CRP, FCF, FRD, SAR, WAE, WHB, WIP. All boats allowed.

Lake Maloney SRA (Lincoln) - 1,600 acres, 6S of North Platte. BLG, CAP, CCF, CRP, FCF, FRD, SMB, WAE, WHB, WIP. Camping; all boats allowed; wheelchair-accessible deck at inlet.

Lake McConaughy SRA (Keith) - 30,000 acres, 10N of Ogallala. BBH, CCF, NOP, SMB, WAE, WHB, WIP, YEP. It is unlawful to possess a walleye on that portion of Otter Creek from the junction at the shore of the lake upstream to, and including, the culvert under Hwy. 92. Modern and primitive camping; all boats allowed. Subject to severe summer drawdowns. Fish cleaning station in Martin Bay.

^{FEL}**Lake Ogallala SRA (Keith)** - 650 acres, 10N of Ogallala. CCF, RBT, SMB, WAE, WHB, WIP, YEP. Combination bag limit on all trout is 4, with a possession limit of 8. Modern/primitive camping; boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake), wheelchair-accessible deck. Fish cleaning station in the NW corner. Renovated in 2009.

Maxwell Rest Stop DOR (Lincoln) - 5 acres, 3E Maxwell interchange. BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB. No boats.

Medicine Creek SRA (Harry Strunk Lake) (Frontier) - 1,850 acres, 2W, 7N of Cambridge. CAP, CCF, CRP, FCF, LMB, WAE, WHB, WIP. Primitive and modern camping; all boats allowed. Subject to severe summer drawdowns.

Melham Park Lake (Custer) - 4 acres, Broken Bow, north of Memorial Drive, east of N. 5th Avenue. BLG, CCF, LMB. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section.

Middle Loup River (Custer) - CAP, CCF. Public access at Arcadia diversion; remainder of stream is private access, permission required.

^{FEL}**North Platte I-80 City Lake (Lincoln)** - 26 acres, North Platte I-80 interchange, exit 177, south on Hwy. 83, first left turn. BLG, CCF, LMB, NOP, ROB, WAE, WIP. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section. Primitive boat ramp, electric motor or non-powered boats allowed, fishing deck.

North Platte River (Keith) - Keystone to Paxton. BNT, RBT. Trout - daily bag limit of 4. Private access, permission required.

North River WMA (Platte River) (Lincoln) - 2 1/2N of Hershey. CAP, CCF, FCF. Encompasses 2 miles of North Platte River.

Otter Creek (Keith) - 12E of Lewellen. BNT, RBT. Private property, permission required.

Pawnee Slough DOR (Lincoln) - 30 acres, 2W of Maxwell on Hwy. 30. BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, ROB. Electric motor or non-powered boats allowed.

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Pressey WMA (Custer) - 2 acres, 3N, 1E Oconto. BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB. Electric motor or non-powered boats allowed.

Red Willow SRA (Hugh Butler Lake) (Frontier) - 1,630 acres, 11N of McCook. CAP, CCF, CRP, FCF, LMB, NOP, SMB, WAE, WHB, WIP. Northern pike - 30-inch minimum length. Modern camping; all boats allowed. Subject to severe summer drawdowns.

Rock Creek Lake SRA (Dundy) - 50 acres, 4N, 1W of Parks. CCF, LMB, RBT, RSF, YEP. Trout - daily bag limit of 4. Primitive camping; electric motor or non-powered boats allowed. Rainbow trout stocked seasonally.

Sutherland Cooling Pond (Lincoln) - 220 acres, 2S of Sutherland. CAP, CCF, FRD, WAE, WHB, WIP, YEP.

Sutherland Reservoir SRA (Lincoln) - 3,000 acres, 2S of Sutherland. CCF, FRD, WAE, WHB, WIP, YEP. Ice fishermen use caution due to heated discharge from power plant. Primitive camping; all boats allowed; wheelchair-accessible pier.

Sutherland Supply Canal (Keith) - BNT, RBT. Trout - daily bag limit of 4. Access via CNPPID road.

Swanson Reservoir SRA (Hitchcock) - 5,000 acres, 2W of Trenton. BCF, CAP, CCF, CRP, FCF, FRD, WAE, WHB, WIP. All boats allowed. Subject to severe summer drawdowns. Modern and primitive camping.

Victoria Springs Lake SRA (Custer) - 6 acres, 6E of Anselmo off Rt. S21A. BLG, CCF, LMB, RBT. Trout - daily bag limit of 4. Shallow, with extensive vegetation, non-powered boats only. Cabins and camping. Rainbow trout stocked seasonally.

Wellfleet Lake (Lincoln) - 50 acres, 1/2SW of Wellfleet. BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB. Primitive camping; electric motor or non-powered boats allowed.

West Brady WMA (Lincoln) - 6 acres, Brady interchange, 3/4N, 3W across overpass. BLG, CCF, LMB. Electric motor or non-powered boats allowed.

West Gothenburg WMA (Lincoln) - 15 acres, Brady interchange, 3 1/2E on Hwy. 30, 1/4S across tracks. BLG, CCF, LMB, ROB, RSF. Electric motor or non-powered boats allowed.

West Hershey WMA (Lincoln) - 6 acres, Hershey interchange, 1/2W. BLG, CCF, LMB. Electric motor or non-powered boats allowed. Access across private land.

West Maxwell WMA (Lincoln) - 7 acres, Maxwell interchange, 3/4N, 3/4W, 1/4S. BLG, CAP, CCF, CRP, LMB, ROB. Electric motor or non-powered boats allowed.

32-Mile H, Prairie Lake (Adams) - 65 acres, 1 1/2E, 4 1/2S of Juniata. BBH, CAP, CCF. Owned by the Little Blue NRD; walk-in access only; turbid.

SOUTH-CENTRAL

Alda DOR (Hall) - 12 acres, Alda interchange, NE quadrant. BLG, CCF, LMB, NOP. Channel catfish - daily bag of 3; Northern pike - 30-inch minimum length. No boats allowed.

^{FEL}Auble Pond (Valley) - 5 acres, Bussell Park Rd. and G Street, Ord. BLG, CCF, LMB, RBT. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section; Trout - daily bag limit of 8. Rainbow trout stocked seasonally.

Bader Memorial County Park (Merrick) - 12 acres in 7 lakes, 1 1/2 S of Chapman. BLG, CCF, LMB. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section. Modern and primitive camping; no boats. Entrance fee required by county.

Bassway Strip WMA (Buffalo) - 39 acres in 2 lakes, Minden interchange, 1/4S on Hwy. 10, east on county road back toward I-80. BBH, BLG, CAP, CCF, CRP, LMB. Channel catfish - daily bag limit of 3. Improved boat ramp on West Lake, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). East lake walk-in only. Platte River access.

^{FFL}**Bethphage Pond (Kearney)** - 3 acres, 1/4N Axtell. BLG, CCF, LMB. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section. No live baitfish can be used or possessed. Wheelchair-accessible deck.

Blue Hole WMA (Buffalo) - 37 acres, Elm Creek interchange, SW quadrant. BLG, CAP, CCF, CRP, LMB, SAR. Channel catfish - daily bag limit of 3. Improved boat ramp, Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). North channel of Platte River connects to lake. Platte River access.

Bowman Lake SRA (Sherman) - 2 acres, 1/2W of Loup City on Hwy. 92. BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB. Electric motor or non-powered boats allowed. Middle Loup River access. Primitive camping.

Bufflehead WMA (Buffalo) - 15 acres, Kearney interchange, 1N to 11th St., 3E, 1S, 1/2E. BLG, CCF, LMB, ROB, YEP. Channel catfish - daily bag limit of 3. Improved boat ramp, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake).

^{FFL}**Cheyenne SRA (Hall)** - 7 acres, Wood River interchange, NW quadrant. BLG, CAP, CCF, LMB. Largemouth bass - catch and release; Channel catfish - daily bag limit of 3. Primitive camping. Gravel boat ramp. Electric motor or non-powered boats allowed.

Coot Shallows WMA (Buffalo) - 12 acres, Odessa interchange, 3/4N, 1 3/4W. BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB. Channel catfish - daily bag limit of 3. Improved boat ramp, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake).

Cornhusker WMA (Hall) - 1 acre, 4W of Grand Island. BLG, CCF, LMB. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section. Subject to water level fluctuations.

^{FFL}**Cottonmill Lake (Buffalo)** - 43 acres, 1W, 1/2N of Kearney on Hwy. 30, N of Hwy. 30 off Cottonmill Avenue. BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, NOP. Northern pike - 30-inch minimum length. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section. No live baitfish allowed. Improved boat ramp, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake).

Cozad WMA (Dawson) - 18 acres, Cozad interchange, SE quadrant. BLG, CAP, CCF, LMB, ROB, YEP. Channel catfish - daily bag limit of 3. Improved boat ramp, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake), wheelchair-accessible ramp. Platte River access.

Crystal Lake SRA (Adams) - 5 acres, 2N, 1W of Ayr. BLG, CCF, LMB. Subject to summer drawdowns. Limited fishing opportunity. Electric motor or non-powered boats allowed. Modern and primitive camping.

Darr WMA (Dawson) - 13 acres, Darr interchange, NW quadrant. BLG, CCF, LMB, ROB. Channel catfish - daily bag limit of 3. Electric motor or non-powered boats allowed.

Davis Creek Reservoir (Valley) - 1,145 acres, 5S, 1E of North Loup. BBH, BLG, CAP, CRP, LMB, WAE, WHB, WIP, YEP. Concrete boat ramp. Camping. Water level fluctuates due to irrigation.

Dawson County Museum Pond (Dawson) - 3 acres, Lexington - 805 N Taft St. BLG, CCF, LMB.

Dogwood WMA (Dawson) - 12 acres in 2 lakes, Lexington interchange, 5 1/2E, 2 1/2S across overpass, 1/4E. BLG, CCF, LMB, ROB. Channel catfish - daily bag limit of 3. Improved boat ramp on East Lake, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Platte River access.

Eagle Scout Lake (Hall) - 55 acres, 1N of Grand Island, Hwy. 281 and N Broadwell Ave. BBH, BLG, CAP, CCF, CRP, LMB. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section. Concrete boat ramp, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake); wheelchair-accessible deck; hike-bike trail around lake.

East Gothenburg WMA (Dawson) - 15 acres, Gothenburg interchange, 1/2S, 1/2E, 3 1/2SE and E. CCF, CRP, LMB, RSF. Channel catfish - daily bag limit of 3. Improved boat ramp, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake).

East Odessa WMA (Buffalo) - 7 acres, Odessa interchange, 4E on S side of I-80. BLG, CCF, LMB. Channel catfish - daily bag limit of 3. Electric motor or non-powered boats allowed. Platte River access.

Elm Creek WMA (Webster) - 4E, 2N of Red Cloud. RBT. Trout - daily bag limit of 4. One-half mile of Elm Creek is on public land, the rest on private land, permission required. Trout stocked in March and September.

Elwood Reservoir WMA (Gosper) - 1150 acres, 3N of Elwood. BLG, CCF, CRP, FCF, LMB, MUE, SPB, WAE, WHB, WIP. Wiper/white bass - daily bag limit of 3 with no more than 1 fish 18 inches or greater; Walleye - 15-inch minimum length with a 18- to 24-inch protected slot, with only 1 larger than 24 inches allowed in the daily bag limit. Bank access at entrance; boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Subject to summer drawdown.

Farwell South Reservoir (Howard) - 40 acres, 4W, 3S of Farwell. CAP, CCF, CRP, FCF, WAE. Electric motor or non-powered boats allowed.

FFL Fort Kearny SRA (Kearney) - 21 acre in 7 pits, 3/4E, 1N of Ft. Kearny SHP. BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, WIP. Panfish - daily bag limit of 10; Channel catfish - daily bag limit of 3, except Lake No. 2 which is catch and release; no archery fishing allowed. Electric motor or non-powered boats allowed; wheelchair-accessible deck on lakes No. 6 and 7. Modern and primitive camping. Wipers in lake number 4.

Gallagher Canyon Reservoir SRA (Dawson) - 182 acres, 8S of Cozad. CAP, CCF, CRP, FCF, FRD, SAR, WAE, WHB, WIP. Primitive camping; boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake); gravel boat ramp.

Grand Island Eastbound Rest Area (Hall) - 6 acres, 3E of Grand Island Interchange. BLG, CCF, LMB. Channel catfish - daily bag limit of 3. No boats allowed. Low levels possible.

Grand Island L.E. Ray Lake (Hall) - 30 acres, Grand Island - N of Husker Hwy. and East Blaine. BLG, CCF, LMB, MUE, YEP. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section. No live baitfish can be used or possessed. Concrete boat ramp. Electric motors or non-powered boats allowed.

FFL Grand Island Pier Lake (Hall) - 9 acres, Grand Island - Ashton Ave. and Bismarck Rd. BBH, BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section. Improved boat ramp. Fish kill in 2009.

FFL Grand Island Such's Lake (Hall) - 4 acres, Grand Island - Harrison St. BLG, CCF, LMB, RBT. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section; No live baitfish can be used or possessed; Trout - daily bag limit of 8. Wheelchair-accessible deck. Rainbow trout stocked seasonally.

Grand Island Wastewater Pond (Hall) - 8 acres, Grand Island - Swift Rd., E of Stuhr Rd. BLG, CCF, LMB. Limited walk-in access from west side.

Harlan Reservoir (Harlan) - 13,500 acres, S of Alma and Republican City. CCF, CRP, FCF, NOP, WAE, WHB, WIP. Walleye - daily bag limit of 4 may include one walleye from 15 through 18 inches and three over 18 inches or four over 18 inches, but no more than one over 22 inches in length allowed in the daily bag. Channel catfish - daily bag limit of 5. Modern and primitive camping; all boats allowed. Subject to summer drawdown. Fish-cleaning stations at Hunter Cove and Methodist Cove.

Harold W. Anderson WMA (Middle Loup River) (Howard) - 2N, 3E of Dannebrog. CAP, CCF.

Heartland Shooting Center Pond (Hall) - 7 acres, 2W of Grand Island on Husker Highway. BLG, CCF, LMB. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section. Open to fishing during public shooting hours. Low water possible due to seepage problems.

FFL Heartwell Park Lake (Adams) - 3 acres, Hastings - E Forest Blvd. BLG, CCF, LMB, RBT. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section; No live baitfish can be used or possessed; Trout - daily bag limit of 8. Rainbow trout stocked seasonally.

FFL Holdrege City Lake (North Park) (Phelps) - 10 acres, Holdrege - east of Hwy. 183 on 18th Avenue. BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, RBT. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section. No live baitfish can be used or possessed; Trout - daily bag limit of 8. Improved boat ramp, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake); wheelchair-accessible pier. Rainbow trout stocked seasonally.

Indian Creek WMA (Republican River) (Webster) - 1S of Red Cloud. CAP, CCF, WHB.

Indian Creek WMA Pond (Webster) - 2 acres, 1S of Red Cloud. BLG, CCF, LMB. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section.

Johnson Lake SRA (Gosper) - 2,189 acres, 7S of Lexington. BLG, CAP, CCF, CRP, FCF, FRD, SAR, SMB, WAE, WHB, WIP. Primitive and modern camping; all boats allowed; 2 wheelchair-accessible fishing decks at inlet. Fish-cleaning stations at inlet and near East SRA campground.

Kea Lake WMA (Buffalo) - 20 acres, Kearney interchange, SW quadrant. BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB. Channel catfish - daily bag limit of 3. Improved boat ramp, wheelchair-accessible ramp access, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake).

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Kea West WMA (Buffalo) - 8 acres, Kearney interchange, 1N to 11th St., 1 1/4W, 1S to overpass approach, turn east. BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, ROB, YEP. Channel catfish - daily bag limit of 3. Primitive boat ramp, electric motor or non-powered boats allowed.

Lake Hastings (Adams) - 63 acres, N edge Hastings, west of Hwy. 281. BBH, CAP, CCF, CRP. Special city boating regulations.

Lake Helen (Dawson) - 20 acres, N edge Gothenburg, west of Hwy. 47 at 25th St. CAP, CCF, WIP.

Len Koziol WMA (Loup River) (Howard) - 2 1/2N, 2E 1/2N of St. Paul. CAP, CCF.

^{FEL}**Lexington City Lake (Dawson)** - 3 acres, N edge Lexington, N. Adams St. (Rt. 21) and W. 13th St. BLG, CCF, LMB, RBT. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section. No live baitfish can be used or possessed; Trout - daily bag limit of 8. Rainbow trout stocked seasonally; no ice fishing allowed.

Liberty Cove (Webster) - 36 acres, 2S, 2 1/2W of Lawrence. BLG, CCF, LMB. Channel catfish - daily bag limit of 3. Owned by the Little Blue NRD; deck with gravel access; Concrete boat ramp, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Subject to very low water levels.

Lincoln Park Pond (Nuckolls) - 1 acre, W edge of Superior, W. 4th Street off Hwy. 14. BLG, CCF, LMB. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section. No live baitfish can be used or possessed.

Loch Linda WMA (Platte River) (Hall) - 10S, 3W of Grand Island. CAP, CCF.

Marsh Wren WMA (Howard) - 1 acre, 3N, 3W of St. Paul. BLG, LMB. Access to North Loup River.

Martins Reach WMA (Platte River) (Hall) - 4S, 2W of Wood River. CAP, CCF.

Midway Canyon Reservoir (Dawson) - 609 acres, 6S, 2W of Cozad. CCF, CRP, FCF, FRD, SAR, WAE, WHB, WIP. All boats allowed, public boat ramp on Road 418.

Minden Biological Learning Center Pond (Kearney) - 0.5 acres, West 5th Street Minden, at Minden High School. BLG, CCF, LMB.

Mormon Island DOR (East) (Hall) - 22 acres, Grand Island interchange, N of I-80, 1 1/2E. BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, MUE. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section. Access on foot from Mormon Island SRA.

^{FEL}**Mormon Island SRA (Middle) (Hall)** - 19 acres, Grand Island interchange, NE quadrant. BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, RSF. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section; no archery fishing allowed. Electric motor or non-powered boats allowed. Walk-in access from Mormon Island SRA. Modern and primitive camping.

^{FEL}**Mormon Island SRA (West) (Hall)** - 42 acres, Grand Island interchange, NE quadrant. BBH, BLG, CAP, CCF, CRP, LMB. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section; no archery fishing allowed. Modern camping, electric motor or non-powered boats allowed, wheelchair-accessible pier. Modern and primitive camping.

Mormon Trail (Merrick) - 1 acre, 1.5S, 2W Clarks. BLG, CCF, LMB. Subject to low water levels.

Narrows WMA (Webster) - 4W of Red Cloud on Hwy. 136. CAP, CCF, WHB. Access to Republican River.

North Kearney Rest Area (westbound) DOR (Buffalo) - 7 acres, 2W of Kearney interchange at exit 272 on I-80 to rest stop. BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB. Channel catfish - daily bag limit of 3. No boats allowed.

FFL North Loup SRA (Howard) - 7 acres, 3N of St. Paul, just north of the North Loup River on Hwy. 281. BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB. Electric motor or non-powered boats allowed.

FFL Oxford City Lake (Furnas) - 2 acres, 1/4 mile S of downtown on Central Avenue. BLG, CCF, LMB. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section. Rehabilitation project in 2009-2010.

Phillips Canyon Reservoir (Gosper) - 142 acres, 8S, 1E, 1N Lexington. CCF, CRP, FRD, SAR, WAE, WHB, WIP. Primitive boat ramp, all boats allowed; unimproved access road - dry weather only.

Pioneer Trail Lake (Hamilton) - 45 acres, 1/2E Aurora. BLG, CCF, LMB. Seepage problems - low water conditions common.

Plum Creek Canyon Reservoir (Dawson) - 252 acres, 8S, 3 1/2E Cozad. CCF, CRP, FCF, FRD, SAR, WAE, WHB, WIP. Primitive boat ramp, all boats allowed.

Ravenna Lake (Buffalo) - 16 acres, 1SE of Ravenna, N of Hwy. 2. BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section. No live baitfish can be used or possessed. Primitive camping; electric motor or non-powered boats allowed, gravel boat ramp, wheelchair-accessible deck. Managed by the county.

Sac Wilcox WMA (Phelps) - 2 acres in 3 lakes, 10E, 3S of Holdrege. BLG, CCF, LMB. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section. Seepage problem on two of the lakes.

Sandy Channel SRA (Buffalo) - 52 acres in 6 lakes, 2S of Elm Creek I-80 Interchange. BLG, CAP, CCF, CRP, LMB, ROB, YEP. Channel catfish - daily bag limit of 3. Electric motor or non-powered boats allowed, except on Lake No. 8 where outboard motors are allowed, but boats are restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Wheelchair-accessible, improved boat ramp on Lake No. 8. Primitive camping.

Sherman Reservoir SRA (Sherman) - 2,845 acres, 4E, 1N of Loup City. CCF, CRP, FCF, NOP, WAE, WHB. Walleye - daily bag limit may include 2 walleye greater than 15 inches but less than 20 inches and 1 walleye greater than 28 inches. There is a slot limit protecting walleye 20 through 28 inches; Crappie - 10-inch minimum length; Northern Pike - 30-inch minimum length. Primitive camping; all boats allowed. Subject to summer drawdowns. Waters within 150 feet of the dam, including the spawning reefs on the SW end of the dam, are closed to fishing from sunset to sunrise April 1 through April 20. Fish-cleaning stations at Trail 2 area near main boat ramp parking lot and at Trail 1 (Thunder Bay boat ramp).

FFL Silver Creek City Pond (Merrick) - 4 acres, South on Hwy. 39. BLG, CCF, LMB. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section.

South Kearney Rest Area (eastbound) DOR (Buffalo) - 1 acre, 6E of Odessa interchange at exit 263 to rest stop. BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, RSF. No boats allowed.

Spalding Lake (Greeley) - 24 acres, south edge of Spalding. BLG, CAP, CCF, LMB, NOP. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake), lake dewatered periodically to flush sediment. Also Cedar River access.

FEL Sutton Clark Pond (Clay) - 1 acre, Sutton - Glen Avenue and West Cedar Street. BLG, CCF, LMB. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section. No live baitfish can be used or possessed.

Union Pacific SRA (Buffalo) - 15 acres, Odessa interchange, NE quadrant. BLG, CCF, LMB, ROB. Channel catfish - daily bag limit of 3. Primitive camping; gravel boat ramp, electric motor or non-powered boats allowed.

War Axe SRA (Buffalo) - 14 acres, Shelton interchange, NE quadrant. CCF, RSF, SMB. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section. Gravel boat ramp, electric motor or non-powered boats allowed. Primitive camping.

West Cozad WMA (Dawson) - 18 acres, Cozad interchange, 1/2N, 1/4W, 1/4N, 1W, 1S. CCF, LMB, ROB, RSF. Channel catfish - daily bag limit of 3. Electric motor or non-powered boats allowed.

West Elm Creek WMA (Buffalo) - 9 acres, 5W Elm Creek interchange. CCF, GSF. Access across private property, permission required.

West Wood River WMA (Hall) - 15 acres, Wood River interchange, 1/2S, 1W, N across overpass, 1/4W. BLG, CAP, CCF, LMB. Largemouth bass - catch and release; Channel catfish - daily bag limit of 3. Electric motor or non-powered boats allowed.

Willow Island WMA (Dawson) - 24 acres, 5 1/4W of Cozad on Hwy. 30, 3/4S across overpass. BLG, CAP, CCF, LMB. Lake connects to Platte River. Electric motor or non-powered boats allowed.

FEL Windmill SRA (Buffalo) - 23 acres in 6 pits, Gibbon interchange, NE quadrant. BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, RBT, WIP. Panfish - daily bag limit of 10; Channel catfish - daily bag limit of 3, except Lake No. 3 that is catch and release; Area closed to archery fishing; Trout - daily bag limit of 8. Wheelchair-accessible deck (Lake No. 2); electric motor or non-powered boats allowed. Modern and primitive camping. Rainbow trout stocked seasonally in lake number 1. Wipers in lake number 3.

FEL Wolbach City Pond (Greeley) - 3 acres, Wolbach - north edge of town off Hwy. 22 on Bluff St. BLG, CCF, LMB. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section.

FEL Yanney Park Lake (Buffalo) - 20 acres, Kearney - off W. 11th Street. BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, YEP. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section. No live baitfish can be used or possessed. Wheelchair-accessible fishing pier.

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Adams Park Pond (Douglas) - 3 acres, NE Omaha - Bedford Avenue and 33rd St. BLG, CCF, LMB. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section. Restricted to children under 16, adults with a child that is actively fishing, and adults 65 and older. Improvement to shoreline access planned by city.

Alexandria Southwest WMA (Big Sandy Creek) (Jefferson) - 1/2S, 1E of Alexandria. CAP, CCF.

Alexandria SRA (Jefferson) - 43 acres in 2 lakes, 2S, 3E of Alexandria. BLG, CCF, LMB, RSF. Electric motor or non-powered boats allowed; modern and primitive camping.

Arrowhead WMA (Gage) - 77 acres, 3E, 1/2S of Diller. BBH, CAP, CCF. Electric motor or non-powered boats allowed, very turbid and shallow.

Aspinwall Bend WMA (Missouri and Little Nemaha rivers) (Nemaha) - 3/4S of Nemaha. CAP, CCF.

^{FEL}**Auburn Rotary Club Lake (Nemaha)** - 5 acres, 7th and J St., Auburn. BLG, CCF, LMB, RBT. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section; Trout - daily bag limit of 8. Rainbow trout stocked seasonally.

^{FEL}**Baright Lake (Cass)** - 4 acres, Eugene T. Mahoney SP. BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB. Children under 16 years of age, disabled adults, and adults assisting kids fishing are permitted to fish the entire lake, except the immediate marina area. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section. No motorboats allowed.

Bear Pierce Cedar 2A (Gage) - 24 acres, 4N, 3 1/2E of Hwy 77 and Hwy 136 junction. BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB. Owned by the Lower Big Blue NRD. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake).

Bennington Lake (Douglas) - 270 acres, 180th and Bennington Road. BLG, CCF, LMB. Largemouth bass - catch and release; Panfish - daily bag limit of 10; Channel catfish - daily bag limit of 3. Ice-fishing not allowed. Public access is only permitted on the jetty located 1/2W of 168th St. at the intersection of Highway 36 and Newport Landing.

^{FEL}**Benson Park Pond (Douglas)** - 4 acres, Omaha - off 72nd St. at Military and Ames Ave. intersection. BLG, CCF, LMB, RBT. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section. Restricted to children under 16, adults with a child that is actively fishing, and adults 65 or older; Trout - daily bag limit of 8. Rainbow trout stocked seasonally.

Big Indian 11A (Gage) - 76 acres, 3S, 3W of Wymore. BBH, BLG, CAP, CCF, CRP, LMB. Primitive camping. Boat ramp, all boats allowed; very turbid. Owned by the Lower Big Blue NRD. Rehabilitation planned in 2009/2010.

Blue Bluffs WMA (Big Blue River) (Seward) - 1/2N, 1E, 2S of Milford. CAP, CCF, FCF.

Blue River SRA (Big Blue River) (Saline) - 3 1/2N of Dorchester. CAP, CCF, FCF.

Blue Valley (Big Blue River) (Seward) - 1/2S of Seward. CAP, CCF, FCF.

Bluestem Lake SRA (Lancaster) - 326 acres, 2 1/2W of Sprague. BLG, CAP, CCF, CRP, FCF, LMB, WAE. Primitive camping; concrete boat ramp, all boats allowed.

Bowling Lake (Lancaster) - 12 acres, Lincoln - NW 48th St. and W. Cuming St. (Airpark). BLG, CCF, LMB, RBT. Largemouth bass - catch and release; Panfish - daily bag limit of 10; Channel catfish - daily bag limit of 3; Trout - daily bag limit of 8. Concrete boat ramp, electric motor or non-powered boats allowed. Lincoln City lake. Rainbow trout stocked seasonally in pond on South side of park.

Bowwood WMA (Pawnee) - 6 acres, 2S of Steinauer. BLG, CCF, LMB. Electric motors or non-powered boats allowed.

Bramble WMA (Platte River) (Saunders) - 5W, 2N of Cedar Bluffs. CAP, CCF.

Branched Oak Lake SRA (Lancaster) - 1,800 acres, 1/2W, 4N of Malcolm. BCF, BLG, CAP, CCF, CRP, FCF, LMB, WAE, WHP, WIP. Walleye - daily bag limit of 1, 22 inches or longer; Crappie - 10-inch minimum length; Wiper and Flathead catfish - catch and release. Modern and primitive camping; boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake) 400 feet lakeward from the dam and 90 feet from all other shorelines or as posted as no wake areas. Several concrete boat ramps available; wheelchair-accessible deck by marina.

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Brownville SRA (Missouri River) (Nemaha) - 1E of Brownville. BUF, CAP, CCF, FCF, SNS. Boat ramp; primitive camping.

Bruning Dam (Fillmore) - 258 acres, 2 1/2E, 1N of Bruning. BBH, CAP, CCF. Owned by the Little Blue NRD; very turbid. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake).

Buckley 3F (Jefferson) - 22 acres, 7W, 4 1/2S of Fairbury. CCF. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Owned by the Little Blue NRD; very turbid.

Burchard Lake (Pawnee) - 150 acres, 3E, 1/2N of Burchard. BBH, BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, WAE, YEP. Largemouth bass - 21-inch minimum length. Beginning Oct. 15 until the close of the dark goose season, fishing is restricted to the shoreline or on the ice (Check current Nebraska Guide to Hunting and Public Lands). Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake), concrete boat ramp; primitive camping.

Carter Lake (Douglas) - 300 acres, Omaha - Abbott Drive and Carter Blvd. BBH, BCF, BLG, BUF, CAP, CCF, CRP, FRD, LMB, WAE. All boats allowed, concrete boat ramp; wheelchair-accessible deck. Open 5 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Catfish Run WMA (Salt Creek) (Sarpy) - 3/4E of Ashland. CAP, CCF, SNS.

Clatonia 3A (Gage) - 46 acres, 1N of Clatonia. BBH, CCF. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Owned by the Lower Big Blue NRD; turbid, low water levels.

Conestoga Lake SRA (Lancaster) - 230 acres, 1 1/2N of Denton. BLG, CAP, CCF, CRP, FCF, FRD, LMB, WAE, WIP. Primitive and modern camping; concrete boat ramp, all boats allowed.

Cottontail (Lancaster) - 29 acres, 1/2N of Martell. BLG, CCF, LMB. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section. Handicap-accessible concrete boat ramp, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Owned by the Lower Platte South NRD.

Crystal Springs Lakes (Jefferson) - 6 acres in 2 lakes, Fairbury - Crystal Springs Rd, west of Frederick St. BLG, CAP, CCF, LMB, RBT. No boats allowed; Trout - daily bag limit of 8. Camping. Rainbow trout stocked seasonally in middle lake.

Cub Creek 9B (Leisure Lake) (Jefferson) - 25 acres, 3S, 1/2E of Plymouth. BLG, CCF, LMB. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Concrete boat ramp. Owned by the Lower Big Blue NRD.

Cub Creek Watershed 12A (Jefferson) - 27 acres, 3W, 4 1/2S of Plymouth. CAP, CCF. Boat ramp, all boats allowed; turbid. Owned by the Lower Big Blue NRD.

Czechland Lake (Saunders) - 85 acres, 1N, 1/4W of Prague. BBH, BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB. Sunfish - 8-inch minimum length; Crappie - 10-inch minimum length. Concrete boat ramp, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake), wheelchair-accessible fishing pier. Owned by the Lower Platte North NRD.

FL David City Park Ponds (Butler) - 6 acres in 3 ponds, David City - south edge, east side of Hwy. 15. BLG, CCF, LMB, RBT. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section; Trout - daily bag limit of 8. Rainbow trout stocked seasonally in west lake.

Dodge Park (Missouri River) (Douglas) Omaha - 11000 N River Rd. BUF, CAP, CCF, CRP, FCF.

Donald Whitney WMA (Gage) - 43 acres in 2 lakes, 3 1/2W of Odell. BBH, CCF, FCF. Electric motor or non-powered boats allowed; turbid.

Duck Creek #12 (Nemaha) - 65 acres, 3.5W, 1N of Peru. Dam scheduled to be built in 2010-2011.

Elkhorn Crossing (Elkhorn River) (Douglas) - 252nd Street on Bennington Road. CAP, CCF, FCF, SNS. Owned by the Papio/Missouri NRD, Open April 1 through November 1. Camping and canoe launch.

Fairbury Dam (Little Blue River) (Jefferson) - Fairbury - S edge at C St. CAP, CCF, FCF. Trail and decks on old railroad bridge.

Flathead WMA (Little Blue River) (Jefferson) - 1S of Fairbury. CAP, CCF, FCF.

Fontenelle Park Pond (Douglas) - 4 acres, Omaha - 45th and Ames Avenue at Fontenelle Blvd. BLG, CCF, LMB. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section. Restricted to children under 16, adults with a child that is actively fishing, and adults 65 or older.

Friend City Lake (Saline) - 1 acre, City of Friend. BLG, CCF, LMB. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section.

Glenn Cunningham Lake (Douglas) - 390 acres, Omaha - 96th and State. BLG, CAP, CCF, CRP, LMB, WAE. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section. Boat ramp, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Open 5 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Graske Crossing (Elkhorn River) (Douglas) - SE corner of Elkhorn River and W Dodge Road (Skyline Drive exit). BBH, BUF, CAP, CCF, FCF, SNS. Owned by Papio-Missouri River NRD. Open April 1 through November 1, 6am to 10pm. Canoe launch.

Hamburg Bend WMA (Missouri River) (Otoe) - 4 SE of Nebraska City, south of OPPD power plant. BCF, CAP, CCF, FCF, SNS. Access to river - half-mile walk.

Hanscom Park Pond (Douglas) - 1 acre, Omaha - 32nd Ave. and Center St. BLG, CCF, LMB. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section. Restricted to children under 16, adults with a child that is actively fishing, and adults 65 or older.

Haworth Park (Missouri River) (Sarpy) - Bellevue - Payne Drive off Hwy 370. BUF, CAP, CCF, CRP, FCF. Concrete boat ramp owned by city, launching fee.

Haworth Park Pond (Sarpy) - 1 acre, Bellevue - East edge off Hwy 370. BLG, CCF, LMB.

Hedgefield Lake WMA (Lancaster) - 44 acres, 2W, 1/2N of Panama. BLG, CCF, LMB. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section; No live baitfish can be used or possessed. Primitive boat ramp. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Drained in 2009 for dam repair. Rehabilitation in 2010.

Hitchcock Park Pond (Douglas) - 2 acres, Omaha - 42nd and Q St. BLG, CCF, LMB, RBT. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section. Restricted to children under 16, adults with a child that is actively fishing, and adults 65 or older; Trout - daily bag limit of 8. Rainbow trout stocked seasonally.

^{FFL}**Holmes Lake (Lancaster)** - 100 acres, Lincoln, 70th and Normal Blvd. BLG, CCF, LMB, RBT, WAE. Largemouth bass - catch and release; Panfish - daily bag limit of 10; Channel catfish - daily bag limit of 3; No live baitfish can be used or possessed; Electric motor or nonpowered boats allowed; Trout - daily bag limit of 8. Lincoln city lake; two concrete boat ramps, wheelchair-accessible deck. Rainbow trout stocked seasonally in south basin.

Homestead Lake (Butler) - 38 acres, 1N 1/2W of Bruno. BBH, BLG, CCF, LMB. Boat ramp; boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Owned by the Lower Platte North NRD.

FFLHumboldt City Park Lake (Richardson) - 1 acre, Humboldt - S edge of town, W off Hwy 105 at Railroad St. BLG, CCF, LMB. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section.

Hwy 50 Bridge (Platte River) (Cass) - 1N of Louisville. CAP, CCF, FCF, SNS. Concrete boat ramp.

Indian Cave SP (Missouri River) (Richardson) - 4E of Barada. BUF, CAP, CCF, FCF, SNS. Concrete boat ramp. Modern and primitive camping.

Iron Horse Trail Lake (Pawnee) - 85 acres, 1/2N, 2W of DuBois. BLG, CCF, CRP, FCF, LMB, WAE. Black bass - 21 inch minimum length. Owned by the Nemaha NRD (NRD entry permit required); wheelchair-accessible concrete boat ramp; no personal watercraft allowed; boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake); primitive camping. Rehabilitation project in 2010.

Jack Sinn WMA (Rock Creek) (Lancaster) - 2 S of Ceresco. BBH, CCF.

FFLJenny Newman Pond (Platte River SP) (Cass) - 4 acres, 2S, 3W of Louisville. BLG, CCF, LMB. All species - catch and release. Possession of any fish species other than baitfish while fishing this lake is prohibited. Hooks must be either barbless or have flattened barbs. Family fishing lake, open to all children less than 16 years of age and adults assisting children. No fishing from dock. No motorboats allowed. Cabins.

Killdeer Lake WMA (Lancaster) - 20 acres, 2 1/2N of Martell. BBH, BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB. Electric motor or non-powered boats allowed.

Kinter's Ford WMA (Big Nemaha River) (Richardson) - 1N, 2 1/2E of Dubois on Hwy. 8. CAP, CCF, FCF.

Kirkman's Cove (Richardson) - 160 acres, 1N, 2W of Humboldt. BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB. Owned by the Nemaha NRD (NRD entry permit required); turbid. Concrete boat ramp, 35-mph maximum on lower two-thirds of lake, no personal watercraft.

Kramer Park Lake (Sarpy) - 7 acres, N side of Hwy 370 at Missouri River bridge. BLG, CCF, LMB. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section. Lake under construction during 2009-2010.

FFLLake Halleck (Sarpy) - 4 acres, Papillion - E of S. Washington St. (Hwy 85) on E. Lincoln St. BLG, CCF, LMB, RBT. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section; Trout - daily bag limit of 8. Rainbow trout stocked seasonally.

Lake Wanahoo (Saunders) - 637 acres, 1/2 mile north of Wahoo. BLG, CCF, LMB, WAE. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section; No live baitfish can be used or possessed. Concrete boat ramp, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Construction completed in 2010.

Lakeview Park Lake (Henderson Pond) (York) - 4 acres, Henderson - SW of Birch and Main Streets. BLG, CCF, LMB. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section.

Langdon Bend WMA (Missouri River) (Nemaha) - 1E of Nemaha. BUF, CAP, CCF, FCF, SNS.

Lawrence Youngsman Lake (Douglas) - 60 acres, Omaha - 192nd and West Dodge Road. BLG, CCF, LMB. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section. Concrete boat ramp, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake).

Lied Platte River Hike Bike Bridge (Platte River) (Cass) - South of South Bend. CAP, CCF, FRD, SNS. Deck; contact Platte River SP for more details.

Little Blue East WMA (Little Blue River) (Thayer) - 4E of Hebron. CCF, FCF.

Little Blue WMA (Little Blue River) (Thayer) - 2E of Hebron. CCF, FCF.

Lone Star Recreation Area (Fillmore) - 75 acres, 3 1/2E, 1/2S of Ohioa. BLG, CCF, LMB. Largemouth bass - 21-inch minimum length. Wheelchair-accessible fishing deck, concrete boat ramp, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake).

FFL Louisville SRA (Cass) - 40 acres in 5 pits, 1/2NW of Louisville. BBH, BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, WIP. Largemouth bass - catch and release; Panfish - daily bag limit of 10 in combination; Channel catfish - daily bag limit of 3; Bullhead - daily bag limit of 5. Electric motor or non-powered boats allowed. Modern and primitive camping. Wipers in lake number 2, bullheads in lake number 2a.

Louisville SRA (Platte River) (Cass) - 1/2NW of Louisville. CAP, CCF, FCF, FRD, SNS. Concrete boat ramp just west of Highway 50, on north side of river.

Margrave WMA (Big Nemaha River) (Richardson) - 1 1/2S, 2 3/4E of Preston. CAP, CCF. Access to river, half-mile walk.

Mayberry WMA (Pawnee) - 25 acres, 5N, 1 1/4E of Burchard. BBH, BLG, CCF, LMB. Electric motor or non-powered boats allowed, walk-in access.

Meadowlark (Seward) - 55 acres, 4W, 1N, 1 1/2W of Agnew. BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section. No live baitfish can be used or possessed. Handicap-accessible concrete boat ramp, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Owned by the Lower Platte South NRD.

FFL Memphis Lake SRA (Saunders) - 81 acre, 1/4W of Memphis. BLG, CCF, LMB, RSF. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section. Primitive gravel boat launch area, smaller craft only. Electric motor or non-powered boats allowed. Wheelchair-accessible fishing deck. Primitive camping.

Merganser Lake (Lancaster) - 41 acre, 1/2N, 1E, 1/4N of Kramer. BLG, CCF, LMB. Largemouth bass - 21-inch minimum length. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake), rock/gravel boat ramp. Owned by the Lower Platte South NRD.

Meridian WMA (Little Blue River) (Thayer) - 3S, 1/2W of Alexandria. CAP, CCF, FCF.

Midlands Lake (Sarpy) - 11 acre, Papillion - Washington and Capehart Rd. BLG, CCF, LMB. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake).

Miller Park Pond (Douglas) - 4 acres, Omaha - 30th St. and Redick Ave. BLG, CCF, LMB. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section. Restricted to children under 16, adults with a child that is actively fishing, and adults 65 or older.

Oak Lake (Lancaster) - 47 acres in 3 lakes, NW Lincoln - Charleston St. and Sun Valley Blvd. BBH, CAP, GSF, WHP. City of Lincoln lake; shallow, subject to fish kills.

FFL Olive Creek Lake SRA (Lancaster) - 175 acres, 2E, 1S of Kramer. BLG, CCF, LMB. Largemouth bass - 21-inch minimum length; Sunfish - 8-inch minimum length; No live baitfish can be used or possessed. Primitive camping; concrete boat ramp, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake), wheelchair-accessible fishing pier.

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- Osage WMA (Johnson)** - 4 acres in 4 ponds, 3N, 2W, 3/4N of Tecumseh. BLG, LMB.
- Overland Trails Lake (York)** - 14 acres, 3E, 1 1/2S of York. BLG, CCF, LMB. Owned by the Upper Big Blue NRD; dam leaks, low water levels. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake).
- Oxbow Trails Lake (Butler)** - 43 acres, 1 1/2 E of Ulysses. BBH, BLG, CCF, LMB. Owned by the Upper Big Blue NRD; concrete boat ramp, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake); turbid, dam leaks, water may be low.
- Papio D-4 (Douglas)** - 30 acres, NW Omaha - 1/4N of NE 36 & 98th St. BLG, CCF, LMB. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section. Owned by the Papio/Missouri NRD, walk-in access only. Lake deepened in 2009, limited fishing opportunity in 2010. Electric motor or non-powered boats allowed.
- Pawnee City Pond (Pawnee)** - 1 acre, Pawnee City - SW edge, W side of Hwy 65. BLG, CCF, LMB. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section.
- Pawnee Lake SRA (Lancaster)** - 740 acres, 2N, 1 1/2W of Emerald. BLG, CAP, CCF, CRP, FCF, FRD, LMB, SAR, WAE, WHB, WHP. Panfish - daily bag limit of 10. Modern and primitive camping; all boats allowed, several concrete boat ramps.
- Pawnee Prairie WMA (Pawnee)** - 5 acres in 7 ponds, 6S, 2E, 2S of Burchard. BLG, LMB. Largemouth bass - catch and release. Walk-in access only.
- Peru (Missouri River) (Nemaha)** - 1 1/2E of Peru. BUF, CAP, CCF, FCF, SNS. Concrete boat ramp.
- Platte River Landing (Douglas)** - SE corner of Hwy 64 bridge. CAP, CCF, FCF, FRD, SNS. Open April 1 through November 1, 6am to 10pm.
- Platte River State Park (Platte River) (Cass)** - 2S, 3W of Louisville. CAP, CCF, FCF, FRD, SNS. Cabins. Walk-in access point to river.
- Plattsmouth City Lake (Cass)** - 3 acres, Plattsmouth - S 18th St and 5th Ave. BLG, CCF, LMB. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section. Wheelchair-accessible fishing pier.
- Prairie Knoll WMA (Pawnee)** - 6 acres, 2W, 2N DuBois. BLG, CCF, LMB. Electric motor or non-powered boats allowed.
- Prairie View Lake (Douglas)** - 42 acres, 2W of Bennington, 180th and Hwy 36. BLG, CCF, LMB. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section. Owned by Papio-Missouri NRD; concrete boat ramp, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Open 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.
- Qwest Lake (Cass)** - 10 acres, Eugene T. Mahoney State Park, I-80 exit 426. BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, RBT. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section; Only barbless hooks or hooks with flattened barbs may be used; Trout - daily bag limit of 8. Electric motor or non-powered boats allowed. Rainbow trout stocked seasonally.
- Recharge Lake (York)** - 49 acres, 1 1/2W of York. BLG, CCF, LMB. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section. Concrete boat ramp, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Owned by the Upper Big Blue NRD.
- Red Cedar (Saunders)** - 50 acres, 5 1/2N, 2W of the north edge of Valparaiso. BLG, CCF, CRP, FCF, LMB. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake), boat ramp. Owned by the Lower Platte South NRD; turbid.

Redtail WMA (Butler) - 17 acres, 1E, 1/2N of Dwight. BLG, CCF, LMB. Walk-in access only. Electric motor or non-powered boats allowed.

Riverview Marina SRA (Missouri River) (Otoe) - Nebraska City, N. 4th St and 14th Ave. BUF, CAP, CCF, FCF, SNS. Boat ramp, primitive camping.

Rockford Lake SRA (Gage) - 150 acres, 7E, 2S of Beatrice. BBH, BLG, CAP, CCF, CRP, FCF, LMB, WAE. All boats allowed, concrete boat ramp; camping.

Rose Creek WMA (Rose Creek - 2 locations) (Jefferson) - 2S, 2 1/2W, 1 1/2S and 2S, 3 1/2W, 2S of Fairbury. BBH, CAP, CCF.

Rulo Access (Missouri River) (Richardson) - South of Hwy 159 Bridge near Rulo, river mile 497.8. BBH, BCF, BUF, CAP, CCF, FCF, SNS. Boat ramp.

Schilling WMA (Missouri and Platte Rivers) (Cass) - Plattsmouth - N on Schilling Rd from Main St. BCF, CAP, CCF, FCF, FRD, SNS. Bank access to Missouri and Platte rivers, except when closed by the Commission due to poor road conditions.

Schwer Park Pond (Sarpy) - 2 acres, Papillion - W Centennial Road west of 84th street. BLG, CCF, LMB. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section.

Seward City Lake (Seward) - 2 acres, N 14th street on west edge of Seward. BLG, CCF, LMB. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section.

Shadow Lake (Sarpy) - 30 acres, Papillion - Washington and Capehart Rd. BLG, CAP, CRP, LMB. See High Use Fishing Area Regulation section. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake).

Shady Trail (Big Blue River) (Saline) - 1W, 4N, 1/2W, 1/2N of Crete. CAP, CCF, FCF.

Smith Creek (Seward) - 21 acre, 2N, 2W, 1/4N of Beaver Crossing. BLG, CCF, LMB. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Owned by the Upper Big Blue NRD; turbid.

Stagecoach Lake SRA (Lancaster) - 195 acres, 1 1/2S, 1/2W of Hickman. BLG, CAP, CCF, CRP, LMB, WAE, WIP. Largemouth bass - 21-inch minimum length; Wiper - daily bag limit of 3, with no more than 1 fish 18 inches or greater. Primitive and modern camping; concrete boat ramp, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake), wheelchair-accessible fishing pier.

Standing Bear Lake (Douglas) - 135 acres, Omaha - 132nd and Military. BLG, CAP, CCF, CRP, FRD, LMB, RBT, WAE. Trout - daily bag limit of 8. Electric motor or non-powered boats allowed. City of Omaha lake; concrete boat ramp. Open 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. Rainbow trout stocked seasonally.

Stanton Lake (Richardson) - 2 acres, NW Falls City, W end of W. 25th Street. BLG, CCF, LMB. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section. Modern campground, picnic shelter and restrooms.

Steinhart Park Ponds (Otoe) - 5 acres in 2 ponds, Nebraska City - N of Business Hwy 2 off Steinhart Park Rd. BLG, CCF, LMB, RBT. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section; Trout - daily bag limit of 8. Rainbow trout stocked seasonally in east pond.

Swan Creek 2A WMA (Saline) - 16 acres, 14W, 3N of Wilber. BBH, BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake), shallow.

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Swan Creek 67 (Saline) - 39 acres, 3N, 1W of Swanton. BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB.

Largemouth bass - 21 inch minimum length. Concrete boat ramp, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Owned by the Lower Big Blue NRD.

Tanglewood (Lancaster) - 33 acres, 1/2N, 1W, 1/2S of Kramer. BBH, BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB. Owned by the Lower Platte South NRD.

Teal Lake WMA (Lancaster) - 29 acres, 2S of Kramer. BBH, BLG, CCF, LMB. Electric motor or non-powered boats allowed. Subject to frequent fish kills due to low water levels.

Tecumseh City Pond (Johnson) - 2 acres, Tecumseh - N. 1st St. at fairgrounds. BLG, CCF, LMB. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section. Drained for work in 2009.

Timber Point (Butler) - 28 acres, 1S, 2E of Brainard. BLG, CCF, LMB, MUE. Largemouth bass - 21-inch minimum length. Handicap-accessible concrete boat ramp, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake).

Tobacco Island WMA (Missouri River) (Cass) - 1/2E, 1S of Plattsmouth. CAP, CCF, FCF, FRD, SNS.

Towl Park Pond (Douglas) - 1 acre, Omaha - West Center Rd. and 93rd (enter at Paddock Rd. traffic light). BLG, CCF, LMB, RBT. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section. Restricted to children under 16, adults with a child that is actively fishing, and adults 65 or older; Trout - daily bag limit of 8. Rainbow trout stocked seasonally.

Twin Lakes WMA (Seward) - 270 acres in 2 lakes, 2 1/2N, 1/2W of Pleasant Dale. BBH, BLG, CAP, CCF, CRP, LMB, WAE, WHB. Concrete boat ramp on East lake; area closed to fishing from Oct. 15 through Dec 31.

Twin Oaks WMA (Johnson) - 2 acres in 2 ponds, 2E, 4S of Tecumseh. BLG, LMB.

Twin Oaks WMA (Big Nemaha River) (Johnson) - 2E, 2S, 3/4W of Tecumseh. CAP, CCF. Half-mile walk-in access to river.

FFL Two Rivers SRA (Douglas) - 32 acres in 7 pits, 1 1/2S of Venice. BBH, BLG, CAP, CCF, CRP, GRP, LMB, RBT, SMB. Black bass - catch and release on all lakes. Lake Nos. 3 and 4 are designated as catch and release for channel catfish, only barbless or flattened-barb hooks allowed. Lake Nos. 1, 2, 6 & 7 - Channel catfish - daily bag limit of 3; Bullhead - daily bag limit of 5. No boats on Lake No. 5, other lakes boats with electric trolling motors only; wheelchair-accessible fishing deck on Lake No. 5. Trout fishing in Lake No. 5 is best from April 1 to early June. Open dates for trout fishing will be published and posted. Trout fishing hours are 7 a.m. to sunset. A daily trout tag is required to attempt to take and to possess trout on the entire area from March 1 through June 30. Cost of a tag is \$4, which allows the harvest of four trout. Anglers may purchase up to 3 tags, and can possess up to 12 trout. An adult angler is allowed to have two children under 16 fish under their tag, but the group is still limited to four trout per tag. One pole or rod and reel per angler on Lake No. 5. Rainbow trout in lake number 5 - purchase trout tags at park office. Archery fishing, spearing, and gigging are prohibited on area lakes. Cabins and camping.

Two Rivers SRA (Platte River) (Douglas) - 1 1/2S of Venice. CAP, CCF, FCF, SNS. Walk-in river access.

FEL Verdon Lake SRA (Richardson) - 30 acres, 1/2W of Verdon. BBH, BLG, CCF, LMB. Largemouth bass - 21-inch minimum length. Electric motor or non-powered boats allowed; primitive camping.

FEL Wagon Train Lake SRA (Lancaster) - 315 acres, 2E of Hickman. BLG, CCF, LMB, MUE, RSF, WAE, WIP. Largemouth bass - 21-inch minimum length; Wiper - daily bag limit of 3, with no more than one fish 18 inches or greater. Primitive and modern camping; concrete boat ramp, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake), wheelchair-accessible pier.

Walnut Creek 2A (Saline) - 26 acres, 1/2E, 3 1/2N of Crete. BBH, BLG, CCF, LMB. Largemouth bass - 21-inch minimum length. Concrete boat ramp, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Owned by the Lower Big Blue NRD; shallow.

FEL Walnut Creek Reservoir (Sarpy) - 100 acres, Papillion - 96th and Hwy 370. BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, RSF. Largemouth bass - 21-inch minimum length limit; Bluegill and all other sunfish - 8-inch minimum length limit; Crappie - 10-inch minimum length limit; Panfish - daily bag limit of 10. Owned by the City of Papillion, area closes at 10 p.m., wheelchair accessible fishing deck and island, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake), concrete boat ramp.

Walnut Grove Park Pond (Douglas) - 1 acre, Millard - Q Street across from Millard South H.S. BLG, CCF, LMB. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section. Restricted to children under 16, adults with a child that is actively fishing, and adults 65 or older.

Waterloo River Access (Elkhorn River) (Douglas) - SE corner of Elkhorn River and W Maple Road. BBH, BUF, CAP, CCF, FCF, SNS. Owned by village of Waterloo. Canoe launch.

Weeping Water Pond (Cass) - 4 acres, Weeping Water - S of Clinton Street. BLG, CCF, LMB, RBT. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section; Trout - daily bag limit of 8. Rainbow trout stocked seasonally.

Wehrspann Lake Recreation Area (Sarpy) - 245 acres, Omaha - 156th and Giles Rd. BBH, BCF, BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, WAE. Largemouth bass - 21-inch minimum length; Crappie - 10-inch minimum length, except during the month of April; Panfish - daily bag limit of 10. Concrete boat ramp, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake), wheelchair-accessible pier. Owned by the Papio/Missouri NRD, area closes at 10 p.m.

Whitehawk Lake (Douglas) - 30 acres, Omaha - 192 Rd and F St. BLG, CCF, LMB. Walk-in access only.

Wild Plum (Lancaster) - 16 acres, 1 1/2N, 1/2W, of Kramer. BLG, CCF, LMB. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Owned by the Lower Platte South NRD.

FEL Wildwood Lake (Lancaster) - 103 acres, 1W, 1 1/2N of Agnew. BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, WAE. Largemouth bass and channel catfish - catch and release; Sunfish - 8-inch minimum length. No live baitfish can be used or possessed. Concrete boat ramp, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake); primitive camping; wheelchair-accessible deck. Owned by Lower Platte South NRD.

Willard L. Meyer Recreation Area (Swan Creek 5A) (Saline) - 95 acres, 3E, 2N of Tobias. BLG, CCF, LMB. Largemouth bass - 21-inch minimum length. Owned by the Lower Big Blue NRD; wheelchair-accessible deck, concrete boat ramp, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake).

Wilson Creek 2X WMA (Otoe) - 15 acres, 3E, 1 1/2S of Otoe. BLG, CAP, CCF, CRP, LMB. Electric motor or non-powered boats allowed. Owned by the Nemaha NRD; very shallow.

Wilson Creek 4F (Prairie Owl) (Otoe) - 38 acres, 2S, 1W, 1/4S of Dunbar. BBH, BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB. Boat ramp, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Owned by the Nemaha NRD; very turbid.

Wirth Brothers Lake (Johnson) - 1W, 3S, 1W of Cook. BLG, CCF, LMB. Owned by the Nemaha NRD (NRD entry permit required); boat ramp, boating restricted to 5 mph (no wake); dam leaks, level fluctuates.

Wolf Wildcat No. 12 (Gage) - 42 acres, 7S of Virginia. BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB. Owned by the Lower Big Blue NRD; primitive boat ramp, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake).

Wp-5 (Sarpy) - 105 acres, 126th and Cornhusker - Papillion. Dam scheduled to be built in 2010-2011.

Yankee Hill Lake WMA (Lancaster) - 208 acres, 2 1/2E, 1S of Denton. BLG, CCF, LMB, WAE. Largemouth bass - 21-inch minimum length; Sunfish - 8-inch minimum length. No live baitfish can be used or possessed. Wheelchair-accessible concrete boat ramp; boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake).

FFL Zorinsky Lake Recreation Area (Douglas) - 255 acres, Omaha - 156th and F St. BBH, BCF, BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, MUE, WAE, WIP. Largemouth bass 21-inch minimum length; Crappie 10-inch minimum length except during April; Panfish - daily bag limit of 10 in combination; Wipers - total catch and release. City of Omaha lake, area open 5 a.m. to 11 p.m.; wheelchair-accessible fishing deck, concrete boat ramp, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake).



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