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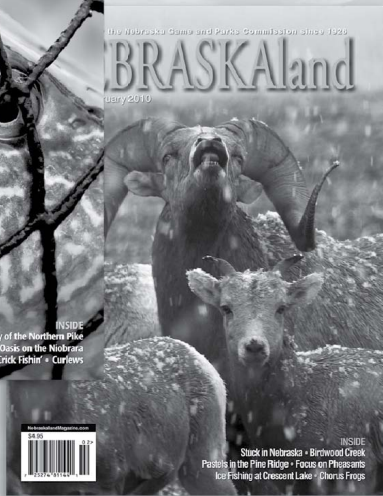
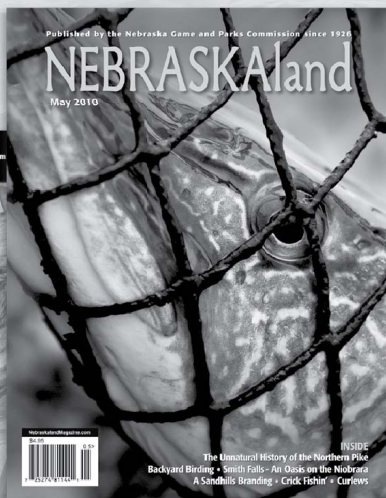


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NEW FOR 2011-2012

The following are changes to fishing regulations for 2011-2012:

New Regulations starting in 2011

- Trout species – Established a statewide daily bag limit of five, with no more than one fish over 16 inches and a possession limit of 10. The trout regulations on the Two Rivers put-and-take trout lake have not changed (see listing in Public Fishing Areas).

- Black bass – In order to reduce confusion, black bass length limits are now either 15-inch minimum or 21-inch minimum thus eliminating the no harvest regulation in effect on most waters. The 21-inch minimum length limit basically serves the same purpose as the no harvest regulation.
- Channel catfish – Established a statewide daily bag limit of five and a possession limit of 10, thus eliminating the daily bag limit of three that was in effect on some waters.
- Flathead catfish – In the current daily bag limit of five only one of those may be 30 inches or longer. Also, no harvest of any catfish will be allowed on Two Rivers SRA Nos. 3 and 4, Fort Kearny SRA No. 2, Windmill SRA No. 3 and Wildwood Lake, to eliminate identification issues.
- Blue catfish – No harvest of any catfish will be allowed on Two Rivers SRA Nos. 3 and 4, Fort Kearny SRA No. 2, Windmill SRA No. 3 and Wildwood Lake, to eliminate identification issues.
- Panfish – Established a statewide daily bag limit of 15 and a possession limit of 30, while eliminating the regulation of a daily bag limit of 10 and possession limit of 20. The 8-inch minimum length limit on sunfish was eliminated on Olive Creek Lake, Czechland Lake, Wildwood Lake, Walnut Creek Recreation Area Lake, and Yankee Hill Lake. The 10-inch minimum length limit on crappie was eliminated on Walnut Creek Recreation Area Lake, Wehspann Lake and Zorinsky Lake.
- Bowfishing – The harvest of nongame fish, from both inland waters and the Missouri River, is now allowed to occur 24 hours per day, year-round.
- Box Butte Reservoir – Underwater spearfishing for game fish is allowed to start on June 1, rather than July 1. This earlier opening date applies ONLY to Box Butte Reservoir.
- Lake McConaughy – From sunset to sunrise, April 1 through April 30, fishing from a boat within 30 yards of the dam will be allowed only on that portion of the dam 200 feet north of the morning glory (outlet), with travel in a south-to-north (counter clockwise) direction required.
- No harvest lakes – No harvest regulations for all species of fish have been established on Kea West WMA Lake, East Hershey WMA Lake and West Brady WMA Lake.
- High Use Fishing Areas – This designation has been eliminated with these areas now regulated with a 21-inch minimum length limit on black bass and the statewide regulations on panfish and channel catfish.
- Bait regulations – Plains and Northern leopard frogs can no longer be commercially harvested or sold for bait; however, anglers can still collect them as bait for personal use
- Statewide Open Fields and Waters Program fishing areas will be regulated with a 21-inch minimum length limit (one-fish daily bag limit) on black bass, 15-fish daily bag limit on panfish and five-fish daily bag limit on channel catfish.
- The tentatively scheduled PATH (Passing Along The Heritage) fishing program will have similar regulations to Open Fields and Waters fishing areas and possibly additional stipulations for specific sites. The PATH program provides Nebraska youth and their mentors access to private waters and lands to foster mentored youth fishing and hunting opportunities.

PERMIT FEES FOR 2011

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.

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 over)	\$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 over)	\$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 over)	\$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 over)	\$1,870
Paddlefish	\$40		

PARK

Park, annual	\$20		
Duplicate park, annual	\$10		
Park, daily	\$4		

PERMITS

WHY BUY A PERMIT?

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

WHO NEEDS A FISHING PERMIT?

A fishing permit 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.

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.

WHEN FISHING PERMIT 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 other 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 Game and Parks 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 Wildlife Management Area and the Nebraska portion of the Missouri River from the chute entrance (adjacent to Iowa) to the chute exit (adjacent to Missouri).

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 Game and Parks. A special \$5 permit is required for a permanent shelter on state recreation areas and wildlife management area lakes. Applications and regulations are available from conservation officers or Game and Parks 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 below)
- 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 Lake McConaughy SRA or at any 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 Paddlefish and Snagging of Nongame Fish 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.

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 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.

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

Refer to the Public Waters 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.
- 21-inch minimum on waters as listed in the Public Fishing Area section, and on waters enrolled in the Open Waters Program, and PATH Fishing Program

Bullfrogs

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

Crappie

- 10-inch minimum – Branched Oak Lake, Czechland Lake, Sherman Reservoir

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

Striped Bass, White Bass and Their Hybrids (Combined)

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

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:
 - Branched Oak Lake – daily bag limit is one walleye 22 inches or longer
 - DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge – 15-inch minimum length
 - 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
 - Merritt, Calamus and Harlan County reservoirs – 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 longer than 22 inches allowed in 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

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

Trout

Four fish allowed per tag with up to three tags purchased per day

- Two Rivers Trout Lake

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

Channel Catfish.

Catch-and-release only:

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

Flathead Catfish

Catch-and-release only:

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

Blue Catfish

Catch-and-release only:

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

Bullfrogs

Season – Aug. 15 – Oct. 31

Bag Limit – 8

Methods of Take – Bullfrogs may be taken only by hand, hand net or hook-and-line. Artificial light may be used.

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

Snapping Turtles

Season– year-round

Bag Limit – 10

Possession Limit – 20

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

BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS

STATEWIDE Species	Bag	Possession
Trout * <i>NOTE: All species combined; no more than one fish longer than 16 inches on all waters</i>	5	10
Striped bass, white bass, wiper * <i>NOTE: No more than one fish longer than 18 inches on all waters</i>	15	30
Walleye, sauger, saugeye (in combination) * <i>NOTE: In combination; only one fish 22 inches or longer allowed in daily bag; inland waters only</i>	4	8
Muskellunge, tiger muskie	1	2
Baitfish, tiger salamander, leopard frog (in combination)	100	100
Shovelnose sturgeon <i>NOTE: No harvest allowed on the Missouri River upstream from mouth of the Big Sioux River</i>	10	20
Pallid and lake sturgeon	No harvest allowed	
Northern pike *	3	6
Blue catfish*	1	2
Channel catfish*	5	10
Flathead catfish * <i>NOTE: No more than one fish longer than 30 inches on all waters</i>	5	10
Panfish * <i>NOTE: See species list on page 14</i>	15	30
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) * <i>NOTE: Only one bass 21 inches or longer allowed in the daily bag</i>	4	8
WATERS OF THE MISSOURI RIVER BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS		
Largemouth, smallmouth and spotted bass (in combination) <i>NOTE: Only one bass 21 inches or longer allowed in the daily bag</i>	5	10
Paddlefish <i>NOTE: Special permit required</i>	2	2
* Refer to the Public Fishing Waters section for special bag, possession and length limits on specific bodies of water. Page 33		

CATEGORIES OF FISH SPECIES

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

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*
- papershell crayfish*
- plains killfish
- red shiner
- ringed crayfish*
- river shiner
- sand shiner
- stoneroller
- suckermouth minnow
- tiger salamander*
- white sucker

* *amphibians and crustaceans covered under baitfish regulations*

Threatened and Endangered Species

It is illegal to possess the following:

- blacknose shiner
- finscale dace
- lake sturgeon
- northern redbelly dace
- pallid sturgeon
- pearl dace
- sturgeon chub
- Topeka shiner

Nongame Fish

Includes all species not on any of the above lists.

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 state recreation areas (SRA) and wildlife management areas (WMA) unless the stream is listed as closed.
- All non-baitfish 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.

NOTE: Anglers who seine their own baitfish should identify the fish species collected properly to avoid transfer of invasive species (see pages 27-28). They also should not dump the baitfish or water from the seining location into a different water body as that could also transfer invasive species including fish diseases.

Gizzard Shad and Alewife – 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.

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

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

South-central:

- Bethphage Pond
- Cottonmill Lake
- Such's Lake
- Heartwell Park Pond
- Holdrege City North Lake
- Lexington City Lake
- Lincoln Park Pond
- Ravenna Lake
- Yanney Park Lake

Northwest:

- Crescent Lake NWR
- Frye Lake
- Valentine NWR

Northeast:

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

OTHER BAIT 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 have been artificially propagated in manmade 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 nonharmful 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. Leopard frogs can only be collected for individual use, not commercial use.

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.

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

South-central:

- Davis Creek Reservoir
- Elwood Reservoir
- Farwell South Reservoir
- Gallagher Canyon Reservoir
- Harlan County Reservoir
- Johnson Lake
- Midway complex reservoirs
- Phillips Canyon Reservoir
- Plum Creek Reservoir
- Sherman Reservoir
- Tri-County Canal from the diversion dam in Lincoln County to the J-2 return

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.

OTHER REGULATIONS

TROUT WATERS

It is unlawful to possess a 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

Legal landing nets on these waters can have a maximum diameter of 12 inches, a maximum depth of 15 inches and a maximum handle length of 3 feet.

It is unlawful to take or attempt to take sport or nongame fish 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 (no seining 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 24 hours a day year around.
- Artificial lights are allowed.
- Only hand-drawn longbows (including compound bows) are legal.
- A disabled person who has a medical certificate on file with Game and Parks 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.

- The following waters are closed year-round: Platte River and Eugene T. Mahoney state parks.

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, except *Box Butte Reservoir, which starts on June 1. Bag, possession and length limits are the same as for hook and line. 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 for nongame fish. 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 | • Sutherland Reservoir |
| • Lake Ogallala | • Maloney Reservoir |
| • Lake Minatare | • Jeffrey Reservoir |
| • Box Butte Reservoir * | • Johnson Reservoir |
| • Lewis and Clark Lake | • Sherman Reservoir |
| • Harlan County Reservoir | • Swanson Reservoir |
| • Enders Reservoir | • Merritt Reservoir |
| • Elwood Reservoir | • Calamus Reservoir |
| • Red Willow Reservoir | • Davis Creek Reservoir |
| • Medicine Creek | |

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
- North Kearney Rest Stop

Dawson County

- Dogwood WMA
- Cozad WMA
- Cozad West WMA
- Willow Island WMA
- East Gothenburg WMA

Hall County

- Cheyenne SRA
- West Wood River WMA
- 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.

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.

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SNAGGING

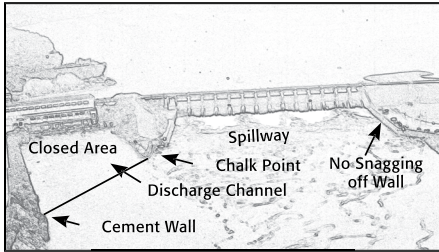
Snagging of paddlefish and nongame fish in the Missouri River is permitted from the Gavins Point Dam downstream to the mouth of the Big Sioux River at mile marker 734.

Season – Oct. 1-31

Area Closed – The area extending downstream from Gavins Point Dam to a line extending 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.



Requirements – Snaggers must have in their possession an unfilled paddlefish tag while actively snagging, in addition to a valid fishing permit, if required. From Gavins Point Dam to 0.6 miles downstream, snaggers must possess a valid Nebraska resident or Nebraska nonresident snagging permit or a South Dakota resident snagging permit. In the remainder of the river open to snagging, South Dakota nonresident permits also are valid.

Possession – Paddlefish harvested by snagging may be possessed only on the Missouri River during the open season in the designated open area.

Legal Hours – 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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

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.

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.

Bag and Possession Limits – The daily bag and possession limits are the total number of tags issued to an individual.

Casting and Hooking – 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

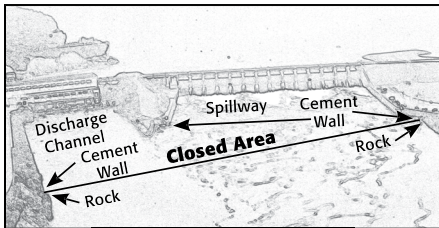
Paddlefish may be taken by bow and arrow and possessed in a designated area of the Missouri River only during the season.

Season – 30 days, beginning on second Saturday in July

Legal Hours – sunrise to sunset

Open Area – The open area is from Gavins Point Dam downstream to the mouth of the Big Sioux River at mile marker 734.

Closed Area – The area extending downstream from Gavins Point Dam to a line extending 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.



NOTE: From the open area below Gavins Point Dam to 0.6 miles downstream, archers may harvest paddlefish if they possess a valid Nebraska resident or Nebraska nonresident archery paddlefish permit or a South Dakota resident archery paddlefish permit. In the remainder of the river open to archery paddlefish, South Dakota nonresident archery paddlefish permits also are valid. The area downstream of this line is open to archers taking game and nongame fish during the appropriate seasons.

Requirements – All paddlefish archery anglers must have in their possession a paddlefish tag and a Nebraska fishing permit. Applicants for tags must be 12 years old by the second Saturday of July.

Tagging – Any paddlefish landed must be tagged immediately in the dorsal fin with the angler's tag. Any paddlefish tag that is locked shut before attachment, altered or modified shall be void and will not be replaced.

Tag limit – Each angler may have no more than two tags.

Transporting Fish – 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 designated 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
- 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
- Davis Creek Reservoir

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 Game and Parks' 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. Denial also may be based on safety concerns due to low water or anticipated heavy use that could result in boat ramp congestion.

Special Conditions – Game and Parks 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 livewells, 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.

FISHING TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION FORM

Please print or type.

Organizer (club, sponsor or individual):

Organizer address:

Phone:

About the Tournament

Location:

Dates:

Hours:

Tournament date may be denied due to conflict with previously approved event.

Species counted for tournament scoring:

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

Disposition (please check one):

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

Awards will be based on (check one):

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

* Tournament must follow all length and bag limit regulations for that specific water body.
No culling or high-grading allowed

Send to:

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

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 and stocked by Game and Parks during the preceding 24 months, excluding private lakes not owned by the state or other governmental entity.

FREE FISHING AND PARK ENTRY DAY – MAY 21, 2011 and MAY 19, 2012.

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 – 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 the exception being livewells used to transport game fish or baitfish, which then must be disposed of properly.
- Do not transfer water in livewell to a different waterbody.
- Wash mud off waders. Felt-sole wading boots are not recommended. Felt soles can stay damp for some time after wading and have been implicated in the spread of some aquatic nuisance species.
- 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 at least five days. Vinegar can also be used to kill zebra mussels
- Run the water out of the lower unit.

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

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

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

FISH KILL REPORTS

To make it easier to determine the cause, 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.

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

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 have not fished in years. Appropriate fishing and park permits are required. All events are from 6-8:30 p.m., unless otherwise noted. Visit OutdoorNebraska.org for a list of Family Fishing Nights.

STATE RECORDS AND MASTER ANGLERS

If you make an outstanding catch, it may qualify for either a Nebraska Game and Parks Commission State Record or a Master Angler Award.

Application forms are available from:

- Game and Parks offices
- conservation officers
- permit vendors
- this guide
- 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 Game and Parks, must witness the weighing and measuring of the fish and sign the application.
- The angler must display a Nebraska fishing permit to the Game and Parks 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 Game and Parks.
- A Game and Parks fisheries biologist must verify the species of fish, and the fish must be preserved flat until the species is verified.
- Game and Parks may collect fish scales, tissue or spine samples to check fish identification and to refuse any questionable application.
- Game and Parks 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 or set lines.
- Fish must be legally hooked, played and landed by the applicant.
- The catch must be verified by a Game and Parks employee, 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.

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.

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

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.	—	—	—
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	—	1 lb. 11 oz.	—	—
Black Bullhead	2	15	3 lbs. 15 oz.	—	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.	50lbs 5 oz..	37 lbs. 14 oz.	23 lbs. 8 oz.
Grass Carp	—	—	64 lbs.	67 lbs. 14 oz.	6 lbs. 4 oz.	25 lbs. 4 oz.
Hybrid Grass Carp	—	—	—	43 lbs. 3 oz.	—	—
Silver Carp	—	—	—	27 lbs. 11 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.	20 lbs. 15 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. 12 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	5 lbs. 14 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.	13 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. 4 oz.	—
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

PUBLIC FISHING AREAS

These are areas open to the public to fish. They include Nebraska Game and Parks Commission-owned or leased state recreation areas (SRA, NGPC park permit required), wildlife management areas (WMA), as well as federal, Corp of Engineers, Bureau of Reclamation, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, power and irrigation, cities and leased private waters.

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 (FFL)

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.

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

FFL Bessey Fish Pond (Thomas) - 3 acres, 1W, ¼S of Halsey - Nebraska National Forest. Camping. BLG, CCF, LMB, RBT. No motorized boating. Fishing deck. Rainbow trout stocked seasonally.

Big Alkali WMA (Cherry) - 842 acres, 16S, 4W, 1½S 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. Largemouth bass — 21-inch minimum length. Rehabilitation project in 2010- 2011.

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 four-wheel drive vehicles allowed (MANDATORY). Area is closed to access during the nine-day regular firearm deer season. Access to the lake was made possible through a lease agreement with the private landowner, so 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).

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 U.S. Forest Service lands.

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

FFL Bridgeport SRA (Morrill) - 78 acres in five lakes, NW edge of Bridgeport. BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, RBT, WAE, WIP, YEP. Primitive camping; all boats allowed on the middle pit, all other pits restricted to electric motor and nonpowered 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. Electric motor and nonpowered boats allowed, wheelchair-accessible pier.

FFL Chadron City Reservoirs (Dawes) - 20 acres in two ponds, 5½S of Chadron. BLG, CCF, LMB, RBT, YEP. Nonpowered boats allowed.

Chadron Creek (Dawes) - S of Chadron. BKT, BNT. Public access at Chadron SP, otherwise private access, permission required.

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

FFL Chappell Interstate Lake (Deuel) - 30 acres, ½S 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 at Fort Robinson SP. BNT.

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

Clear Lake (Cherry) - 425 acres, 16S, 6W, 8S of Valentine to Refuge H.Q. BLG, LMB, NOP, YEP, CRP, CAP. 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 nonpowered boats allowed. Refuge open sunrise to sunset. Aquatic vegetation hampers summer fishing.

Cottonwood Lake SRA (Cherry) - 34 acres, ½E, ½ 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. 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 one 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). Primitive camping, wildlife management area rules apply.

Defair Lake WMA (Grant) - 70 acres, 1E, 2S, ½E of Hyannis. YEP. Shallow lake.

Dewey Lake (Cherry) - 550 acres, 16S, 6W, 8S of Valentine to Refuge H.Q. BLG, LMB, NOP, YEP, CAP. 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 nonpowered 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 nonpowered 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 2½W 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, 1½E of Hyannis. BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, WAE, YEP. No live baitfish can be used or possessed. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake).

Gilbert-Baker Pond (Sioux) - 2 acres, 10N of Harrison. BLG, LMB, RBT. 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 four ponds, Fort Robinson SP. Cabins and camping. BLG, CCF, LMB, RBT, ROB.

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, CAP. Possession of baitfish prohibited, dead smelt allowed. Possession of fish not taken from refuge waters unlawful. No camping allowed. Electric motor and nonpowered 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, 2½E, 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, BBH, GSF. Private lake, open to the public for daytime, ice-fishing only.

Ice House Ponds (Dawes) - 6 acres in three 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, CAP. Possession of baitfish prohibited, dead smelt allowed. No camping; electric motor and nonpowered boats allowed; area open one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset.

^{FFL} **Laing Lake (Box Butte)** - 10 acres, Alliance, W. 18th Street and Box Butte Avenue. BLG, CCF, LMB. Largemouth bass — 21-inch minimum length.

Lake Minatare SRA (Scott Bluff) - 2,100 acres, 12NE of Scottsbluff. CCF, BCF, CRP, SMB, LMB, WAE, WHB, WIP, YEP. Waters within 150 feet of the dam are closed to fishing from sunset to sunrise March 1-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 nonpowered 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, 9W of Merritt Reservoir, on McKelvie National Forest. BLG, CRP, LMB, YEP.

Merritt Reservoir SRA/WMA (Cherry) - 2,900 acres, 26SW of Valentine. BBH, BLG, CAP, CCF, CRP, LMB, MUE, NOP, SMB, WAE, WHB, FRD. Walleye -- daily bag limit of four 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. 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. Rainbow trout stocked seasonally.

Monroe Creek (Sioux) - 4½N of Harrison. BKT. Public access on Gilbert-Baker WMA, otherwise private access, permission required.

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

Ninemile Creek (Scotts Bluff) - BNT, RBT. 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.

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, CAP, 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 two 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, RBT. 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 ATVs 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. 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 one 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. Primitive camping, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Handicap accessible concrete boat ramp.
- Snake River (Upper Reach) (Cherry)** - S of Gordon. BNT, RBT. Private access, permission required.
- Soldier Creek (Dawes)** - 3W of Crawford. BKT, BNT, RBT. Public access at Fort Robinson SP 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.
- 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, CAP, CRP.
- ^{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, NOP, CAP. 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 nonpowered 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 SP. Cabins and camping. BNT, RBT. Public access at Fort Robinson SP, otherwise private access, permission required.

Whitney Lake (Dawes) - 900 acres, 1½W 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 four ponds, Soldier Creek Wilderness Area, Fort Robinson SP. RBT. Access via 1-mile hike up the middle branch of Soldier Creek.

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Atkinson Dam (Holt) - 5 acres, ½W of Atkinson. BLG, CAP, CCF, LMB, NOP. Primitive camping, electrical hookups. Elkhorn River access. Managed by the city.

Bazile Creek WMA (Missouri River) (Knox) - 4E, 1½N 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) (Cuming) - 2½E of Pilger on county road. CAP, CCF, FCF. Primitive camping.

Bobcat WMA (Plum Creek) (Bown) - 12N, 1W of Ainsworth. RBT, BNT. Walk-in access to bottom of canyon, primitive camping.

Bone Creek (Brown) - BNT, RBT. Public access at Keller WMA, Keller Park SRA and Pine Glen WMA. Trout fishing can be seasonal due to water temperatures. Access to private land by permission.

Boyer Chute National Wildlife Refuge (Washington) - 3½ E 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, ½W 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, CRP.

Calamus Reservoir SRA/WMA (Loup, Garfield) - 5,200 acres, 2W, 5NW of Burwell. CAP, CCF, CRP, MUE, NOP, WAE, WHB, WIP, YEP. Walleye -- daily bag limit of four 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 access west of Nebraska Hwy. 96 and below dam.

Calamus River (Brown, Loup) - CAP, CCF, NOP. Private access, permission required; public access on Calamus WMA above and below reservoir, canoe sites and camping.

Carney Pond (Holt) - 2.5 acres, ½S ONEill on U.S. Hwy. 281. BLG, CAP, CCF, LMB.

Chalkrock Lake WMA (Cedar) - 44 acres, 5N, 1½E of U.S. Hwy 81 and Nebraska Hwy. 12 junction. BLG, CCF, LMB. No live baitfish can be used or possessed. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake).

^{FEL} **Columbus Hospital Pond (Platte)** - 9 acres, Columbus, 38th Street and 41st Avenue. BLG, CCF, LMB. Largemouth bass — 21-inch minimum length. Handicap-accessible deck. City developing park facilities around this new lake.

^{FEL} **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 nonpowered 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. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake).

Crystal Cove Lake (Dakota) - 30 acres, NE of U.S. Hwy. 20 and U.S. Hwy. 77 intersection in South Sioux City, entrance on W. 39th Street. BLG, CCF, LMB, NOP, RBT. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length. Electric motor and nonpowered boats allowed, wheelchair-accessible pier. Rainbow trout stocked seasonally.

Cub Creek Lake (Keya Paha) - 27 acres, 8½W of Springview. BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, YEP. Electric motor and nonpowered boats allowed; primitive camping; NRD-owned lake.

Dead Timber SRA (Dodge) - 20 acres, 5NW, 1½E of Scribner. BBH, BLG, CAP, CCF, CRP, FCF, LMB. Electric motor and nonpowered boats allowed. Modern and primitive camping.

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

DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge (Washington) - 760 acres, 6E of Blair on U.S. 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) - 1½SE of O'Neill. CAP, CCF. Elkhorn River access, primitive camping.

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

Elkhorn River (Antelope, Cuming, Dodge, Holt, Madison, Stanton) - CAP, CCF, NOP. Public access at Atkinson Dam, Black Island, Dry Creek, Hackberry Creek, Powder Horn, Red Fox, Red Wing, Wood Duck and Yellow Banks WMAs.

Ferry Landing (Missouri River) (Knox) - 2½E, 1½N of Niobrara, river mile 841. CAP, CCF, FCF, NOP, SAR, WAE, SMB. Walleye and sauger - 15-inch minimum length. Boat ramp.

Fred Thomas WMA (Niobrara River) (Brown) - 11N of Bassett. CAP, CCF. Walk-in access, primitive camping.

FFL Fremont Lakes SRA (Dodge) - 280 acres in 19 lakes, 3W of Fremont. BBH, BLG, CAP, CCF, CRP, LMB, MUE. Bullheads -- daily bag limit of five. Catchable bullheads stocked into Lake No. 3. Wipers stocked into Lake No. 5. Muskellunge stocked into Lake Nos. 2, 7, 8, and 20. Trout seasonally stocked in Lake No. 5. Gas-powered boating on Victory Lake and Lake No. 20 only, all other lakes electric motor and nonpowered 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, 1½E of Genoa. CAP, CCF. Primitive camping.

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. Private access except for approximately 200 yards upstream of Gracie Creek pond, permission required on private land.

- FEL Gracie Creek Pond (Loup)** - 2 acres, N side of Calamus Reservoir-12N, 4E of Taylor. CAP, RBT. 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; Primitive camping allowed. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Rainbow trout stocked seasonally.
- Hackberry Creek WMA (Elkhorn River) (Antelope)** - 1½E, ½N of Clearwater. CAP, CCF, FCF.
- Hooper City Lake (Dodge)** - 4 acres, N edge of Hooper on Main Street. BLG, CCF, LMB. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length. Rehabilitation project completed in 2009.
- Hull Lake WMA (Boyd)** - 6 acres, ½W, 2S 1W 1¼S of Butte. BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB.
- FEL Johnson Park Lake (Dodge)** - 10 acres, 1E of Fremont. BLG, CCF, LMB. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length. Paved boat ramp, electric motor and nonpowered boats allowed.
- FEL Keller Park SRA (Brown)** - 7 acres in five ponds, 11S of Springview. BLG, CCF, LMB, RBT. Pond Nos. 4 and 5 have catchable trout. Primitive camping. Access to Bone Creek.
- Keller School Land WMA (Bone Creek) (Brown)** - 3W, 9N, 1¼W, 1S of Long Pine, BNT, RBT. Primitive camping.
- Kent Diversion Dam (North Loup River) (Loup)** - 5½E of Taylor. CAP, CCF. 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, ½S 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, SAR. Camping; shallow lake. Owned by Loup Public Power, all boats allowed.
- Leigh Lake (Platte)** - 154 acres, ¼NW of Leigh. BLG, CCF, LMB. Construction completed in 2009. Filled and stocked in 2010. 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, 8½W, 21S of Ainsworth. BBH, CAP, CCF, NOP, YEP. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Primitive camping.

Long Pine Creek (Brown) - BNT, RBT. Public access at Long Pine WMA, SRA, and Pine Glen WMA, access to private land by permission, camping

Long Pine WMA (Brown) - 1N, ¼W of Long Pine. BNT, RBT. Walk-in access to Long Pine Creek, remainder of stream is private access, permission required, primitive camping.

Long Pine SRA (Long Pine Creek) (Brown) - ½NW of Long Pine, BNT, RBT. Vehicle and walk-in access. Primitive camping.

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

Loup River Diversion Canal, Loup River (Nance) - Genoa to Columbus. CAP, CCF, FCF, SAR, 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) - CAP, CCF. Public access at Milburn diversion; remainder of stream is private access, permission required.

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

Mirdan Canal WMA (North Loup River) (Garfield) - 2½W of Burwell. CAP, CCF. Primitive camping.

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.

Missouri River (Boyd, Burt, Cedar, Dakota, Dixon, Knox, Thurston, Washington) - CAP, CCF, FCF, FRD, PAH, SAR, SMB, WAE. Public access at Bazile Creek WMA, Brooky Bottom Park, Decatur Boat Ramp, Ferry Landing, Gavins Point Dam, Lewis and Clark Lake, Mulberry Bend WMA, Niobrara Townsite Boat Ramp, Pelican Point SRA, Ponca SP, Scenic Park, St. Helena Access, Sunshine Bottoms, and Verdel Landing. Access to private lands by permission.

Mulberry Bend WMA (Missouri River) (Dixon) - 1E of Maskell on Nebraska Hwy. 12 and 2½ N. CAP, CCF, PAH, SAR, SMB, WAE. Concrete ramp.

^{FELL} **Neligh Park (West Point Park Pond) (Cumming)** - 5 acres. Adjacent to Cumming fairgrounds. BLG, CCF, LMB. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length.

Niobrara River (Boyd, Brown, Holt, Keya Paha, Knox, Rock) - CAP, CCF. Public access at Fred Thomas WMA, Niobrara SP, Spencer Dam WMA, access to private land by permission.

Niobrara SP (Knox) - 7 acres in two ponds, 1W of Niobrara. BLG, CCF, LMB, RBT. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length. No boats. Niobrara River access. Cabins and camping. Rainbow trout stocked seasonally. Access to Niobrara River.

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 are not usable during periods of low water levels.

North Loup River (Blaine, Garfield, Loup) - CAP, CCF. Public access at Kent Diversion Dam WMA and Mirdan Canal WMA, access to private land by permission.

Overton Lake (Holt) - 135 acres, 21S, 5E of Newport. BLG, LMB, YEP. Private lake leased for ice-fishing only, open Dec. 1-March 15. All other access by permission only.

Parshall Bridge WMA (Niobrara River)(Boyd) - 3½S of Butte. CAP, CCF. Walk-in access, primitive camping.

^{FFL} **Pawnee Park East (Platte) - 5 acres, Columbus** - south edge, use west park entrance then cross under U.S. Hwy. 81 on park road. BLG, CCF, LMB, RBT. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length. Rainbow trout stocked seasonally.

^{FFL} **Pawnee Park West (Platte)** - 2 acres, Columbus - south edge, west side of U.S. Hwy. 81, south off 8th St. BLG, CCF, LMB. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length.

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 Nebraska Hwy. 14 and U.S. Hwy. 275 interchange. BLG, CAP, CCF, LMB. City regulations in place. Largemouth bass -- catch and release.

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

Pigeon-Jones (Dakota) - 200 acres, ½E of Hubbard. BLG, CCF, LMB. Construction anticipated during 2009-2010.

Pine Glen WMA (Brown) (Bone and Long Pine Creeks) - 2E, 8¼N from Long Pine. BNT, RBT. Access to Long Pine and Bone Creek by hike to bottom of canyon, primitive camping.

Plum Creek (Brown) - W of Johnstown. BNT, RBT. Public access at Bobcat WMA and Plum Creek Valley WMA. 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) - 2½N of Ponca, river mile 753.5. CAP, CCF, FCF, FRD, PAH, SAR, SMB, WAE. Concrete ramp. Cabins and camping.

Ponca State Park (Dixon) - 1 acre pond located just west of visitors center. LMB, CCF, BLG, RBT. Special regulations posted on site. Rainbow trout stocked seasonally. Cabins and camping.

^{FFL} **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 U.S. Hwy. 275. CAP, CCF, FCF.

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

Red Fox WMA (Stanton) - 25 acres, sandpit, 1½S of Pilger on Nebraska Hwy. 15. BLG, CAP, CCF, CRP, LMB. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake), primitive boat ramp, primitive camping.

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

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

Scenic Park Access (Missouri River) (Dakota) - ½E of U.S. Hwy. 77 bridge near South Sioux City, river mile 732.0. CAP, CCF, FCF, FRD. Concrete boat ramp.

^{FFL} **Skyview Lake (Madison)** - 50 acres, Norfolk, north of Business U.S. Hwy. 275, W of U.S. Hwy. 81 on Maple Avenue. BLG, CCF, LMB, WAE. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length. No live baitfish can be used or possessed. Wheelchair-accessible deck, electric motor or nonpowered boats allowed.

Spencer Dam WMA (Niobrara River) (Holt) - 18N of O'Neill. CAP, CCF, SAR. Primitive camping.

St. Helena Access (Missouri River) (Cedar) - 6½E, 1N of U.S. Hwy. 81 and Nebraska Hwy. 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, 4½W, ½S of Tekamah. BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, WAE. 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, rebuilt winter of 2010.

Swan Lake (Holt) - 235 acres, 26S, ½W of Atkinson. BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, YEP. Primitive boat ramp, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Private lake leased for fishing only, all other access by permission only.

^{FFL} **TaHaZouka Park Lake (Madison)** - 5 acres, south edge of Norfolk, just east of U.S. Hwy. 81 and just north of the Elkhorn River. BLG, CCF, LMB, RBT. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length. No live baitfish can be used or possessed. Rainbow trout stocked seasonally.

Tilden City Pond (Antelope) - 1 acre, Tilden - Horseshoe Bend Memorial Park - SW corner of town on 5th Street. BLG, CCF, LMB. Largemouth bass-- 21-inch minimum length. Additional city regulations.

Tower Lake (Yellowthroat WMA) (Brown) - 75 acres, 12½S, 1½E of Ainsworth. BLG, CRP, LMB, YEP. Owned by FWS, electric motors only, daytime access only, no camping.

Twin Lakes WMA (Rock) - 160 acres, 16S, 2½E, 2S of Bassett. BLG, CAP, CRP, LMB, NOP, YEP. Area closed to fishing Oct. 15-Jan. 1, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake), primitive boat ramp, primitive camping.

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) - ½W of Schuyler on U.S. Hwy. 30, 3S on county road. CAP, CCF, FCF, SAR.

Wilkinson WMA (Platte) - 1 acre in two ponds, 1½S 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 three, with no more than one fish 18 inches or greater. Wheelchair-accessible dock. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake) on west half of lake. Modern and primitive camping.

Willow Lake WMA (Brown) - 313 acres, 18½S, 12½W, 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 (Elkhorn River) (Stanton) - 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, 2½W of Battle Creek. CAP, CCF, FCF. Primitive camping.

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FFL Ansley Lake (Custer) - 4 acres, west edge of Ansley off Nebraska Hwy. 2. BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length. No live baitfish can be used or possessed. Improved boat ramp, electric motor or nonpowered boats allowed.

Arnold Lake (Custer) - 4 acres, ½S of Arnold, west side of Nebraska Hwy. 40. BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, RBT. Aquatic vegetation hampers summer fishing. Rainbow trout stocked seasonally. Managed by the city.

FFL Barnett Park Pond (Red Willow) - 5 acres, S edge McCook off U.S. Hwy. 83. BLG, CCF, LMB, RBT. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length. Electric motor or nonpowered boats allowed. Rainbow trout stocked seasonally.

Birdwood WMA (Lincoln) - 20 acres, North Platte interchange, ½S, 3½W, 1N, NW across overpass. BLG, CCF, LMB, RBT, ROB, YEP. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length. Electric motor or nonpowered boats allowed. Rainbow trout stocked seasonally.

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

Chester Island WMA (Lincoln) - 4 acres in four pits, 2S, ½W of Brady. BLG, CCF, LMB. No boats. Walk-in access only.

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

Crystal Lake (Lincoln) - 7 acres, Maxwell interchange, ¾N, 2W, ½N, 3½W, ½S across overpass. BLG, CCF, LMB. Electric motor or nonpowered boats allowed.

Curtis Golf Course Pond (Frontier) - 1.7 acres, E edge of Curtis, Nebraska Hwy. 23 and Arrowhead Meadows Drive. BLG, CCF, LMB, RBT. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length. Boats Prohibited. Rainbow trout stocked seasonally.

East Hershey WMA (Lincoln) - 20 acres, North Platte interchange, ½S, 7¾W, 1½N, NE across overpass. BLG, CCF, LMB, ROB, YEP. All species – catch and release. Possession of any fish species other than baitfish while fishing this lake is prohibited. Electric motor or nonpowered boats allowed.

East Sutherland WMA (Lincoln) - 27 acres, Hershey interchange, ¼S, 3W, ½N, NE across overpass. BLG, CCF, HSF, LMB, NOP, ROB, YEP. Electric motor or nonpowered boats allowed.

Enders Reservoir SRA (Chase) - 1,200 acres, 5E, 4½S 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 nonpowered boats allowed.

Fremont Slough WMA (Lincoln) - 30 acres, North Platte interchange, 1½S, 4¾E, 1/4N, right turn across canal, ¼N under overpass. BLG, CCF, CAP, LMB, ROB, CRP. Electric motor or nonpowered boats allowed.

Frenchman WMA (Hayes) - 20 acres in three pits, ½N of Palisade. BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, NOP. Electric motor or nonpowered boats allowed.

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

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

^{FFL} **Humphrey Pond (Keith)** - 3 acres, east edge of Ogallala on U.S. Hwy. 30. BLG, CCF, LMB, RBT. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length. 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 Nebraska Hwy. 92. Modern and primitive camping; all boats allowed. Subject to severe summer drawdowns. Fish cleaning station in Martin Bay. From sunset to sunrise, April 1-30, fishing from a boat within 30 yards of the dam allowed only on that portion of the dam 200 feet north of the morning glory (outlet), with travel in a south-to-north (counter clockwise) direction required.

^{FFL} **Lake Ogallala SRA (Keith)** - 650 acres, 10N of Ogallala. CCF, RBT, SMB, WAE, WHB, WIP, YEP. 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 allowed.

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, CRP. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length.

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

^{FFL} **North Platte I-80 City Lake (Lincoln)** - 26 acres, North Platte I-80 interchange, exit 177, south on U.S. Hwy. 83, first left turn. BLG, CCF, LMB, NOP, ROB, WAE, WIP. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length. Primitive boat ramp, electric motor or nonpowered boats allowed, fishing deck.

North Platte River (Keith) - Keystone to Paxton. RBT. Private access, permission required.

North River WMA (Platte River) (Lincoln) - 2½N 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 WMA (Lincoln) - 30 acres, 2W of Maxwell on U.S. Hwy. 30. BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, ROB. Electric motor or nonpowered boats allowed.

Pressey WMA (Custer) - 2 acres, 3N, 1E Oconto. BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB. Electric motor or nonpowered 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. Reservoir drawn down until dam repaired.

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

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

Sutherland Reservoir SRA (Lincoln) - 3,000 acres, 2S of Sutherland. CAP, CCF, FRD, WAE, WHB, WIP, YEP, SMB. 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. 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 Nebraska Spur S21A. BLG, CCF, LMB. Shallow, with extensive vegetation, nonpowered boats only. Cabins and camping.

Wellfleet Lake (Lincoln) - 50 acres, ½SW of Wellfleet. BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, WHB. Primitive camping; electric motor or nonpowered boats allowed.

West Brady WMA (Lincoln) - 6 acres, Brady interchange, ¾N, 3W across overpass. BLG, CCF, LMB. All species – catch and release. Possession of any fish species other than baitfish while fishing this lake is prohibited. Electric motor or nonpowered boats allowed.

West Gothenburg WMA (Lincoln) - 15 acres, Brady interchange, 4½E on U.S. Hwy. 30, ¼S across tracks. BLG, CCF, LMB, ROB, RSF. Electric motor or nonpowered boats allowed.

West Hershey WMA (Lincoln) - 6 acres, Hershey interchange, ½W. BLG, CCF, LMB. Electric motor or nonpowered boats allowed. Access across private land.

West Maxwell WMA (Lincoln) - 7 acres, Maxwell interchange, ¾N, ¾W, ¼S. BLG, CAP, CCF, CRP, LMB, ROB. Electric motor or nonpowered boats allowed.

SOUTH-CENTRAL

32-Mile H, Prairie Lake (Adams) - 65 acres, 1½E, 4½S of Juniata. BBH, CAP, CCF. Owned by the Little Blue NRD; walk-in access only; turbid.

Alda DOR (Hall) - 12 acres, Alda interchange, NE quadrant. BLG, CCF, LMB, NOP. Northern pike -- 30-inch minimum length. No boats allowed.

Archway Lakes (Buffalo) - 15 acres in four lakes, 2E of Kearney on First Avenue, LMB, SMB, BLG, CCF, YEP, CRP. No boats allowed on Lake No. 1. Electric motor or nonpowered boats allowed on Lake Nos. 2, 3, and 4. Lake No. 2 renovated in 2010.

^{FEL} **Auble Pond (Valley)** - 5 acres, Bussell Park Road and G Street, Ord. BLG, CCF, LMB, RBT. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length. Rainbow trout stocked seasonally.

Bader Memorial County Park (Merrick) - 12 acres in seven lakes, 1½S of Chapman. BLG, CCF, LMB. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length. Modern and primitive camping; closed to motorboats. Entrance fee required by county.

Bassway Strip WMA (Buffalo) - 39 acres in two lakes, Minden interchange, ¼S on Nebraska Hwy. 10, east on county road back toward I-80. BBH, BLG, CAP, CCF, CRP, LMB. Improved boat ramp on West Lake, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). East lake walk-in only. Platte River access.

^{FEL} **Bethphage Pond (Kearney)** - 3 acres, ¼N Axtell. BLG, CCF, LMB. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length. 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. 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, ½W of Loup City on Nebraska Hwy. 92. BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB. Electric motor or nonpowered boats allowed. Middle Loup River access. Primitive camping.

Bufflehead WMA (Buffalo) - 15 acres, Kearney interchange, 1N to 11th Street, 3E, 1S, ½E. BLG, CCF, LMB, ROB, YEP. Improved boat ramp, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake).

^{FEL} **Central City Lake (Merrick)** - 5 acres, Central City, ¼W on 31st Street from Nebraska Hwy. 14. LMB, BLG, CCF. Lake expanded in 2009. Renovation and restocking in 2011.

^{FEL} **Cheyenne SRA (Hall)** - 7 acres, Wood River interchange, NW quadrant. BLG, CAP, CCF, LMB. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length. Primitive camping. Gravel boat ramp. Electric motor or nonpowered boats allowed.

Coot Shallows WMA (Buffalo) - 12 acres, Odessa interchange, ¾N, 1 ¼W. BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB. Improved boat ramp, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake).

Cornhusker WMA (Hall) - 1 acre, 4W of Grand Island. BLG, CCF, LMB. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length. Subject to water level fluctuations.

^{FEL} **Cottonmill Lake (Buffalo)** - 43 acres, 1W, ½N of Kearney on U.S. Hwy. 30, N of U.S. Hwy. 30 off Cottonmill Avenue. BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, NOP. Northern pike -- 30-inch minimum length. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length. 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. 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 nonpowered boats allowed. Modern and primitive camping.

Darr WMA (Dawson) - 13 acres, Darr interchange, NW quadrant. BLG, CCF, LMB, ROB. Electric motor or nonpowered boats allowed. Gravel boat ramp.

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 two lakes, Lexington interchange, 5½E, 2½S across overpass, ¼E. BLG, CCF, LMB, ROB. 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, U.S. Hwy. 281 and N. Broadwell Avenue. BBH, BLG, CAP, CCF, CRP, LMB. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length. 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, ½S, ½E, 3½SE and E. CCF, CRP, LMB, RSF. 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. Electric motor or nonpowered boats allowed. Platte River access.

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

Elwood Reservoir WMA (Gosper) - 1,150 acres, 3N of Elwood. BLG, CCF, CRP, FCF, LMB, MUE, SPB, WAE, WHB, WIP, YEP, NOP. Wiper/white bass -- daily bag limit of three with no more than one fish 18 inches or greater; Walleye -- 15-inch minimum length with a 18- to 24-inch protected slot, with only one 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 nonpowered boats allowed.

^{FEL} **Fort Kearny SRA (Kearney)** - 21 acres in seven pits, ¾E, 1N of Fort Kearny SHP. BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, WIP. Lake No. 2 is catch and release for all catfish species; electric motor or nonpowered boats allowed; wheelchair-accessible deck on lake Nos. 6 and 7. Modern and primitive camping. Wipers in lake No. 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. No boats allowed. Low water levels possible.

Grand Island L.E. Ray Lake (Hall) - 30 acres, Grand Island, N of Husker Highway and East Blaine. BLG, CCF, LMB, MUE, YEP, CRP. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length. Concrete boat ramp. Electric motors or nonpowered boats allowed.

^{FFL} **Grand Island Pier Lake (Hall)** - 9 acres, Grand Island - Ashton Avenue and Bismarck Road. BBH, BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length. Improved boat ramp. Fish kill in 2009.

^{FFL} **Grand Island Such's Lake (Hall)** - 4 acres, Grand Island - Harrison Street. BLG, CCF, LMB, RBT. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length. No live baitfish can be used or possessed. Wheelchair-accessible deck. Rainbow trout stocked seasonally.

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

Harlan Reservoir (Harlan) - 13,500 acres, S of Alma and Republican City. CAP, CCF, CRP, FCF, NOP, WAE, WHB, WIP. Walleye -- daily bag limit of four 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. 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. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length. Open to fishing during public shooting hours. Low water possible due to seepage problems.

^{FFL} **Heartwell Park Lake (Adams)** - 3 acres, Hastings - E Forest Boulevard. BLG, CCF, LMB, RBT. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length. No live baitfish can be used or possessed. Rainbow trout stocked seasonally.

^{FFL} **Holdrege City Lake (North Park) (Phelps)** - 10 acres, Holdrege - east of U.S. Hwy. 183 on 18th Avenue. BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, RBT. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length. No live baitfish can be used or possessed. 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. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length.

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; two 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. Improved boat ramp, wheelchair-accessible ramp access, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake).

Kea West WMA (Buffalo) - 8 acres, Kearney interchange, 1N to 11th Street, 1¼W, 1S to overpass approach, turn east. BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, ROB, YEP. All species – catch and release. Possession of any fish species other than baitfish while fishing this lake is prohibited. Primitive boat ramp, electric motor or nonpowered boats allowed.

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

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

Len Koziol WMA (Loup River) (Howard) - 2 ½N, 2E, ½N of St. Paul. CAP, CCF.

^{FEL} **Lexington City Lake (Dawson)** - 3 acres, N edge Lexington, N. Adams Street. (Rt. 21) and W. 13th Street. BLG, CCF, LMB, RBT. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length. No live baitfish can be used or possessed. Rainbow trout stocked seasonally; no ice fishing allowed.

Liberty Cove (Webster) - 36 acres, 2S, 2½W of Lawrence. BLG, CCF, LMB. Channel catfish -- daily bag limit of three. 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 Nebraska Hwy. 14. BLG, CCF, LMB. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length. No live baitfish can be used or possessed.

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

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. Access to Platte River.

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, Minden, West 5th Street, at high school. BLG, CCF, LMB.

Mormon Island DOR (East) (Hall) - 22 acres, Grand Island interchange, N of I-80, 1½E. BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, MUE. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length. 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. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Walk-in access from Mormon Island SRA. Modern and primitive camping. Concrete boat ramp.

^{FEL} **Mormon Island SRA (West) (Hall)** - 42 acres, Grand Island interchange, NE quadrant. BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Modern and primitive camping, wheelchair-accessible pier. Fish population renovated in 2010. Concrete boat ramp.

Mormon Trail (Merrick) - 1 acre, 1½S, 2W Clarks. BLG, CCF, LMB. Subject to low water levels.

Narrows WMA (Republican River) (Webster) - 4W of Red Cloud on U.S. 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. No boats allowed.

^{FFL} **North Loup SRA (Howard)** - 7 acres, 3N of St. Paul, just north of the North Loup River on U.S. Hwy. 281. BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB. Electric motor or nonpowered boats allowed.

^{FFL} **Oxford City Lake (Furnas)** - 2 acres, ¼S of downtown on Central Avenue. BLG, CCF, LMB. Largemouth bass – 21-inch minimum length. 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, ½E Aurora. BLG, CCF, LMB. Seepage problems -- low water conditions common.

Plum Creek Canyon Reservoir (Dawson) - 252 acres, 8S, 3½E Cozad. CCF, CRP, FCF, FRD, SAR, WAE, WHB, WIP. Primitive boat ramp, all boats allowed.

^{FFL} **Ravenna Lake (Buffalo)** - 16 acres, 1SE of Ravenna, N of Nebraska Hwy. 2. BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length. No live baitfish can be used or possessed. Primitive camping; electric motor or non-powered boats allowed, gravel boat ramp, wheelchair-accessible deck. Area management by Buffalo County.

Sac Wilcox WMA (Phelps) - 2 acres in three lakes, 10E, 3S of Holdrege. BLG, CCF, LMB. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length. Seepage problem on two of the lakes.

Sandy Channel SRA (Buffalo) - 52 acres in six lakes, 2S of Elm Creek I-80 Interchange. BLG, CAP, CCF, CRP, LMB, ROB, YEP. Electric motor or nonpowered 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. CAP, CCF, CRP, FCF, NOP, WAE, WHB. Walleye -- daily bag limit may include two walleye greater than 15 inches but less than 20 inches and one 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 1-20. 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 Nebraska Hwy. 39. BLG, CCF, LMB. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length.

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. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length. No live baitfish can be used or possessed.

Union Pacific SRA (Buffalo) - 15 acres, Odessa interchange, NE quadrant. BLG, CCF, LMB, ROB. Primitive camping; gravel boat ramp, electric motor or nonpowered boats allowed.

War Axe SRA (Buffalo) - 14 acres, Shelton interchange, NE quadrant. CCF, RSF, SMB. Black bass -- 21-inch minimum length. Gravel boat ramp, electric motor or nonpowered boats allowed. Primitive camping.

West Cozad WMA (Dawson) - 18 acres, Cozad interchange, ½N, ¼W, ¼N, 1W, 1S. CCF, LMB, ROB, RSF. Electric motor or nonpowered 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, ½S, 1W, N across overpass, ¼W. BLG, CAP, CCF, LMB. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length. Electric motor or nonpowered boats allowed.

Willow Island WMA (Dawson) - 24 acres, 5¼W of Cozad on U.S. Hwy. 30, ¾S across overpass. BLG, CAP, CCF, LMB. Lake connects to Platte River. Electric motor or nonpowered boats allowed.

^{FEL} **Windmill SRA (Buffalo)** - 23 acres in six pits, Gibbon interchange, NE quadrant. BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, RBT, WIP. Lake No. 3 is catch and release for all catfish species; wheelchair-accessible deck (Lake No. 2); electric motor or nonpowered boats allowed. Modern and primitive camping. Rainbow trout stocked seasonally in Lake No. 1.

^{FEL} **Wolbach City Pond (Greeley)** - 3 acres, Wolbach - north edge of town off Nebraska Hwy. 22 on Bluff St. BLG, CCF, LMB. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length.

^{FEL} **Yanney Park Lake (Buffalo)** - 20 acres, Kearney - off W. 11th Street. BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, YEP. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length. 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 Street. BLG, CCF, LMB. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length. 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) - ½S, 1E of Alexandria. CAP, CCF.

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

Arrowhead WMA (Gage) - 77 acres, 3E, ½S of Diller. BBH, CAP, CCF. Electric motor or nonpowered boats allowed, very turbid and shallow.

Aspinwall Bend WMA (Missouri and Little Nemaha rivers) (Nemaha) - ¾S of Nemaha. CAP, CCF.

^{FFL} **Auburn Rotary Club Lake (Nemaha)** - 5 acres, 7th and J Streets, Auburn. BLG, CCF, LMB, RBT. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length. Rainbow trout stocked seasonally.

^{FFL} **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. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length. No motorboats allowed.

Bear Pierce Cedar 2A (Gage) - 24 acres, 4N, 3½E of U.S. Hwy. 77 and U.S. Hwy. 136 junction. BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB. Owned by the Lower Big Blue NRD. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake).

Bennington Lake (Newport Landing) (Douglas) - 270 acres, 180th and Bennington Road. BLG, CCF, LMB. Largemouth bass – 21-inch minimum length. Ice-fishing not allowed. Public access is only permitted on the jetty located ½W of 168th Street at the intersection of Nebraska Hwy. 36 and Newport Landing.

^{FFL} **Benson Park Pond (Douglas)** - 4 acres, Omaha - off 72nd Street at Military and Ames Avenue intersection. BLG, CCF, LMB, RBT. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length. Restricted to children under 16, adults with a child that is actively fishing, and adults 65 or older. Rainbow trout stocked seasonally.

Big Indian 11A (Gage) - 76 acres, 3S, 3W of Wymore. BLG, CCF, LMB. Primitive camping. Boat ramp, all boats allowed; very turbid. Owned by the Lower Big Blue NRD. Rehabilitation planned in 2010/2011.

Blue Bluffs WMA (Big Blue River) (Seward) - ½N, 1E, 2S of Milford. CAP, CCF, FCF.

Blue River SRA (Big Blue River) (Saline) - 3½N of Dorchester. CAP, CCF, FCF.

Blue Valley (Big Blue River) (Seward) - ½S of Seward. CAP, CCF, FCF.

Bluestem Lake SRA (Lancaster) - 326 acres, 2½W 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 Street and W. Cuming Street (Airpark). BLG, CCF, LMB, RBT. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length. Concrete boat ramp, electric motor or nonpowered boats allowed. Lincoln City lake. Rainbow trout stocked seasonally in south pond.

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

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

Branched Oak Lake SRA (Lancaster) - 1,800 acres, ½W, 4N of Malcolm. BCF, BLG, CAP, CCF, CRP, FCF, LMB, WAE, WHP, WIP. Walleye -- daily bag limit of one, 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.

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

Bruning Dam (Fillmore) - 258 acres, 2½E, 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, 4½S of Fairbury. CCF. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Owned by the Little Blue NRD; very turbid.

Burchard Lake (Pawnee) - 150 acres, 3E, ½N 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. BLG, CCF, LMB. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length. All boats allowed, special boating regulations posted; east arm has no-wake, 5 mph speed limit, concrete boat ramp; wheelchair-accessible deck. Open 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. Renovated 2010

Catfish Run WMA (Salt Creek) (Sarpy) - ¾E 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, 1½N of Denton. BLG, CAP, CCF, CRP, FCF, FRD, LMB, WAE. Primitive and modern camping; concrete boat ramp, all boats allowed.

Cottontail (Lancaster) - 29 acres, ½N of Martell. BLG, CCF, LMB. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length. 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 two lakes, Fairbury - Crystal Springs Road, west of Frederick Street. BLG, CAP, CCF, LMB, RBT. No boats allowed. Camping. Rainbow trout stocked seasonally in middle lake.

Cub Creek 9B (Leisure Lake) (Jefferson) - 25 acres, 3S, ½E 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, 4½S of Plymouth. CAP, CCF. Boat ramp, all boats allowed; turbid. Owned by the Lower Big Blue NRD.

Czechland Lake (Saunders) - 85 acres, 1N, ¼W of Prague. BBH, BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB. 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.

FEL David City Park Ponds (Butler) - 6 acres in three ponds, David City - south edge, east side of Nebraska Hwy. 15. BLG, CCF, LMB, RBT. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length. 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 two lakes, 3½W of Odell. BBH, CCF, FCF. Electric motor or nonpowered 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-Nov. 1. Camping and canoe launch.

Fairbury Dam (Little Blue River) (Jefferson) - Fairbury - S edge at C Street. 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 Boulevard. BLG, CCF, LMB. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length. 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. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length.

Glenn Cunningham Lake (Douglas) - 390 acres, Omaha - 96th and State. BLG, CAP, CCF, CRP, LMB, WAE. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length. 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-Nov. 1, 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. 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 Avenue and Center Street. BLG, CCF, LMB. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length. 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 Nebraska 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 Nebraska Hwy. 370. BLG, CCF, LMB.

Hedgefield Lake WMA (Lancaster) - 44 acres, 2W, ½N of Panama. BLG, CCF, LMB. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length. No live baitfish can be used or possessed. Concrete boat ramp. Handicap accessible fishing pier. 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 Streets. BLG, CCF, LMB, RBT. Largemouth bass – 21-inch minimum length. Restricted to children under 16, adults with a child that is actively fishing, and adults 65 or older. Rainbow trout stocked seasonally.

^{FFL} **Holmes Lake (Lancaster)** - 100 acres, Lincoln, 70th Street and Normal Boulevard. BLG, CCF, LMB, RBT, WAE. Largemouth bass — 21-inch minimum length. No live baitfish can be used or possessed; Electric motor or nonpowered boats allowed. Lincoln city lake; two concrete boat ramps, wheelchair-accessible deck. Rainbow trout stocked seasonally in south basin.

Homestead Lake (Butler) - 38 acres, 1N½W of Bruno. BBH, BLG, CCF, LMB. Boat ramp; boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Owned by the Lower Platte North NRD.

^{FFL} **Humboldt City Park Lake (Richardson)** - 1 acre, S edge of Humboldt, W off Nebraska Hwy. 105 at Railroad Street. BLG, CCF, LMB. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length.

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, ½N, 2W of DuBois. BLG, CCF, CRP, FCF, LMB, WAE. Largemouth 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) - 2S of Ceresco. BBH, CCF.

^{FFL} **Jenny 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. 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, 2½N of Martell. BBH, BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB. Electric motor or nonpowered boats allowed.

Kinter's Ford WMA (Big Nemaha River) (Richardson) - 1N, 2½E of Dubois on Nebraska 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 Nebraska Hwy. 370 at Missouri River bridge. BLG, CCF, LMB. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length. Lake under construction during 2009-2010.

^{FFL} **Lake Halleck (Sarpy)** - 4 acres, Papillion - E of S. Washington Street (Nebraska Hwy. 85) on E. Lincoln Street. BLG, CCF, LMB, RBT. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length. Rainbow trout stocked seasonally.

Lake Wanahoo (Saunders) - 637 acres, ½N of Wahoo. BLG, CCF, LMB, WAE, NOP. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length. 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. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length.

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

Lawrence Youngman Lake (Douglas) - 60 acres, Omaha - 192nd and West Dodge Road. BLG, CCF, LMB. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length. 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, 3½E, ½S 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 five pits, ½NW of Louisville. BBH, BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, WIP. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length. Bullhead -- daily bag limit of five. Electric motor or nonpowered boats allowed. Modern and primitive camping. Wipers in Lake No. 2, bullheads in Lake No. 2a.

Louisville SRA (Platte River) (Cass) - ½NW of Louisville. CAP, CCF, FCF, FRD, SNS. Concrete boat ramp just west of Nebraska Hwy. 50, on north side of river.

Margrave WMA (Big Nemaha River) (Richardson) - 1½S, 2¾E of Preston. CAP, CCF. Access to river, half-mile walk.

Mayberry WMA (Pawnee) - 25 acres, 5N, 1¼E of Burchard. BBH, BLG, CCF, LMB. Electric motor or nonpowered boats allowed, walk-in access.

Meadowlark (Seward) - 55 acres, 4W, 1N, 1½W of Agnew. BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length. 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 acres, ¼W of Memphis. BLG, CCF, LMB, RSF. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length. Primitive gravel boat launch area, smaller craft only. Electric motor or nonpowered boats allowed. Wheelchair-accessible fishing deck. Primitive camping.

Merganser Lake (Lancaster) - 41 acres, ½N, 1E, ¼N 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, ½W of Alexandria. CAP, CCF, FCF.

Midlands Lake (Sarpy) - 11 acres, Papillion - Washington and Capehart Road. BLG, CCF, LMB. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake).

Miller Park Pond (Douglas) - 4 acres, Omaha - 30th Street and Redick Avenue. BLG, CCF, LMB. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length. Restricted to children under 16, adults with a child that is actively fishing, and adults 65 or older.

Oak Lake (Lancaster) - 47 acres in three lakes, NW Lincoln - Charleston Street and Sun Valley Boulevard. 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; No live baitfish can be used or possessed. Primitive camping; concrete boat ramp, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake), wheelchair-accessible fishing pier.

Osage WMA (Johnson) - 4 acres in four ponds, 3N, 2W, ¾N of Tecumseh. BLG, LMB.

Overland Trails Lake (York) - 14 acres, 3E, 1½S 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, 1½E 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 - ¼N of Nebraska Hwy. 36 and 98th Street. BLG, CCF, LMB. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length. Owned by the Papio/Missouri NRD, walk-in access only. Lake deepened in 2009, limited fishing opportunity in 2010. Electric motor or nonpowered boats allowed.

Pawnee City Pond (Pawnee) - 1 acre, SW edge of Pawnee City, W side of Nebraska Hwy. 65. BLG, CCF, LMB. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length.

Pawnee Lake SRA (Lancaster) - 740 acres, 2N, 1½W of Emerald. BLG, CAP, CCF, CRP, FCF, FRD, LMB, SAR, WAE, WHB, WHP. Modern and primitive camping; all boats allowed, several concrete boat ramps.

Pawnee Prairie WMA (Pawnee) - 5 acres in seven ponds, 6S, 2E, 2S of Burchard. BLG, LMB. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length. Walk-in access only.

Peru (Missouri River) (Nemaha) - 1½E of Peru. BUF, CAP, CCF, FCF, SNS. Concrete boat ramp.

Platte River Landing (Douglas) - E corner of Nebraska Hwy. 64 bridge. CAP, CCF, FCF, FRD, SNS. Open April 1-Nov. 1, 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.

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 Street and 5th Avenue. BLG, CCF, LMB. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length. Wheelchair-accessible fishing pier.

Prairie Knoll WMA (Pawnee) - 6 acres, 2W, 2N DuBois. BLG, CCF, LMB. Electric motor or nonpowered boats allowed.

FEL Prairie View Lake (Douglas) - 42 acres, 2W of Bennington, 180th and Nebraska Hwy. 36. BLG, CCF, LMB. Largemouth bass – 21- inch minimum length. 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 SP, I-80 exit 426. BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, RBT. Largemouth bass – 21- inch minimum length. Electric motor or nonpowered boats allowed. Rainbow trout stocked seasonally.

Recharge Lake (York) - 49 acres, 1½W of York. BLG, CCF, LMB. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length. Concrete boat ramp, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Owned by the Upper Big Blue NRD.

Red Cedar (Saunders) - 50 acres, 5½N, 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, ½N of Dwight. BLG, CCF, LMB. Walk-in access only. Electric motor or nonpowered boats allowed.

Riverview Marina SRA (Missouri River) (Otoe) - Nebraska City, N. 4th Street and 14th Avenue. 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, 2½W, 1½S and 2S, 3½W, 2S of Fairbury. BBH, CAP, CCF.

Rulo Access (Missouri River) (Richardson) - South of U.S. 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 Road from Main Street. BCF, CAP, CCF, FCF, FRD, SNS. Bank access to Missouri and Platte rivers, except when closed by Game and Parks due to poor road conditions.

Schwer Park Pond (Sarpy) - 2 acres, Papillion - W Centennial Road west of 84th Street. BLG, CCF, LMB. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length.

Seward City Lake (Seward) - 2 acres, N. 14th Street on west edge of Seward. BLG, CCF, LMB. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length.

Shadow Lake (Sarpy) - 30 acres, Papillion - Washington and Capehart Road. BLG, CAP, CRP, LMB. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake).

Shady Trail (Big Blue River) (Saline) - 1W, 4N, ½W, ½N of Crete. CAP, CCF, FCF.

Smith Creek (Seward) - 21 acres, 2N, 2W, ¼N 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, 1½S, ½W of Hickman. BLG, CAP, CCF, CRP, LMB, WAE, WIP.; Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length. Wiper -- daily bag limit of three, 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 fishing pier.

Standing Bear Lake (Douglas) - 135 acres, Omaha - 132nd and Military. BLG, CAP, CCF, CRP, FRD, LMB, RBT, WAE. Electric motor or nonpowered 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. Largemouth bass - 21-inch minimum length. Modern campground, picnic shelter and restrooms.

Steinhart Park Ponds (Otoe) - 5 acres in two ponds, Nebraska City - N of Nebraska Business Hwy. 2 off Steinhart Park Road. BLG, CCF, LMB, RBT. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length. 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.

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, ½N, 1W, ½S 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 nonpowered boats allowed. Subject to frequent fish kills due to low water levels.

Tecumseh City Pond (Johnson) - 2 acres, Tecumseh - N. 1st Street at fairgrounds. BLG, CCF, LMB. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length. 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) - ½E, 1S of Plattsmouth. CAP, CCF, FCF, FRD, SNS.

Towl Park Pond (Douglas) - 1 acre, Omaha - West Center Road and 93rd (enter at Paddock Road traffic light). BLG, CCF, LMB, BT. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length. Restricted to children under 16, adults with a child that is actively fishing, and adults 65 or older. Rainbow trout stocked seasonally.

Twin Lakes WMA (Seward) - 270 acres in two lakes, 2½N, ½W of Pleasant Dale. BBH, BLG, CAP, CCF, CRP, LMB, WAE, WHB. Concrete boat ramp on East lake; area closed to fishing from Oct. 15 - Dec 31.

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

Twin Oaks WMA (Big Nemaha River) (Johnson) - 2E, 2S, ¾W of Tecumseh. CAP, CCF. Half-mile walk-in access to river.

FEL Two Rivers SRA (Douglas) - 32 acres in seven pits, 1½S of Venice. BBH, BLG, CAP, CCF, CRP, GRP, LMB, RBT, SMB. Black bass -- 21-inch minimum length on all lakes. Lake Nos. 3 and 4 are designated as catch and release for all catfish species. Bullhead -- daily bag limit of five. 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-June 30. Cost of a tag is \$4, which allows the harvest of four trout. Anglers may purchase up to three tags, and may 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 No. 5 -- purchase trout tags at park office. Cabins and camping.

Two Rivers SRA (Platte River) (Douglas) - 1½S of Venice. CAP, CCF, FCF, SNS. Walk-in river access.

FEL Verdon Lake SRA (Richardson) - 30 acres, ½W of Verdon. BBH, BLG, CCF, LMB. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length. Electric motor or nonpowered 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 three, 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, ½E, 3½N 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 Nebraska Hwy. 370. BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, RSF. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length limit. 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 High School. BLG, CCF, LMB. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length. 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. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length. Rainbow trout stocked seasonally.

Wehrspann Lake Recreation Area (Sarpy) - 245 acres, Omaha - 156th and Giles Road. BBH, BCF, BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, WAE. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length. 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 Road and F Street. BLG, CCF, LMB. Walk-in access only.

Wild Plum (Lancaster) - 16 acres, 1½N, ½W, of Kramer. BLG, CCF, LMB. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Owned by the Lower Platte South NRD.

^{FFL} **Wildwood Lake (Lancaster)** - 103 acres, 1W, 1½N of Agnew. BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, WAE. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length; all catfish -- catch and release. 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, 1½S of Otoe. BLG, CAP, CCF, CRP, LMB. Electric motor or nonpowered boats allowed. Owned by the Nemaha NRD; very shallow.

Wilson Creek 4F (Prairie Owl) (Otoe) - 38 acres, 2S, 1W, ¼S 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, 2½E, 1S of Denton. BLG, CCF, LMB, WAE. Largemouth bass -- 21-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 Streets. BBH, BCF, BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, MUE, WAE, WIP. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length; 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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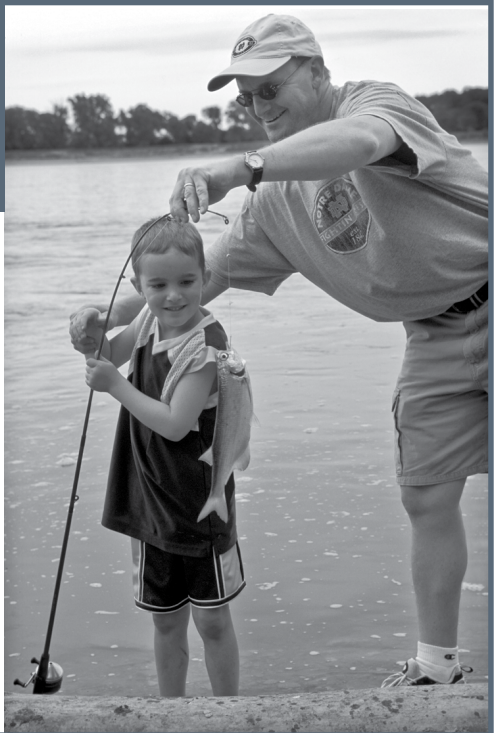
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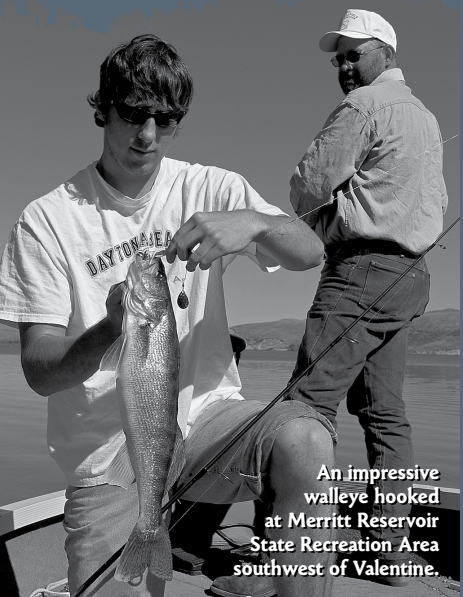
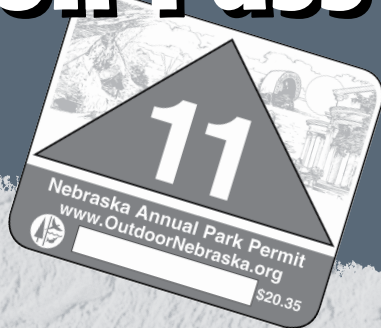
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