

# FISHING GUIDE

INFORMATION FOR:

- Regulations
- State Records
- Master Angler Awards
- Public Fishing Areas





# Davis Creek Reservoir

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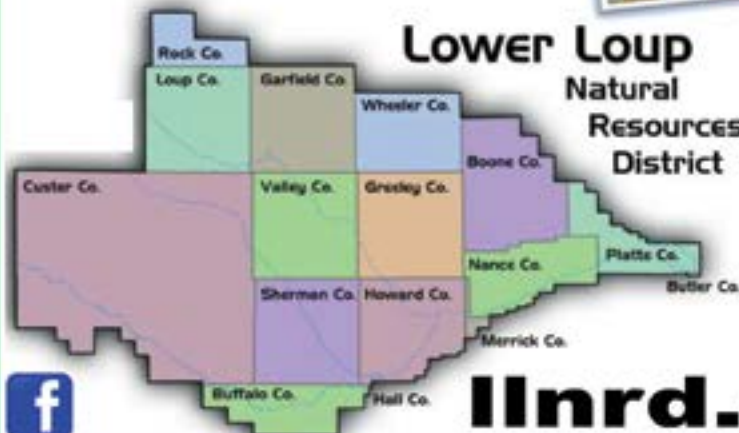
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*Davis Creek Reservoir is located in Greeley and Valley Counties*



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## ABOUT THIS GUIDE

The Nebraska Game and Parks Commission's Fishing Guide is a summary of Nebraska's regulations, orders and statutes pertaining to fishing. It is not intended to be a complete digest of regulations, orders and statutes. A complete listing may be found at:

### Regulations and Orders:

[OutdoorNebraska.gov](http://OutdoorNebraska.gov)

### Statutes:

[law.justia.com/codes/nebraska/2022/chapter-37/](http://law.justia.com/codes/nebraska/2022/chapter-37/)

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# Fishing Permit and Stamp Fees

**Issue Fees** – A \$3 issue fee is included on all fishing, fish/hunt, and paddlefish permits listed below EXCEPT veteran fish/hunt, senior fish/hunt and deployed military permits.

**Nonrefundable Application Fees** – A \$7 nonrefundable application fee is included on paddlefish permits and preference points.

**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	\$38	Fish, 5-year	\$132 <sup>3</sup>
Fish/Hunt, annual	\$52	Fish/Hunt, 3-year	\$191 <sup>2</sup>
Fish, 1-day	\$10	Fish/Hunt, 5-year	\$285 <sup>4</sup>
Fish, 3-day	\$31	Fish, lifetime (age 0-15)	\$616
Paddlefish	\$33	Fish, lifetime (age 16-45)	\$710
Deployed military, annual	\$5	Fish, lifetime (age 46-over)	\$616
Veteran Fish/Hunt, annual	\$5	Fish/Hunt, lifetime (age 0-15)	\$859
Senior Fish/Hunt, annual	\$5	Fish/Hunt, lifetime (age 16-45)	\$1,008
Special disabled, annual	\$8	Fish/Hunt, lifetime (age 46-over)	\$859
Fish, 3-year	\$90.50 <sup>1</sup>	Paddlefish Preference Point	\$17

## NONRESIDENT FISH

Fish, annual	\$84	Fish/Hunt, 3-year	\$534 <sup>2</sup>
Fish/Hunt, annual	\$177	Fish/Hunt, 5-year	\$800 <sup>4</sup>
Fish, 1-day	\$14.50	Fish, lifetime (age 0-16)	\$929
Fish, 3-day	\$37	Fish, lifetime (age 17-over)	\$1,306
Paddlefish	\$57	Fish/Hunt, lifetime (age 0-16)	\$1,600
Fish, 3-year	\$216.50 <sup>1</sup>	Fish/Hunt, lifetime (age 17-over)	\$2,391
Fish, 5-year	\$326 <sup>3</sup>	Paddlefish Preference Point	\$27

<sup>1</sup> Includes 3-year Aquatic Habitat Stamp

<sup>2</sup> Includes 3-year Aquatic Habitat Stamp and Habitat Stamp

<sup>3</sup> Includes 5-year Aquatic Habitat Stamp

<sup>4</sup> Includes 5-year Aquatic Habitat Stamp and Habitat Stamp

**NOTE:** Nebraska Waterfowl Stamps may be purchased with 3- and 5-year Fish/Hunt permits

## VEHICLE PARK ENTRY

### Nebraska licensed:

Annual	\$35
Duplicate annual	\$17.5
Daily	\$7

### Non-Nebraska licensed:

Annual	\$70
Duplicate annual	\$35
Daily	\$14

Issue fees on park permits may apply.

## BOATING (includes \$3 issue fee)

Nonresident Aquatic Invasive Species Stamp, annual	\$18
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# 2024 Season Dates

Season	Dates	More Info
Hook and Line	Year-round	Page 8
Paddlefish	Archery: June 1 - 30; Snagging: Oct. 1 - 31	Page 17
Underwater Spearfishing	Game Fish: July 1 - Dec. 31 statewide, except Box Butte Reservoir and private waters, where the season is June 1 - Dec. 31; Non-game Fish: year-round	Page 17
Surface Spearfishing	Year-round for nongame fish only	Page 16
Archery	July 1- Dec. 31 for game fish; Year-round for nongame fish	Page 16
Bullfrog	Aug. 15 - Oct. 31, east of Hwy. 81; Year-round, west of Hwy. 81	Page 15
Snapping turtle	Year-round	Page 15
Mussel	Year-round, no harvest in any river or stream	Page 15

## New for 2024

**Channel Catfish** – Only one fish in the daily bag can be 30 inches or greater in length statewide.

**Bluegill** – The daily bag limit for bluegill shall include only one fish nine inches or longer at Duck Lake (FWS), Pelican Lake (FWS), Blue Lake (FWS), Island Lake (FWS), Smith Lake (FWS), Frye Lake WMA, and Smith Lake WMA.

**Yellow Perch** – The daily bag limit for yellow perch shall include only five fish 10 inches or longer, of which only one fish may be 12 inches or longer, at Home Valley Lake, Rat and Beaver WMA, Blue Lake (FWS), Island Lake (FWS), Smith Lake (FWS), Frye Lake WMA, and Smith Lake WMA.

**Archery Paddlefish** – Additional areas below Gavins Point Dam now will be open to archery fishing during archery paddlefish season; only the north wall of the spillway and the powerhouse discharge canal will be closed. See pages 18 and 20 for specific language and detailed image of the closed area.

## Permit Information

### WHO NEEDS A FISHING PERMIT?

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

### RESIDENT PERMITS

The requirements to qualify as a Nebraska resident to buy a fishing permit:

- Reside in Nebraska continuously for at least 30 days before making application for a permit and intend to become a Nebraska resident.

- Residents in school in another state or stationed outside Nebraska as part of a military assignment that have maintained Nebraska as their state of legal residency.
- Active-duty military personnel and full-time students stationed or attending school in Nebraska for a period of at least 30 days.
- 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 permit.

## **NONRESIDENT PERMITS**

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.

## **MOBILE PERMITS**

Nebraska hunt (small game), fish, resident fur harvest permits and associated stamps may be purchased, accessed or displayed on a mobile device. The image of a mobile permit may be displayed and saved on a device such as a phone or tablet. See more at [OutdoorNebraska.gov](http://OutdoorNebraska.gov).

## **OTHER PERMIT TYPES**

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

- are 50% 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 resident seniors 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 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 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, service centers and the Schramm Education Center.

**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 archery during designated seasons.

**Salvage Permit** – The permit allows for the salvage of fish from selected irrigation canals located in the Platte River, Republican River and Loup River drainages. Applications must be submitted to Game and Parks’ North Platte district office or the Kearney service center. Live fish cannot be transported in water from a canal because the potential for moving diseases and aquatic invasive species exists. Fish for consumption should be transported on ice.

## **PERMIT REVOCATION**

Under Nebraska law, hunting and fishing privileges may be revoked for some game law and court-determined violations. This could include certain one-time offenses by individuals or repeated violations by habitual offenders. Any person whose privilege to hunt, fish or harvest fur has been suspended or revoked in another jurisdiction within the United States or Canada also shall be prohibited from obtaining a permit for such activity in Nebraska for the duration of the suspension.

## **PERMIT REQUIREMENTS ON 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, and 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.
- Nonresident South Dakota permits are not valid from Gavins Point Dam to 0.6 miles downstream.
- 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).

## **WHEN FISHING PERMIT IS NOT REQUIRED**

Owners or their guests fishing on a private water body are not required to have a fishing permit if all of the following apply to that water: 1) is located entirely on private land, 2) is entirely privately stocked, 3) does not connect by inflow or outflow with any other water outside such land, and 4) is not operated on a commercial basis for profit. In addition, any licensed commercial put-and-take operation is exempt from a fishing permit.

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# Fishing Regulations

## 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.

- Umbrella/spreader rigs (Alabama, sabiki, etc.) clarification: These are considered "rigs" of multiple lures/baits combined. Therefore, when using on a pond/pit/lake/reservoir, only two of the lures/baits can have hooks on them. When using in a river/stream/canal, five hooks would be allowed.

**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 (such as 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 or managed by Game and Parks, including U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service refuges. 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. These hook-and-line limits apply to anglers who must be one-half mile from any lake, pond or reservoir that is associated with that river or stream. These can be rods and reels, poles, bank lines, limb lines or setlines that are attached to a fixed object in a river, stream or canal and not free-floating. Jug lines are illegal and are defined as a free-floating line that contains fishing hooks entirely supported by flotation. All bank lines, limb lines and setlines must contain the angler's name, address and fishing-permit number or driver's license number. Bank lines, limb lines and setlines must be checked every 24 hours.

**Removal of Bank Lines, Limb Lines and Setlines** – Upon completion of fishing, all bank lines, limb lines and setlines must be removed. Within the boundaries of the Missouri National Recreational River, limb lines and setlines are prohibited within 200 feet of public boat landings or swimming areas.

## SNAGGING

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





## Black Bass (Largemouth, Smallmouth, Spotted)

Location	Species	Length Limit	Bag	Possession
Inland Waters, and DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge, Snyder Bend and Lake Yankton	Black Bass	15-inch minimum; One 21 inches or longer	5 in aggregate	10 in aggregate
<b>EXCEPTIONS:</b>				
Selected areas listed in Public Fishing Areas section and on private waters leased in Open Fields and Waters and PATH Fishing programs	Black Bass	21-inch minimum	1	10
Missouri River between Nebraska and Iowa/Missouri	Black Bass	12-inch minimum; One 21 inches or longer	5	10
Missouri River between Nebraska and South Dakota	Black Bass	No minimum; One 21 inches or longer	5	10
Nebraska Public Power District Canal from Sutherland Reservoir outlet to confluence with South Platte River, including Lake Maloney	Smallmouth Bass	No minimum; One 15 inches or longer	5 <sup>a</sup>	10 <sup>b</sup>
Big Elk Lake, Portal Lake	Smallmouth Bass	12-inch maximum	2 <sup>a</sup>	10 <sup>b</sup>
<sup>a</sup> still included in aggregate black bass bag limit (5 fish)				
<sup>b</sup> still included in aggregate black bass possession limit (10 fish)				

### 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
- “statewide” includes all inland waters of the state and waters of the Missouri River

**Culling** – Culling and high-grading are not allowed. Any fish that is not to be counted in the daily 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.



Walleye

Sauger

Saugeye

## Walleye, Sauger, Saugeye

Location	Length Limit	Bag	Possession
Inland Waters	15-inch minimum; One 22 inches or longer	4	8
EXCEPTIONS:			
Branched Oak Lake	22-inch minimum	1	8
Elwood Reservoir, Harlan County Lake (including Republican River upstream to Hwy. 89 bridge west of Orleans), Merritt Reservoir	One from 15 to 18 inches and three longer than 18 inches OR four longer than 18 inches; No more than one 22 inches or longer	4	8
Calamus Reservoir	Two from 15 to 18 inches; Two over 18 inches; No more than one 22 inches or longer	4	8
Sherman Reservoir	20- to 28-inch protected slot (no harvest); Two between 15 inches and not greater than 20 inches; One longer than 28 inches	3	8
Missouri River waters – upstream of Gavins Point Dam (Lewis and Clark Lake and portion of river upstream to Neb./S.D. border); DeSoto Bend NWR	15-inch minimum	4	8
Missouri River waters – downstream of Gavins Point Dam	No minimum	4	8

**Daily Bag Limit** – The number of fish harvested from midnight to the following midnight taken by all legal methods combined. No person may possess more than one day's bag limit of fish while on the water.

**Possession Limit** – The total number of fish that a person may possess in portable coolers, home freezers, registered in their 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.



Blue Catfish



Channel Catfish



Flathead Catfish

## Catfish (Blue, Channel and Flathead)

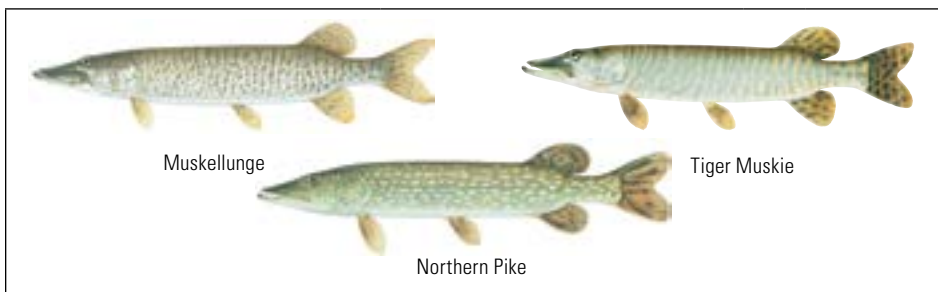
Location	Length Limit	Bag	Possession
<b>Blue Catfish</b>			
Statewide	No minimum	1	2
EXCEPTION:			
Fort Kearny SRA No. 2, Two Rivers SRA Nos. 3 and 4, Wildwood Lake, Windmill SRA No. 3	Catch and release	0	0
<b>Channel Catfish</b>			
Statewide	No minimum; One 30 inches or longer	see below	20
EXCEPTION:			
Standing Water (reservoirs, lakes, ponds and pits)	No minimum; One 30 inches or longer	5	20
Flowing Water (rivers, streams and canals), including the Republican River upstream of Hwy. 89 bridge west of Orleans, North Platte River west of Hwy. 26 bridge, and Jeffrey Reservoir, Lake Babcock, Lake North, Midway Canyon Reservoir, Plum Creek Canyon Reservoir, Gallagher Canyon Reservoir, Johnson Lake, Lake Maloney, Lewis and Clark Lake, Phillips Canyon Reservoir, Sutherland Reservoir	No minimum; One 30 inches or longer	10	20
Fort Kearny SRA No. 2, Two Rivers SRA Nos. 3 and 4, Wildwood Lake, Windmill SRA No. 3	Catch and release	0	0
<b>Flathead Catfish</b>			
Statewide	No minimum; One 30 inches or longer	5	10
EXCEPTION:			
Branched Oak Lake	Catch and release	0	0

**Restricted Species** – It is unlawful to possess or transport any live white perch, black carp, silver carp, bighead carp or yellow bass.

**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 20- to 28-inch protected slot limit on walleye means that only walleye less than 20 inches in length or greater than 28 inches may be harvested.



## Muskellunge, Tiger Muskie and Northern Pike

Location	Length Limit	Bag	Possession
<b>Muskellunge and Tiger Muskie</b>			
Statewide	40-inch minimum	1	2
EXCEPTIONS:			
Merritt Reservoir	50-inch minimum	1	2
Pelican Lake FWS	No minimum; One 34 inches or longer	3	3
<b>Northern Pike</b>			
Statewide	No minimum; One 34 inches or longer	3	10
EXCEPTIONS:			
Alda DOT, Grove Lake, Cottonmill Lake, Red Willow Reservoir, Sherman Reservoir	34-inch minimum	1	10
Box Butte Reservoir	No minimum; Only three can be over 22 inches and only one of those can be over 34 inches	10	10
Lake Minatare	No minimum; One 34 inches or longer	10	10
Lake Wanahoo Flanagan Lake	Catch and release	0	0

**One-Over Length Bag Limits** – For some species, 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 black bass more than 15 inches from a given lake, statewide regulations prohibit an angler from harvesting more than one black bass 21 inches or longer each day from any waters. Therefore, for lakes with a 21-inch minimum length limit on black bass, the daily bag limit becomes one fish.

*Continued on page 16*

## Catch-and-Release for All Species

- West Brady
- East Hershey
- Kea West
- Jenny Newman Pond
- Baright Lake



Brown Trout



Brook Trout



Cutthroat Trout



Rainbow Trout



Tiger Trout

## Trout (Brown, Brook, Cutthroat, Rainbow, Tiger)

Location	Length Limit	Bag	Possession
<b>Brook and Cutthroat Trout</b>			
Statewide	No minimum; One 12 inches or longer	2	4
<b>Brown Trout</b>			
Statewide	No minimum; One 16 inches or longer	5	10
<b>Rainbow and Tiger Trout</b>			
Statewide	No minimum; One 16 inches or longer	5	12
EXCEPTION:			
Sutherland Supply Canal	No minimum	5	12
Two Rivers SRA Trout Lake	No minimum	4 per tag; up to 3 tags per day	12
Soldier Creek Wilderness Area, Wood Reserve ponds, Soldier Creek middle and south forks	No minimum	2	See above for statewide limits by species



Striped Bass



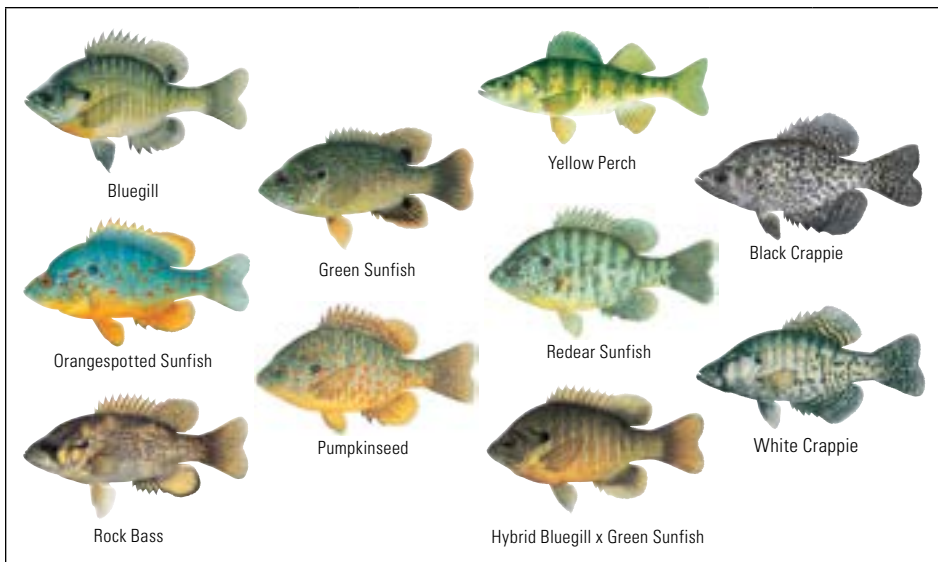
White Bass



Striped Bass Hybrid (Wiper)

## Striped Bass, White Bass, Striped Bass Hybrid (Wiper)

Location	Length Limit	Bag	Possession
Inland Waters	No minimum; One 16 inches or longer	15	30
Missouri River Waters	No minimum	15	30
EXCEPTIONS:			
Elwood Reservoir, Willow Creek Reservoir	No minimum; One 16 inches or longer	3	30
Branched Oak, Zorinsky Lake	Catch and release	0	0



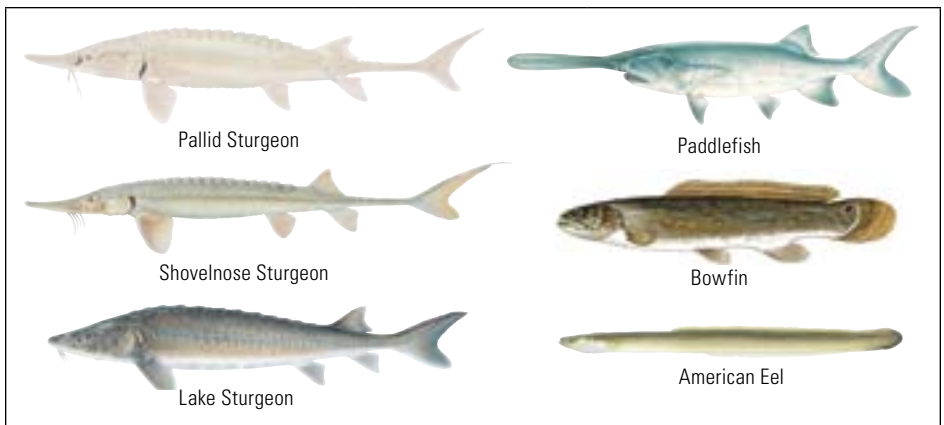
## Panfish (Sunfish and their hybrids as seen above)

Location	Species	Length Limits	Bag	Possession
Statewide	Panfish	No minimum	15 in aggregate	30 in aggregate
<b>EXCEPTIONS:</b>				
Pelican Lake FWS, Blue Lake FWS, Duck Lake FWS, Island Lake FWS, Smith Lake FWS, Frye Lake WMA, Smith Lake WMA	Bluegill	No minimum; One 9 inches or longer	15 <sup>a</sup>	30 <sup>b</sup>
Flanagan Lake	Bluegill, Redear Sunfish	8-inch maximum	15 <sup>a</sup>	30 <sup>b</sup>
	Crappie	10-inch maximum	15 <sup>a</sup>	30 <sup>b</sup>
Branched Oak Lake, Czechland Lake, Sherman Reservoir	Crappie	10-inch minimum	15 <sup>a</sup>	30 <sup>b</sup>
Rat and Beaver Lake WMA, Home Valley Lake, Blue Lake FWS, Island Lake FWS, Smith Lake FWS, Frye Lake WMA, Smith Lake WMA	Yellow Perch	No minimum; Only five can be 10 inches or longer and only one of those can be 12 inches or longer	15 <sup>a</sup>	30 <sup>b</sup>
Big Elk Lake, Portal Lake	Yellow Perch	No minimum	5 <sup>a</sup>	30 <sup>b</sup>
Missouri River border waters of Nebraska and South Dakota, including Lewis and Clark Lake and Lake Yankton	Crappie	No minimum	15 <sup>c</sup>	30 <sup>b</sup>
	Yellow Perch	No minimum	15 <sup>c</sup>	
	Rock Bass	No minimum	15 <sup>c</sup>	
	Sunfish	No minimum	15 <sup>c</sup>	

<sup>a</sup> still included in aggregate panfish bag limit (15 fish)

<sup>b</sup> still included in aggregate panfish possession limit (30 fish)

<sup>c</sup> only 30 total fish allowed among the four species groups to abide by statewide possession limit of 30 total panfish in aggregate



## Other Fish Species

Location	Length Limit	Bag	Possession
<b>Shovelnose Sturgeon</b>			
Statewide	No minimum	10	20
EXCEPTION:			
No harvest allowed on Missouri River upstream from mouth of Big Sioux River		0	0
<b>Paddlefish</b>			
Missouri River from Gavins Point Dam downstream to mouth of Big Sioux River at mile marker 734	See pages 17-21 for special archery and snagging information	2 (special tags required)	2 (special tags required)
<b>Pallid Sturgeon, Lake Sturgeon, Bowfin, American Eel (Species of Concern)</b>			
Statewide, no harvest allowed		0	0
<b>All other game fish and nongame fish not listed in tables</b>			
Statewide	No minimum	No limit	No limit

## Nonfish Species with Seasons

Species	Season Dates	Bag/ Possession	Method of Take	Notes
Bullfrog, East of Hwy. 81	Aug. 15 – Oct. 31	8/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May be taken only by hand, hand net or hook-and-line. Artificial light may be used.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Must measure 4½ inches from snout to vent or be released. Only entrails may be removed before transport.</li> <li>No minimum length limit</li> </ul>
Bullfrog, West of Hwy. 81	Year-round	8/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May be taken by methods above, plus archery and gigging. Artificial light may be used.</li> </ul>	
Snapping turtle	Year-round	5/10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May be taken only by hand, hand net, hook-and-line, bow-and-arrow, gaff hook or legal trap. (Traps allowed only on private waters.)</li> </ul>	
Mussel	Year-round	10/20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May be taken only by hand, hand net or hook-and-line.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All rivers and streams closed to harvest.</li> </ul>



## 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 from that body of water, including the dumping of bait buckets.
- seine sport fish of any size
- leave fish in a trap for more than 24 hours
- attempt to snag fish, except in designated seasons
- 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
- leave a water body with lake or river water present in a boat or container
- transport any fish or baitfish in water from any stream, river, pond or lake

## 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 on the water will be subject to length and bag limits that apply to that water body. Once off the water, the fish may be filleted for transportation and storage.

# Archery and Spearfishing

## ARCHERY AND SURFACE SPEARFISHING

- Game fish may be taken by archery statewide July 1 through Dec. 31 from sunrise to sunset.
- Game fish must meet the length limit requirements for the water body from which they were harvested, as well as daily bag limits and possession limits.
- 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-round.
- Note the closed area below Gavins Point Dam during the archery paddlefish season.
- Use of crossbows is illegal in the area from the Gavins Point Dam downstream to the U.S. Hwy. 81 bridge. They are allowed only downstream of the bridge.
- Artificial lights are allowed.
- Only hand-drawn longbows (including compound bows) and crossbows (designed to be shoulder fired) are legal.
- 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 State Park, Eugene T. Mahoney State Park, and other park areas as posted.

## 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 shooting line 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 and private waters, which starts 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 species. Hours are sunrise to sunset.

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

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

**Waters Open to Nongame Fish Species Only:**

**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
- North Kearney Rest Stop
- Sandy Channel SRA

**Dawson County:**

- Dogwood WMA
- Cozad WMA

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

**Hall County:**

- Cheyenne SRA
- Wood River West WMA
- Alda DOT

**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 Regulations

## 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 not transferable.
- A person may not submit more than one paddlefish application or buy more than one preference point during any paddlefish application period.
- A preference point does not enter a person in the draw.
- 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. Applicants who are awarded a paddlefish permit will lose all accumulated preference points. **Nonrefundable fee due at**

**time of application: \$7.**

- A permit fee is due if successful in the draw. Residents: \$26; Nonresidents: \$50.
- Application must have valid email address provided to assist in contacting on draw results.
- The deadline to complete the purchase of permits: Archery – April 5; Snagging – Aug. 5.
- Instead of participating in the draw, anglers may buy one preference point per season during the application period. The fee is \$10 for residents and \$20 for nonresidents, plus a \$7 application fee for each.

**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:** March 1-14

Permits remaining following the drawing will be made available to the next resident unsuccessful applicant(s).

**Snagging permit:** July 1-14

Permits remaining following the drawing will be made available to the next resident unsuccessful applicant(s)

**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 must be received by 11:59 p.m. CT.

**ARCHERY PADDLEFISH**

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

**Season** – June 1-30

**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.

**NEW Closed Area** – This includes the north wall of the spillway and immediately below the Gavins Point Dam powerhouse downstream to a line extending from the east end of the south cement wall of the discharge canal northwest to the east end of the north wall of the discharge canal during the archery paddlefish season. See image on page 20. The use of crossbows is not allowed in the area from the Gavins Point Dam downstream to the U.S. Highway 81 bridge.

**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 as well as a valid Nebraska fishing permit or a South Dakota resident archery paddlefish permit. A South Dakota nonresident fishing permit/tag is not valid in this area. In the remainder of the river open to archery paddlefish, South Dakota nonresident archery paddlefish permits are valid.

**Requirements** – All paddlefish archery anglers must have in their possession a paddlefish tag and a Nebraska fishing permit, if required. Applicants for tags must be 12 years old by June 1.

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



## SNAGGING PADDLEFISH

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

**Season** – Oct. 1-31

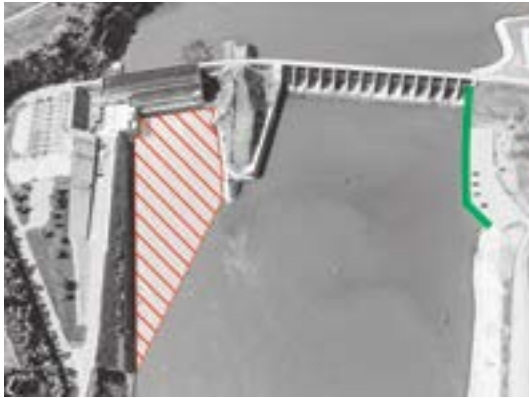
**Legal Hours** – 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

**Closed Area** – The closed area is the north wall of the spillway and immediately below the Gavins Point Dam powerhouse downstream to a line extending from the east end of the south cement wall of the discharge canal northwest to the east end of the north wall of the discharge canal. (See image below.) Also:

- 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. A South Dakota nonresident fishing permit/tag is not valid in this area. In the remainder of the river open to snagging, South Dakota nonresident permits are valid.



No snagging off north wall and no archery fishing off north wall during archery paddlefish season

Closed to all paddlefish fishing (snagging and archery) and all archery fishing during archery paddlefish season

\*If spillway gates are open, USACE closes spillway to all fishing

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

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

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

**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.

## TAGGING, CLEANING AND TRANSPORTATION

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. Anglers harvesting a paddlefish are allowed to process the fish down to two whole fillets after completion of the fishing trip and upon leaving the Missouri River with both the closed paddlefish tag and paddlefish permit remaining with the fillets.

## DISCARDING NONGAME FISH

It is unlawful to discard nongame fish on the bank.

# Bait Regulations

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

- It is unlawful to take baitfish, listed amphibians or crayfish from any public 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.
- It shall be unlawful for any individual or bait dealer to transport away from the river any live fish to be used for bait that has been collected on the Missouri River downstream below Gavins Point Dam to the Kansas border and all other rivers and streams located east of U. S. Hwy. 81 from the South Dakota border to York, north of Interstate 80 from York to Lincoln, and east of U. S. Hwy. 77 from Lincoln to the Kansas border. The use of baitfish seined by anglers from these rivers and streams may only be used at the body of water from which they were captured.
- 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.
- It is illegal to possess while fishing or use for bait Red Swamp Crayfish, White River Crayfish or Rusty Crayfish. If you suspect that you have either collected or purchased one of these species, bring them to a Game and Parks office.
- 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 must properly identify the fish species collected to avoid transfer of invasive species. It is illegal to dump baitfish or water from the seining location into a different water body as that could transfer invasive species and fish diseases. Seined baitfish should be transported in domestic water to reduce the chance of transporting diseases or aquatic invasive species.

**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 from 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, but cannot be transferred alive and used in other waters.

**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 or alewife. 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 or alewife may be transported for use as bait.

## Categories of Fish Species

### GAME FISH

<b>Sport Fish:</b>	Rainbow Trout	Crappie hybrid	Creek Chub
All Sunfish hybrids	Redear Sunfish	Orangespotted Sunfish	Devil Crayfish*
American Eel	Rock Bass	Pumpkinseed	Emerald Shiner
Black Crappie	Sauger	Redear Sunfish	Fathead Minnow
Blue Catfish	Saugeye	Rock Bass	Gizzard Shad
Bluegill	Shovelnose Sturgeon	White Crappie	Golden Shiner
Brook Trout	Skipjack Herring	Yellow Perch	Goldfish
Brown Trout	Smallmouth Bass	<b>Sunfish:</b>	Longnose Dace
Burbot	Spotted Bass	All Sunfish hybrids	Northern Crayfish*
Channel Catfish	Striped Bass	Bluegill	Papershell Crayfish*
Chinook Salmon	Striped Bass hybrid (Wiper)	Green Sunfish	Plains Killifish
Cutthroat Trout	Tiger Muskellunge	Orangespotted Sunfish	Red Shiner
Flathead Catfish	Tiger Trout	Pumpkinseed	Ringed Crayfish*
Goldeye	Walleye	Redear Sunfish	River Shiner
Grass Pickerel	White Bass	<b>Commercial Fish:</b>	Sand Shiner
Green Sunfish	White Crappie	Black Bullhead	Stoneroller
Largemouth Bass	<b>Panfish:</b>	Freshwater Drum	Suckermouth Minnow
Muskellunge	All Sunfish hybrids	Yellow Perch	Barred Salamander*
Northern Pike	Black Crappie	<b>Baitfish:</b>	White Sucker
Orangespotted Sunfish	Bluegill	Alewife	* covered under
Paddlefish	Green Sunfish	Bigmouth Shiner	baitfish regulations
Pumpkinseed		Brassy Minnow	

### THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES

<b>Illegal to possess:</b>	Northern Redbelly Dace	Sturgeon Chub
Finscale Dace	Pallid Sturgeon	Topeka Shiner
Lake Sturgeon	Pearl Dace	Blacknose Shiner

### NONGAME FISH

Includes all species not on any of the above lists.



## **Sport fish may be used for bait if:**

- they are purchased from a bait dealer that has acquired them 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.

**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 live carp, carpsucker, buffalo, quillback, gar, gizzard shad or alewife 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 Neb. Hwy. 61
- Dawes County – Niobrara River east of Box Butte Reservoir and west of U.S. Hwy. 385
- Keya Paha County – Cottonwood Creek, East Holt Creek and Holt Creek
- Madison County – Taylor Creek west of U.S. Hwy. 81

## **NO-LIVE-BAITFISH AREAS**

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

<b>Southeast:</b>	Prairie Queen Rec. Area	Crystal Lake (Adams County)	Crescent Lake NWR
Bennington Lake	Stagecoach Lake	East Sutherland WMA	Frye Lake
Big Elk Lake (WP 7)	Standing Bear Lake	Holdrege City North Lake	Defair Lake WMA
Conestoga Lake	Wagon Train SRA/WMA	Kirkpatrick Lake	Rat and Beaver Lake
Duck Creek Rec. Area	Wehrspann Lake	Lake Helen	Valentine NWR
Flanagan Lake	Wilber Reservoir	Melham Lake	
Glenn Cunningham Lake	Wildwood Lake	Plum Creek Park Lake	<b>Northeast:</b>
Hedgefield Lake	Yankee Hill Lake	North Platte I-80 Lake	Chalkrock Lake
Holmes Lake		Ravenna Lake	Clear Lake (Brown County)
Iron Horse Trail Lake	<b>Southwest:</b>	Rock Creek Lake SRA	Kramper Lake
Lake Wanahoo	Ansley City Lake	West Cozad WMA	Pibel Lake
Meadowlark Lake	Arnold Lake	Yanney Park Lake	Skyview Lake
Olive Creek Lake	Bethphage Pond		TaHaZouka Park Pond
Portal Lake (WP 6)	Bowman Lake	<b>Northwest:</b>	
	Cottonmill Lake	Avocet WMA	

## **OTHER BAIT RESTRICTIONS**

**White Perch** – It is illegal to transport or possess live white perch. 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 Barred (formerly 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 daily 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. No permit is needed to collect for personal use.

**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 1/4 inch nonmetallic square mesh only and not more than 20 feet long and 4 feet deep.
- Baitfish dip nets of 1/4 inch, nonmetallic square mesh. Neither length nor width may exceed 36 inches.
- Baitfish and bait traps of 1/4 inch square mesh material with a length of 24 inches or less, a diameter of 16 inches or less and a throat 2¼ 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.

**Turtle Traps** – A legal snapping turtle trap must contain a throat or funnel to be constructed of netting that is at least 4 inches square mesh. The trap must have an entrance possible only from above the water's surface and must allow turtles to reach the surface to breathe. The trap must be personally checked at least every 24 hours and tagged with a metal tag listing the owner's name, address, and fishing permit number or driver's license number. Turtle traps can only be used on private waters, and it is unlawful to sell, offer for sale or barter any snapping turtles. Any turtle(s) exceeding the daily bag limits shall be released immediately.

## CAST NETS

- Only cast nets up to 10 feet in diameter with a mesh size no larger than 3/8 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 may only 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
- Davis Creek Reservoir

- Gallagher Canyon Reservoir
- Harlan County Reservoir

- Reservoir
- Plum Creek Reservoir
- Sherman Reservoir
- Enders Reservoir
- Jeffrey Reservoir
- Lake Maloney
- Medicine Creek Reservoir

- Lake McConaughy
- Red Willow Reservoir
- Sutherland Reservoir
- Swanson Reservoir
- Tri-County Canal from diversion dam in Lincoln County to J-2 return

### Southwest:

- Elwood Reservoir
- Farwell South Reservoir

- Johnson Lake
- Midway complex reservoirs
- Phillips Canyon

## FISH STOCKING

It is unlawful to release any non-native fish, reptile or amphibian in waters of the state or to release any fish or any aquatic organism 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.

## 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 Red Willow, Wildhorse, Stuckenhole, Ninemile, Tub Springs, Winter, Sheep, Dry Sheep, Spotted Tail, Dry Spotted Tail, Otter, Clear Lonergan or 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 for anyone to use a seine, baitfish dip net or bait trap in any of the following trout streams:

### NORTHEAST:

#### Rock County

- Long Pine Creek

#### Antelope County

- Verdigre Creek/tributaries

#### Brown County

- Bone Creek/tributaries
- Long Pine Creek/tributaries
- Fairfield Creek
- Plum Creek/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/tributaries above Verdigre
- Steel Creek

### NORTHWEST:

#### Box Butte County

- Niobrara River

#### Cherry County

- Middle Loup River/tributaries
- North Loup River/tributaries
- Schlagele Creek
- Snake River/tributaries
- Plum Creek/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/tributaries (and below Box Butte Reservoir downstream to Hwy. 385)

#### Garden County

- Blue Creek

#### Hooker County

- Dismal River/tributaries

#### Keith County

- Otter Creek
- Whitetail Creek
- Lonergan Creek/tributaries

#### Kimball County

- Lodgepole Creek/tributaries

#### Morrill County

- Red Willow Creek
- Cedar Creek
- Greenwood Creek\ Wildhorse Creek
- Lawrence Fork Creek
- Silvernail Drain
- Indian Creek
- Stuckenhole Creek
- Pumpkin Creek below 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/tributaries
- Monroe Creek
- Hat Creek
- Niobrara River/tributaries

### SOUTHWEST:

#### Webster County

- Elm Creek

# Aquatic Invasive Species

## AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES PROGRAM

Aquatic invasive species fees collected from boaters fund the Aquatic Invasive Species Program in Nebraska. These fees pay for programs to educate the public about AIS, efforts to keep AIS from being introduced, such as monitoring state waters; inspection and decontamination of conveyances; treatment for AIS populations; and other AIS projects as needed.

## AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES PREVENTION

**Aquatic Invasive Species** – Any waterborne, non-native organism that threatens the diversity or abundance of native species, the ecological stability of impacted waters, or commercial, agricultural, aquacultural or recreational activities.

**Impact** – Invasive 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 may allow a nuisance species to grow exponentially in new habitat. Introduced nuisance species may prey upon or compete with native species and could transmit diseases to native species.

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

Follow these procedures:

- It is unlawful for a boat to arrive at or leave any body of water in Nebraska with water other than from a domestic source except for fire-fighting purposes. Drain water on site.
- It is unlawful for a boat or trailer to arrive or leave a launch area with any aquatic vegetation from that water body still attached. Boat blinds cannot use plants listed as invasive species or noxious weeds.
- Wash mud off waders. Felt-sole wading boots are unlawful.
- These steps are intended to prevent or delay the establishment of aquatic invasive species in Nebraska waters.

## CLEAN, DRAIN AND DRY

Zebra and quagga mussels can survive out of water for up to two weeks. AIS, such as zebra mussels, are invisible to the naked eye during the larval stage and can be spread through drops of water that live up to 27 days in cooler temperature. Aquatic plants can be spread by tiny fragments as well. After boating and before launching your boat in a different water body:

- Rinse boat and all equipment with hot tap water ideally more than 140 degrees F to kill zebra and quagga mussels;
- Spray boat, live well, engine and trailer with a high-pressure sprayer;
- Pull plugs from bilge, live wells and engine to drain upon leaving a water body.

### Report Suspected AIS Observations

For questions, or to report any suspected AIS observations, contact the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission's aquatic invasive species program manager at 402-471-7602 or [ngpc.ais@nebraska.gov](mailto:ngpc.ais@nebraska.gov).



- If washing the boat away from the water body you are leaving, do not allow runoff to enter a drainage. Control your runoff.
- Dry boat and all equipment for at least five days. Use a towel to speed up the process.
- AIS inspectors are present at several Nebraska water bodies from May to October to ensure compliance with Game and Parks regulations.
- Visit [stopaquatic hitchhikers.org](http://stopaquatic hitchhikers.org) for more information on procedures and AIS on watercraft.

**IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING ... REPORT THESE OFFENDERS!**

**EURASIAN WATERMILFOIL**

Eurasian watermilfoil is an invasive aquatic plant that reproduces primarily through fragmentation, meaning only a tiny piece of the plant is needed to grow an entirely new plant. It is spread through boaters not following Clean, Drain, and Dry procedures between water bodies. This plant outcompetes other plants, resulting in near total lake coverage. Eurasian watermilfoil looks like our native species, with four leaves around a single stem, but contains 12-plus leaflets per side on each leaf. It is unlawful to transport aquatic vegetation between water bodies. If you encounter Eurasian watermilfoil at any location not listed below, contact the Game and Parks Aquatic Invasive Species Program Manager immediately.



**List of Water Bodies That Contain Eurasian Watermilfoil** – Populations of Eurasian watermilfoil are present in these Nebraska waters: Louisville No. 2, Louisville No. 2A, Louisville No. 3, Prairie Queen, Wagon Train, Flanagan, Walnut Creek, Two Rivers No. 5, Smith Lake WMA, Walgren Lake, Carter Lake, Cottonwood, Swanson Reservoir, Rock Creek Lake, Box Butte, Bassway Strip, Birdwood, Crystal (Lincoln County), Hershey WMA, North Platte I-80, East Hershey, Lewis and Clark, Lake Yankton, Cottonmill, and Bufflehead.

**WHITE PERCH**

White perch are native to the East Coast and look very similar to white bass. Once established, this species has the ability to overwhelm an entire fishery, often resulting in the need to eliminate the entire fish population in an infested lake. White perch also consume eggs of several fish species, including white bass and walleye. Because white perch look similar to white bass, anglers have mistaken the species and moved them to other water bodies around the state. Never release any aquatic organism into a water body where it did not originate. It is illegal to possess or transport any live white perch.



**List of Water Bodies That Contain White Perch** – Populations of white perch are present in these Nebraska waters: Rockford, Branched Oak, Pawnee, Holmes, Bowling, Wildwood, Prairie Queen, Zorinsky, Bluestem, Neligh Park Pond (West Point), Fremont Lakes SRA, and various Platte River sandpits.

## ZEBRA MUSSELS



The zebra mussel is a highly invasive species that looks like a small D-shaped clam with alternating light and dark bands (resembling the coloration of a zebra). Most zebra mussels are less than 1 inch long. Zebra mussels decrease the food supply for native species and pollute swimming areas with sharp shells and

also clog intake water pipes. Once established, this species is almost impossible to remove or control. If you encounter zebra mussels, contact the Game and Parks aquatic invasive species program manager immediately.

**List of Water Bodies That Contain Zebra Mussels** – Populations of zebra mussels are present in these Nebraska waters: Offutt Base Lake, Lewis and Clark Lake, Missouri River, Lake Yankton, and Beaver Lake. It is illegal to leave these infested areas with live fish or any water. Live baitfish need to be disposed of properly, such as at the fish cleaning station, restroom or undeveloped areas.

## SILVER CARP and BIGHEAD CARP



Silver Carp



Bighead Carp

Silver and Bighead Carp (commonly referred to as Asian or invasive carp) are two invasive fish species found in Nebraska. They are found in the Missouri River downstream of Gavins Point Dam and in free-flowing tributaries connected to the Missouri River. They now have been found on the Platte River as far west as directly below the diversion dam near North Platte. These fish species can be identified with the location of the eye, found below the center line of the body set down on the head in line with the mouth. If encountered in locations where they may not be found easily,

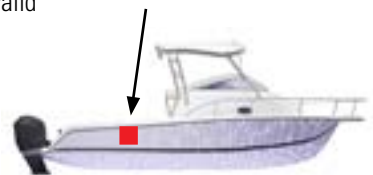
contact the Game and Parks Aquatic Invasive Species Program Manager immediately.

**Transportation and Possession** – It is unlawful to possess or transport live black carp, silver carp, bighead carp, white perch, yellow bass, and all other listed category 1 and 2 invasive species. See species lists in fisheries regulations at [OutdoorNebraska.gov/regulations](http://OutdoorNebraska.gov/regulations).

## NONRESIDENT AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES STAMP

Motorized watercraft registered outside of Nebraska are required to purchase and display an Aquatic Invasive Species Stamp (image on the right), which is required annually, before launching from any Nebraska boat ramp.

- The fee for the decal-like stamp is \$18, which includes a \$3 issuing fee.
- The stamp can be purchased at [OutdoorNebraska.gov](http://OutdoorNebraska.gov), at Commission offices (see list on page 3), or authorized permit agents.
- At the time of purchase, the purchaser will receive a valid temporary permit. The actual stamp will be mailed within 10 business days.
- The stamp must be permanently affixed to the starboard and rearward side of the boat, on the outside of the hull above the water line. (See image on right.)



# Additional 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 listed below, unless posted as closed. All Game and Parks wildlife management areas are open to ATVs and snowmobiles on the ice, unless posted otherwise. It is unlawful for any person to operate a motorized vehicle on anything other than roadways, parking areas or trails specifically designated for vehicle use. Therefore, WMAs that don't have direct access (boat ramp, parking lot, adjacent roadways, etc.) to the frozen ice surface would not allow these vehicles. 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 8 inches. The designated lakes are, unless posted as closed:

- Bluestem
- Box Butte
- Branched Oak
- Calamus
- Conestoga
- Enders
- Fremont lakes
- Gallagher Canyon
- Harlan County
- Johnson
- Lewis and Clark
- Louisville lakes
- Maloney
- McConaughy
- Medicine Creek
- Merritt
- Minatare
- Ogallala
- Olive Creek
- Oliver
- Pawnee
- Red Willow
- Rockford
- Sherman
- Stagecoach
- Sutherland
- Summit
- Swanson
- Wagon Train
- Walgren
- Willow Creek

## FREE FISHING AND PARK ENTRY DAY

Free Fishing and Park Entry Day is held annually in Nebraska. It is a chance for people to fish for a day without purchasing a permit. Also on that day, no permit is needed to enter a state park area. Go to [OutdoorNebraska.gov](http://OutdoorNebraska.gov) for more information.

## COMMUNITY FISHING EVENTS

The Nebraska Game and Parks Youth Fishing Program sponsors Community Fishing Events at lakes across the state. This is an opportunity for people who have never fished, or have not fished in years, to learn or refresh their skills. Visit [OutdoorNebraska.gov](http://OutdoorNebraska.gov) and search for "Community Fishing Events" for dates and locations of events.

## FISH KILL REPORTS

To make it easier to determine the cause, promptly report dead or dying fish to a conservation officer (page 36), Nebraska Game and Parks Commission district office (page 6), the Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy at 402-471-2186, or the 24-hour Nebraska State Patrol pollution complaint number at 402-479-4921.

## POLLUTION

Keep the water safe and clean for future fishing. Report dumping or pollution activities to the Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy (Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.) at 402-471-2186, the 24-hour Nebraska State Patrol pollution complaint number at 402-479-4921, or the Environmental Protection Agency 24 hours a day at 913-281-0991.



## RESOURCES FOR LAKE MAPS AND WATER LEVELS

Lake contour maps are available at [OutdoorNebraska.gov/guides-maps/contour-maps/](https://OutdoorNebraska.gov/guides-maps/contour-maps/).

For lake levels and stream flows, visit:

- CNPPID: [cnppid.com/lake-river-data/](https://cnppid.com/lake-river-data/)
- NPPD: [nppd.com/about-us/power-plants-facilities/hydroelectric/water-data/](https://nppd.com/about-us/power-plants-facilities/hydroelectric/water-data/)
- U.S. Geological Survey: [waterdata.usgs.gov/ne/nwis/rt](https://waterdata.usgs.gov/ne/nwis/rt)
- Bureau of Reclamation: [usbr.gov/gp/lakes\\_reservoirs/nebraska\\_lakes.html](https://usbr.gov/gp/lakes_reservoirs/nebraska_lakes.html)
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers: [rivergages.mvr.usace.army.mil/WaterControl/new/layout.cfm](https://rivergages.mvr.usace.army.mil/WaterControl/new/layout.cfm)

## FISH CONSUMPTION ADVISORY

For information on the fish consumption advisory program and the status of water bodies across the state go to the Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy website, [dee.ne.gov/](https://dee.ne.gov/), and then search for Fish Consumption Advisories.

## TOURNAMENTS, CONTESTS AND DERBIES

**Registration** – All fishing tournaments, derbies or contests that require an entry fee, on publicly owned, controlled or managed waters, must be registered with Game and Parks’ Fisheries Division at least 45 days before the event. In addition, it is strongly suggested that all fishing tournaments, including those that do not charge an entry fee, register in order to avoid user conflicts. Download a registration form at [OutdoorNebraska.gov/fish/attend-a-fishing-event/fishing-tournaments/](https://OutdoorNebraska.gov/fish/attend-a-fishing-event/fishing-tournaments/).

**Special Occasion Permit** – If the tournament is to be held at a state park or state recreation area, also contact the park superintendent to complete a Special Occasion Permit.

**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 or if tournament organization does not follow all tournament registration and invasive species rules.

**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. Tournament directors will be provided instructions on how to operate their tournament to reduce mortality in no harvest/weigh-in tournaments. All watercraft are required to adhere to the Clean, Drain and Dry protocol before launching to ensure that no aquatic invasive species are being transported from another body of water.

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

**Posted Dates** – The tournament dates will be listed at [OutdoorNebraska.gov/fish/attend-a-fishing-event/fishing-tournaments/](https://OutdoorNebraska.gov/fish/attend-a-fishing-event/fishing-tournaments/).

**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 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.

# State Records/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. Physical application forms are available from Game and Parks offices, conservation officers, permit vendors, and this guide. Submissions also can be made at [OutdoorNebraska.gov/fish/fisheries-programs/master-angler/](https://OutdoorNebraska.gov/fish/fisheries-programs/master-angler/).

## STATE RECORD RULES

- Fish must be caught in accordance with Nebraska fishing regulations by rod and reel, underwater spearfishing, 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 who 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 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.
- Visit [OutdoorNebraska.gov/fish/fisheries-programs/master-angler](https://OutdoorNebraska.gov/fish/fisheries-programs/master-angler) to see a list of Nebraska's state fish records.

## MASTER ANGLER RULES

- A fish need not be harvested or verified by a Game and Parks employee to receive a Master Angler.
- 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 \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Fishing Permit No. \_\_\_\_\_ Under 16 \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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 & 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, P.O. Box 30370, Lincoln, NE 68503-0370

# FISHING TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION FORM

Please print or type.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Organizer (club, sponsor or individual):

\_\_\_\_\_  
Organizer's address:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone number:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Email address:

## 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 (check one):

- Fish will be measured at boat and released  
 Fish will be weighed in and then released \*  
 Fish will be 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. Culling and high-grading are not allowed.

### Send this completed form to:

Fisheries Division, Nebraska Game and Parks Commission  
P.O. 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
<b>New state records denoted in bold.</b>						
Alewife	—	—	3.5 oz.	2 oz.	1 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. 9 oz.	5 lbs. 12.5 oz.	—
Spotted Bass	3	18	3 lbs. 12 oz.	2 lbs. 6 oz.	2 lbs. 7 oz.	—
Striped Bass	10	32	64 lbs. 15 oz.	8 lbs. 5 oz.	26 lbs. 15.5 oz.	—
Striper Hybrid	8	24	21 lbs. 9 oz.	15 lbs. 9 oz.	16 lbs. 2 oz.	—
White Bass	2.5	17	5 lbs.	3 lbs.	1 lb. 13 oz.	—
Yellow Bass	—	—	1 lb. 9 oz.	—	—	—
Bowfin	—	—	8 lbs.	—	—	—
Bigmouth Buffalo	10	26	64 lbs.	63 lbs.	30 lbs. 7 oz.	33 lbs. 3 oz.
Black Buffalo	10	26	41 lbs.	16 lbs. 10 oz.	27 lbs.	36 lbs. 12 oz.
Smallmouth Buffalo	10	26	56 lbs. 3 oz.	60 lbs. 2 oz.	23 lbs. 13 oz.	12 lbs. 7 oz.
Bullhead	2	15	—	1 lb. 11 oz.	—	—
Black Bullhead	2	15	3 lbs. 15 oz.	—	—	—
Yellow Bullhead	2	15	2 lbs. 4 oz.	—	—	—
Burbot	1	16	6 lbs. 9 oz.	—	—	—
Bighead Carp	—	—	53 lbs. 3 oz.	81 lbs. 14 oz.	—	67 lbs.
<b>Common Carp</b>	15	32	<b>39 lbs. 8 oz.</b>	50 lbs 5 oz..	35 lbs.	33 lbs. 2 oz.
Grass Carp	22	36	64 lbs.	79 lbs. 10 oz.	49 lbs. 11 oz.	25 lbs. 4 oz.
Hybrid Grass Carp	—	—	—	43 lbs. 3 oz.	—	—
<b>Silver Carp</b>	—	—	<b>37 lbs. 6 oz.</b>	38 lbs. 10 oz.	—	10 lbs. 7 oz.
Quillback Carpsucker	—	—	13 lbs. 10 oz.	11 lbs. 2 oz.	6 lbs. 6 oz.	—
River Carpsucker	—	—	13 lbs. 4 oz.	15 lbs. 12 oz.	8 lbs. 12 oz.	6 lbs. 3 oz.
Channel Catfish	12	30	41 lbs. 8 oz.	31 lbs. 13 oz.	27 lbs. 5 oz.	—
Flathead Catfish	15	32	89 lbs.	55 lbs.	—	—
Blue Catfish	30	40	100 lbs. 8 oz.	40 lbs. 13 oz.	—	—
Stonecat	—	—	5.2 oz.	—	—	—
Creek Chub	—	—	1 lb. 1 oz.	3 oz.	—	—
Flathead Chub	—	—	3 oz.	4 oz.	—	—
Black Crappie	2	15	4 lbs. 8 oz.	1 lbs. 14 oz.	2 lbs. 2 oz.	—
Triploid Crappie	2	15	3 lbs. 4 oz.	—	—	—
White Crappie	2	15	4 lbs. 1 oz.	2 lbs. 13 oz.	—	—
Freshwater Drum	5	22	29 lbs. 6 oz.	22 lbs. 13 oz.	11 lbs. 1 oz.	—
American Eel	—	—	5 lbs.	—	—	—
Longnose Gar	8	40	23 lbs. 11 oz.	22 lbs. 13 oz.	13 lbs. 9 oz.	20 lbs. 15 oz.
Shortnose Gar	3	26	7 lbs. 5 oz.	9 lbs. 14 oz.	10 oz.	4 lbs. 5 oz.
Spotted Gar	3	26	—	2 lbs. 15 oz.	—	—

SPECIES	MASTER ANGLER		STATE RECORDS			
	(Minimums) lbs. OR in.		Rod and Reel	Bow and Arrow	Underwater Powered Spearfishing	Surface Spearfishing
<b>New state records denoted in bold.</b>						
Goldeye	1.5	16	3 lbs. 15.5 oz.	2 lbs. 1 oz.	1 lb. 5.5 oz.	—
Goldfish	—	—	4 lbs. 3 oz.	4 lbs. 8 oz.	—	—
Skipjack Herring	—	—	2 lbs. 14oz.	—	—	—
Muskellunge	15	40	41 lbs. 8 oz.	31 lbs. 11 oz.	18 lbs. 12 oz.	—
Tiger Muskellunge	15	40	33 lbs. 5 oz.	13 lbs. 14 oz.	13 lbs. 9 oz.	—
Paddlefish	50	45	113 lbs. 4 oz.	89 lbs.	—	—
Sacramento Perch	—	—	2 lbs. 8 oz.	—	—	—
<b>White Perch</b>	1	12	<b>2 lbs. 7 oz.</b>	1 lb. 11 oz.	—	—
Yellow Perch	1.25	13	2 lbs. 10.75 oz.	1 lb. 2 oz.	1 lb. 11.5 oz.	—
Grass Pickerel	—	—	10 oz.	—	—	—
Northern Pike	10	36	30 lbs. 1 oz.	21 lbs. 14 oz.	20 lbs. 5 oz.	—
European Rudd	—	—	3 lbs. 3 oz.	3 lbs. 7 oz.	3 lbs. 3 oz.	2 lbs.
Chinook Salmon	—	—	7 lbs. 5 oz.	—	—	—
Coho Salmon	—	—	5 lbs. 12 oz.	—	—	—
Kokanee Salmon	—	—	4 lbs. 2 oz.	—	4 lbs. 2 oz.	—
Sauger	3	21	8 lbs. 5 oz.	3 lbs. 8 oz.	—	—
Saugeye	5	23	8 lbs. 14 oz.	—	—	—
Gizzard Shad	—	—	4 lbs. 7.75 oz.	5 lbs. 5 oz.	2 lbs. 14 oz.	—
Golden Shiner	—	—	14 oz.	—	—	—
Shovelnose Sturgeon	2.5	28	4 lbs. 8 oz.	—	—	—
Sucker	2	18	9 lbs.	—	3 lbs. 1 oz.	—
Longnose Sucker	2	18	2 lbs. 7 oz.	—	—	—
Blue Sucker	2	18	18 lbs. 14 oz.	11 lbs. 1 oz.	—	—
Shorthead Redhorse	2	18	3 lbs. 8 oz.	3 lbs.	1 lb. 4 oz.	—
White Sucker	2	18	6 lbs. 1 oz.	6 lbs. 6 oz.	4 lbs. 10 oz.	—
Bluegill	1	10	2 lbs. 13 oz.	1 lb. 6 oz.	1 lb.	—
Green Sunfish	1	10	1 lb. 14 oz.	9.6 oz.	9.9 oz.	—
Hybrid Sunfish	1	10	1 lb. 15 oz.	14.4 oz.	1 lb.	—
Orangespotted Sunfish	1	10	3 oz.	0.5 oz.	—	—
Pumpkinseed	1	10	11.25 oz.	—	5.5 oz.	—
Redear Sunfish	1	10	1 lb. 14 oz.	1 lb. 1 oz.	1 lb. 12 oz.	—
Brook Trout	1	14	5 lbs. 1 oz.	7 oz.	—	—
Brown Trout	4	22	20 lbs. 1 oz.	9 lbs. 13 oz.	4 lbs. 8 oz.	—
Cutthroat Trout	3	20	5 lbs. 7 oz.	2 lbs. 3 oz.	—	—
Rainbow Trout	5	23	14 lbs. 2 oz.	11 lbs.	3 lbs. 9 oz.	—
Tiger Trout	3	20	6 lbs. 13 oz.	2 lbs. 8 oz.	—	—
<b>Walleye</b>	8	28	16 lbs. 2 oz.	11 lbs. 1 oz.	<b>14 lbs. 10 oz.</b>	—

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There are three ways to report a game law violation:

- call 1-800-742-7627
- online report form at [OutdoorNebraska.gov/wildlifecrimestoppers/](http://OutdoorNebraska.gov/wildlifecrimestoppers/)
- scan the QR code to the right

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# Public Fishing Areas

These are areas open to the public for fishing. Public areas include Nebraska Game and Parks Commission-owned or leased state recreation areas (SRA) and wildlife management areas (WMA), as well as federal, Corps of Engineers, Bureau of Reclamation, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), U.S. Forest Service (USFS), power and irrigation, Natural Resources Districts (NRD), Nebraska Department of Transportation (DOT), city and leased private waters.

## WINTERKILL UPDATE

Check the comments for the waters that experienced fish kills during 2023. Most winterkill lakes have been restocked, however limited fishing opportunities will occur in 2024 for lakes that experienced severe winterkill.

## PUBLIC ACCESS ATLAS AND OTHER INTERACTIVE MAPS

The Nebraska Public Access Atlas provides information on publicly accessible land statewide. Most of the areas listed in this Public Fishing Areas section can be found in the Atlas. Map sheet numbers are displayed in each of the tables. Check out the Atlas at [OutdoorNebraska.gov/guides-maps/public-access-atlas/](https://OutdoorNebraska.gov/guides-maps/public-access-atlas/) and other access-related interactive maps at [OutdoorNebraska.gov/fish/where-to-fish/](https://OutdoorNebraska.gov/fish/where-to-fish/) and [OutdoorNebraska.gov/parks/go-boating/](https://OutdoorNebraska.gov/parks/go-boating/).

## FEATURES

**Family Friendly** – Areas listed in the following table denoted with **FF** are designated as Family Friendly. These lakes are identified as being safe, comfortable and having great fish-catching potential. They also have a combination of barrier-free fishing piers, fishing trails, groomed park areas, concessions, playgrounds, picnic areas, and highly maintained fish populations.

**Accessible** – Areas listed in the table denoted with **A** have some accessibility. Those amenities are listed for each area.

**Underwater Spearfishing** – Areas listed in the table denoted with **SF** allow underwater spearfishing. Refer to the Fishing Regulations column of the table for season dates and species allowed. Also refer to the Archery and Spearfishing section for more information.

**Cast Netting** – Areas listed in the table denoted with **CN** allow cast netting for the collection of Gizzard Shad and Alewife during July, August, September and November. Live gizzard shad and alewife may only be used for bait the same day they were captured and only in the same body of water where they were collected. Refer to the Bait Regulations section for more details.

## ABBREVIATIONS OF FISH SPECIES

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

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



# Lakes and Reservoirs

Name/County/Map ID	Features	Special Fish Regulations	
<b>NORTHWEST REGION</b>			
<b>Agate Reservoir (USFS)</b> Sioux (1)			
<b>Alliance City Golf Course Pond</b> Box Butte (6)			
<b>Avocet WMA (East Hyannis Lake)</b> Grant (11)		No live baitfish may be used or possessed.	
<b>Ballards Marsh WMA</b> Cherry (15)			
<b>Bessey Fish Pond (USFS)</b> Thomas (17)	FF		
<b>Big Alkali WMA</b> Cherry (15)			
<b>Big Springs City Pond</b> Deuel (12)			
<b>Blue Lake (FWS)</b> Garden (7)		Panfish - Daily bag limit of 15 shall include only one Bluegill nine inches or greater in length and only five Yellow Perch 10 inches or greater in length, and of those only one Yellow Perch 12 inches or greater in length.	
<b>Boardgate Reservoir (USFS)</b> Dawes (1)			
<b>Box Butte Reservoir SRA/WMA</b> Dawes (6)	SF	Northern Pike - daily bag limit of 10 pike of which only three can be over 22 inches and only one of these can be over 34 inches. Underwater spearfishing for game fish species allowed June 1 through Dec. 31.	
<b>Bridgeport SRA</b> Morrill (3)	FF		
<b>Chadron City Reservoirs</b> Dawes (5)	FF		
<b>Chadron State Park Pond</b> Dawes (5)	FF, A		
<b>Chappell Interstate Lake</b> Deuel (8)	FF		
<b>Cherry Creek Diversion Pond</b> Dawes (1)			

**Features key:** FF - Family friendly; A - Accessible; CN - Cast nets allowed (Jul-Nov); SF - Spearfishing allowed

Comments	Species
15 acres. Severe winterkill in 2023. Located on Oglala National Grassland.	BLG, LMB, YEP
0.5 acres. Public access allowed sunrise to 9 a.m., Monday through Friday. Winterkill in 2023.	CUT, RBT, YEP
120 acres. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). No boat ramp. Access project planned for 2024.	BLG, CRP, LMB, WAE, YEP
250 acres. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Primitive camping. Primitive boat ramp located on northwest side of lake. Winterkill in 2023.	BLG, CAP, CRP, LMB, NOP, YEP
3 acres. No motorized boating. Camping. Fishing deck. Rainbow Trout stocked seasonally. Located on the Nebraska National Forest at Halsey.	BLG, CCF, LMB, RBT, TGT
842 acres. Boat ramp (no service pier), camping, fish-cleaning station, restroom.	BLG, CAP, CCF, CRP, LMB, NOP, SAE, WAE, YEP
0.5 acres.	BLG, CCF, LMB
311 acres. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Small boats recommended. Primitive boat launch. Access via primitive 2.7-mile access trail on private property (no snow removal); open daylight hours only; no camping, hunting, ATVs, horses, fires, or littering; only four-wheel drive vehicles allowed. Area closed to access during the nine-day November firearm deer season. Access to lake made possible through lease agreement with private landowner, so please follow the rules. Close all gates. Trespassers off marked trail and parking lot will be prosecuted. Trail and lake may be closed seasonally due to wet or very dry conditions. For questions or conditions, call 308-763-2940.	BBH, BLG, CAP, CRP, LMB, MUE, NOP, SAE, SMB, YEP, WAE
12 acres. Located on Oglala National Grassland. Winterkill in 2023.	BLG, LMB, YEP
1,600 acres. AIS infested waterbody - Eurasian Watermilfoil and Curly-leaf Pondweed present. Subject to severe summer drawdown. Primitive camping and electrical hook-ups. Two-lane boat ramp.	BCF, BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, NOP, PMK, ROB, SMB, WAE, YEP
78 acres (in five lakes). All boats allowed on Middle Lake; other lakes restricted to electric motor and non-powered boats. Primitive camping. Rainbow Trout stocked in Northwest Lake and Middle Lake.	BLG, CCF, CRP, CUT, LMB, NOP, RBT, WAE, YEP
20 acres (in two ponds). Non-powered boats only.	BLG, CCF, LMB, NOP, RBT, YEP
2 acres. No motorboats. Accessible deck, paddleboat rentals, other amenities available.	CUT, HSF, RBT, SMB, TGT, YEP
30 acres. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake).	BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, YEP
0.25 acres. Located on Fort Robinson State Park.	BKT, RBT

## NORTHWEST REGION

Name/County/Map ID	Features	Special Fish Regulations	
<b>Cherry Creek Pond</b> Dawes (1)	FF		
<b>Clear Lake (FWS)</b> Cherry (15)		Possession of baitfish prohibited but dead smelt allowed. Possession of fish not taken from refuge waters unlawful.	
<b>Cottonwood-Steverson Lake WMA</b> Cherry (10)			
<b>Cottonwood Lake SRA</b> Cherry (9)	FF		
<b>Crane Lake (FWS)</b> Garden (7)		Possession of baitfish prohibited but dead smelt allowed.	
<b>Crazy Horse Pond</b> Sioux (1)			
<b>Crescent Lake WMA</b> Garden (7)			
<b>Defair Lake WMA</b> Grant (11)		No live baitfish may be used or possessed.	
<b>Dewey Lake (FWS)</b> Cherry (15)		Possession of baitfish prohibited but dead smelt allowed. Possession of fish not taken from refuge waters unlawful.	
<b>Duck Lake (FWS)</b> Cherry (15)		Panfish - Daily bag limit of 15 shall include only one Bluegill nine inches or greater in length. Possession of baitfish prohibited but dead smelt allowed. Possession of fish not taken from refuge waters unlawful.	
<b>Frye Lake WMA</b> Grant (10)		Panfish - Daily bag limit of 15 shall include only one Bluegill nine inches or greater in length and only five Yellow Perch 10 inches or greater in length, and of those only one Yellow Perch 12 inches or greater in length. No live baitfish may be used or possessed.	
<b>Gilbert-Baker WMA Pond</b> Sioux (1)			
<b>Goldeneye</b> Deuel (8)			
<b>Grable Ponds</b> Dawes (1)	FF		
<b>Hackberry Lake (FWS)</b> Cherry (15)		Possession of baitfish prohibited but dead smelt allowed. Possession of fish not taken from refuge waters unlawful.	
<b>Home Valley Lake</b> Cherry (10)		Panfish - Daily bag limit of 15 shall include only five Yellow Perch 10 inches or greater in length, and of those only one Yellow Perch 12 inches or greater in length.	
<b>Ice House Ponds</b> Dawes (1)			

	<b>Comments</b>	<b>Species</b>
	2 acres. Renovated and restocked in 2020. Kayak launch. Fishing pier. Located on Fort Robinson State Park.	BLG, CRP, SMB, YEP
	425 acres. Electric motor and non-powered boats only. Concrete boat ramp. No camping. Refuge open sunrise to sunset.	BLG, CAP, CRP, LMB, NOP, YEP
	680 acres. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Concrete boat ramp (no service pier). Severe winterkill in 2023.	BLG, CAP, CRP, LMB, MUE, SAE, SBH, WAE, YEP
	34 acres. AIS infested waterbody - Eurasian Watermilfoil present. Primitive camping, boat ramp, picnic tables and pit toilet.	BLG, CCF, CRP, GSF, LMB, NOP, YEP
	128 acres. Electric and non-powered boats only. No camping. Fishing allowed during daylight hours only. Fisherman must be off the lake no later than one hour after sunset.	BLG, CRP, SMB, YEP
	2 acres. Located on Fort Robinson State Park. Walk-in access only. Scheduled for stream restoration project. No fishing potential during 2024.	
	982 acres. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Access via primitive access trail to parking area. Concrete boat ramp. Primitive camping. Restroom facility.	BLG, CAP, CRP, LMB, MUE, NOP, SAE, WAE, YEP
	70 acres. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Boat access difficult. No boat ramp. Winterkill in 2023.	BLG, LMB, YEP
	550 acres. Electric motor and non-powered boats only. No camping. Refuge open sunrise to sunset. Gravel boat ramp.	BLG, CAP, CRP, LMB, NOP, YEP
	66 acres. Electric motor and non-powered boats only. Gravel boat ramp. No camping. Refuge open sunrise to sunset. Winterkill in 2023.	BLG, LMB, YEP
	243 acres. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Minor winterkill in 2023.	BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, WAE, YEP
	2 acres. Located on the east portion of Gilbert-Baker WMA.	BLG, LMB, RBT, ROB, YEP
	17 acres. Managed by South Platte NRD.	BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, YEP
	6 acres (in three ponds). Recently renovated and restocked. Located on Fort Robinson State Park.	BKT, BLG, CCF, CUT, LMB, RBT, SMB, TGT, YEP
	680 acres. Electric motor and non-powered boats only. Concrete boat ramp. No camping. Refuge open sunrise to sunset. Severe winterkill in 2023	BLG, CRP, LMB, YEP
	220 acres. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Part of the Cottonwood-Steverson WMA. Portage route from Cottonwood-Steverson Lake.	BLG, CAP, CRP, LMB, WAE, YEP
	6 acres (in three ponds). Located on Fort Robinson State Park.	BLG, CCF, LMB, RBT, YEP

## NORTHWEST REGION

Name/County/Map ID	Features	Special Fish Regulations	
<b>Island Lake (FWS)</b> Garden (7)		Panfish - Daily bag limit of 15 shall include only one Bluegill nine inches or greater in length and only five Yellow Perch 10 inches or greater in length, and of those only one Yellow Perch 12 inches or greater in length. Possession of baitfish prohibited but dead smelt allowed.	
<b>Laing Lake</b> Box Butte (6)	FF	No harvest allowed for persons 16 years of age or older.	
<b>Lake Minatare SRA</b> Scotts Bluff (3)	A, SF	Northern Pike - daily bag limit of 10 with no more than one over 34 inches. Waters within 150 feet of the dam are closed to fishing from sunset to sunrise March 1-April 30. Underwater spearfishing for game fish species allowed July 1 through Dec. 31.	
<b>Lake Winters Creek (FWS)</b> Scotts Bluff (3)			
<b>Lord Lake (USFS)</b> Cherry (15)			
<b>Merritt Reservoir SRA/WMA</b> Cherry (15)	SF	Walleye, Sauger, Saugeye - daily bag limit of four may include one from 15 to 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. Muskellunge daily bag limit may include one fish over 50 inches. Underwater spearfishing for game fish species allowed July 1 through Dec. 31.	
<b>Morrill Sandpits</b> Scotts Bluff (3)			
<b>Oliver Reservoir</b> Kimball (4)			
<b>Pelican Lake (FWS)</b> Cherry (15)		Panfish - Daily bag limit of 15 shall include only one Bluegill nine inches or greater in length. Tiger Muskellunge - daily bag limit of three, of which only one can be 34 inches or longer. Possession of baitfish prohibited but dead smelt allowed. Possession of fish not taken from refuge waters unlawful.	
<b>Rat and Beaver WMA</b> Cherry (16)		Panfish - Daily bag limit of 15 shall include only five Yellow Perch 10 inches or greater in length, and of those only one Yellow Perch 12 inches or greater in length. No live baitfish may be used or possessed.	
<b>Rice Lake (FWS)</b> Cherry (15)		Possession of baitfish prohibited but dead smelt allowed. Possession of fish not taken from refuge waters unlawful.	
<b>Rock Bass Reservoir (USFS)</b> Dawes (1)			
<b>Scottsbluff Zoo Pond</b> Scotts Bluff (3)			
<b>Shell Lake WMA</b> Cherry (9)			
<b>Sidney Legion Park Pond</b> Cheyenne (8)	FF		

Comments	Species
711 acres. Electric motor and non-powered boats only. No camping. Area open one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset. Severe winterkill in 2023.	BLG, LMB, WAE, YEP
10 acres. City of Alliance park pond.	BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, RBT, YEP
2,100 acres. Camping. Closed Oct. 15-Jan. 14, or as posted. Subject to severe drawdowns.	BCF, CCF, CRP, LMB, NOP, SMB, WAE, WHB, YEP
235 acres. Electric motor and non-powered boats only. Closed Oct. 15-Jan. 14, or as posted. Area open sunrise to sunset only. Subject to severe drawdowns.	BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, NOP, WAE, YEP
15 acres. Primitive boat ramp. Located on McKelvie National Forest. Severe winterkill in 2023.	BLG, CRP, LMB, YEP
2,900 acres. Modern and primitive camping, several boat launch areas. Fish-cleaning station at main boat ramp and Beed's.	BBH, BLG, CAP, CCF, CRP, FRD, LMB, MUE, NOP, SMB, WAE, WHB
25 acres (in three lakes). No boating. County owned and managed by City of Morrill. No camping.	BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, RBT, YEP
270 acres. Primitive camping. Fishing pier. Subject to low water. Managed by South Platte NRD.	CAP, CCF, CRP, MUE, NOP, TGM, WAE
798 acres. Electric motor and non-powered boats only. Concrete boat ramp. No camping. Refuge open sunrise to sunset. Winterkill in 2023.	BLG, CAP, CRP, LMB, NOP, TGM, YEP
500 acres (in two lakes). Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Primitive boat ramp.	BLG, CRP, LMB, RSF, SAE, YEP
47 acres. Electric motor and non-powered boats only. No camping. Refuge open sunrise to sunset. Parking by Duck Lake and access by foot traffic only.	BLG, LMB, PMK, YEP
8 acres. Located on Oglala National Grassland. Winterkill in 2023.	LMB, YEP
10 acres.	BLG, CRP, LMB, RBT
160 acres. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Primitive boat launch, primitive camping.	BLG, CRP, LMB, NOP, YEP
1.75 acres. Fishing pier, playground and restroom available.	BLG, CCF, LMB, RBT

## NORTHWEST REGION / NORTHEAST REGION

Name/County/Map ID	Features	Special Fish Regulations	
<b>Smith Lake (FWS)</b> Garden (7)		Panfish - Daily bag limit of 15 shall include only one Bluegill nine inches or greater in length and only five Yellow Perch 10 inches or greater in length, and of those only one Yellow Perch 12 inches or greater in length. Possession of baitfish prohibited but dead smelt allowed.	
<b>Smith Lake WMA</b> Sheridan (6)		Panfish - Daily bag limit of 15 shall include only one Bluegill nine inches or greater in length and only five Yellow Perch 10 inches or greater in length, and of those only one Yellow Perch 12 inches or greater in length.	
<b>Terry's Pit</b> Scotts Bluff (3)	FF		
<b>Valentine Fish Hatchery Reservoir</b> Cherry (15)			
<b>Valentine Mill Pond</b> Cherry (15)	FF		
<b>Walgren Lake SRA</b> Sheridan (5)	FF, A		
<b>Watts Lake (FWS)</b> Cherry (15)		Possession of baitfish prohibited but dead smelt allowed. Possession of fish not taken from refuge waters unlawful.	
<b>West Long Lake (FWS)</b> Cherry (15)		Possession of baitfish prohibited but dead smelt allowed. Possession of fish not taken from refuge waters unlawful.	
<b>Whitney Lake</b> Dawes (1)			
<b>Willow Lake (FWS)</b> Cherry (15)		Possession of baitfish prohibited but dead smelt allowed. Possession of fish not taken from refuge waters unlawful.	
<b>Wood Reserve Ponds</b> Sioux (1)		Daily bag limit of two trout.	
<b>NORTHEAST REGION</b>			
<b>Atkinson Dam</b> Holt (27)			
<b>Auble Pond</b> Valley (29)	FF, A		
<b>Bassett City Ponds</b> Rock (21)			
<b>Buckskin Hills Lake WMA</b> Dixon (39)		Black Bass - 21-inch minimum length limit.	
<b>Burwell Lake (Ladybird)</b> Garfield (29)			

Comments	Species
225 acres. Electric motor and non-powered boats only. No camping. Area open one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset. Severe winterkill in 2023.	BLG, SMB, YEP
290 acres. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). AIS infested waterbody - Eurasian Watermilfoil and Curly-leaf Pondweed present. Concrete boat ramp. Primitive camping. Severe winterkill in 2023.	BBH, BLG, CRP, LMB, NOP, PMK, YEP
7 acres. No boating or ice-fishing allowed by city regulation.	CCF, CRP, LMB, RBT, WAE, YEP
11 acres.	BBH, BLG, CAP, CCF, CRP, LMB, NOP
20 acres.	BLG, CAP, CCF, CRP, LMB
100 acres. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). AIS infested waterbody - Eurasian Watermilfoil present. Primitive camping. Fishing pier.	BBH, BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, NOP, SAE
230 acres. Electric motor and non-powered boats only. Concrete boat ramp. No camping. Refuge open sunrise to sunset. Winterkill in 2023.	BLG, CRP, GSF, LMB, NOP, YEP
62 acres. Electric motor and non-powered boats only. Concrete boat ramp. No camping. Refuge open sunrise to sunset. Severe winterkill in 2023.	BLG, LMB, NOP, YEP
900 acres. Private irrigation reservoir, access limited. Public boat ramp on southeast corner of the lake. Subject to drawdowns.	CAP, CCF, CRP, NOP, WAE, WHB, YEP
353 acres. Electric motor and non-powered boats only. Access by foot traffic only – smaller boats or belly boats recommended. No camping. Refuge open sunrise to sunset.	BLG, CAP, CRP, LMB, NOP, YEP
2 acres (in four ponds). Access via 1-mile hike up middle branch of Soldier Creek. Located in Soldier Creek Wilderness Area.	BKT, CUT, RBT, TGT
5 acres. Electric motor and non-powered boats only. Primitive camping, electrical hookups. Elkhorn River access. Managed by City of Atkinson.	BLG, CAP, CCF, CRP, LMB, NOP
5 acres. Rainbow Trout stocked seasonally.	BLG, CCF, LMB, RBT
4 acres in two ponds. City regulations. Manual propulsion only.	BLG, CRP, LMB, YEP
75 acres. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Primitive camping. Owned by Lewis and Clark NRD.	BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, WAE
3 acres.	BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB



## NORTHEAST REGION

Name/County/Map ID	Features	Special Fish Regulations	
<b>Calamus Reservoir SRA/WMA</b> Loup (23)	A, SF, CN	Walleye, Sauger, Saugeye - daily bag limit of four may include two from 15 to 18 inches and two over 18 inches, but no more than one over 22 inches in length allowed in the daily bag. Underwater spearfishing for game fish species allowed from July 1 through Dec. 31.	
<b>Carney Pond</b> Holt (28)			
<b>Chalkrock Lake WMA</b> Cedar (33)		No live baitfish may be used or possessed.	
<b>Clear Lake</b> Brown (22)		No live baitfish may be used or possessed.	
<b>Columbus Hospital Pond</b> Platte (36)	FF, A		
<b>Cozad Lake (South Pine WMA)</b> Brown (22)			
<b>Crystal Cove Lake</b> Dakota (40)	A		
<b>Cub Creek Lake</b> Keya Paha (21)			
<b>Davis Creek Reservoir WMA</b> Valley (30)	CN		
<b>Dead Timber SRA</b> Dodge (41)			
<b>DeSoto Nat. Wildlife Refuge</b> Washington (46)		Walleye - 15-inch minimum length limit; Largemouth Bass - 15-inch minimum length limit. Anglers must abide by the regulations of state in which they are licensed, either Nebraska or Iowa. Check with refuge for additional regulations.	
<b>Fremont Lakes SRA</b> Dodge (42)	FF, A		
<b>Goose Lake WMA</b> Holt (28)			
<b>Gracie Creek Pond</b> Loup (23)	FF, A		
<b>Grove Lake WMA</b> Antelope (34)		Northern Pike - 34-inch minimum length limit.	
<b>Grove Sandpit</b> Antelope (34)			
<b>Hooper City Lake</b> Dodge (41)	FF		

Comments	Species
5,200 acres. Boating on upper lake restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Modern and primitive camping. Accessible restrooms and parking at Homestead Knolls Campground. Fish-cleaning stations at Homestead Knolls and Nunda Shoals. Calamus River access west of Neb. Hwy. 96, above reservoir and below dam.	CAP, CCF, CRP, MUE, NOP, SBH, WAE, WHB, YEP
3 acres. Renovated and restocked in fall of 2022, fishery developing. City park amenities available. Rainbow Trout stocked seasonally.	BLG, CCF, LMB, RBT
44 acres. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake).	BLG, CCF, LMB
195 acres. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Public fishing allowed (no hunting). No shoreline fishing access, boat and ice-fishing access on east end of lake off main road. Primitive boat ramp. No dock.	BLG, CRP, LMB, YEP
11 acres. Accessible deck. City developing park facilities around this lake.	BLG, CCF, LMB
80 acres. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Improved boat ramp. Primitive camping. Severe winterkill in 2023.	BBH, BLG, LMB, YEP
30 acres. Electric motor and non-powered boats only. Accessible pier. Rainbow Trout stocked seasonally.	BLG, CCF, LMB, RBT
27 acres. Electric motor and non-powered boats only. Improved boat ramp. Primitive camping, with some amenities. Owned by Middle Niobrara NRD.	BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, YEP
1,145 acres. Two concrete boat ramps. Fish-cleaning station. Water level fluctuates due to irrigation. Camping. Owned by Lower Loup NRD.	BBH, BLG, CAP, CRP, LMB, SBH, WAE, WHB, YEP
20 acres. Electric motor and non-powered boats only. No boat ramp. Limited facilities.	BBH, BLG, CAP, CCF, CRP, FCF, LMB
760 acres. 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. Open April 15 - Oct. 14 for open-water fishing. Open a half-hour before sunrise to a half-hour after sunset.	BLG, BUF, CAP, CCF, CRP, LMB, WAE, WHB
285 acres (in 17 lakes). Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake) - Lake 16, Lake 20. No non-powered or electric motor-powered vessels allowed - Victory Lake (Lake 10 and 15). Electric motor and non-powered boats only - All other lakes. Muskellunge stocked in Lake 20. Rainbow Trout stocked seasonally in Lake 2. Accessible piers. Modern and primitive camping.	BBH, BLG, BUF, CAP, CCF, CRP, LMB, MUE, RBT, WHP
237 acres. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake).	BLG, LMB, NOP, YEP
2 acres. Electric motor and non-powered boats only. Located at upper end of Calamus Reservoir SRA. Put-and-take trout stocking. Accessible fishing pier. No boat ramp.	CAP, RBT
50 acres. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Two concrete boat ramps with docks. Primitive camping allowed. Rainbow Trout stocked seasonally.	BBH, BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, NOP, RBT
1 acre.	CUT, RBT
4 acres.	BLG, CCF, LMB

## NORTHEAST REGION

Name/County/Map ID	Features	Special Fish Regulations	
<b>Hull Lake WMA</b> Boyd (27)			
<b>Johnson Park Lake</b> Dodge (42)	FF		
<b>Keller Park SRA</b> Brown (21)	FF		
<b>Kramper Lake (Danish Alps SRA)</b> Dakota (40)	A, FF	No live baitfish may be used or possessed.	
<b>Lake Babcock</b> Platte (36)		Channel Catfish - daily bag limit of 10.	
<b>Lake Ericson</b> Wheeler (29)			
<b>Lake North</b> Platte (36)		Channel Catfish - daily bag limit of 10.	
<b>Lake Yankton (Cottonwood Lake)</b> Cedar (33)	FF	Black Bass - 15-inch minimum length limit. Panfish - daily bag limit is 15 each for Crappie, Yellow Perch, Rock Bass and Sunfish (statewide possession limit of 30 panfish still applies).	
<b>Lee Rupp WMA</b> Platte (36)	A		
<b>Leigh Tri-County</b> Colfax (41)		Additional city regulations enforced.	
<b>Lewis and Clark Lake SRA</b> Knox (33)	SF	Channel Catfish - daily bag limit 10. Walleye, Sauger, Saugeye - 15-inch minimum length minimum. Panfish - daily bag limit is 15 each for Crappie, Yellow Perch, Rock Bass and Sunfish (statewide possession limit of 30 panfish still applies). 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. Underwater spearfishing for game fish species allowed July 1 through Dec. 31.	
<b>Lindsay Park Pond</b> Platte (35)	FF		
<b>Lyons City Lake</b> Burt (41)	FF		
<b>Maple Creek Reservoir (Leigh Lake)</b> Platte (41)	FF		
<b>Maskenthine Reservoir</b> Stanton (41)	A		
<b>Neligh Park (West Point Park Pond)</b> Cumings (41)	FF	Black Bass - 21-inch minimum length limit.	
<b>Niobrara State Park Pond</b> Knox (33)		Black Bass - 21-inch minimum length limit.	

	<b>Comments</b>	<b>Species</b>
	6 acres. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake).	BLG, CRP, LMB
	10 acres. Electric motor and non-powered boats only. Paved boat ramp.	BLG, CAP, CCF, LMB
	7 acres (in five ponds). Access to Bone Creek. Camping. Electric motor and non-powered boats only. Rainbow Trout stocked seasonally in Pond Nos. 4 and 5.	BLG, CCF, LMB, RBT
	200 acres. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). AIS infested waterbody - Brittle Naiad present. Accessible pier. Camping.	BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, WAE
	600 acres. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). May be closed to boating during waterfowl season. Shallow lake, owned by Loup Power District.	BBH, CAP, CCF, FCF
	70 acres. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Boat ramp in northeast corner. Lake and dam managed by Lake Ericson Corporation.	BLG, CAP, CCF, CRP, LMB, NOP
	200 acres. Camping. Concrete boat ramp. Owned by Loup Power District.	CAP, CCF, CRP, FRD, SAR, WAE, WHB
	332 acres. Electric motor and non-powered boats only. AIS infested water body - Zebra Mussels and Eurasian Watermilfoil present. Border water area with South Dakota, open to Nebraska permit holders. Fish-cleaning station in southwest corner of lake. Boat ramps.	BLG, CAP, CCF, CRP, LMB, WAE
	7 acres (in two lakes). Accessible fishing pier on north lake.	BLG, CAP, CCF, CRP, LMB
	7 acres.	BLG, CCF, LMB
	30,000 acres. AIS infested water body - Zebra Mussels and Eurasian Watermilfoil present. Boat ramps at South Shore Area, Bloomfield Area, Hideaway Acres Marina, Weigand Area and Miller Creek Area. Cabins and camping, but no camping at South Shore Area.	BUF, CAP, CCF, CRP, FRD, ROB, SAR, SMB, WAE, WHB
	3.6 acres. Lake rehabilitation project planned during 2024.	BLG, CAP, CCF, CRP, LMB
	5 acres.	BLG, CAP, CCF, LMB
	154 acres. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Camping areas and concrete boat ramps. Owned by Lower Elkhorn NRD.	BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, WAE
	98 acres. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Camping. Accessible pier. Owned by Lower Elkhorn NRD.	BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, NOP, WAE
	5 acres. White Perch present; it is illegal to possess or transport live White Perch statewide. Rainbow Trout stocked seasonally.	BLG, CCF, LMB, RBT, WHP
	7 acres (in two ponds). No boats. Cabins and camping. Limited fishing opportunity in park ponds through 2024.	BLG, CCF, LMB, RBT

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<b>Pawnee Park East</b> Platte (36)	FF	Special city regulations in place. Black bass - 21-inch minimum length limit.
<b>Pawnee Park West</b> Platte (36)	FF	Special city regulations in place. Black bass - 21-inch minimum length limit.
<b>Penn Park Lake</b> Antelope (34)		Special city regulations in place. Largemouth Bass - catch-and-release.
<b>Peterson Lake WMA</b> Rock (22)		
<b>Pibel Lake</b> Wheeler (29)	FF	No live baitfish may be used or possessed.
<b>Plum Creek Valley WMA (Sand Springs Pond)</b> Brown (21)		
<b>Ponca State Park Pond</b> Dixon (39)	FF	Special regulations posted on site.
<b>Powder Creek Reservoir WMA</b> Dixon (39)	FF	Black Bass - 21-inch minimum length limit.
<b>Red Fox WMA</b> Stanton (41)		
<b>Skyview Lake</b> Madison (34)	FF, A	No live baitfish may be used or possessed.
<b>Sock Pond</b> Platte (36)		Special city regulations in place. Black Bass- 21-inch minimum length limit. Panfish - daily bag limit of five.
<b>Spalding Lake</b> Greeley (29)		
<b>Spencer City Pond</b> Boyd (27)		Additional city regulations may apply.
<b>Summit Lake SRA</b> Burt (41)	FF, A	
<b>Swan Lake</b> Holt (28)		
<b>Ta-Ha-Zouka Park Lake</b> Madison (34)	FF	No live baitfish may be used or possessed.
<b>Tilden City Pond</b> Antelope (34)		Additional city regulations.
<b>Tower Lake (FWS) (Yellowthroat WMA)</b> Brown (22)		Possession of baitfish is prohibited but dead smelt allowed. Possession of fish not taken from refuge waters unlawful.
<b>Twin Lakes WMA</b> Rock (22)		
<b>Wilkinson WMA</b> Platte (35)		

Comments	Species
5 acres.	BLG, CCF, LMB
2 acres. Rainbow Trout stocked seasonally.	BLG, CCF, LMB, RBT
8 acres.	BLG, CAP, CCF, LMB
60 acres. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Primitive boat ramp. Stay on improved access trail.	BLG, CAP, CRP, LMB, NOP, YEP
20 acres. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Primitive camping. Owned by Lower Loup NRD.	BBH, BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB
1 acre. Stocked with Rainbow Trout twice annually. Primitive camping. Walk-in access to Plum Creek.	BNT, RBT
1 acre. Rainbow Trout stocked seasonally. Cabins and camping.	BLG, CCF, LMB, RBT
107 acres. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake).	BBH, BLG, CCF, CRP, FCF, LMB, WAE
25 acres. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Primitive boat ramp. Primitive camping.	BLG, CAP, CCF, CRP, LMB
50 acres. Electric motor and non-powered boats only. Accessible deck.	BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, WAE
20 acres. Electric and non-powered boats only. No boat ramp, carry-in watercraft only.	BLG, CAP, CCF, CRP, LMB
24 acres. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake).	BLG, CAP, CCF, LMB, NOP
9 acres. Electric and non-powered boats only. No boat ramp. Primitive camping.	BLG, CRP, LMB
190 acres. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). AIS infested waterbody - Yellow Bass present. Accessible fishing pier. Fish-cleaning station. Camping.	BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, WAE
235 acres. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Concrete boat ramp. Private lake leased for fishing only. All other access by permission only.	BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, YEP
5 acres. Rainbow Trout stocked seasonally.	BLG, CCF, LMB, RBT
1 acre.	BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB
75 acres. Electric motors and non-powered boats only. Owned by FWS. Daytime access only. No camping. Primitive boat ramp.	BLG, CRP, LMB, YEP
160 acres (in two lakes). Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Concrete boat ramps. Primitive camping.	BLG, CAP, CRP, LMB, SAE, YEP
1 acre (in two ponds).	BLG, LMB

## NORTHEAST REGION / SOUTHWEST REGION

Name/County/Map ID	Features	Special Fish Regulations
<b>Willow Creek SRA</b> Pierce (34)	A	Wiper/White Bass - daily bag limit of three, with no more than one fish 16 inches or greater.
<b>Willow Lake WMA</b> Brown (22)	A	
<b>Wolbach City Pond</b> Greeley (30)	FF	

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<b>32-Mile H, Prairie Lake</b> Adams (31)		
<b>Alda DOT</b> Hall (31)	SF	Black Bass - 21-inch minimum length limit. Northern Pike - 34-inch minimum length limit. Underwater spearfishing restricted to nongame fish species only.
<b>Alfon C. Haring Memorial WMA Middle Lake</b> Franklin (32)		
<b>Ansley Lake</b> Custer (24)	FF	Black Bass - 21-inch minimum length limit. No live baitfish may be used or possessed.
<b>Archway Lakes</b> Buffalo (31)		Black Bass - 21-inch minimum length limit.
<b>Arnold Lake</b> Custer (18)	FF, A	Black Bass - 21-inch minimum length limit. No live baitfish may be used or possessed.
<b>Bader Memorial County Park</b> Merrick (37)		
<b>Barnett Park Ponds</b> Red Willow (20)	FF	
<b>Bassway Strip WMA</b> Buffalo (31)	SF	Underwater spearfishing restricted to nongame fish species only.
<b>Bethphage Pond</b> Kearney (32)	FF, A	No live baitfish may be used or possessed.
<b>Birdwood WMA</b> Lincoln (18)	FF, A	Black Bass - 21-inch minimum length limit.
<b>Blue Hole WMA</b> Buffalo (25)	SF	Underwater spearfishing restricted to nongame fish species only.
<b>Bowman Lake</b> Sherman (30)		Black Bass - 21-inch minimum length limit. No live baitfish may be used or possessed.
<b>Brady WMA</b> Lincoln (19)	FF, A	
<b>Brady Rest Area Westbound (formerly Maxwell Rest Stop)</b> Lincoln (18)		

Comments	Species
700 acres. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake) on west half of lake. Accessible dock. Modern and primitive camping.	BLG, CAP, CCF, CRP, LMB, SAE, SBH, WAE, WHB
380 acres. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Primitive camping. Concrete ramp. Accessible dock and restroom.	BBH, BLG, CAP, CRP, LMB, SAE, WAE, YEP
5 acres.	BLG, CCF, LMB
65 acres. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Walk-in access only. Owned by Little Blue NRD.	BBH, CAP, CCF
12 acres. No boats.	BLG, CCF, LMB, NOP
4.5 acres. Walk-in access from public parking lot.	BLG, LMB
4 acres. Electric motor and non-powered boats only. Improved boat ramp. Rainbow Trout stocked seasonally. Managed by Village of Ansley.	BLG, CCF, CRP, GRC, LMB, RBT
30 acres (in four lakes). Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Gravel boat ramp on Lake 1. Lakes 2, 3 and 4 renovated and restocked in 2020.	BLG, CAP, CCF, CRP, LMB, ROB, SMB, TGM, YEP
8 acres. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Improved boat ramp. Managed by Village of Arnold.	BLG, CCF, LMB
12 acres (in seven lakes). No motorboats. Modern and primitive camping. Entrance fee required by county.	BLG, CCF, LMB
5 acres (in two ponds). No boats. Managed by City of McCook.	BLG, CCF, GSF, LMB
39 acres (in two lakes). Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). AIS infested waterbody - Eurasian Watermilfoil present. Improved boat ramp on West Lake. East lake walk-in only.	BBH, BLG, CAP, CCF, CRP, LMB
3 acres. No motor boats allowed. Accessible deck.	BLG, CCF, GSF, LMB
20 acres. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). AIS infested waterbody - Eurasian Watermilfoil present. Improved boat ramp. Rainbow Trout stocked seasonally.	BLG, CAP, CCF, CRP, LMB, RBT, YEP
37 acres. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Gravel boat ramp. North channel of Platte River connects to lake. Platte River access.	BLG, CAP, CCF, CRP, LMB
10 acres. Electric motor and non-powered boats only. Middle Loup River access. Primitive camping. Area managed by Sherman County.	BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB
25 acres. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Improved boat ramp.	BLG, CCF, CPH, CRP, FCF, LMB, SMB
5 acres. No boats.	BLG, CCF, LMB



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Name/County/Map ID	Features	Special Fish Regulations	
<b>Buffehead WMA</b> Buffalo (31)	SF	Black Bass - 21-inch minimum length limit. Underwater spearfishing restricted to nongame fish species only.	
<b>Central City Lake</b> Merrick (36)	FF		
<b>Champion Mill Lake</b> Chase (14)			
<b>Chester Island WMA</b> Lincoln (19)			
<b>Cheyenne SRA</b> Hall (31)	FF, SF	Black Bass - 21-inch minimum length limit. Underwater spearfishing restricted to nongame fish species only.	
<b>Cody Park Pond East</b> Lincoln (18)			
<b>Coot Shallows WMA</b> Buffalo (25)			
<b>Cornhusker WMA</b> Hall (31)			
<b>Cottonmill Lake</b> Buffalo (31)	FF	Northern Pike - 34-inch minimum length. Black Bass - 21-inch minimum length limit. No live baitfish may be used or possessed.	
<b>Cozad WMA</b> Dawson (25)	SF	Underwater spearfishing restricted to nongame fish species only.	
<b>Crystal Lake</b> Adams (32)	FF	Black Bass - 21-inch minimum length limit. No live baitfish may be used or possessed.	
<b>Crystal Lake</b> Lincoln (18)			
<b>Curtis Golf Course Pond</b> Frontier (19)		Black Bass - 21-inch minimum length limit.	
<b>Darr WMA</b> Dawson (25)			
<b>Dogwood WMA</b> Dawson (25)	SF	Underwater spearfishing restricted to nongame fish species only.	
<b>Eagle Scout Lake</b> Hall (31)	A		
<b>East Gothenburg WMA</b> Dawson (25)	SF	Underwater spearfishing restricted to nongame fish species only.	
<b>East Hershey WMA</b> Lincoln (18)		All species - catch-and-release. Possession of any fish species other than baitfish while fishing this lake is prohibited.	
<b>East Odessa WMA</b> Buffalo (31)	SF	Underwater spearfishing restricted to nongame fish species only.	
<b>East Sutherland WMA</b> Lincoln (18)		Black Bass - 21-inch minimum length limit. No live baitfish may be used or possessed.	

	<b>Comments</b>	<b>Species</b>
	15 acres. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). AIS infested waterbody - Eurasian Watermilfoil present. Improved boat ramp. No camping.	BLG, CAP, CCF, LMB, ROB, YEP
	5 acres. No motor boats allowed.	BLG, CCF, LMB
	12 acres. Shallow lake.	CAP, CCF
	5.6 acres (in seven pits). No motorized vessels. Walk-in access only. Flooding impacts these lakes and their fish populations.	BLG, CAP, CCF, LMB, NOP
	16 acres. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Gravel boat ramp. Primitive camping.	BLG, CAP, CCF, CRP, LMB
	1.2 acres. Managed by City of North Platte. Shallow, limited fishery.	CAP
	12 acres. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Improved boat ramp.	BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB
	1 acre. Electric motor and non-powered boats only. Subject to water level fluctuations.	BLG, CCF, LMB
	43 acres. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). AIS infested waterbody - Eurasian Watermilfoil present. Improved boat ramp.	BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, NOP, WAE
	18 acres. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake).	BLG, CAP, CCF, LMB, YEP
	5 acres. Electric motor and non-powered boats only. Modern and primitive camping. Aquatic habitat project completed in 2018 with renovation and restocking.	BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB
	7 acres. Electric motor and non-powered boats only. AIS infested waterbody - Eurasian Watermilfoil present.	BLG, CCF, LMB, RSF
	1.7 acres. No boats allowed. Rainbow Trout and Tiger Trout stocked seasonally.	BLG, CCF, HSF, LMB, RBT, TGT
	13 acres. Electric motor and non-powered boats only. Gravel boat ramp.	BLG, CCF, LMB
	12 acres (in two lakes). Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Articulated mat concrete boat ramp (East Lake).	BLG, CAP, CCF, GRC, LMB
	55 acres. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Concrete boat ramp. Accessible deck. Hike-bike trail around lake.	BBH, BLG, CAP, CCF, CRP, FCF, LMB
	15 acres. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Articulated mat concrete boat ramp.	CCF, HSF, LMB
	20 acres. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). AIS infested waterbody - Eurasian Watermilfoil present. Gravel boat ramp.	BLG, CCF, HSF, LMB, ROB, RSF
	7 acres. Electric motor and non-powered boats only. Platte River access.	BLG, CCF, LMB
	27 acres. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Gravel boat ramp.	ROB, SAE, SMB, YEP

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<b>Elwood Reservoir WMA</b> Gosper (25)	CN, SF	Wiper/White bass - daily bag limit of three with no more than one fish 16 inches or greater; Walleye, Sauger, Saugeye - daily bag limit of four may include one from 15 to 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. Underwater spearfishing for game fish species permitted from July 1 through Dec. 31.	
<b>Enders Reservoir SRA/WMA</b> Chase (14)	SF, CN	Underwater spearfishing for game fish species permitted from July 1 through Dec. 31.	
<b>Farwell South Reservoir</b> Howard (30)	CN		
<b>Fort Kearny SRA</b> Buffalo (31)	FF, A	Black Bass - 21-inch minimum length limit. Channel and Blue Catfish - catch-and-release on Lake No. 2.	
<b>Fort McPherson</b> Lincoln (18)			
<b>Fremont Slough WMA</b> Lincoln (18)	FF, A		
<b>Frenchman WMA</b> Hayes (20)			
<b>Gallagher Canyon Reservoir SRA</b> Dawson (25)	CN	Channel Catfish - daily bag limit of 10.	
<b>G.I. Eastbound Rest Area</b> Hall (31)			
<b>Grand Island L.E. Ray Lake</b> Hall (31)		Black Bass - 21-inch minimum length limit.	
<b>Grand Island Pier Lake</b> Hall (31)	FF		
<b>Grand Island Suck's Lake</b> Hall (31)	FF, A		
<b>Harlan County Reservoir</b> Harlan (26)	SF, CN	Walleye, Sauger, Saugeye - daily bag limit of four may include one from 15 to 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 Harlan County Reservoir fishing regulations are in effect on the Republican River upstream to the Hwy. 89 bridge west of Orleans. Underwater spearfishing for game fish species permitted from July 1 through Dec. 31.	
<b>Hayes Center Lake WMA</b> Hayes (19)			
<b>Heartland Shooting Center Pond</b> Hall (31)		Special city regulations - Total catch-and-release. Barbless hooks only.	
<b>Heartwell Park Lake</b> Adams (31)	FF, A		

Comments	Species
1,150 acres. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Bank access at entrance. Subject to drawdown.	BCF, BLG, CCF, CPH, CRP, FCF, LMB, MUE, NOP, SBH, SMB, SPB, WAE, WHB
1,200 acres. Unlawful to boat inside waterfowl refuge from Oct. 1 through end of February. Accessible boat dock. Primitive and modern camping. Low-water conditions.	CAP, CCF, CRP, FCF, LMB, MUE, NOP, SMB, WAE, WHB
40 acres. Electric motor and non-powered boats only.	CAP, CCF, CRP, FCF, WAE
21 acres (in seven pits). Electric motor and non-powered boats only. Rainbow Trout stocked seasonally in Lake No. 6. Accessible deck on lakes No. 5, 6 and 7. Modern and primitive camping.	BCF, BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, RBT
30 acres. Electric motor and non-powered boats only. Gravel boat ramp. Area owned by NDOT.	BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, ROB, RSF, SMB, YEP
30 acres. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Improved boat ramp.	BLG, CAP, CCF, CRP, LMB, ROB
20 acres (in three lakes). Electric motor and non-powered boats only.	BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, NOP, SAE
182 acres. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Primitive camping. Gravel boat ramp.	CAP, CCF, CRP, FCF, FRD, PAH, SAR, SBH, WAE, WHB
6 acres. No boats allowed. Low water levels possible.	BLG, CCF, LMB
30 acres. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Concrete boat ramp.	BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, MUE, WAE, WHB, YEP
9 acres. No boats.	BBH, BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB
4 acres. No boats. Accessible deck. Rainbow Trout stocked seasonally.	BLG, CAP, CCF, LMB, RBT
13,500 acres. Modern and primitive camping. Subject to summer drawdown. Fish-cleaning stations at Hunter Cove and Methodist Cove.	CAP, CCF, CRP, FCF, LMB, NOP, SBH, WAE, WHB
50 acres. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake).	BBH, BLG, CAP, CCF, CRP, LMB, NOP, SAE
7 acres. No boats. Open to fishing during public shooting hours. Low water possible due to seepage problems.	BLG, CCF, LMB
3 acres. No boats. Rainbow Trout stocked seasonally.	BLG, CCF, LMB, RBT

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<b>Hershey WMA</b> Lincoln (18)	FF, A		
<b>Holdrege City Lake (North Park)</b> Phelps (26)	FF, A	Black Bass - 21-inch minimum length limit. No live baitfish may be used or possessed.	
<b>Humphrey Pond</b> Keith (12)	FF		
<b>Indian Creek WMA Pond</b> Webster (32)	A		
<b>Jeffrey Reservoir WMA</b> Lincoln (19)	A, SF, CN	Channel Catfish - daily bag limit of 10. Underwater spearfishing for game fish species permitted from July 1 through Dec. 31.	
<b>Johnson Lake SRA</b> Gosper (25)	FF, A, SF, CN	Channel Catfish - daily bag limit of 10. Underwater spearfishing for game fish species permitted from July 1 through Dec. 31.	
<b>Kea Lake WMA</b> Buffalo (31)	A, SF	Underwater spearfishing restricted to nongame fish species only.	
<b>Kea West WMA</b> Buffalo (31)		All species - catch-and-release. Possession of any fish species other than baitfish while fishing this lake is prohibited.	
<b>Kirkpatrick Memorial Park Lake</b> Dawson (25)	FF, A	Black Bass - 21-inch minimum length limit. No live baitfish may be used or possessed.	
<b>Lake Hastings</b> Adams (31)			
<b>Lake Helen</b> Dawson (25)	FF, A	Black Bass - 21-inch minimum length limit. No live baitfish may be used or possessed.	
<b>Lake Maloney SRA</b> Lincoln (18)	A, SF, CN	Channel Catfish - daily bag limit of 10. Underwater spearfishing for game fish species allowed from July 1 through Dec. 31. Smallmouth Bass - no minimum length limit, daily bag limit may include only one fish 15 inches or greater.	
<b>Lake McConaughy SRA</b> Keith (12)	SF, CN	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 starting 200 feet north of the morning glory (outlet), with travel in a south-to-north (counterclockwise) direction required. Underwater spearfishing for game fish species allowed from July 1 through Dec. 31. Unlawful to possess Walleye or White Bass or Striped Bass hybrids on that portion of Longergan Creek and Otter Creek from their junction at the McConaughy lakeshore upstream to, and including, the culvert under Neb. Hwy. 92 from April 1 through June 30.	
<b>Lake Ogallala SRA</b> Keith (12)	FF, A, SF	Underwater spearfishing for game fish species allowed from July 1 through Dec. 31.	
<b>Liberty Cove</b> Webster (32)		Black Bass - 21-inch minimum length limit, NRD regulation.	
<b>Lincoln Park Pond</b> Nuckolls (38)		No live baitfish may be used or possessed.	

Comments	Species
53 acres. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). AIS infested waterbody - Eurasian Watermilfoil present. Improved boat ramp.	BLG, CCF, FCF, LMB, NOP, ROB, YEP
10 acres. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Concrete boat ramp. Accessible fishing pier. Rainbow Trout stocked seasonally.	BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, RBT
3 acres. No boats. Rainbow Trout stocked seasonally.	BLG, CCF, LMB, RBT
2 acres. Electric motor and non-powered boats only. Renovated and restocked in 2018. Accessible fishing pier.	BLG, CCF, LMB
900 acres. Subject to frequent water fluctuations.	BCF, BLG, CAP, CCF, CRP, FCF, FRD, SAR, SBH, WAE, WHB
2,189 acres. Accessible concrete walkway/fishing area at inlet. Fish-cleaning stations at inlet and near east SRA campground. Primitive and modern camping.	BLG, CAP, CCF, CRP, FCF, FRD, PAH, SAR, SBH, SMB, WAE, WHB
20 acres. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Improved boat ramp. Accessible ramp access. No camping. Managed by City of Kearney.	BLG, CCF, CPH, LMB, RSF
8 acres. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Improved boat ramp. Renovated and restocked in 2020. No camping.	CPH, SMB, YEP
3 acres. No boats allowed. Managed by City of Lexington.	BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB
63 acres. Special city boating regulations.	BBH, CAP, CCF, CRP
20 acres. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Rainbow Trout stocked seasonally. Ice-fishing allowed. Improved boat ramp. Managed by City of Gothenburg.	BLG, CAP, CCF, LMB, RBT
1,600 acres. Accessible deck at inlet. Fish-cleaning stations at inlet and outlet. Camping.	BLG, CAP, CCF, CRP, FCF, FRD, SBH, SMB, WAE, WHB, YEP
30,000 acres. Fish-cleaning stations at Martin Bay, Cedar View and Otter Creek. Modern and primitive camping. Subject to severe summer drawdowns.	BBH, CAP, CCF, FRD, NOP, SBH, SMB, WAE, WHB, YEP
650 acres. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Accessible deck. Fish-cleaning station in the northwest corner. Modern and primitive camping.	CCF, RBT, SBH, SMB, TGT, WAE, WHB, YEP
36 acres. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Concrete boat ramp. Deck with gravel access. Subject to low water levels. Owned by Little Blue NRD. Major fish kill in 2021.	BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB
1 acre.	BLG, CAP, CCF, LMB

## SOUTHWEST REGION

Name/County/Map ID	Features	Special Fish Regulations	
<b>Marsh Wren WMA</b> Howard (30)			
<b>Medicine Creek SRA/WMA (Harry Strunk Lake)</b> Frontier (20)	A, SF, CN	Underwater spearfishing for game fish species permitted July 1 through Dec. 31.	
<b>Melham Park Lake</b> Custer (24)	FF, A	Black Bass - 21-inch minimum length limit. Special city regulation - Harvest restricted to those 16 and under or over 65. No live baitfish may be used or possessed.	
<b>Midway Canyon Reservoir SRA</b> Dawson (25)		Channel Catfish - daily bag limit of 10.	
<b>Minden Biological Learning Center Pond</b> Kearney (32)			
<b>Mormon Island DOT (East)</b> Hall (31)		Black Bass - 21-inch minimum length limit.	
<b>Mormon Island SRA (Middle)</b> Hall (31)	FF	Black Bass - 21-inch minimum length limit.	
<b>Mormon Island SRA (West)</b> Hall (31)	FF, A	Black Bass - 21-inch minimum length limit.	
<b>Mormon Trail</b> Merrick (36)			
<b>North Commons Pond</b> Adams (31)			
<b>North Kearney Rest Area (westbound) DOT</b> Buffalo (31)			
<b>North Loup SRA</b> Howard (30)	FF		
<b>North Platte I-80 Lake</b> Lincoln (18)	FF, A	Black Bass - 21-inch minimum length limit. No live baitfish may be used or possessed.	
<b>Oxford City Lake</b> Furnas (26)	FF		
<b>Patriot Park Lake</b> Dawson (25)	FF, A		
<b>Pawnee Slough WMA</b> Lincoln (18)			
<b>Phillips Canyon Reservoir SRA</b> Gosper (25)	CN	Channel Catfish - daily bag limit of 10.	
<b>Pioneer Trails Lake</b> Hamilton (37)			

Comments	Species
1 acre.	BLG, LMB
1,850 acres. Primitive and modern camping. Cabins. Subject to severe summer drawdowns.	BCF, CAP, CCF, CRP, FCF, FRD, LMB, SAE, SBH, WAE, WHB, YEP
4 acres. Electric motor and non-powered boats only. Fishing pier. Rainbow Trout stocked seasonally. Aeration system may hamper solid ice formation. Managed by City of Broken Bow.	BLG, CCF, LMB, RBT
609 acres. Gravel public boat ramp on Road 418.	BCF, CCF, CRP, FCF, FRD, PAH, SAR, SBH, WAE, WHB
0.5 acres.	BLG, CCF, LMB
22 acres. Access on foot from Mormon Island SRA.	BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB
19 acres. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Concrete boat ramp. Modern and primitive camping.	BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, RSF, WAE
42 acres. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Concrete boat ramp. Accessible pier. Modern and primitive camping.	BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, MUE, WAE
1 acre. Subject to low water levels.	BLG, CCF, LMB
4.4 acres. No boats allowed. Managed by City of Hastings.	BLG, CCF, LMB
7 acres. No boats.	BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, ROB
7 acres. Electric motor and non-powered boats only.	BLG, CAP, CCF, CRP, LMB
26 acres. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). AIS infested waterbody - Eurasian Watermilfoil present. Improved boat ramp. Fishing decks. Managed by City of North Platte. Rainbow Trout stocked seasonally.	BLG, CCF, LMB, RBT, YEP
2 acres. Electric motor and non-powered boats only. Rainbow Trout stocked seasonally.	BLG, CCF, HSF, LMB, RBT
1.3 acres. Constructed in 2023. Managed by the City of Lexington.	BLG, LMB
30 acres. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Gravel boat ramp. Area owned by NDOT.	BLG, CAP, CCF, LMB, NOP, RSF, TGM
142 acres. Primitive boat ramp. Unimproved access road – dry weather only. New public access location and concrete boat ramp scheduled for completion in 2024.	CCF, CRP, FRD, SAR, SBH, WAE, WHB
45 acres. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Modern and primitive camping. Managed by Upper Big Blue NRD.	BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, SAE



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Name/County/Map ID	Features	Special Fish Regulations	
<b>Plum Creek Canyon Reservoir WMA</b> Dawson (25)	CN	Channel Catfish - daily bag limit of 10.	
<b>Plum Creek Park Lake</b> Dawson (25)	FF, A	Black Bass - 21-inch minimum length limit. No live baitfish may be used or possessed.	
<b>Pressey WMA</b> Custer (24)			
<b>Ravenna Lake</b> Buffalo (30)	A	Black Bass - 21-inch minimum length limit. No live baitfish may be used or possessed.	
<b>Red Willow SRA/WMA (Hugh Butler Lake)</b> Frontier (20)	A, SF, CN	Northern Pike - 34-inch minimum length limit. Underwater spearfishing for game fish species from July 1 through Dec. 31.	
<b>Rock Creek Lake SRA</b> Dundy (14)	A	No live baitfish may be used or possessed.	
<b>Sac Wilcox WMA</b> Phelps (26)			
<b>Sandy Channel SRA</b> Buffalo (25)	FF, A, SF	Black Bass - 21-inch minimum length limit. Underwater spearfishing restricted to nongame fish species only.	
<b>Sherman Reservoir SRA/WMA</b> Sherman (30)	SF, CN	Walleye, Sauger, Saugeye - daily bag limit can include two walleye between 15 inches and not greater than 20 inches and one walleye greater than 28 inches. Slot length limit protecting walleye 20 through 28 inches; Crappie - 10-inch minimum length limit; Northern Pike - 34-inch minimum length limit. 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. Underwater spearfishing for game fish species permitted July 1 through Dec. 31.	
<b>Silver Creek City Pond</b> Merrick (36)	FF		
<b>South Kearney Rest Area (eastbound) DOT</b> Buffalo (31)			
<b>Sutherland Cooling Pond</b> Lincoln (18)		Channel Catfish - daily bag limit of 10.	
<b>Sutherland Reservoir SRA</b> Lincoln (18)	A, SF, CN	Channel Catfish - daily bag limit of 10. Underwater spearfishing for game fish species permitted from July 1 through Dec. 31.	
<b>Sutton Clark Pond</b> Clay (37)	FF	No live baitfish may be used or possessed.	
<b>Sutton Detention Pond</b> Clay (37)			
<b>Swanson Reservoir SRA/WMA</b> Hitchcock (20)	CN, SF	Underwater spearfishing for game fish species allowed July 1 through Dec. 31.	

Comments	Species
252 acres. Concrete boat ramp.	BCF, CCF, CRP, FCF, FRD, SAR, SBH, WAE, WHB
3 acres. No boats. Rainbow Trout stocked seasonally. Managed by City of Lexington.	BLG, CCF, LMB, RBT
2 acres. Electric motor and non-powered boats only. Gravel boat ramp.	BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB
16 acres. Electric motor and non-powered boats only. Gravel boat ramp. Accessible deck. Primitive and modern camping. Managed by Buffalo County.	BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB
1,630 acres. Accessible fishing dock and three accessible boat ramps with docks. Modern camping. Subject to low water levels.	CAP, CCF, CRP, FCF, LMB, NOP, SAE, SBH, SMB, TGM, WAE, WHB
50 acres. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Accessible pier and boat dock. Rainbow Trout and Tiger Trout stocked seasonally. Primitive camping. AIS infested water body - Eurasian Watermilfoil present.	CCF, CRP, LMB, RBT, RSF, TGT, YEP
1 acre. Electric motor and non-powered boats only.	BLG, CCF, LMB
52 acres (in six lakes). Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Muskie in Lake 8. Concrete boat ramp on Lakes 2, 4 and 8. Accessible piers on Lakes 4 and 8. Primitive camping.	BLG, CAP, CCF, CRP, LMB, MUE, ROB, WAE, YEP
2,845 acres. All boats allowed. Fish-cleaning stations at Trail 2 area near main boat ramp parking lot and at Trail 1 (Thunder Bay boat ramp). Subject to summer drawdowns. Primitive camping.	CCF, CRP, FCF, NOP, WAE, WHB
4 acres. Electric motors and non-powered boats only.	BLG, CCF, LMB
1 acre. No boats.	BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, RSF
220 acres. No boats. No wading.	CAP, CCF, FRD, LMB, SBH, WAE, WHB, YEP
3,000 acres. Fish-cleaning station at inlet. Ice fishermen use caution due to heated discharge from power plant. Camping.	CCF, FRD, SBH, SMB, WAE, WHB, YEP
1 acre. No boats allowed.	BLG, CCF, LMB
1 acre.	BLG, CCF, LMB
5,000 acres. AIS infested waterbody - Eurasian Watermilfoil present. Subject to severe summer drawdowns. Modern and primitive camping.	BCF, CAP, CCF, CRP, FCF, FRD, LMB, SBH, WAE, WHB

**SOUTHWEST REGION / SOUTHEAST REGION**

Name/County/Map ID	Features	Special Fish Regulations	
<b>Union Pacific SRA</b> Buffalo (25)	SF	Underwater spearfishing restricted to nongame fish species only.	
<b>Victoria Springs Lake SRA</b> Custer (23)	FF, A		
<b>War Axe SRA</b> Buffalo (31)	SF	Black Bass - 21-inch minimum length limit. Underwater spearfishing restricted to nongame fish species only.	
<b>Wellfleet Lake</b> Lincoln (19)			
<b>West Brady WMA</b> Lincoln (18)	FF, A	All species - catch-and-release. Possession of any fish species other than baitfish while fishing this lake is prohibited.	
<b>West Cozad WMA</b> Dawson (25)	SF	No live baitfish may be used or possessed. Underwater spearfishing restricted to nongame fish species only.	
<b>West Gothenburg WMA</b> Lincoln (19)	FF, A		
<b>West Hershey WMA</b> Lincoln (18)			
<b>West Maxwell WMA</b> Lincoln (18)	FF, A		
<b>Willow Island WMA</b> Dawson (25)			
<b>Windmill SRA</b> Buffalo (31)	FF, A	Black Bass - 21-inch minimum length limit. Channel and Blue Catfish - catch-and-release on Lake No. 3.	
<b>Wood River West WMA</b> Hall (31)	SF	Black Bass - 21-inch minimum length limit. Underwater spearfishing restricted to nongame fish species only.	
<b>Yanney Park Lake</b> Buffalo (31)	FF, A	Black Bass - 21-inch minimum length limit. No live baitfish may be used or possessed.	
<b>SOUTHEAST REGION</b>			
<b>Alexandria SRA</b> Jefferson (38)			
<b>Arrowhead WMA</b> Gage (44)			
<b>Auburn Rotary Club Lake</b> Nemaha (49)	FF	Black bass - 21-inch minimum length limit.	
<b>Baright Lake</b> Cass (42)	FF	All species - catch-and-release. No fishing allowed in the immediate marina area.	
<b>Bear Pierce Cedar 2A</b> Gage (44)			
<b>Bennington Lake</b> Douglas (47)		Black bass - 21-inch minimum length limit. No live baitfish may be used or possessed. No ice-fishing.	

**Features key:** FF - Family friendly; A - Accessible; CN - Cast nets allowed (Jul-Nov); SF - Spearfishing allowed

	Comments	Species
	15 acres. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Gravel boat ramp. Primitive camping.	BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, ROB
	6 acres. Electric motor and non-powered boats only. Improved boat ramp. Cabins and camping. Dense aquatic vegetation during the summer. Rainbow Trout stocked seasonally.	BLG, CCF, GRC, HSF, LMB, RBT
	14 acres. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Gravel boat ramp. Primitive camping.	BLG, CCF, RSF, SMB, WAE, YEP
	50 acres. Electric motor and non-powered boats only. Sand boat launch. Ice conditions vary due to inflow. Primitive camping.	BLG, CAP, CCF, CRP, LMB, SAE, WAE, WHB
	6 acres. Electric motor and non-powered boats only. Improved boat ramp.	BLG, CCF, CPH, CRP, LMB, RSF
	18 acres. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Primitive boat ramp.	BLG, CCF, LMB
	15 acres. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Improved boat ramp.	BLG, CCF, GRC, LMB, RSF
	6 acres. Electric motor and non-powered boats only. Vehicle access across private land (permission required). Check the online Public Access Atlas for updated access information (potential land transfer in process during 2024).	BLG, CCF, LMB
	7 acres. Electric motor and non-powered boats only. Improved boat ramp.	BLG, CAP, CCF, CRP, LMB
	24 acres. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Sand boat ramp.	BLG, CAP, CCF, CRP, LMB
	23 acres (in six pits). Electric motor and non-powered boats only. Accessible deck at Lake No. 2. Modern and primitive camping. Rainbow Trout stocked seasonally in Lake No. 2.	BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, RBT
	15 acres. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Gravel boat ramp.	BLG, CAP, CCF, CRP, LMB
	20 acres. Electric motor and non-powered boats only. Accessible fishing pier. Rainbow Trout stocked seasonally.	BLG, CAP, CCF, CRP, LMB, RBT, YEP
	43 acres (in two lakes). Electric motor and non-powered boats only. Water levels may be low. Modern and primitive camping.	BLG, CAP, CCF, CRP, LMB, RSF
	77 acres. Electric motor and non-powered boats only. Turbid and shallow.	BBH, CAP, CCF
	5 acres. Rainbow Trout stocked seasonally.	BLG, CCF, LMB, RBT, SBH
	4 acres. Located at Eugene T. Mahoney State Park. No motorboats.	BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB
	24 acres. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Owned by Lower Big Blue NRD.	BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB
	270 acres. Public access is only on the jetty located ½W of 168th Street at intersection of Neb. Hwy. 36 and Newport Landing.	BLG, CAP, CCF, CRP, LMB, SMB

## SOUTHEAST REGION

Name/County/Map ID	Features	Special Fish Regulations	
<b>Benson Park Pond</b> Douglas (47)	FF	Restricted to those under 16, adults with a child that is actively fishing, and adults 62 or older.	
<b>Big Elk (WP 7)</b> Sarpy (47)	A	Smallmouth Bass - daily bag limit of two fish with a 12-inch maximum length limit. Yellow Perch - daily bag limit of five fish. No live baitfish may be used or possessed.	
<b>Big Indian 11A</b> Gage (44)			
<b>Bluestem Lake SRA/WMA</b> Lancaster (43)		White Perch present; it is illegal to possess or transport live White Perch statewide.	
<b>Bowling Lake</b> Lancaster (43)	A	Black Bass - 21-inch minimum length limit. White Perch present; it is illegal to possess or transport live White Perch statewide.	
<b>Bowwood WMA</b> Pawnee (49)			
<b>Branched Oak Lake SRA/WMA</b> Lancaster (43)	A	Walleye, Sauger, Saugeye - daily bag limit of one, 22 inches or longer; Crappie - 10-inch minimum length limit; Striped Bass, White Bass, Wiper and Flathead Catfish - catch-and-release. White Perch present; it is illegal to possess or transport live White Perch statewide.	
<b>Bruning Dam</b> Fillmore (38)			
<b>Buckley 3F</b> Jefferson (38)			
<b>Burchard WMA</b> Pawnee (44)	A	Black Bass - 21-inch minimum length limit.	
<b>Carter Lake</b> Douglas (47)	A	Black Bass - 21-inch minimum length limit.	
<b>CenturyLink Lake</b> Cass (42)		Black Bass - 21-inch minimum length limit.	
<b>Clatonia 3A</b> Gage (44)			
<b>Conestoga Lake SRA/WMA</b> Lancaster (43)	A	Black Bass - 21-inch minimum length limit. No live baitfish may be used or possessed.	
<b>Cottontail</b> Lancaster (43)		Black Bass - 21-inch minimum length limit.	
<b>Crystal Springs Lakes</b> Jefferson (44)			
<b>Cub Creek Watershed 12A</b> Jefferson (44)			
<b>Czechland Lake</b> Saunders (42)	A	Crappie - 10-inch minimum length limit.	

Comments	Species
4 acres. Rainbow Trout stocked seasonally. Owned by City of Omaha.	BLG, CCF, LMB, RBT
13 acres. Hand-launched watercraft only (no boat ramp for trailered boats). Accessible paddlecraft launch and fishing access. Managed by City of Papillion.	SMB, YEP
76 acres. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Concrete boat ramp. Modern and primitive camping. Managed by the Lower Big Blue NRD.	BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, SAE
326 acres. Primitive camping. Concrete boat ramp.	BLG, CAP, CCF, CRP, FCF, LMB, WAE, WHP
12 acres. Electric motor and non-powered boats only. Concrete boat ramp. Accessible deck. Rainbow Trout stocked seasonally in south pond. Owned by City of Lincoln.	BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, RBT, WHP
6 acres. Electric motors and non-powered boats only.	BLG, CCF, LMB
1,800 acres. 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. From sundown to sunrise boats restricted to 5 mph on entire lake. Several concrete boat ramps available. Accessible deck by marina. Fish-cleaning stations at Area 5 and 11. Modern and primitive camping.	BCF, BLG, CAP, CCF, CRP, FCF, FRD, LMB, SBH, STB, WAE, WHP
258 acres. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Owned by Little Blue NRD.	BBH, CAP, CCF
22 acres. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Owned by Little Blue NRD.	CCF
150 acres. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Fishing restricted to the shoreline or on ice Oct. 15 through Jan. 14. Concrete boat ramp. Accessible pier. Primitive camping.	BBH, BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, WAE, YEP
300 acres. AIS infested waterbody - Eurasian Watermilfoil present. Suspect lake for Zebra mussels. Special boating regulations posted. East arm has no-wake, 5 mph speed limit. Concrete boat ramp. Accessible deck. Open 5 a.m. to 11 p.m.	BLG, CAP, CCF, CRP, LMB, YEB
10 acres. Located at Eugene T. Mahoney State Park. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Boat ramp. Rainbow Trout stocked seasonally.	BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, RBT
46 acres. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Turbid. Low water levels. Owned by Lower Big Blue NRD.	BBH, CCF
230 acres. Boating restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Accessible pier and accessible paddlecraft launch. Concrete boat ramp. Fish-cleaning station. Primitive and modern camping.	BBH, BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, TGM, WAE
29 acres. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Concrete boat ramp. Subject to frequent summer fish kills. Owned by Lower Platte South NRD.	BLG, CCF, LMB
6 acres (in two lakes). No boats. Camping. Rainbow Trout stocked seasonally in the middle lake.	BLG, CAP, CCF, CRP, LMB, RBT
27 acres. Boat ramp. Primitive camping. Lake Renovated in 2020 and restocked in 2021. Owned by Lower Big Blue NRD.	BLG, CCF, LMB
85 acres. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Concrete boat ramp. Accessible pier. Primitive and modern camping. Owned by Lower Platte North NRD.	BBH, BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, WAE

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Name/County/Map ID	Features	Special Fish Regulations	
<b>David City Park Ponds</b> Butler (42)	FF	Black Bass - 21-inch minimum length limit.	
<b>Diamond Lake WMA</b> Gage (44)			
<b>Donald Whitney WMA</b> Gage (44)			
<b>Duck Creek Recreation Area</b> Nemaha (49)		Black Bass - 21-inch minimum length limit. No live baitfish may be used or possessed.	
<b>Flanagan Lake</b> Douglas (47)		Black Bass - 21-inch minimum length limit. Northern Pike - catch-and-release. Bluegill and Redear Sunfish - 8-inch maximum length limit. Crappie - 10-inch maximum length limit. No live baitfish may be used or possessed.	
<b>Fontenelle Park Pond</b> Douglas (47)		Black Bass - 21-inch minimum length limit. Restricted to children under 16, adults with a child that is actively fishing, and adults 62 or older.	
<b>Friend City Lake</b> Saline (37)		Black Bass - 21-inch minimum length limit.	
<b>Glenn Cunningham Lake</b> Douglas (47)	A	Black Bass - 21-inch minimum length limit. No live baitfish may be used or possessed.	
<b>Gretna Crossing Pond</b> Sarpy (47)	FF, A		
<b>Hanscom Park Pond</b> Douglas (47)		Restricted to those under 16, adults with a child that is actively fishing, and adults 62 or older.	
<b>Hedgefield Lake WMA</b> Lancaster (43)	A	Black bass - 21-inch minimum length limit. No live baitfish can be used or possessed.	
<b>Hitchcock Park Pond</b> Douglas (47)		Restricted to those under 16, adults with a child that is actively fishing, and adults 62 or older.	
<b>Holmes Lake</b> Lancaster (43)	FF, A	Black Bass - 21-inch minimum length limit. No live baitfish may be used or possessed. White Perch present; it is illegal to possess or transport live White Perch statewide.	
<b>Homestead Lake</b> Butler (42)			
<b>Humboldt City Park Lake</b> Richardson (49)	FF	Black Bass - 21-inch minimum length limit.	
<b>Independence Landing Lake</b> Seward (43)			
<b>Iron Horse Trail Lake</b> Pawnee (49)	A	Black Bass - 21-inch minimum length limit. No live baitfish may be used or possessed.	
<b>James N. Douglas WMA</b> Johnson (49)			
<b>Jenny Newman Pond</b> Cass (48)	FF	All species - catch-and -release. No fishing from marina dock.	

Comments	Species
6 acres (in three ponds). Rainbow Trout stocked seasonally in west lake.	BLG, CAP, CCF, LMB, RBT
26 acres. Electric motor and non-powered boats only. Turbid.	BBH, CCF, FCF
17 acres. Electric motor and non-powered boats only. Turbid.	BBH, CCF, FCF
65 acres. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Concrete boat ramp. Owned by Nemaha NRD (NRD entry permit required).	BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, RSF
225 acres. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). AIS infested waterbody - Eurasian Watermilfoil present. Concrete boat ramp. Accessible paddlecraft launch.	BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, NOP, RSF
4 acres. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Rainbow Trout stocked seasonally.	BLG, CCF, LMB, RBT
1 acre.	BLG, CCF, LMB
390 acres. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Concrete boat ramp. Accessible pier. Accessible paddlecraft launch at west access.	BBH, BLG, CAP, CCF, CRP, LMB, MUE, SAE, WHB
2 acres. Accessible fishing pier. Rainbow Trout stocked seasonally.	BLG, CCF, LMB, RBT
1 acre. Rainbow Trout stocked seasonally.	BLG, CCF, LMB, RBT
44 acres. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Concrete boat ramp. Accessible fishing pier.	BLG, CRP, LMB
2 acres.	BLG, CCF, LMB
100 acres. Electric motor and non-powered boats only. Two concrete boat ramps. Paddlecraft launch. Accessible dock. Rainbow Trout stocked seasonally. Owned by City of Lincoln.	BLG, CAP, CCF, CRP, LMB, RBT, WAE, WHP
38 acres. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Concrete boat ramp. Owned by Lower Platte North NRD.	BBH, BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB
1 acre. Rainbow Trout stocked seasonally.	BLG, CCF, LMB, RBT
2 acres. Owned by City of Seward.	BLG, CCF, LMB
85 acres. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Accessible concrete boat ramp and fishing pier. Primitive and modern camping. Owned by Nemaha NRD (NRD entry permit required).	BLG, CAP, CCF, CRP, LMB, SAE
2 acres (in two ponds). Electric motors and non-powered boats only.	BLG, LMB
4 acres. Located at Platte River State Park. No motorboats.	BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, RSF



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<b>Killdeer Lake WMA</b> Lancaster (43)			
<b>Kirkman's Cove</b> Richardson (49)			
<b>Kramer Park Lake</b> Sarpy (47)	FF	Black Bass - 21-inch minimum length limit.	
<b>Lake Halleck</b> Sarpy (47)	FF	Black Bass - 21-inch minimum length limit.	
<b>Lake Wanahoo</b> Saunders (42)	A	Black Bass - 21-inch minimum length limit. Northern Pike - catch-and-release. No live baitfish may be used or possessed.	
<b>Lakeview Park Lake (Henderson Pond)</b> York (37)			
<b>Lawrence Youngman Lake</b> Douglas (47)		Black Bass - 21-inch minimum length limit.	
<b>Leisure Lake (Cub Creek 9B)</b> Jefferson (44)			
<b>Lone Star Recreation Area</b> Fillmore (38)	A	Black Bass - 21-inch minimum length limit.	
<b>Louisville SRA</b> Cass (48)	FF, A	Black Bass - 21-inch minimum length limit.	
<b>Mayberry WMA</b> Pawnee (44)			
<b>Meadowlark</b> Seward (42)	A	Black Bass - 21-inch minimum length limit. No live baitfish may be used or possessed.	
<b>Memphis Lake SRA/WMA</b> Saunders (42)	FF, A		
<b>Merganser Lake</b> Lancaster (43)			
<b>Midlands Lake</b> Sarpy (47)		Black Bass - 21-inch minimum length limit.	
<b>Oak Lake</b> Lancaster (47)			
<b>Olive Creek Lake SRA/WMA</b> Lancaster (43)	FF, A	Black Bass - 21-inch minimum length limit. No live baitfish may be used or possessed.	
<b>Osage WMA</b> Johnson (49)			
<b>Overland Trail Lake</b> York (37)			

	<b>Comments</b>	<b>Species</b>
	20 acres. Electric motor and non-powered boats only. Dam maintenance project completed in 2023. Water levels may be extremely low.	BBH, BLG, CRP, LMB
	160 acres. 35-mph maximum on lower two-thirds of lake. No personal watercraft. Concrete boat ramp. Owned by Nemaha NRD (NRD entry permit required).	BLG, CAP, CCF, CRP, LMB
	7 acres.	BLG, CCF, LMB
	4 acres. Rainbow Trout stocked seasonally.	BLG, CCF, HSF, LMB, RBT
	637 acres. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Accessible concrete boat ramp and fishing pier. Paddlecraft launch. Owned by Lower Platte North NRD (NRD entry permit required).	BBH, BLG, CAP, CRP, LMB, NOP, WAE
	4 acres.	BLG, CCF, LMB
	60 acres. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Concrete boat ramp. Operated by City of Omaha.	BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, WAE
	25 acres. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Concrete boat ramp. Primitive camping. Owned by Lower Big Blue NRD.	BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB
	75 acres. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Accessible fishing deck. Concrete boat ramp. Primitive and modern camping. Owned by Little Blue NRD.	BLG, CAP, CCF, CRP, LMB, SAE
	40 acres (in five pits). Electric motor and non-powered boats only. AIS infested waterbody - Eurasian Watermilfoil present. Boat launch areas available. Accessible fishing deck and restroom on Lake 2. Fishing piers on several lakes. Modern, accessible and primitive camping. Rainbow Trout stocked seasonally at Lake 1A.	BBH, BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, RBT, RSF
	25 acres. Electric motor and non-powered boats only. Walk-in access.	BBH, BLG, CCF, LMB
	55 acres. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Accessible concrete boat ramp. Owned by Lower Platte South NRD.	BLG, CAP, CCF, CRP, LMB, SAE
	81 acres. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Concrete boat ramp. Accessible fishing deck. Primitive camping.	BLG, CAP, CCF, CRP, LMB, RSF
	41 acres. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Owned by Lower Platte South NRD.	BLG, CAP, CCF, LMB
	11 acres. No motorized vessels.	BLG, CCF, LMB
	47 acres (in three lakes). No boats. Subject to fish kills. Owned by City of Lincoln.	BBH, CAP, GSF
	175 acres. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Concrete boat ramp. Accessible fishing pier. Primitive camping.	BBH, BLG, CAP, CCF, CRP, LMB, RSF, SAE
	4 acres (in four ponds). Electric motor and non-powered boats only.	BLG, LMB
	14 acres. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Due to water seepage the area may experience low water levels. Owned by Upper Big Blue NRD.	BLG, CCF, LMB

## SOUTHEAST REGION

Name/County/Map ID	Features	Special Fish Regulations	
<b>Oxbow Trail Lake</b> Butler (42)			
<b>Papio D-4</b> Douglas (47)		Black Bass - 21-inch minimum length limit.	
<b>Pawnee City Pond</b> Pawnee (49)		Black bass - 21-inch minimum length limit.	
<b>Pawnee Lake SRA/WMA</b> Lancaster (43)		Black Bass - 21-inch minimum length limit. White Perch present; it is illegal to possess or transport live White Perch statewide.	
<b>Pawnee Prairie WMA</b> Pawnee (44)			
<b>Plattsmouth City Lake</b> Cass (47)	A		
<b>Portal Recreation Area</b> Sarpy (47)	A, FF	Smallmouth Bass - daily bag limit of two fish with a 12-inch maximum length limit. Yellow Perch - daily bag limit of five fish. No live baitfish may be used or possessed.	
<b>Prairie Knoll WMA</b> Pawnee (49)			
<b>Prairie Queen Recreation Area</b> Sarpy (47)	FF	Black Bass - 21-inch minimum length limit. No live baitfish may be used or possessed. White Perch and Yellow Bass present; it is illegal to possess or transport live White Perch and Yellow Bass statewide.	
<b>Prairie View Lake</b> Douglas (47)	FF	Black Bass - 21-inch minimum length limit.	
<b>Recharge Lake</b> York (37)			
<b>Red Cedar</b> Saunders (42)			
<b>Redtail WMA</b> Butler (42)			
<b>Rockford Lake SRA</b> Gage (44)		White Perch present; it is illegal to possess or transport live White Perch statewide.	
<b>Schwer Park Pond</b> Sarpy (47)		Black Bass - 21-inch minimum length limit.	
<b>Shadow Lake</b> Sarpy (47)		Black Bass - 21-inch minimum length limit.	
<b>Smith Creek</b> Seward (37)			
<b>Spring Lake Park Pond</b> Douglas (47)			
<b>Stagecoach Lake SRA/WMA</b> Lancaster	A	Black Bass - 21-inch minimum length limit. No live baitfish may be used or possessed.	

	<b>Comments</b>	<b>Species</b>
	43 acres. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Concrete boat ramp. Owned by Upper Big Blue NRD.	BBH, BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB
	30 acres. Electric motor and non-powered boats only. Owned by the Papio-Missouri NRD. Walk-in access only.	BLG, LMB
	1 acre. Rainbow Trout stocked seasonally.	BLG, CAP, CCF, LMB, RBT
	740 acres. Several concrete boat ramps. Fish-cleaning station at main boat ramp. Modern and primitive camping.	BCF, BLG, BUF, CAP, CCF, CRP, FCF, FRD, LMB, SAE, WAE, WHP
	5 acres (in seven ponds). Walk-in access only.	BLG, LMB
	3 acres. Accessible fishing pier.	BLG, CCF, LMB
	35 acres. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Concrete boat ramp. Paddlecraft launch. Accessible fishing pier. Managed by the City of Papillion.	SMB, YEP
	6 acres. Electric motor and non-powered boats only.	BLG, CCF, LMB
	105 acres. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Concrete boat ramp. Accessible paddlecraft launch. AIS infested waterbody - Eurasian Watermilfoil present. Open 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. Managed by City of Papillion.	BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, RSF, WAE, WHP, YEB
	42 acres. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Concrete boat ramp. Open 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. Owned by Papio-Missouri River NRD.	BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB
	49 acres. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Concrete boat ramp. Owned by Upper Big Blue NRD.	BLG, CAP, CCF, CRP, LMB
	50 acres. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Concrete boat ramp. Owned by Lower Platte South NRD.	BLG, CCF, LMB
	17 acres. Electric motor and non-powered boats only. Walk-in access only.	BLG, CCF, LMB
	150 acres. Concrete boat ramp. Primitive and modern camping.	BBH, BCF, BLG, CAP, CCF, CRP, FCF, LMB, WAE, WHP
	2 acres.	BLG, CCF, LMB
	30 acres. No motorized vessels.	BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB
	21 acres. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Owned by Upper Big Blue NRD.	BLG, CAP, CCF, LMB
	2 acres. Owned by City of Omaha.	BLG, CCF, LMB
	195 acres. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Concrete boat ramp. Paddlecraft launch. Accessible fishing pier. Primitive and modern camping.	BBH, BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, WAE

## SOUTHEAST REGION




Name/County/Map ID	Features	Special Fish Regulations	
<b>Standing Bear Lake</b> Douglas		No live baitfish may be used or possessed.	
<b>Stanton Lake</b> Richardson (49)		Black Bass - 21-inch minimum length limit.	
<b>Steinhart Park Ponds</b> Otoe (48)		Black Bass - 21-inch minimum length limit.	
<b>Swan Creek 2A WMA</b> Saline (43)			
<b>Swanton WMA (Swan Creek 67)</b> Saline (44)		Black Bass - 21-inch minimum length limit.	
<b>Talmage Park Lake</b> Otoe (48)			
<b>Tanglewood</b> Lancaster (43)			
<b>Teal Lake WMA</b> Lancaster (43)			
<b>Tecumseh City Pond</b> Johnson (49)			
<b>Timber Point</b> Butler (42)	A	Black Bass - 21-inch minimum length limit.	
<b>Towl Park Pond</b> Douglas (47)		Restricted to those under 16, adults with a child that is actively fishing, and adults 62 or older.	
<b>Twin Lakes WMA</b> Seward (43)		White Perch present; it is illegal to possess or transport live White Perch statewide.	
<b>Two Rivers SRA/WMA</b> Douglas (42)	FF, A	Black Bass - 21-inch minimum length limit. Channel and Blue Catfish - catch-and-release at Lakes 3 and 4. 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. Daily trout tag required to attempt to take and to possess trout on the entire area from March 1 through June 30. Cost of a tag is \$6 (purchase at park office), which allows the harvest of four trout. Anglers may purchase up to three tags, and can possess up to 12 trout. An adult angler is allowed to have two children under 16 fish under their tag, but the group is still limited to four trout per tag. One pole or rod and reel per angler on Lake No. 5. No tag is required to fish Lake No. 5 from July 1 through Jan. 31.	
<b>Verdon Lake SRA</b> Richardson (49)	FF	Black Bass - 21-inch minimum length limit.	
<b>Wagon Train Lake SRA/WMA</b> Lancaster (43)	FF, A		
<b>Walnut Creek 2A</b> Saline (43)		Black Bass - 21-inch minimum length limit.	

	<b>Comments</b>	<b>Species</b>
	135 acres. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Concrete boat ramp. Accessible paddlecraft launch on floating walkway; paddlecraft launch near boat ramp. Open 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. Owned by City of Omaha. Rehabilitation project conducted during 2023.	BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, WAE
	2 acres. Modern campground. Picnic shelter and restrooms. Rainbow Trout stocked seasonally.	BLG, CCF, LMB, RBT
	5 acres (in two ponds). Rainbow Trout stocked seasonally in east pond.	BLG, CCF, LMB, RBT
	16 acres. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Shallow.	BBH, BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB
	39 acres. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Concrete boat ramp. Owned by Lower Big Blue NRD.	BLG, CAP, CCF, CRP, LMB
	1 acre.	BLG, CCF, LMB
	33 acres. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Owned by Lower Platte South NRD.	BBH, BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB
	29 acres. Electric motor and non-powered boats only. Subject to frequent fish kills due to low water.	BBH, BLG, CCF, LMB
	2 acres.	BLG, CCF, LMB
	28 acres. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Accessible concrete boat ramp.	BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, MUE
	1 acre. Rainbow Trout stocked seasonally.	BLG, CCF, LMB, RBT
	270 acres (in two lakes). Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Concrete boat ramp on east lake. Area closed to fishing Oct. 15 through Dec. 31. West lake extremely shallow.	BBH, BLG, CAP, CCF, CRP, LMB, WAE, WHB, WHP
	32 acres (in seven pits). No boats on Lake No. 5; other lakes electric motors and non-powered boats only. AIS infested waterbody - Eurasian Watermilfoil present. Accessible fishing deck on Lake No. 5. Cabins and camping.	BBH, BLG, CAP, CCF, CRP, LMB, RBT, SMB, YEP
	30 acres. Electric motor and non-powered boats only. Primitive camping.	BBH, BLG, CCF, LMB
	315 acres. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Concrete boat ramp. Paddlecraft launch at southeast access near dam. AIS infested waterbody - Eurasian Watermilfoil present. Concrete boat ramp. Accessible pier. Primitive and modern camping. Lake renovated and restocked in 2022. Water levels expected to be low in 2024 due to drought.	BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, MUE, SAE
	26 acres. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Concrete boat ramp. Primitive camping. Owned by Lower Big Blue NRD.	BBH, BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB

## SOUTHEAST REGION

Name/County/Map ID	Features	Special Fish Regulations	
<b>Walnut Creek Reservoir</b> Sarpy (47)	FF, A	Black Bass - 21-inch minimum length limit.	
<b>Walnut Grove Park Pond</b> Douglas (47)		Restricted to those under 16, adults with a child that is actively fishing, and adults 62 or older.	
<b>Weeping Water Pond</b> Cass (48)			
<b>Wehrspann Lake Recreation Area</b> Sarpy (47)	A	Black Bass - 21-inch minimum length limit. No live baitfish may be used or possessed.	
<b>Whitehawk Lake</b> Douglas (47)			
<b>Wilber Reservoir No. 1</b> Saline (44)		No live baitfish may be used or possessed.	
<b>Wild Plum</b> Lancaster (43)			
<b>Wildwood Lake WMA</b> Lancaster (42)	FF, A	Black Bass - 21-inch minimum length limit. Channel and Blue Catfish - catch-and-release. White Perch present; it is illegal to possess or transport live White Perch statewide. No live baitfish may be used or possessed.	
<b>Willard L. Meyer Recreation Area (Swan Creek 5A)</b> Saline (38)	A	Black Bass - 21-inch minimum length limit.	
<b>Wilson Creek 2X WMA</b> Otoe (48)			
<b>Wilson Creek 4F (Prairie Owl)</b> Otoe (48)			
<b>Wirth Brothers Lake</b> Johnson (49)			
<b>Wolf Wildcat No. 12</b> Gage (44)			
<b>Yankee Hill Lake WMA</b> Lancaster	A	Black Bass - 21-inch minimum length limit. No live baitfish may be used or possessed.	
<b>Zorinsky Lake Recreation Area</b> Douglas (47)	FF, A	Black Bass - 21-inch minimum length limit. Wiper - catch-and-release. White Perch present; it is illegal to possess or transport live White Perch statewide.	

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Comments	Species
100 acres. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). AIS infested waterbody - Eurasian Watermilfoil present. Concrete boat ramp. Accessible fishing deck. Primitive and modern camping. Open 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. Owned by City of Papillion.	BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, RSF, WAE, YEP
1 acre.	BLG, CCF, LMB
4 acres. Rainbow Trout seasonally stocked.	BLG, CCF, LMB, RBT
245 acres. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Concrete boat ramp. Accessible pier. Open 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. Owned by Papio-Missouri River NRD.	BBH, BLG, CAP, CCF, CRP, LMB, WAE
30 acres. Walk-in access only.	BLG, LMB
2.6 acres.	BLG, CCF, LMB
16 acres. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Gravel boat ramp. Owned by Lower Platte South NRD.	BLG, CCF, LMB
103 acres. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Concrete boat ramp. Paddlecraft launch. Accessible deck. Primitive camping. Owned by Lower Platte South NRD.	BBH, BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, RSF, WAE, WHP, YEP
95 acres. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Concrete boat ramp. Paddlecraft launch. Primitive and modern camping. Owned by Lower Big Blue NRD.	BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, RSF, SAE
15 acres. Electric motor and non-powered boats only. Owned by Nemaha NRD.	BLG, CAP, CCF, CRP, LMB, RSF
38 acres. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Boat ramp. Owned by Nemaha NRD.	BBH, BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB
36 acres. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Concrete boat ramp. Water levels fluctuate. Primitive camping. Owned by the Nemaha NRD (NRD entry permit required).	BBH, BLG, CCF, LMB
42 acres. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Primitive boat ramp. Primitive camping. Owned by Lower Big Blue NRD.	BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB
208 acres. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Accessible concrete boat ramp. Paddlecraft launch.	BBH, BLG, CAP, CCF, CRP, LMB, WAE, WHP
255 acres. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Concrete boat ramp. Accessible fishing deck. Open 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. Owned by City of Omaha.	BCF, BLG, CAP, CCF, CRP, LMB, MUE, WAE, WHP





# Coolwater streams

Stream	Counties	Public Access Sites	
<b>Bone Creek</b>	Brown, Rock	Keller Park SRA (Sheet 21), Keller WMA, Pine Glen WMA (Sheet 21)	
<b>Bordeaux Creek</b>	Dawes	Bordeaux Creek WMA (Sheet 5), U.S. Forest Service Lands (Sheet 5)	
<b>Chadron Creek</b>	Dawes	Chadron Creek Ranch WMA (Sheet 5), Chadron State Park (Sheet 5), U.S. Forest Service Lands (Sheet 5)	
<b>Dry Spotted Tail Creek</b>	Scotts Bluff	Platte River Basin Environments, Inc. (Sheet 3)	
<b>East Ash Creek</b>	Dawes	U.S. Forest Service Lands (Sheet 1)	
<b>East Branch Verdigre Creek</b>	Antelope	Grove Lake WMA (Sheet 34)	
<b>Elm Creek</b>	Webster	Elm Creek WMA (Sheet 32)	
<b>Gracie Creek</b>	Loup	Calamus Reservoir SRA/WMA (Sheet 23)	
<b>Long Pine Creek</b>	Brown	Long Pine SRA, Long Pine WMA, Pine Glen WMA (Sheet 21)	
<b>Minnechadua Creek</b>	Cherry	Valentine City Park (Sheet 15), Valentine State Fish Hatchery (Sheet 15)	
<b>Monroe Creek</b>	Sioux	Gilbert-Baker WMA (Sheet 1)	
<b>Nine Mile Creek</b>	Scotts Bluff	Nine Mile WMA (Sheet 3)	
<b>Niobrara River</b>	Sioux, Dawes	Agate Fossil Beds National Monument (Sheet 2), Box Butte Reservoir SRA/WMA (Sheet 6)	
<b>North Platte River</b>	Garden, Keith, Morrill, Scotts Bluff	Bridgeport SRA (Sheet 3), Clear Creek WMA (Sheet 12), Lake Ogallala SRA (Sheet 12), Platte River Basin Environments, Inc. (Sheet 3), Scottsbluff Riverside Park (Sheet 3)	
<b>Otter Creek</b>	Keith	Lake McConaughy SRA (Sheet 12)	
<b>Plum Creek</b>	Brown	Bobcat WMA (Sheet 21), Plum Creek Valley WMA (Sheet 21)	
<b>Schlagel Creek</b>	Cherry	Schlagel Creek WMA (Sheet 15)	
<b>Soldier Creek</b>	Sioux	Fort Robinson State Park (Sheet 1), U.S. Forest Service Lands (Sheet 1)	
<b>Sowbelly Creek</b>	Sioux	Coffee Park (Sheet 1)	
<b>Squaw Creek</b>	Dawes	Ponderosa WMA (Sheet 1)	
<b>Sutherland Supply Canal</b>	Keith, Lincoln	Sutherland Supply Canal (Sheet 12)	
<b>West Ash Creek</b>	Dawes	U.S. Forest Service Lands (Sheet 1)	
<b>West Wildhorse Creek</b>	Morrill	Arnold Trupp WMA (Sheet 3)	
<b>White River</b>	Dawes, Sioux	Crawford City Park (Sheet 1), Fort Robinson State Park (Sheet 1)	

	<b>Comments</b>	<b>Species</b>
	Primitive camping at Pine Glen WMA. Camping and other park amenities available at Keller Park SRA.	RBT, BNT
	Primitive camping at the "Cliffs" area on U.S. Forest Service Lands. Coolwater stream habitat enhancement project scheduled for 2022 on Bordeaux Creek WMA.	BNT, BKT
	Camping and other park amenities available at Chadron State Park.	BNT, BKT
		RBT, BNT, WAE, CCF
		BKT, BNT
		RBT, BNT
		RBT
	Camping and other park amenities available at Calamus Reservoir SRA.	RBT
	Primitive camping at Pine Glen WMA. Camping and other park amenities available at Long Pine SRA.	BNT, RBT
		RBT
		BKT
		RBT, BNT
	Above Box Butte Reservoir to the Wyoming state line is trout-supporting water.	BNT, NOP
	Camping and other park amenities are available at Bridgeport SRA, Lake Ogallala SRA and Lake McConaughy SRA.	BNT, RBT, CCF, CAP, NOP, WAE, WHB
	Camping and other park amenities available at Lake McConaughy SRA.	BNT, RBT
	Primitive camping at Bobcat WMA and Plum Creek Valley WMA.	BNT, RBT
		BNT, RBT
	Daily bag limit of two trout on the Wilderness Area. Camping and other park amenities available at Fort Robinson State Park.	BKT, BNT, RBT, TGT, CUT
	Coffee Park is managed by the Village of Harrison. Coolwater Stream habitat enhancement project scheduled for 2022.	BNT, BKT
	Primitive camping allowed at Ponderosa WMA.	BKT, BNT
	Canal is exempt from the one trout over 16 inches in the daily bag limit restriction. No boats allowed. Canal dewatered often.	CCF, RBT, SMB, TGT, WAE, SBH
		BKT, BNT
	Can be difficult to fish due to tumbleweeds.	BKT
	Trout supporting above Crawford. Camping available at Fort Robinson State Park and Crawford City Park.	BNT, CUT, RBT, TGT

# Warmwater streams

Stream	Counties	Public Access Sites	
<b>Big Blue River</b>	Saline, Seward	Blue Bluffs WMA (Sheet 43), Blue River SRA (Sheet 43), Blue Valley (Sheet 43)	
<b>Big Nemaha River</b>	Johnson, Richardson	Kinter's Ford WMA (Sheet 49), Margrave WMA (Sheet 49), James N. Douglas WMA (Sheet 49)	
<b>Big Sandy Creek</b>	Jefferson	Alexandria Southwest WMA (Sheet 38)	
<b>Calamus River</b>	Brown, Loup, Garfield	Calamus Reservoir SRA/WMA (Sheet 23)	
<b>Cedar River</b>	Greeley, Wheeler, Garfield	Lake Ericson (Sheet 29), Spalding Lake (Sheet 29)	
<b>CNPID Canal (Tri County)</b>	Lincoln, Dawson, Gosper	Box Elder Canyon WMA (Sheet 18), CNPID Canal (Tri County), Gallagher Canyon Reservoir SRA (Sheet 25), Jeffrey Reservoir WMA (Sheet 19), Johnson Lake SRA (Sheet 25), Midway Canyon Reservoir (Sheet 25), Phillips Canyon Reservoir (Sheet 25), Plum Creek Canyon Reservoir WMA (Sheet 25)	
<b>Elkhorn River</b>	Antelope, Cuming, Dodge, Douglas, Holt, Madison, Stanton	Atkinson Dam (Sheet 27), Black Island WMA (Sheet 41), Dry Creek WMA (Sheet 28), Elkhorn Crossing (Sheet 42), Graska Crossing (Sheet 47), Hackberry Creek WMA (Sheet 34), Powder Horn WMA (Sheet 41), Red Fox WMA (Sheet 41), Red Wing WMA (Sheet 34), Waterloo River Access (Sheet 47), Wood Duck WMA (Sheet 35), Yellowbanks WMA (Sheet 34)	
<b>Little Blue River</b>	Jefferson, Thayer	Fairbury Dam (Sheet 44), Flathead WMA (Sheet 44), Little Blue East WMA (Sheet 38), Little Blue WMA (Sheet 38), Meridian WMA (Sheet 38)	
<b>Little Nemaha River</b>	Nemaha	Aspinwall Bend WMA (Sheet 49)	
<b>Loup River</b>	Howard, Nance, Platte	Don Dworak WMA (Sheet 36), George Syas WMA (Sheet 36), Len Koziol WMA (Sheet 30), Lee Rupp WMA (Sheet 36)	
<b>Loup River Diversion Canal</b>	Nance	Castner's Landing Park (Sheet 36), Columbus Power Plant (Sheet 36), Headworks Park (Sheet 36), Lake North (Sheet 36), Monroe Power Plant (Sheet 36), Tailrace Park (Sheet 36)	
<b>Middle Loup River</b>	Blaine, Custer, Howard, Sherman	Arcadia Diversion Dam WMA (Sheet 24), Bowman Lake (Sheet 30), Harold W. Anderson WMA (Sheet 30), Milburn Diversion Dam WMA (Sheet 23)	
<b>Niobrara River</b>	Boyd, Brown, Holt, Knox	Bazile Creek WMA (Sheet 33), Fred Thomas WMA (Sheet 21), Niobrara Confluence WMA (Sheet 33), Niobrara SP (Sheet 33), Parshall Bridge WMA (Sheet 27)	
<b>North Loup River</b>	Garfield, Howard, Loup, Valley	Kent Diversion Dam WMA, Loup Bottoms WMA (Sheet 30), Marsh Wren WMA (Sheet 30), Mirdan Canal WMA (Sheet 29), North Loup SRA (Sheet 30)	
<b>North Platte River</b>	Lincoln	Buffalo Bill Ranch SRA (Sheet 18), North River WMA (Sheet 18)	
<b>NPPD Canals</b>	Lincoln	Lake Maloney SRA (Sheet 18), NPPD Tailrace Canal (Sheet 18), Sutherland Outlet Canal (Sheet 18), Sutherland Reservoir SRA (Sheet 18)	
<b>Platte River</b>	Buffalo, Cass, Colfax, Dawson, Dodge, Douglas, Hall, Sarpy, Saunders	Bassway Strip WMA (Sheet 31), Blue Hole WMA (Sheet 25), Bramble WMA (Sheet 42), Cozad WMA (Sheet 25), Dogwood WMA (Sheet 25), East Odessa WMA (Sheet 31), Fremont Horrel Park (Sheet 42), Lied Platte River Hike Bike Bridge (Sheet 48), Loch Linda WMA, Louisville SRA (Sheet 48), Louisville WMA (Sheet 47), Martins Reach WMA (Sheet 31), Mormon Island SRA (Sheet 31), Platte River Landing (Sheet 42), Schilling WMA (Sheet 47), Schramm Park SRA (Sheet 47), Two Rivers SRA/WMA (Sheet 42), Whitetail WMA (Sheet 42)	

	<b>Comments</b>	<b>Species</b>
		CAP, CCF, FCF
		CAP, CCF, FCF
		CAP, CCF
	Access to river above Calamus Reservoir and below dam.	CAP, CCF, WHB, NOP, WAE
		CCF, CAP
	Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake).	CCF, FCF, SAR, SMB, PAH, WAE, WHB, SBH
	Primitive camping at Black Island WMA, Dry Creek WMA, Red Fox WMA, Red Wing WMA, Wood Duck WMA and Yellowbanks WMA. Camping and canoe launch at Elkhorn Crossing (owned by Papio-Missouri River NRD). Canoe launch at Graska Crossing (owned by Papio-Missouri River NRD) and Waterloo River Access (owned by Village of Waterloo).	BUF, CAP, CCF, FCF, SNS
	Trail and decks on old railroad bridge at Fairbury Dam.	CAP, CCF, FCF
		BCF, BUF, CAP, CCF, FCF, FRD, GOE, SNS
	Primitive camping at WMAs, unless posted.	CAP, CCF, FCF, FRD, SAR
		CAP, CCF, FCF, FRD, SAR
	Primitive camping at Milburn Diversion, Arcadia Diversion Dam WMA and Bowman Lake.	CAP, CCF
	Primitive camping at Fred Thomas WMA and Parshall Bridge WMA. Cabins and camping at Niobrara SP.	CAP, CCF, SAR
	Primitive camping at WMAs, unless posted, North Loup SRA and Mirdan Canal SRA.	CAP, CCF
		CCF, CAP
	Black Bass - Nebraska Public Power District Canal from Sutherland Reservoir outlet to the confluence with South Platte River, including Lake Maloney; Daily Bag limit of 5 black bass species of which there is no minimum length limit for smallmouth bass and only one smallmouth bass may be 15 inches or longer.	CAP, CCF, FCF, SBH, SMB, WAE
	Boat ramp at Fremont Hormel Park, Louisville SRA, Louisville WMA (west of Hwy. 50 bridge) and Platte River Landing. Canoe access also at Bassway Strip WMA, Two Rivers SRA/WMA and Schramm Park SRA.	BUF, CAP, CCF, FCF, FRD, GOE, SAR, SNS, BCF

## WARMWATER STREAMS

Stream	Counties	Public Access Sites
<b>Republican River</b>	Harlan, Webster	Cambridge Diversion Dam WMA (Sheet 26), Guide Rock Diversion Dam WMA (Sheet 32), Harlan County Reservoir (Sheet 26), Indian Creek WMA (Sheet 32), Narrows WMA (Sheet 32)
<b>Rock Creek</b>	Lancaster	Jack Sinn WMA (Sheet 42)
<b>Rose Creek</b>	Jefferson	Rose Creek WMA (Sheet 44)
<b>Salt Creek</b>	Sarpy	Catfish Run WMA (Sheet 42)

## Missouri River

Below is a list of Nebraska's major public access locations to the Missouri River. Visit the Maps page at [OutdoorNebraska.gov](http://OutdoorNebraska.gov) for the Missouri River Access Guide, which shows public access sites on both sides of the river. The river is infested with zebra mussels. Clean, drain and dry your watercraft to prevent the spread of this invasive species to other waters in the state. See the Aquatic Invasive Species section on page 26 for more details.

Name/County/Map ID	Comments
<b>Bazile Creek WMA</b> Knox (33)	Gravel road to ramp gets muddy with heavy rains. Primitive boat ramp. Subject to flooding.
<b>Beck Memorial Park (Decatur)</b> Burt (46)	Concrete boat ramp. Primitive camping.
<b>Big Elk Park</b> Thurston (40)	Concrete boat ramp. Primitive camping.
<b>Blair Optimist Park</b> Cass (46)	Concrete boat ramp.
<b>Boyer Chute NWR</b> Washington (47)	No watercraft in Boyer Chute waterway. Check with refuge for additional regulations. Open a half-hour before sunrise to a half-hour after sunset.
<b>Brooky Bottom Park</b> Cedar (39)	Concrete boat ramp. Primitive camping.
<b>Brownville</b> Nemaha (49)	Concrete boat ramp. Primitive camping.
<b>Cottonwood Cove Park (Dakota City)</b> Dakota (40)	Concrete boat ramp. Primitive camping.
<b>Gavins Point Dam Tailwaters</b> Cedar (33)	See Paddlefish section for special regulations. Accessible deck. Fish-cleaning stations on 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. No crossbows.
<b>Hamburg Bend</b> Otoe (48)	River access - half-mile walk. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake).
<b>Haworth Park (Bellevue)</b> Sarpy (47)	Concrete boat ramp owned by City of Bellevue.
<b>Indian Cave State Park</b> Richardson (49)	Concrete boat ramp. Modern and primitive camping.

Comments	Species
Amenities available at Harlan County Reservoir. All Harlan County Reservoir fish regulations are in effect upstream to the Hwy. 89 bridge west of Orleans. Public access canoe and kayak launching areas downstream of Harlan County Reservoir dam.	
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<b>Mulberry Bend WMA</b> Dixon (39)	Concrete boat ramp. Primitive camping.
<b>N.P. Dodge Memorial Park (Omaha)</b> Douglas (47)	Concrete boat ramp. Primitive camping.
<b>Niobrara Confluence WMA</b> Knox (33)	Primitive boat ramp.
<b>Niobrara Townsite Boat Ramp</b> Knox (33)	Double-wide concrete ramps not usable during low-water periods.
<b>Pelican Point SRA</b> Burt (46)	Boat ramp. Primitive camping.
<b>Peru Boat Ramp WMA</b> Nemaha (49)	Concrete boat ramp.
<b>Plattsmouth City Boat Ramp</b> Sarpy (47)	Concrete boat ramp.
<b>Ponca State Park</b> Dixon (39)	Concrete boat ramp. Cabins and camping.
<b>Riverview Marina SRA (Nebraska City)</b> Otoe (48)	Concrete boat ramp. Accessible boat dock. Primitive camping.
<b>Rulo Access</b> Richardson (49)	Concrete boat ramp.
<b>Santee</b> Knox (33)	Concrete boat ramp.
<b>Scenic Park (South Sioux City)</b> Dakota (40)	Concrete boat ramp. Unusable at low flows.
<b>Schilling WMA</b> Cass (47)	Bank access to Missouri and Platte rivers except when closed due to poor road conditions.
<b>St. Helena Access</b> Cedar (33)	Concrete boat ramp.
<b>Sunshine Bottoms WMA</b> Boyd (27)	Concrete boat ramp.
<b>Verdel Landing WMA</b> Knox (33)	Double-wide boat ramp. Ample parking.
<b>William Gilmour/Tobacco Island</b> Cass (48)	Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake).

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