2009 Nebraska Fishing Guide

Regulations and Public Waters

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General Regulations

NOTICE
This is a guide only. For sources, consult Nebraska statutes and official regulations.

WHY BUY A PERMIT?

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

WHO MUST HAVE A PERMIT?

A fishing permit is required to take, or attempt to take, fish, bullfrogs, snapping turtles, tiger salamanders or mussels by any method. An angler must carry the fishing permit while actively fishing. A resident fishing permit is required for all Nebraskans 16 years of age and older. A resident is a person who has resided in Nebraska continuously for at least 30 days and has a bona fide intention of becoming a legal resident of this state. Others who may obtain a resident permit include: **(1)** military personnel stationed in Nebraska and on active duty here for at least 30 consecutive days; **(2)** nonresident students upon proof they have attended classes full time for at least 30 consecutive days at any Nebraska college, university, junior college, vocational school or any foreign exchange high school student; and **(3)** any person duly enrolled in and attending a civilian conservation center or similar government work or training facility for 30 consecutive days.

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

See the Border Waters section for permit requirements for fishing the waters of the Missouri River.

The owner, or a guest of the owner, of any totally private body of water which: **(1)** is located entirely on private land; **(2)** is entirely privately stocked; **(3)** does not connect by inflow or outflow with any other off-property body of water; and **(4)** is not commercially operated, is not required to have a fishing permit on that body of water.

Fee-exempt permits are available to the following resident veterans: **(1)** 50 percent disabled as a result of armed forces service, **(2)** those who received a pension from the Veterans Administration as a result of a total and permanent disability not incurred in the line of duty in military service, and **(3)** those who obtained fee-exempt permits prior to Jan. 1, 2006. Information and application forms are available from Nebraska Game and Parks Commission offices and permit agents. An annual $5 fish/hunt permit is available for veterans 64 and older and residents 69 and older.

A **"special fishing permit"** is available for physically or developmentally disabled persons who cannot cast or retrieve unassisted. This permit entitles the disabled person and one person assisting them or her to take, fish, catch, harvest or possess any aquatic organism in compliance with state regulations. If the person assisting does not possess a current fishing permit, they are restricted to one daily bag limit between the two anglers. The annual permit is issued on a calendar year basis and costs $5. A "disabled person" means a person certified by a physician to have a permanent physical impairment or developmental disability that results in the inability to use fishing equipment unassisted. Applications are available from the Commission headquarters in Lincoln or offices in Alliance, Bassett, Kearney, Norfolk, North Platte, Omaha and the Ak-Sar-

Ben Aquarium near Gretna.

An **educational fishing project permit** can 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.

CHANGES FOR 2009

- Trout and salmon – The daily bag limit of trout (rainbow, brown and brook in combination) in inland waters and waters of the Missouri River has been reduced from 7 to 4, with a possession limit of 8. The intent is to reduce and spread the harvest over a longer period among more anglers in waters where trout survive year-round, particularly in streams.
- The trout daily bag limit and possession limit has been increased from 7 and 14, respectively to 8 and 16 at designated put and take lakes and ponds that do not support trout year-round and are stocked in the fall, winter, and/or spring. The intent is to boost fishing participation, particularly in urban areas. The following waters are included in this regulation: Arnold Lake SRA (Custer Co.), Auble Pond (Valley Co.), Auburn Rotary Club Lake (Nemaha Co.), Barnett Park Lake (Red Willow Co.), Benson Lake (Douglas Co.), Birdwood WMA Lake (Lincoln Co.), Bowling Lake (Lancaster Co.), Crystal Cove Lake (Dakota Co.), Crystal Springs lakes (Jefferson Co.), Curtis Golf Course Pond (Frontier Co.), David City Park ponds (Butler Co.), Fremont SRA lakes (Dodge Co.), Grand Island Such's Lake (Hall Co.), Lake Halleck (Sarpy Co.), Heartwell Park Lake (Adams Co.), Hitchcock Lake (Douglas Co.), Holdrege City North Lake (Phelps Co.), Holmes Lake (Lancaster Co.), Humphrey Pond (Keith Co.), Lexington City Park Lake (Dawson Co.), Niobrara State Park ponds (Knox Co.), Pawnee Park East Lake (Platte Co.), Qwest Lake (Cass Co.), Standing Bear Lake (Douglas Co.), Steinhart Park ponds (Otoe Co.), TaHaZouka Park Pond (Madison Co.), Towl Park Pond (Douglas Co.), Weeping Water Pond (Cass Co.), and Windmill SRA lakes (Buffalo Co.).
- Black bass – Establish a 15-inch minimum length limit on all black bass (largemouth, smallmouth and spotted) in all inland waters, both public and private. The intent is to simplify black bass length limit regulations and to improve the quality of smallmouth bass by reducing harvest of bass less than 15 inches in length.
- Added Swan Creek 67 (Saline Co.) to the waters with 21-inch black bass minimum length limits and deleted Willow Lake (Brown Co.).
- Added the entire Two Rivers SRA and Bowling Lake to waters where no black bass harvest is allowed.
- Striped Bass, White Bass and their hybrids – removed the special regulations of a minimum length limit of 18 inches and daily bag limit of 1 from Bridgeport SRA (Morrill Co.), Fremont SRA (Dodge Co.), Fort Kearny SRA (Kearney Co.), Windmill SRA (Buffalo Co.) and Louisville SRA (Cass Co.).
- Added Wagon Train Reservoir (Lancaster Co.) to the list of waters with a daily bag limit of 3 hybrid striped bass and possession limit of 6.
- Channel Catfish – reduced the daily bag limit to 5 and possession limit to 10 at Calamus (Garfield and Loup Cos.), Harlan Co. and Merritt (Cherry Co.) reservoirs.
- Added Bowling Lake (Lancaster Co.) to the list of waterbodies with a daily bag limit of 3 channel catfish.
- Walleye, Sauger and Saugeye – Harlan Co. and Calamus (Garfield and Loup Cos.) reservoirs will be managed using the same regulations Merritt Reservoir. This regulation allows the harvest of no more than one fish 15 to 18 inches and three over 18 inches or four over 18 inches of which no more than one can be 22 inches or greater in length.
- Sherman Reservoir (Sherman Co.) has a daily bag limit that allows two walleyes greater than 15 inches but less than 20 inches and one walleye greater than 28 inches. There is a slot limit protecting walleyes 20 through 28 inches. The goal is to protect large walleyes that will be available for use as brood stock for statewide walleye stocking needs.
- Northern Pike – Cottonmill Lake (Buffalo Co.) will retain a 30-inch minimum length limit, but the daily bag limit will be changed to the statewide limit of 3.
- Panfish – The 8-inch minimum length limit on bluegill was removed from Mormon Island SRA (Hall Co.) and Windmill SRA (Buffalo Co.). Bowling

2009 FISHING AND PARK PERMITS

ALL FISHING PERMITS INCLUDE AN AQUATIC HABITAT STAMP

RESIDENT

Annual Fish*	**$26.00**
Combination Fish-Hunt*	**37.50**
3-Day Fish*	**20.00**
1-Day Fish*	**7.50**
Veteran Fish-Hunt (64 and over)	**5.00**
Senior Fish-Hunt (69 and over)	**5.00**
Lifetime Fish* (0-5)	**307.50**
Lifetime Fish* (6-15)	**366.50**
Lifetime Fish* (16-45)	**446.00**
Lifetime Fish* (46 and over)	**366.50**
Lifetime Fish-Hunt* (0-5)	**425.50**
Lifetime Fish-Hunt* (6-15)	**573.00**
Lifetime Fish-Hunt* (16-45)	**699.00**
Lifetime Fish-Hunt* (46 and over)	**573.00**

NONRESIDENT

Annual Fish*	**58.00**
3-Day Fish*	**25.00**
1-Day Fish*	**9.50**
Lifetime Fish* (0-16)	**632.00**
Lifetime Fish* (17 and over)	**951.00**
Lifetime Fish-Hunt* (0-16)	**1,251.50**
Lifetime Fish-Hunt* (17 and over)	**1,871.00**
Special Fishing Permit	**5.00**
Annual Park Permit*	**20.35**
Duplicate Park Permit* **	**10.35**
Daily Park Permit* **	**4.35**

*****Includes agent fee added to Permits and Stamps*

***If purchased on line Annual $21.00 Duplicate $11.00*

Buy permits online at wwwOutdoorNebraska.org

BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS

***Be sure and check the "Nebraska's Public Fishing Waters" (page 30) section for special bag, possession and length limits on specific water bodies.**

STATEWIDE

SPECIES	Bag	Poss.
TROUT (ALL SPECIES COMBINED)*	4	8
STRIPED BASS, WHITE BASS & THEIR HYBRID* (no more than 1 fish over 18 inches on all waters)	15	30
WALLEYE/SAUGER/SAUGEYE* (in combination, only one 22 inches or longer allowed in daily bag. Inland waters only)	4	8
MUSKELLUNGE/TIGER MUSKIE	1	2
BAITFISH, TIGER SALAMANDERS AND LEOPARD FROGS (in combination)	100	100
SHOVELNOSE STURGEON (no harvest allowed on the Missouri River upstream from mouth of the Big Sioux River)	10	20
PALLID AND LAKE STURGEON	No Harvest Allowed	
NORTHERN PIKE*	3	6
BLUE CATFISH	1	2
FLATHEAD CATFISH*	5	10
PANFISH* (see species list on page 14)	30	60
MUSSELS AND CLAMS	10	20
GAME FISH and NON-GAME FISH SPECIES NOT LISTED	No Limit	
BULLFROGS	8	16
SNAPPING TURTLES	10	20

INLAND WATERS

SPECIES	Bag	Poss.
LARGEMOUTH, SMALLMOUTH, SPOTTED BASS, (BLACK BASS COMBINED)* (only one bass 21 inches or longer allowed in the daily bag)	4	8
CHANNEL CATFISH*	10	20

WATERS OF THE MISSOURI RIVER

SPECIES	Bag	Poss.
LARGEMOUTH, SMALLMOUTH, SPOTTED BASS, (BLACK BASS COMBINED) (only one bass 21 inches or longer allowed in the daily bag)	5	10
CHANNEL CATFISH (including the Niobrara River downstream from Spencer Dam)	5	10
PADDLEFISH (special permit required)	2	2

Lake (Lancaster Co.) was added to the list of waterbodies with a daily bag limit of 10 bluegills.

- High Use Fishing Area Regulations – With the growing number of waterbodies managed with a simple set of harvest restrictions, this designation was developed to simplify fishing regulations for anglers. High Use Fishing Area Regulations are: 21-inch minimum length limit on black bass, 10-fish daily bag limit on panfish and 3-fish daily bag limit on channel catfish. A complete listing of waterbodies managed with this set of regulations can be found on page 11 as well as listed in the Public Waters Section.
- Bait Fish Regulations – Baitfish taken by anglers from the Missouri River below Gavins Point Dam can only be used in that area. It is illegal to move any baitfish away from that area of the river. This also includes collections by bait dealers. The intent is to reduce the likelihood of invasive species, particularly Asian carp, being introduced above Gavins Point Dam or to inland waters.
- Individual anglers will no longer be allowed to import live baitfish (from out of state) for use in inland waters. This does not include the Missouri River. The intent is to reduce the likelihood of fish diseases, particularly Viral Hemorrhangic Septicemia (VHS), from entering Nebraska.
- Private Waters and Fish Salvage can now be found on the web at **wwwOutdoorNebraska.org**

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" includes all waters of the state except the waters of the Missouri River. "Waters of the Missouri River" includes all of the river along Nebraska's border and all reservoirs, oxbows, sloughs, chutes, backwaters and marshes that have annual surface water connection to the river and the first 300 yards upstream from the mouth of all tributary streams.

Any fish that is not to be counted in the bag limit must be returned immediately to the water with as little injury as possible. Any fish placed on a stringer or in a container, or not returned to the water must be counted in the bag; thus, no culling or high-grading is allowed.

Daily Bag: The daily bag limit is fish harvested from midnight to the following midnight. No person may possess more than one day's bag limit of fish while on the water or actively engaged in fishing.

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

Length Limit: The proper method to measure length is to 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, which would exaggerate its length). A minimum length limit means a fish must be equal to or longer than the defined length to be legally harvested. A maximum length limit means a fish must be shorter than the defined length to be legally harvested.

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

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

LENGTH LIMITS

Statewide & Special Length Limits: These species have minimum length limits statewide: largemouth, smallmouth and spotted bass; walleye, sauger, saugeye, and muskellunge. Refer to the Public Waters Section of this guide for special regulations on specific waterbodies.

Black Bass (largemouth, smallmouth, and spotted)

Daily bag limit can contain only one black bass of 21 inches or longer, statewide.

12-inch minimum – The Missouri River between Nebraska and Iowa, and between Nebraska and Missouri.

15-inch minimum – All inland waters. This includes DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge (Washington Co.), Snyder Bend Lake (Dakota and Thurston cos.) and Lake Yankton (Cedar Co.). Exceptions are those waters that are regulated by either a 21-inch minimum or catch and release on all black bass species.

Walleye, Sauger and Saugeye

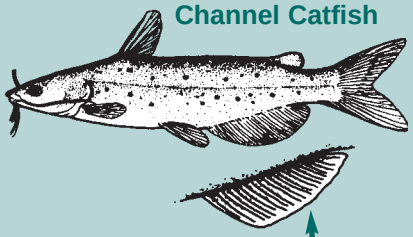
Daily bag limit can contain only one walleye, sauger or saugeye of 22 inches or longer on all inland waters, except Elwood Reservoir.

15-inch minimum – statewide except for that portion of the Missouri River downstream of Gavins Point Dam (no minimum length) and selected reservoirs listed below. DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge (Washington Co.) has a 15-inch minimum length.

- **Merritt, Calamus and Harlan Co. reservoirs –** daily bag limit of four may include one walleye from 15 to 18 inches and three over 18 inches or four over 18 inches, but no more than one over 22 inches allowed in the daily bag.
- **Sherman Reservoir –** daily bag limit may include two walleye greater than 15 inches but less than 20 inches and one walleye greater than 28 inches. There is a slot limit protecting 20-to 28-inche walleyes.
- **Elwood Reservoir –** 15-inch minimum length in conjunction with an 18 to 24-inch protected slot limit

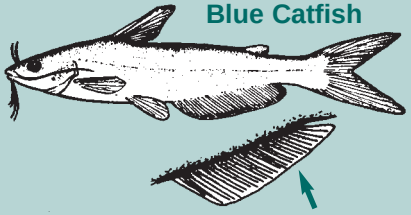
KNOW YOUR CATCH

Channel Catfish



- Anal fin has 24 - 29 rays, with outer margin rounded
- Spots not present on large fish

Blue Catfish



- Anal fin has more than 30 rays, with outer margin straight

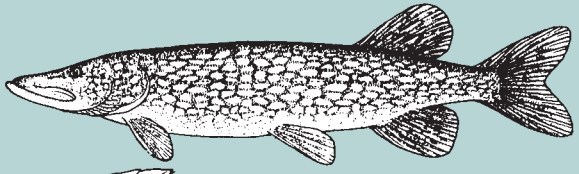
Flathead Catfish

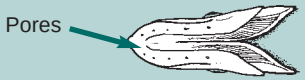
- Lower jaw extends past upper jaw.
- Square, unforked tail

KNOW YOUR CATCH

Northern Pike

- Five or fewer pores on each side of lower jaw
- Cheeks fully scaled

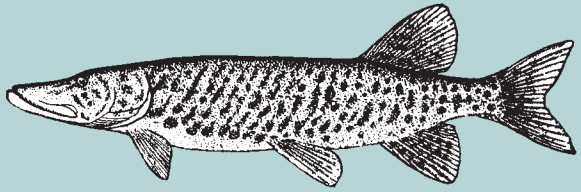


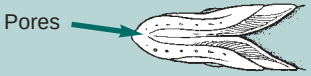


Northern Pike

Muskellunge

- Six or more pores on each side of lower jaw
- Upper half of cheeks scaled





Muskellunge

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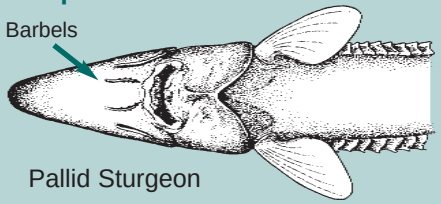
Pallid Sturgeon - An Endangered Species

- Illegal to possess
- Outer barbels twice as long as inner barbels
- Base of barbels "U" shaped, inner two set out in front



Pallid Sturgeon

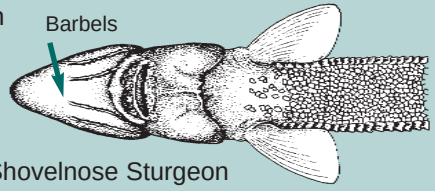
Lake Sturgeon - A Threatened Species

- Illegal to possess
- Short snout turns up at end
- Barbels are not fringed

Lake Sturgeon

Shovelnose Sturgeon

- Nebraska's most common sturgeon
- Barbels all the same length
- Barbels straight across
- Smallest Nebraska sturgeon, rarely exceeds 4 pounds



Shovelnose Sturgeon

with only one walleye over 24 inches allowed in the daily bag limit.

- **Branched Oak Reservoir –** daily bag limit is one walleye 22 inches or longer.

Muskellunge/Tiger Muskie

40-inch minimum – statewide

Northern Pike

28-inch maximum – Valentine National Wildlife Refuge

30-inch minimum – Alda DOR (Hall Co.), Grove Lake (Antelope Co.), Cottonmill Lake (Buffalo Co.), Enders Reservoir (Chase Co.), Red Willow Reservoir (Frontier Co.), Maskenthine Reservoir (Stanton Co.) and Sherman Reservoir (Sherman Co.).

28-to-34 inch protected slot length limit – Box Butte Reservoir (Dawes Co.) and Goose Lake (Holt Co.)

Crappie

10-inch minimum: Branched Oak Reservoir (Lancaster Co.), Czechland Lake (Saunders Co.), Sherman Reservoir (Sherman Co.), Walnut Creek Recreation Area (Sarpy Co.), Wehrspann Lake* (Sarpy Co.), and Zorinsky Lake* (Douglas Co.).

*Note: The length limit is not in effect during April on Wehrspann and Zorinsky lakes.

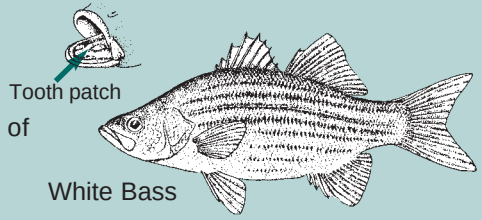
Sunfish

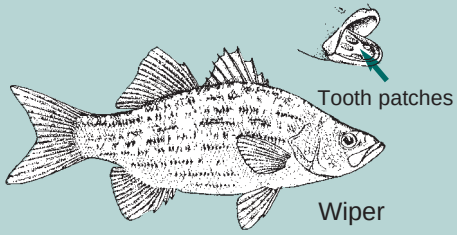
8-inch minimum – Czechland Lake (Saunders Co.), Walnut Creek Recreation Area (Sarpy Co.), Wildwood Lake (Lancaster Co.), and Yankee Hill Lake (Lancaster Co.).

KNOW YOUR CATCH

White Bass

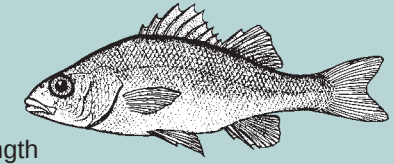
- Anal fin spines stair-stepped
- Broken lateral stripes
- One tooth patch on base of tongue





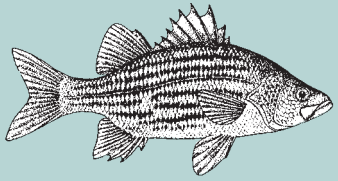
Wiper

- Broken horizontal lines
- Usually two tooth patches on base of tongue



White Perch

- Second and third anal spine same length
- Sides plain, no stripes



Yellow Bass

- Has yellow cast
- Six or seven lateral stripes, three are above lateral line
- Lines are broken toward tail
- Second and third anal spine same length

Striped Bass, White Bass and their hybrids (combined)

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

Bullfrogs

4½-inch minimum – Snout to vent statewide.

AREAS WITH SPECIAL DAILY BAG LIMITS

Trout (All species)

Daily bag limit – 8

Special Put and Take Trout lakes – Arnold Lake SRA (Custer Co.), Auble Pond (Valley Co.), Auburn Rotary Club Lake (Nemaha Co.), Barnett Park Lake (Red Willow Co.), Benson Lake (Douglas Co.), Birdwood WMA Lake (Lincoln Co.), Bowling Lake (Lancaster Co.), Crystal Cove Lake (Dakota Co.) Crystal Springs lakes (Jefferson Co.), Curtis Golf Course Pond (Frontier Co.), David City Park ponds (Butler Co.), Fremont SRA lakes (Dodge Co.), Grand Island Such's Lake (Hall Co.), Lake Halleck (Sarpy Co.), Heartwell Park Lake (Adams Co.), Hitchcock Lake (Douglas Co.), Holdrege City North Lake (Phelps Co.), Holmes Lake (Lancaster Co.), Humphrey Pond (Keith Co.), Lexington City Park Lake (Dawson Co.), Niobrara State Park ponds (Knox Co.), Pawnee Park East Lake (Platte Co.), Qwest Lake (Cass Co.), Standing Bear Lake (Douglas Co.), Steinhart Park ponds (Otoe Co.), Ta-Ha-Zouka Park Pond (Madison Co.), Towl Park Pond (Douglas Co.), Weeping Water Pond (Cass Co.), and Windmill SRA lakes (Buffalo Co.).

Two Rivers Trout Lake (Douglas Co.) (Four fish allowed per tag with up to three tags purchased per day.)

Black Bass (largemouth, smallmouth, and spotted)

Total catch and release: Refer to the Public Waters Section for the waters managed with this regulation.

Striped Bass, White Bass and their hybrids

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

Elwood Reservoir (Gosper Co.), Stagecoach Reservoir (Lancaster Co., Wagon Train Reservoir (Lancaster Co.) and Willow Creek Reservoir (Pierce Co.)

Total Catch and Release: Branched Oak Reservoir (Lancaster Co.)

Northern Pike

Daily bag limit – 10

Box Butte Reservoir (Dawes Co.)

The daily bag limit of 10 pike can include only 1 over 34 inches and 9 less than 28 inches or all 10 under 28 inches. Possession limit is 20.

Panfish

Daily bag limit – 10

Total catch and release.

Refer to the Public Waters Section for the waters managed with these regulations.

Channel catfish

Daily bag limit – 3

Refer to the Public Waters Section for the waters managed with this regulation.

Total Catch and Release: Fort Kearny SRA No.2 (Kearney Co.), Two Rivers SRA Lake No.3 and No.4 (Douglas Co.), Wildwood Lake (Lancaster Co.) and Windmill SRA No.3 (Buffalo Co.).

Flathead catfish

Total Catch and Release: Branched Oak Reservoir (Lancaster Co.)

HIGH USE FISHING AREAS

The following areas will be managed under a "High Use Fishing Area" regulation combination that consists of a 21-inch minimum length limit (1-fish daily bag limit) on black bass, 10-fish daily bag limit on panfish and 3-fish daily bag limit on channel catfish: Adams Park Pond

(Douglas Co.), Ansley City Lake (Custer Co.), Auble Pond (Valley Co.), Auburn Rotary Club Lake (Nemaha Co.), Bader Memorial Co. Park Pits (Merrick Co.), Baright Lake (Cass Co.), Barnett Park Pond (Red Willow Co.), Bennington Lion Club Pond (Douglas Co.), Benson Park Pond (Douglas Co.), Bethphage Pond (Kearney Co.), Columbus Hospital Pond (Platte Co.), Cornhusker WMA Pond (Hall Co.), Cottontail Lake (Lancaster Co.), Cottonmill Lake (Buffalo Co.), Crystal Cove Lake (Dakota Co.), David City Park Ponds (Butler Co.), Fontenelle Park Pond (Butler Co.), Glenn Cunningham Reservoir (Douglas Co.), Grand Island Eagle Scout Lake (Hall Co.), Grand Island (Heartland) Gun Range Pond (Hall Co.), Grand Island Such's Lake (Hall Co.), Hanscom Park Pond (Douglas Co.), Heartwell Park Lake (Adams Co.), Henderson Pond (York Co.), Hitchcock Park Pond (Douglas Co.), Holdrege City North Lake (Phelps Co.), Humboldt City Park Lake (Richardson Co.), Indian Creek WMA Pond (Webster Co.), Johnson Park Lake (Dodge Co.), Laing Lake (Box Butte Co.), Lake Halleck (Sarpy Co.), Lawrence Youngsman Lake (Douglas Co.), Lexington City Lake (Dawson Co.), L.E. Ray Lake (Hall Co.), Lincoln Park Pond (Nuckolls Co.), Meadowlark Lake (Seward Co.), Melham Park Pond (Custer Co.), Memphis SRA Lake (Saunders Co.), Midlands Lake (Sarpy Co.), Miller Park Pond (Douglas Co.), Morman Island SRA (Hall Co.), Neligh Park Pond (Cuming Co.), Niobrara State Park Ponds (Knox Co.), Pawnee City Pond (Pawnee Co.), Pawnee Park East and West (Platte Co.), Plattsmouth City Lake (Cass Co.), Prairie View Lake Recreation Area (Douglas Co.), Qwest Lake (Cass Co.), Ravenna Lake (Buffalo Co.), Sacramento-Wilcox WMA (Phelps Co.), Shadow Lake (Sarpy Co.), Skyview Lake (Madison Co.), Steinhart Park Ponds (Otoe Co.), Sutton Clark Pond (Clay Co.), TaHaZouka Park Pond (Madison Co.), Tecumseh City Pond (Johnson Co.), Tilden City Pond (Antelope Co.), Towl Park Pond (Douglas Co.), Walnut Grove Park Pond (Douglas Co.), War Axe SRA (Buffalo Co.), Weeping Water Pond (Cass Co.), Wolbach City Pond (Greeley Co.), Yanney Park Lake (Buffalo Co.) and York Recharge Lake (York Co.).

LENGTH LIMITS AND CLEANING OF FISH

Where length and bag limits apply, fish cannot be filleted until fishing is completed for the day and anglers are off the water. Fish species subject to a bag limit and possession limit, but not a length limit, can be processed prior to transport if the fillets are kept in one piece until cooked, so the bag and possession limits can be determined. Fish species subject to a length limit cannot be possessed with more than the gills, viscera and scales removed while on the water, wading or engaged in fishing. Any fish in possession while actively fishing or on the water will be subject to length and bag limits that apply to the water being fished. Once off the water, the fish can be filleted for transportation and storage.

Know what you caught. When in doubt – release the fish unharmed.

HOOK-AND-LINE REGULATIONS

Hook-and-line fishing is allowed year-round throughout the state (no closed season), except as noted or as posted at an area. Definition of a hook: one hook means a single, double, or treble-pointed hook. All hooks attached to an artificial bait or lure shall be counted as one hook.

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

Ice-Fishing: A total of five lines with two hooks on each line are permitted. Each line must be under direct supervision and within unaided observation of the angler. Holes made for ice-fishing may not exceed 10 inches in diameter on any area controlled by the Commission.

A special $5 permit is required for a permanent shelter on state recreation and wildlife management area lakes. Applications and regulations are available from conservation officers, Commission offices or by mail from the Game and Parks Commission, Box 30370, Lincoln, NE 68503. This does not apply to temporary shelters used and removed each day.

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

IT IS UNLAWFUL TO...

- borrow or use the permit of another or lend your permit to another.
- leave dead fish or any part thereof on the banks or in the water of any stream, lake or other body of water.
- fish on any private land without landowner permission.
- release into public waters of the state any fish that did not originate in that body of water.
- use a crossbow or similar device while archery fishing, except for a disabled person who has a medical certificate on file.
- seine sport fish of any size.
- use float lines.
- leave fish in a trap for more than 24 hours.
- attempt to snag fish, except in designated areas. See the Snagging section for details.
- use limb lines or set lines in any pond, lake or reservoir.
- catch fish by hand.
- buy or attempt to buy a permit while under license suspension or revocation in any state.
- keep an externally foul-hooked fish, except those legally snagged.
- consume and/or have an open container of alcohol at any state park, state recreation area or wildlife management area.

SNAGGING

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

FISH KILL REPORTS

Report dead or dying fish to your local conservation officer, Commission district office, or the 24-hour Nebraska State Patrol pollution complaint number, (402) 471-4545, promptly to make it easier to determine the cause.

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

BAIT REGULATIONS

Baitfish, listed amphibians, and crayfish may not be sold, except by permit. For commercial purposes (bait

Fish Species Categorization

GAME FISH

Is defined to include all baitfish, commercial fish and sport fish:

SPORT FISH

The following fish species are designated as sport fish:

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

PANFISH

The following fish species are designated as panfish:

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

SUNFISH

The following fish species are designated as sunfish:

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

COMMERCIAL FISH

The following fish species are designated as commercial fish:

- black bullhead
- freshwater drum
- yellow bullhead
- yellow perch

dealers, private aquaculturists, and nonresident fish dealers), refer to the official regulations supplied with your permit. The following regulations apply only to bait obtained for personal use. It is unlawful to take baitfish, listed amphibians, or crayfish from any lake, reservoir, or bayou unless otherwise stated below. Digging and trapping for bait or any other purpose is prohibited on all state-owned or controlled areas. Seining for baitfish, listed amphibians, or crayfish is allowed on streams located on SRAs and WMAs unless the stream is listed as closed. All nonbaitfish, of whatever size, taken while netting or seining for bait, must be immediately returned to the waters from which taken. The bag and possession limit of baitfish and listed amphibians for personal use is 100.

Gizzard shad and alewife may be taken for use as bait by legal dip nets from lakes, ponds, reservoirs, and below

Fish Species Categorization

BAITFISH

The following fish species are designated as baitfish:

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

The following amphibians and crustaceans are covered under the baitfish regulations:

- devil crayfish
- northern crayfish
- northern leopard frog
- papershell crayfish
- plains leopard frog
- ringed crayfish
- tiger salamander

THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES

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

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

NONGAME FISH

All species that do not appear on any of the above lists are considered nongame.

dams and other artificial obstructions for a distance of 200 yards below such obstructions. Live shad and alewife can only be used in the body of water in which they were captured (see section on cast nets). 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. The bag and possession limits are 100.

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 can be taken by legal baitfish dip nets for personal use only.

Restricted Species: It is unlawful to sell, transport, or offer for sale as bait, any live carp, carpsucker, bullhead, buffalo, gar, quillback, gizzard shad, alewife or bowfin. Live fish of those species may be used for bait only in the same waters from which they are legally taken. Dead carp, carpsucker, bullhead, buffalo, gar, quillback, gizzard shad, alewife or bowfin may be transported for use as bait. Sport fish can be used for bait: (1) if they have been legally acquired from a licensed aquaculturist or a nonresident fish dealer. The angler must keep a legible receipt or invoice from the dealer listing the date, seller's name and address; and number and size of each species sold, or (2) if they are captured using hook and line and used at the body of water from which they were captured. In the latter case, the angler will be required to follow both the length and bag limits that are enforced on that body of water.

Missouri River: The use of baitfish seined by anglers from the Missouri River below Gavins Point Dam is

restricted to that area. It is illegal for either anglers or bait dealers to transport baitfish from this area of the Missouri River.

Importation of baitfish: 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.

NO-LIVE-BAITFISH AREAS

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

- Ansley City Lake (Custer Co.)
- Bethphage Pond (Kearney Co.)
- Chalkrock Lake (Cedar Co.)
- Cottonmill Lake (Buffalo Co.)
- Crescent Lake National Wildlife Refuge (Garden Co.)
- Frye Lake (Grant Co.)
- Grand Island Such's Lake (Hall Co.)
- Heartwell Park Pond (Adams Co.)
- Holdrege City North Lake (Phelps Co.)
- Holmes Lake (Lancaster Co.)
- Lexington City Lake (Dawson Co.)
- Lincoln Park Pond (Nuckolls Co.)
- Meadowlark Lake (Seward Co.)
- Olive Creek Lake (Lancaster Co.)
- Pibel Lake (Wheeler Co.)
- Ravenna Lake (Buffalo Co.)
- Skyview Lake (Madison Co.)
- Ta-Ha-Zouka Park Pond (Madison Co.)
- Valentine National Wildlife Refuge (Cherry Co.)
- Wildwood Lake (Lancaster Co.)
- Yankee Hill Lake (Lancaster Co.)
- Yanney Park Lake (Buffalo Co.)

White Perch: It is illegal to transport or possess live white perch away from the body of water from which they were caught.

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

Exporting: Up to 100 legally captured baitfish and/or listed amphibians may be exported by a resident for personal use for fishing outside the state. No other baitfish taken from Nebraska waters may be transported out of the state in any manner, except baitfish artificially propagated in man-made impoundments by licensed aquaculturists.

Importing: It is unlawful to import or transport carp, carpsucker, buffalo, quillback, gar, gizzard shad, alewife or bowfin into the state for use as bait. Special permits are required for a person to import and sell bait or baitfish.

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

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

Crayfish: There is no possession limit on crayfish. Anyone over the age of 16 must have a bait dealer's license in order to sell crayfish. Crayfish may be captured by hook and line, by hand, or by legal fish nets and traps as described below.

Fish Nets and Traps: The possession or use of nets, traps and electrical gear capable of stunning fish is prohibited except for the following:

- Baitfish seines of one-fourth inch nonmetallic square mesh only and not more than 20 feet long and four feet deep.
- Baitfish dip nets of one-fourth inch, nonmetallic square mesh. Neither length nor width may exceed 36 inches.
- Baitfish and bait traps of one-fourth inch square mesh material with a length of 24 inches or less, a diameter of 16 inches or less and a throat one inch or less in diameter. All minnow traps shall be raised and the baitfish removed at least every 24 hours.
- Landing nets, made of nonmetallic mesh, used only for landing fish caught on hook-and-line.

CAST NETS

Cast nets may be used to collect bait with the following restrictions:

Cast nets may be used only on the following bodies of water: Calamus Reservoir, Davis Creek Reservoir, Elwood Reservoir, Enders Reservoir, Farwell South Reservoir, Gallagher Canyon Reservoir, Harlan County Reservoir, Jeffrey Reservoir, Johnson Lake, Lake Maloney, Medicine Creek Reservoir, Lake McConaughy, Phillips Canyon Reservoir, Plum Creek Reservoir, Red Willow Reservoir, Sherman Reservoir, Sutherland Reservoir, Swanson Reservoir and the Tri-County Canal from the diversion dam in Lincoln County to the J-2 return.

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

FISH STOCKING

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

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

TROUT WATERS

It is unlawful to possess a dip/landing net or seine of any type on trout streams in Sioux, Scotts Bluff, Morrill, Garden and Keith Counties that are tributaries to the North Platte River and Lake McConaughy, including: Pumpkin, Red Willow, Wildhorse, Stuckenhole, Ninemile, Tub Springs, Winter, Sheep, Dry Sheep, Spotted Tail, Dry Spotted Tail, Otter, Clear, Lonergan, Upper Dugout, Indian, Silvernail Drain and Cedar creeks.

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

Antelope Co.: Verdigre Creek and all tributaries.

Brown Co.: Bone Creek and all tributaries, Long Pine Creek and all tributaries, Plum Creek and all-tributaries and Fairfield Creek.

Box Butte Co.: Niobrara River.

Cherry Co.: Middle Loup River and all tributaries, North Loup River and all its tributaries, Schlagel Creek, Fairfield Creek, Snake River and all tributaries, and Plum Creek and all tributaries.

Cheyenne Co.: Lodgepole Creek west of Brownson.

Dawes Co.: Chadron Creek, Big Bordeaux Creek, Little Bordeaux Creek, White River above Crawford, Niobrara River from Box Butte Reservoir west to the Wyoming border and all tributaries, Dead Horse Creek, Squaw Creek and White Clay Creek.

Garden Co.: Blue Creek.

Holt Co.: Steel Creek and North, Middle and South branches of Verdigre Creek.

Hooker Co.: Dismal River and all tributaries.

Keith Co.: Otter Creek, Whitetail Creek, and Lonergan Creek and all tributaries.

Kimball Co.: Lodgepole Creek and all tributaries.

Knox Co.: North, Middle and South branches of Verdigre Creek and all tributaries above the town of Verdigre, and Steel Creek.

Loup Co.: Gracie Creek.

Morrill Co.: Red Willow Creek, Cedar

Creek, Greenwood Creek, Wildhorse Creek, Lawrence Fork Creek, Silvernail Drain, Indian Creek, Stuckenhole Creek and Pumpkin Creek below Nebraska Highway 88.

Rock Co.: Long Pine Creek.

Scotts Bluff Co.: 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 and Bayard Drain.

Sheridan Co.: Snake River, Larabee Creek, White Clay Creek, Pine Creek, Deer Creek and Little Bordeaux Creek.

Sioux Co.: Sheep Creek Drain, Dry Sheep Creek Drain, Dry Spotted Tail Creek, Spotted Tail Creek, Niobrara River and all tributaries, White River, Soldier Creek and all tributaries, Monroe Creek, Sowbelly Creek and Hat Creek.

Webster Co.: Elm Creek.

ARCHERY/SURFACE SPEARFISHING

Game fish may be taken by bow and arrow from July 1 through Dec. 31 from sunrise to sunset, statewide. Game fish may not be taken with surface spears. Nongame fish may be taken by archery or surface spear statewide from sunrise to sunset between Sept. 1 and March 31, and 24 hours a day from April 1 through Aug. 31.

Only hand-drawn longbows (including compound bows) are legal. A disabled person who has a medical certificate on file with the Commission may use a crossbow or a bow fitted with a drawlock type device. Arrows may have only one point, which must be barbed, and must be attached by a line to the bow at the time the arrow is released. For surface spearing, only hand spears are legal. All spearing devices must be barbed.

The following waters are closed year-round: Two Rivers, Louisville, Fort Kearny, Fremont, Mormon Island and Windmill SRAs; Platte River and Eugene T. Mahoney State Parks, and trout streams (see Trout Waters section).

UNDERWATER SPEARFISHING

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

Seasons

Game Fish: July 1 through Dec. 31 in waters listed below. Bag, possession and length limits are the same as for hook and line, except that there is a daily bag limit of 2 walleyes and a possession limit of 4 walleyes in effect on all lakes listed below. Hours are sunrise to sunset.

Nongame Fish: Open year-round in waters listed below. There are no size, bag or possession limits. Hours are sunrise to sunset.

Waters Open to All Species

- Privately owned lakes, with permission of the lake owner
- Lake McConaughy, Keith Co.
- Lake Ogallala, Keith Co.
- Lake Minatare, Scotts Bluff Co.
- Box Butte Reservoir, Dawes Co.
- Lewis and Clark Lake, Knox Co.
- Harlan Co. Reservoir
- Enders Reservoir, Chase Co.
- Elwood Reservoir, Gosper Co.
- Hugh Butler (Red Willow) Reservoir, Frontier and Red Willow Cos.
- Harry Strunk (Medicine Creek) Reservoir, Frontier Co.
- Sutherland Reservoir, Lincoln Co.
- Maloney Reservoir, Lincoln Co.
- Jeffrey Reservoir, Lincoln Co.
- Johnson Reservoir, Gosper and Dawson Cos.
- Sherman Reservoir, Sherman Co.
- Swanson Reservoir, Hitchcock Co.
- Merritt Reservoir, Cherry Co.

- Calamus Reservoir, Loup and Garfield Cos.

Waters Open to Nongame Fish Species Only

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

DIVER'S FLAG

A diver's flag must be displayed on the water on a float or buoy when diving or underwater spearfishing. Divers and underwater spearfishers must remain within 150 feet of the flag. The flag must be at least 12 inches square, with a red background and white diagonal stripe that is one-fifth the width of the flag. The white stripe must run from the top of the hoist to the bottom of the flag. It is unlawful to display this flag when diving or spearfishing is not in progress.

THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES

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

Cherry Co.: Brush Creek west of Brownlee, and Gordon Creek west of Nebraska Highway 61.

Dawes Co.: Niobrara River east of Box Butte Reservoir and west of U.S. Highway 385.

Keya Paha Co.: Cottonwood Creek, East Holt Creek and Holt Creek

Madison Co.: Taylor Creek west of U.S. Highway 81.

BULLFROGS

Bullfrog season runs Aug. 15 through Oct. 31. The bag limit is eight per person. They may be captured only by hand, hand net or hook-and-line. Artificial light may be used. They must measure 4½ inches from snout to vent or be released. Only the entrails may be removed prior to transport.

SNAPPING TURTLES

Snapping turtles may be taken year-round, and limits are 10 in the daily bag and 20 in possession. They may be taken only by hand, hand net, hook-and-line, bow-and-arrow or gaff hook.

MUSSELS (CLAMS)

Mussels may be taken year-round by hand, hand net or hook-and-line. The limit is 10 daily and 20 in possession.

BORDER WATERS

Missouri River (South Dakota, Iowa and Missouri): Anglers holding a valid Nebraska, South Dakota, Iowa or Missouri sport fishing license or permit may fish all waters of the Missouri River in the state they are licensed, as well as 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. Both Iowa and Missouri resident anglers can fish waters of Hamburg Bend WMA and the Nebraska portion of the Missouri River from the chute entrance (adjacent to Iowa) to the chute exit (adjacent to Missouri).

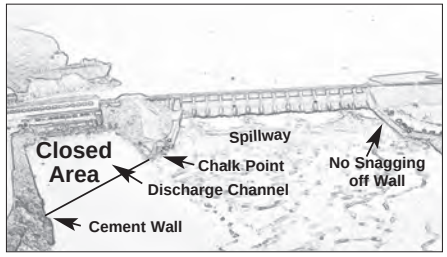
PADDLEFISH SNAGGING PERMIT SYSTEM

At the start of the 2008 paddlefish snagging permit application period, there were 2,060 residents and 638 nonresidents in the system with one preference point. A total of 937 residents with one preference point submitted a permit application of which 7 were denied due to a problem in the application process. At this time these 7 individuals have been awarded an additional preference point. A total of 190 nonresidents, that had one preference point applied for the 80 available snagging permits set aside for nonresidents. Due to the excessive number of applicants, the 110 unsuccessful nonresident applicants were awarded an additional preference point thus now having two.

A total of 1,505 residents with no preference points applied this year of which 590 were awarded permits while the remaining 915 received a preference point for future drawings. An additional 302 nonresidents also applied with no preference point and since the allotted permits for non-residents were already over-subscribed they will also be awarded one preference point. The current preference point file has 1,130 residents who received a point in 2007 but didn't apply in 2008 plus 915 unsuccessful residents who applied in 2008 for a total of 2,045 residents with one preference point. At this time there are 7 residents that have two preference points. For nonresidents, 558 have one preference point they received in 2007, but didn't apply in 2008. In addition to these there are an additional 302 nonresident that applied in 2008 for the first time, thus there is a total of 860 nonresidents with one preference point. Due to the limited number of non-resident permits allocated, a total of 110 nonresidents unsuccessful in both 2007 and 2008 drawings currently have two preference points. It is important to remember that any person that does not apply at least once during five consecutive years will lose all accumulated points. In order to avoid problems with your application it is important to follow these rules: 1) provide accurate personal information; 2) buddy permits can only be for 2 applicants; 3) both applicants on a buddy permit must be either both residents or nonresidents; and 4) in a buddy permit if there is a difference in preference points the application will be assigned to the applicant with the lowest preference points.

PADDLEFISH AND SNAGGING OF NONGAME FISH

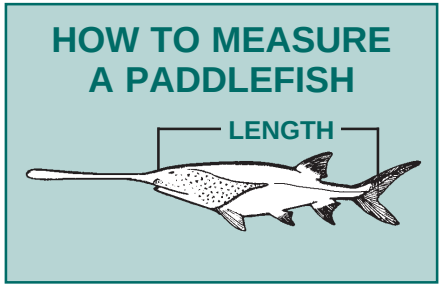
Missouri River - Snagging of paddlefish and nongame fish is permitted from the Gavins Point Dam downstream to the mouth of the Big Sioux River at mile marker 734, except for a closed area that extends downstream from Gavins Point Dam to a line that extends from the east end of the south cement wall of the discharge channel northwest to the east end of the chalk point. However, snagging off the north wall of the spillway is prohibited. All snaggers must obtain



and 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 mile downstream, anglers may snag only if they possess a valid Nebraska resident or Nebraska nonresident snagging permit or a South Dakota resident snagging permit. In the remainder of the river open to snagging, South Dakota nonresident permits also are valid.

Paddlefish harvested by snagging may be possessed only on the Missouri River during the open season in the designated open area. All inland waters are closed to paddlefish harvest. **The snagging season runs only from Oct. 1 through Oct. 31.** Legal hours are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Applicants must be 12 years old by Oct. 1 in order to apply for a snagging permit (see section on Paddlefish Tags). A paddlefish must be tagged immediately in the dorsal fin with the angler's tag upon addition to the creel. Any paddlefish tag that is locked prior to attachment, altered or modified shall be void and **WILL NOT BE REPLACED**. Only one hook may be used when snagging, and the gap between the point of the hook and the shank may not exceed one-half inch.

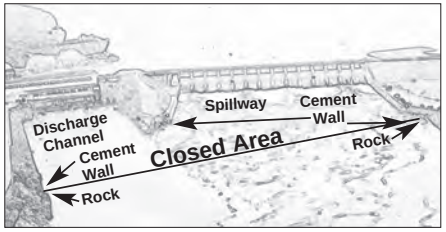
The daily bag and possession limits are the total number of tags issued to an individual. A harvest quota will be managed by issuing a limited number of paddlefish tags with a limit of no more than two tags per person. (See section on Paddlefish Tags). All paddlefish anglers are required to cast for and hook their own fish. 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. The slot limit is designed to protect spawning-size fish.



It is unlawful to use a gaff hook or other penetrating device while landing snagged paddlefish. Immediate cleaning of a snagged paddlefish is restricted to the removal of only the snout, in front of the eye, and the viscera. Final processing may not be completed until anglers have reached their residence or prior to consumption. If you choose to harvest a fish more than 45 inches in length be prepared to transport that fish with only the snout removed.

PADDLEFISH – ARCHERY

Missouri River - Paddlefish may be taken by bow and arrow and possessed on open waters of the Missouri River only during the season that begins on the second Saturday of July **(July 11) and runs for 30 consecutive days (through Aug. 9)**, with legal hours being sunrise to sunset. The area of the Missouri River open to archery paddlefish is from Gavins Point Dam downstream to the mouth of the Big Sioux River at mile marker 734, except for a closed area downstream from Gavins Point Dam to a line that extends from the east end of the south cement



wall of the discharge channel northwest to the east end of the north wall of the spillway. The area downstream of this line is open to archers taking both game and nongame fish during the appropriate seasons. From the open area below the Gavins Point Dam to 0.6 miles downstream, archers may harvest paddlefish if they possess a valid Nebraska resident or Nebraska non-resident archery paddlefish permit or a South Dakota resident archery paddlefish permit. In the remainder of the river open to archery paddlefish, South Dakota nonresident archery paddlefish permits also are valid. The area downstream of this line is open to archers taking both game and nongame fish during the appropriate seasons.

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

Office use only. Application number _____

Resident/Nonresident Fee $21

APPLICATION FOR PADDLEFISH PERMIT

❑ Paddlefish Archery Permit ❑ Paddlefish Snagging Permit

First name Middle initial Last name

Address - Street / P.O. Box / Rural Route and Box Number

City State Zip

( )
Daytime Telephone Social Security Number (last 4 digits)

Date of birth - Month: _____ Day: _____ Year: _____ Sex: _____

Hair color: _____ Eye color: _____ Height: ___ ft.___ in. Weight: _____

❑ Buddy permit (please attach second application form along with fee and enclose in same envelope)

E-mail address _____

❑ VISA ❑ MasterCard

Card number:

3-digit card verification No. on back of card

Card Expiration Date/Verification # see illustration

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

Permit cost is $21 (includes $1 issuance fee)
If unsuccessful the fee will be returned

Send this application with appropriate fee to:
Nebraska Game and Parks Commission 2200 N 33rd St. P.O. Box 30370, Lincoln, NE 68503-0370

NEBRASKA PADDLEFISH HARVEST TAGS

Paddlefish are a limited and precious resource, and it is important that the harvest be closely regulated. A tag is required for both archers and snaggers who want to harvest a paddlefish.

It is important to remember that one person can have no more than two permits/tags for the archery season and two for the snagging season. Permits and tags are nontransferable, must be in possession while actively pursuing paddlefish, and the tag must be immediately attached and locked shut to the dorsal fin of a harvested paddlefish. Archers will have a 30-consecutive-day season, beginning on the second Saturday of July (July 11), and snaggers will have a 31-day season, Oct. 1-31.

ATVS AND SNOWMOBILES FOR ICE-FISHING

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

TOURNAMENTS, CONTESTS AND DERBIES

Registration: All fishing tournaments, derbies or contests that require an entry fee to participate, held on publicly owned, controlled or managed waters, must be registered with the Commission's Fisheries Division at least 45 days prior to the event. Voluntary information on other tournaments, such as club tournaments, is welcome. An event may be denied if the date and location conflicts with a previously approved event. Applicant denial can also be based on safety concerns due to low water conditions or anticipated heavy use that could result in boat ramp

Paddlefish Archery Permit Application Periods

Application Period . . . . . April 1 - 30*

Any remaining permits after the first drawing will be sold on a first-come, first-serve basis with sales starting at 1:00 P.M. CDT on the first working day of June

Paddlefish Snagging Permit Application Periods

Application Period . . . . . July 1 - 31*

Any remaining permits after the first drawing will be sold on a first-come, first-serve basis with sales starting at 1:00 P.M. CDT on the first working day of Sept.

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

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congestion. We may impose special conditions not specifically covered herein for a fishing tournament, derby, or contest if deemed necessary to protect the resource or to assure public safety. Special conditions may include, but are not limited to: aerated live wells, release of live fish, designated release areas and on-the-water measurements and immediate release of fish (no on-shore weigh-in ceremony). A Fishing Tournament Approval Certificate must be present at the tournament site. The tournament dates and forms will be listed on our Web site, **www.OutdoorNebraska.org**.

Results: A "tournament 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 form or provide the requested information will result in denial of future fishing-tournament requests for at least one year.

Tagged Fish: The use of tagged or otherwise marked fish is prohibited in any fishing tournament, derby or contest that is held on: (1) waters owned or controlled by the Commission; and (2) waters stocked by the Commission during the preceding 24 months, excluding private lakes not owned by the state or other governmental entity.

FREE FISHING DAY MAY 16

Free Fishing and Park Entry Day is intended to attract those who no longer fish or who have never fished with an opportunity to do so without purchasing a permit. It is held on the Saturday prior to Memorial Day weekend. Anglers, both resident and nonresident, can take advantage of that day by taking a nonangling friend to any public body of water in the state and showing them how much fun fishing can be.

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AQUATIC NUISANCE SPECIES PREVENTION

Aquatic nuisance species are defined as any waterborne, non-native organism that threatens the diversity or abundance of native species, the ecological stability of impacted waters, or threatens a commercial, agricultural, aquacultural or recreational activity. These nuisance species have the potential to cause significant ecological problems because they have been introduced into habitat in which there are no natural pathogens, parasites, or predators. Lack of these natural controls in new habitat may allow a nuisance species to grow exponentially. If such nuisance species become established, they may disrupt ecological relationships in their new home. Introduced nuisance species may prey upon, or compete directly with native species and they could transmit diseases to native species.

It is very important that anglers and boaters using the waters of Nebraska, take precautions to prevent the introduction or spread of exotic nuisance species. This is especially important to boaters who travel to waters that currently have nuisance species not present in any Nebraska waters. Listed below are some procedures that should be followed:

- Inspect boat, trailers, and all boating and fishing equipment and remove any visible plant material and organisms before leaving all water access sites.
- Drain water from the livewell and bilge on land at the water access site. The only exception would be livewells used to transport game fish or baitfish which then must be disposed of properly. Never release live baitfish into any waterbody, or transfer and release any aquatic animal from one waterbody into another.
- Wash mud off of waders since it is a means by which various organisms, especially snails and parasites, gain access to a new watershed.

Zebra mussels can survive up to 2 weeks out of water, so after boating in infested water and before transporting your boat either:

- Rinse your boat and all equipment with hot tap water (over 104 degrees F); or
- Spray your boat and trailer with a high pressure sprayer. (The hot-water sprayer at car washes can be used); or
- Dry your boat and all equipment for a least 5 days; and
- Be sure to run the water out of the lower unit.

There are a multitude of exotic aquatic nuisance species that are of concern across the United States. The list of potential exotic species is long, but several species that are of immediate concern to Nebraska would be: zebra mussels, New Zealand mud snail, Asian clams, Eurasian water milfoil, curlyleaf pondweed, salt cedar (Tamarisk) purple loosestrife, phragmites, bighead carp, silver carp, snakehead, rusty crayfish, *Daphina lumhotzi* (zoophankton species), and Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia (VHS), a fish disease.

Once an exotic nuisance becomes established the cost to the environment is high as is the cost to control them.

LAKE MAPPING

Want a better understanding of the bottom contours of the lake you are fishing? Then check out our Web site **www.OutdoorNebraska.org**. Click on the Fishing icon then go to Fishing Programs and scroll down to Lake Mapping. Now you are ready to check out the various maps available for lakes. The list of lakes continues to grow, so be sure to check this site throughout the year.

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. Application forms are available from any Commission office, conservation officer or permit vendor, or are found in the Fishing Guide or on our Web site **wwwOutdoorNebraska.org**.

STATE RECORD RULES

1. Fish MUST be caught in accordance with Nebraska Fishing Regulations by rod and reel (not set/limb lines), underwater spear-fishing, surface spearing, or archery and MUST be taken from Nebraska waters.
2. Fish MUST be weighed on an accredited or certified scale. A commercial measuring tape or stick should be used to measure the fish. The fish should be measured, from the tip of the mouth (closed) to the tip of the tail (tail lobes pressed together) with the fish laying flat on the tape.
3. Only fish that exceed the current record by at least one ounce are eligible for a state record.
4. Two witnesses, one of which MUST be a permanent employee of the Commission, must witness the weighing and measuring of the fish and sign the application.
5. The angler MUST display a Nebraska fishing permit to the Commission employee that witnesses the weight.
6. 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 form. All photographs become the property of the Commission.
7. A Commission fisheries biologist MUST verify the species of fish. The fish MUST be preserved flat until the species is verified.
8. The Commission reserves the right to collect fish scale, tissue or spine samples to check fish identification, and to refuse any questionable application submitted.
9. The Commission reserves the right to revoke state records 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.
10. No fish caught from any aquaculture or commercial put-and-take facility is eligible.
11. The application must be submitted within 30 days of the date the fish is caught.

MASTER ANGLER RULES

1. All fish must be taken from Nebraska waters.
2. If a fish is caught from private waters, a valid fishing permit is required to receive the award.
3. Fish must be taken by hook-and-line. Fish caught on bank lines are not eligible. Fish must be legally hooked, played and landed by the applicant for the award.
4. The catch must be verified. This may be done by an employee of the Commission, a permit vendor, a witness or a photograph.

5. Anglers 16 years of age or older must possess a current Nebraska fishing permit and enter the permit number on the application.
6. Only fish immediately released are eligible for an award based on length. Any fish kept in a livewell or on a stringer must meet the minimum weight requirement to receive an award.
7. Anglers may receive only one award based on weight per year for each species. Catch-and-release awards are unlimited.
8. Anglers who release a Master Angler fish will receive a "Catch and Release Master Angler" pin in addition to the Master Angler certificate.
9. Minimum weights must be met to qualify for a Master Angler Award for a harvested fish.
10. Minimum lengths are used strictly for Master Angler Awards for a fish that was caught and released.

THE MINIMUM SIZE REQUIREMENTS ARE:

American Eel . . . . . 24 in. or 1lb.
Bass
- Largemouth . . . . . 20 in. or 5 lbs.
- Rock . . . . . 11 in. or 1 lb.
- Smallmouth . . . . . 18 in. or 3 lbs.
- Spotted . . . . . .18 in. or 3 lbs.
- Striped . . . . . 32 in. or 10 lbs.
- Striper (hybrid) . . . . . 24 in. or 8 lbs.
- White . . . . . .17 in. or 2.5 lbs.

Bluegill . . . . . .10 in. or 1 lb.

MASTER ANGLER / STATE RECORD APPLICATION

Please print legibly. See rules.

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Fishing Permit No. _____ Under 16 _____

Species of fish _____ Weight: ____ lbs. ____ oz. Length: in. _____

Date caught _____ Released: Yes _____ No _____

Name of lake or stream _____ County where located _____

Method of fishing: Rod & 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 & Parks Commission official species verification (for State Record only)

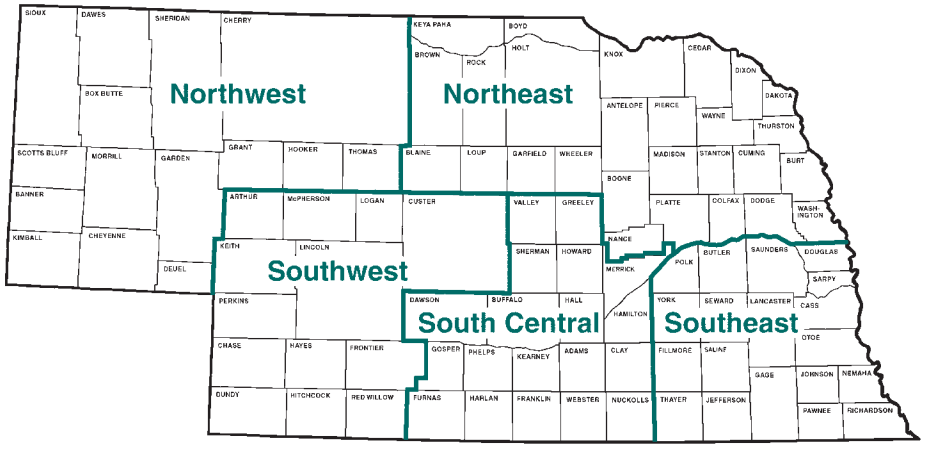
Species may be verified after State Record application is received. See State Record rules.

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

Buffalo . . . . . .26 in. or 10 lbs.
Bullhead . . . . . .15 in. or 2 lbs.
Burbot . . . . . .16 in. or 1 lb.
Carp . . . . . 32 in. or 15 lbs.
Catfish
  Blue . . . . . 40 in. or 30 lbs.
  Channel . . . . . 30 in. or 12 lbs.
  Flathead . . . . . 32 in. or 15 lbs.
Crappie . . . . . 15 in. or 2 lbs.
Drum . . . . . 22 in. or 5 lbs.
Gar . . . . . 40 in. or 8 lbs.
Goldeye . . . . . 16 in. or 1.5 lbs.
Muskellunge/Tiger Muskie . . . . 40 in. or 15 lbs.
Paddlefish . . . . . *45 in.
*From front of eye to natural fork of tail

Perch
  Yellow . . . . . 13 in. or 1.25 lbs.
  White . . . . . 12 in. or 1 lb.
Northern Pike . . . . . 36 in. or 10 lbs.
Sauger . . . . . .21 in. or 3 lbs.
Saugeye . . . . . .23 in. or 5 lbs.
Shovelnose Sturgeon . . . . . .28 in. or 2.5 lbs.
Sucker . . . . . 18 in. or 2 lbs.
Sunfish . . . . . 10 in. or 1 lb.
Trout
  Brook . . . . . 14 in. or 1 lb.
  Brown . . . . . 22 in. or 4 lbs.
  Rainbow . . . . . 23 in. or 5 lbs.
Walleye . . . . . 28 in. or 8 lbs.

Public Fishing Areas



How to use this guide

The Fisheries Division divides the state into five geographic regions, or management districts, with an office in each district. In this guide, lakes, rivers and streams are listed in alphabetical order within the district they are located. The five districts are; Northwest, Northeast, Southwest, South Central and Southeast.

NORTHWEST

The Northwest district is a large area that covers the Pine Ridge and North Platte Valley in the west, to most of the Sandhills region. It contain numerous natural Sandhills lakes and clear water streams and rivers. This area contains many of the state trout-supporting streams, along with several reservoirs and numerous Sandhills lakes that provide excellent walleye, muskie, channel catfish, northern pike, and panfish fishing opportunities.

Al Hanson,
Fisheries Supervisor
Alliance Office
(308)763-2940

Bessey Fish Pond (Thomas Co.) - 3 acres, 1W, 1/4S of Halsey - Bessey National Forest. Camping. Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass; rainbow trout stocked in October. No motorized boating. Fish cleaning station, fishing deck.

Big Alkali WMA (Cherry Co.) - 842 acres, 16S, 4W, 1½ S of Valentine. Bluegill, carp, channel catfish, black crappie, largemouth bass, northern pike, yellow perch. All boats allowed, ramp, camping, fishing camp. Snowmobiles and ATVs allowed on ice.

Boardman Creek (Cherry Co.) - 35SW of Valentine. Brown and rainbow trout. Private access, permission required.

Bourdeaux Creek (Dawes Co.) - SE of Chadron. Brook and brown trout. Public access on Big Bourdeaux Creek WMA.

Box Butte Reservoir SRA (Dawes Co.) - 1,600 acres, 10N of Hemingford. Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth and smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, yellow perch, rock bass. Northern pike - protected slot limit of 28 to 34 inches, daily bag limit of 10, only 1 of which may be more than 34 inches with possession limit being 20. Subject to severe summer drawdown; primitive camping and electrical hook-ups are available, all boats allowed.

Bridgeport SRA (Morrill Co.) - 78 acres, in 5 lakes, NW edge of Bridgeport. Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, walleye, yellow perch, rainbow trout (NW lake), wiper (middle lake). Channel catfish - daily bag limit of 3. Primitive camping; all boats allowed on the middle pit, all other pits restricted to electric motor and nonpowered boats.

Buffalo Creek WMA (Scotts Bluff Co.) - 7 acres, 4S, 1½W, 1S of Melbeta. Largemouth bass, yellow perch, crappie, channel catfish, rainbow trout. Access via 1-mile foot trail.

Carter P. Johnson Lake (Sioux Co.) - 15 acres, Fort Robinson SP. Cabins and camping. Rainbow trout, largemouth bass, rock bass, crappie, channel catfish. Electric motor and nonpowered boats allowed, wheelchair-accessible pier.

Chadron City Reservoirs (Dawes Co.) - 20 acres, in 2 ponds, 5½S of Chadron. Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, yellow perch, rainbow trout. Nonpowered boats allowed.

Chadron Creek (Dawes Co.) - S of Chadron. Brook and brown trout. Public access at Chadron State Park, otherwise private access, permission required.

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

Chappell Interstate Lake (Deuel Co.) - 30 acres, ½S of Chappell, I-80 Exit 85 - Wheatland Drive. Black crappie, bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, yellow perch.

Clear Lake (Cherry Co.) - 425 acres, 16S, 6W, 8S of Valentine to Refuge H.Q. Black bullhead, bluegill, northern pike, largemouth bass, yellow perch. Northern pike - 28 inch maximum length. Possession of baitfish prohibited, dead smelt allowed. Possession of fish not taken from refuge waters unlawful. No camping. Electric motor and nonpowered boats allowed. Refuge open sunrise to sunset. Dense vegetation in summer.

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

Cottonwood-Steverson Lake WMA (Cherry Co.) - 680 acres, 30N, 2E of Hyannis. Bluegill, largemouth bass, yellow perch, muskellunge, carp, walleye, black crappie. Concrete boat ramp, boats restricted to 5mph (no wake). Snowmobiles and ATVs allowed on ice.

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

Defair Lake WMA (Grant Co.) - 70 acres, 1E, 2S, ½E of Hyannis. Largemouth bass, yellow perch. Shallow lake.

Dewey Lake (Cherry Co.) - 550 acres, 16S, 6W, 8S of Valentine to Refuge H.Q. Bluegill, largemouth bass, northern pike, yellow perch. Northern pike – 28-inch maximum length. Possession of baitfish prohibited, dead smelt allowed. Possession of fish not taken from refuge waters unlawful. No camping allowed. Electric motor and nonpowered boats. Refuge open sunrise to sunset. Dense vegetation in summer.

Dismal River (Blaine Co.) - Brown and rainbow trout, channel catfish, carp. Private access, permission required.

Dry Sheep Creek (Sioux Co.) - NW of Morrill. Brown and rainbow trout. Private access, permission required.

Dry Spotted Tail Creek (Sioux Co.) - NW of Mitchell. Brown and rainbow trout. Private access, permission required.

Duck Lake (Cherry Co.) - 66 acres, 16S, 6W, 8S of Valentine to Refuge H.Q. Bluegill, bullhead, largemouth bass, yellow perch. Possession of baitfish prohibited, dead smelt allowed. Possession of fish not taken from refuge waters unlawful. No camping. Electric motor and nonpowered boats allowed. Refuge open sunrise to sunset. Dense vegetation in summer.

East Hyannis Lake (Avocet WMA) (Grant Co.) - 120 acres, 1E of Hyannis. Largemouth bass, yellow perch. Shallow lake, dense vegetation in summer.

Fairfield Creek (Cherry Co.) - 8N, 2E of Wood Lake to forks or 2½ W of Norden Road on S side of Niobrara River to mouth of creek. Brown and rainbow trout. Private access, permission required, vehicle access difficult, most areas accessible by long hike.

Frye Lake WMA (Grant Co.) - 243 acres, 1N, 1½ E of Hyannis. Bluegill, largemouth bass, yellow perch, channel catfish, walleye, black crappie. Panfish - daily bag limit of 10. No live baitfish can be used or possessed. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake).

Gilbert-Baker Pond (Sioux Co.) - 2 acres, 10 N of Harrison. Rainbow trout. Located on the east portion of Gilbert-Baker WMA.

Goldeneye WMA (Deuel Co.) - 17 acres, 1S, 3W of Big Springs. Black crappie, bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, yellow perch.

Grabel Ponds (Dawes Co.) - 6 acres, in 4 ponds, Fort Robinson SP. Cabins and camping. Rainbow trout, largemouth bass, bluegill, rock bass, channel catfish.

Greenwood Creek (Morrill Co.) - SE of Bridgeport. Brown and rainbow trout. Private access, permission required.

Hackberry Lake (Cherry Co.) - 680 acres, 16S, 6W, 8S of Valentine to Refuge H.Q. Bluegill, largemouth bass, yellow perch. Possession of baitfish prohibited, dead smelt allowed. Possession of fish not taken from refuge waters unlawful. No camping allowed. Electric motor and nonpowered boats allowed. Refuge open sunrise to sunset. Dense vegetation in summer.

Hat Creek (Sioux Co.) - NE of Harrison. Brook trout. Private access, permission required.

Home Valley Lake (Cherry Co.) - 220 acres, 30N, 2½E, 1N of Hyannis. Bluegill, largemouth bass, yellow perch, black crappie, walleye, carp. Part of the Cottonwood-Steverson WMA. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake), portage route from Cottonwood-Steverson Lake. Snowmobiles and ATVs allowed on ice. Access to the north side of lake via private property, permission is required.

Hudson Lake (Cherry Co.) - 160 acres, 15S, 8W, 1N of Valentine. Largemouth bass, bluegill, yellow perch. Private lake, open to the public for ice-fishing only.

Ice House Ponds (Dawes Co.) - 6 acres, in 3 ponds, Fort Robinson SP. Cabins and camping. Largemouth bass, bluegill.

Isham Dam (Sheridan Co.) - 26 acres, NW of Hay Springs. Bluegill, bullhead, largemouth bass, yellow perch, crappie, channel catfish. Private lake, permission required; all boats allowed.

Island Lake (Garden Co.) - 711 acres, Crescent Lake National Wildlife Refuge, 22N of Oshkosh. Bluegill, crappie, largemouth bass, yellow perch. Panfish - daily bag limit of 10. No baitfish allowed, only dead smelt. No camping; electric motor and nonpowered boats allowed; area open one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset.

Laing Lake (Box Butte Co.) - 10 acres, Alliance, W. 18th St. and Box Butte Ave. Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section.

Lake Minatare SRA (Scotts Bluff Co.) - 2,100 acres, 12NE of Scottsbluff. Channel catfish, crappie, smallmouth bass, white bass, walleye, wiper, yellow perch. Waters within 150 feet of the dam are closed to fishing from sunset to sunrise March 1 through April 30. Camping; all boats allowed; closed Oct. 15-Jan. 14 or as posted. Subject to severe drawdowns.

Lake Winters Creek (Scotts Bluff Co.) - 235 acres, N of Minatare. Channel catfish, yellow perch, bluegill, largemouth bass. Electric motor and nonpowered boats allowed; closed Oct. 15-Jan 14, or as posted. Area is open sunrise to sunset only. Subject to severe drawdowns.

Larabee Creek (Sheridan Co.) - N of Rushville. Brook and rainbow trout. Private access, permission required.

Lodgepole Creek (Kimball Co.) - Kimball to Wyoming border. Brown and rainbow trout. Private access, permission required. Subject to low water or no water.

Merritt Reservoir SRA & WMA (Cherry Co.) - 2,900 acres, 26SW of Valentine. Bluegill, yellow perch, bullhead, channel catfish, black crappie, largemouth and smallmouth bass, muskellunge, northern pike, walleye, white bass, yellow perch, carp. Walleye - daily bag limit of 4 may include one walleye from 15 through 18 inches and three over 18 inches or four over 18 inches but no more than one over 22 inches in length allowed in the daily bag. Channel catfish - daily bag limit of 5. All boats allowed. Modern and primitive camping.

Middle Loup River (Hooker and Thomas Co.) - Upper river - brown and rainbow trout, Lower river - carp, channel catfish. Private access, permission required.

Minnechaduza Creek (Cherry Co.) - Valentine, below hatchery supply and in Valentine City Park. Rainbow trout seasonally.

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

Morrill Sandpits (Scotts Bluff Co.) - 25 acres, in 3 lakes, 3S of Morrill. Black crappie, bluegill, largemouth bass, rainbow trout, yellow perch, channel catfish. County owned, permission required, check with the City of Morrill. No boating or camping allowed. South and Middle sandpits renovated and restocked in 2007.

Ninemile Creek (Scotts Bluff Co.) - Brown and rainbow trout. Public access at Nine Mile Creek WMA 3 E of Minatare. Walk-in access SE of WMA and 1E 2N 1E of Minatare, otherwise permission required.

Niobrara River (Sioux and Dawes Co.) - Brown and rainbow trout. Private access, permission required. Extremely low water in summer. Public access on Agate Fossil Beds National Monument.

North Loup River (Cherry Co.) - Upper river - brown and rainbow trout, Lower river - carp, channel catfish. Private access, permission required.

Oliver Reservoir SRA (Kimball Co.) - 270 acres, 10W of Kimball. Bluegill, crappie, largemouth bass, yellow perch, walleye, channel catfish, carp, muskellunge. Primitive camping, all boats allowed, wheelchair-accessible pier. Subject to low water.

Pelican Lake (Cherry Co.) - 798 acres, 16S, 6W, 8S of Valentine to Refuge H.Q. Bullhead, bluegill, largemouth bass, northern pike, yellow perch. Northern pike - 28-inch maximum length. Possession of baitfish prohibited, dead smelt allowed. Possession of fish not taken from refuge waters unlawful. No camping. Electric motor and nonpowered boats allowed. Refuge open sunrise to sunset. Dense vegetation in summer.

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

Rat and Beaver WMA (Cherry Co.) - 450 acres, in 2 lakes, 30S, 7W of Valentine. Bullhead, crappie, bluegill, carp, northern pike, yellow perch. Primitive boat ramp.

Red Willow Creek (Morrill Co.) - E of Bayard. Brown and rainbow trout. Private access, permission required.

Schlagel Creek WMA (Schlagel Creek) (Cherry Co.) - 16S, 4W, 4N of Valentine. Brown trout. Private access, permission required except on Schlagel Creek WMA.

Schoolhouse Lake (Cherry Co.) - 105 acres, 24S of Nenzel. Black crappie, bluegill, bullhead, largemouth bass. Private access, permission required.

Sheep Creek (Sioux Co.) - NW of Morrill. Brown and rainbow trout. Private access, permission required.

Shell Lake WMA (Cherry Co.) - 160 acres, 3N, 4E, 8N of Gordon. Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, northern pike, yellow perch. Aquatic vegetation hampers summer fishing. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Snowmobiles and ATVs allowed on ice.

Silvernail Drain (Morrill Co.) - E of Northport. Brown and rainbow trout. Private access, permission required.

Smith Lake (Garden Co.) - 225 acres, Crescent Lake National Wildlife Refuge, 26N of Oshkosh. Bluegill, black crappie, largemouth bass, yellow perch. Panfish-daily bag limit of 10. No baitfish allowed, only dead smelt. No camping. Open to fishing Nov. 1-Feb. 15. Fishing allowed during daylight hours only. Fisherman must be off the lake no later than 1 hour after sunset. No boats or float tubes allowed.

Smith Lake WMA (Sheridan Co.) - 290 acres, 23S of Rushville. Bluegill, black crappie, bullhead, largemouth bass, yellow perch, northern pike, walleye. Panfish-daily bag limit of 10. Primitive camping, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Handicap accessible concrete boat ramp.

Snake River (Upper Reach) (Cherry Co.) - near Gordon. Brown and rainbow trout. Private access, permission required.

Soldier Creek (Dawes Co.) - 3W of Crawford. Brook, rainbow and brown trout. Public access at Fort Robinson State Park and Soldier Creek Wilderness Area.

Sowbelly Creek (Sioux Co.) - NE of Harrison. Brook and brown trout. Private access, permission required.

Spotted Tail Creek (Scotts Bluff Co.) - NW of Mitchell. Brown and rainbow trout. Private access, permission required.

Stuckenhole Creek (Scotts Bluff Co.) - W of Bayard. Brown and rainbow trout. Private access, permission required.

Terry's Pit (Scotts Bluff Co.) - 7 acres, Terrytown. Largemouth bass, channel catfish, rainbow trout.

Tub Springs (Sioux Co.) - NE of Mitchell. Brown and rainbow trout. Private access, permission required.

Valentine Mill Pond (Cherry Co.) - 20 acres, north edge of Valentine. Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish.

Walgren Lake SRA (Sheridan Co.) - 100 acres, 5SE of Hay Springs. Bluegill, crappie, bullhead, largemouth bass, northern pike, walleye, yellow perch, channel catfish. Primitive camping; boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake), wheelchair-accessible fishing pier.

Watts Lake (Cherry Co.) - 230 acres, 16S, 6W, 8S of Valentine to Refuge H.Q. Bluegill, largemouth bass, muskellunge, yellow perch. Possession of baitfish prohibited, dead smelt allowed. Possession of fish not taken from refuge waters unlawful. No camping allowed. Electric motor and nonpowered boats allowed. Refuge open sunrise to sunset. Dense vegetation in summer.

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

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

White River (Dawes Co.) - W of Fort Robinson. Cabins and camping. Brown and rainbow trout. Public access at Fort Robinson State Park, otherwise private access, permission required.

Whitney Lake (Dawes Co.) - 900 acres, 1½W of Whitney. Channel catfish, crappie, walleye, yellow perch, white bass. Private irrigation reservoir, access limited. Subject to drawdowns. Public boat ramp on SE corner of the lake.

Wildhorse Creek (Morrill Co.) - N of Bayard. Brown trout. Private access, permission required.

Winters Creek (Scotts Bluff Co.) - NE of Scottsbluff. Brown and rainbow trout. Private access, permission required.

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

NORTHEAST

The Northeast district ranges from the Missouri River to the eastern edge of the Sandhills, thus containing fishing areas such as Lewis and Clark Lake and Calamus Reservoir. This area provides diverse fishing opportunity that includes species such as smallmouth bass, sauger and paddlefish along with some excellent walleye, largemouth bass, northern pike, flathead catfish, channel catfish and panfish. Quality trout streams such as Long Pine and Verdigre Creek are also in this area of the state along with many medium-size reservoirs.

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Atkinson SRA (Holt Co.) - 5 acres, ½W of Atkinson. Bluegill, channel catfish, carp, largemouth bass, northern pike. Primitive camping, electrical hookups. Elkhorn River access.

Bazile Creek WMA (Missouri River) (Knox Co.) - 4E, 1½N of Niobrara, river mile 838.8. Carp, channel and flathead catfish, smallmouth bass, northern pike, sauger, walleye. Walleye and sauger - 15-inch minimum length. Gravel road to ramp gets muddy with heavy rains, ramp subject to flooding.

Black Island WMA (Elkhorn River) (Cuming Co.) - 2½E of Pilger on county road. Carp, channel and flathead catfish.

Boyer Chute National Wildlife Refuge (Washington Co.) - 3½E of Fort Calhoun. Restored channel off the Missouri River. Channel catfish, flathead catfish, common carp and other riverine species. Ice fishing is not allowed. No more than two lines with two hooks on each line maybe used. Trot lines, bank lines, set lines and float lines are prohibited. Archery and spearfishing are permitted for rough fish only. Digging or seining for bait is not allowed. Collecting and/or possession of frogs, toads, turtles and clams are not allowed. All water craft are prohibited in the Boyer Chute waterway. Check with refuge for additional regulations. Open a half-hour before sunrise to a half-hour after sunset.

Brooky Bottom Park (Missouri River) (Cedar Co.) - 4NE of Wynot, river mile 784.9. Carp, channel and flathead catfish, freshwater drum, paddlefish, sauger, walleye. Concrete boat ramp.

Buckskin Hills Lake WMA (Dixon Co.) - 75 acres, 2W, 3S, ½W of Newcastle. Bluegill, crappie, channel catfish, largemouth bass, walleye. Largemouth bass - 21-inch minimum length. Primitive camping; boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Owned by Lewis and Clark NRD.

Burwell Lake (Ladybird) (Garfield Co.) - 3 acres, 1E of Burwell. Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish.

Calamus Reservoir SRA (Garfield and Loup Co.) - 5,200 acres, 2W, 5NW of Burwell. Channel catfish, black crappie, northern pike, muskellunge, walleye, wiper, yellow perch, white bass, carp. Channel catfish - daily bag limit of 5. Walleye - daily bag limit of 4 may include one walleye from 15 through 18 inches and three over 18 inches or four over 18 inches, but no more than one walleye over 22 inches in length allowed in the daily bag. Modern/primitive camping; boating on upper lake restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Fish-cleaning stations at Homestead Knolls and Nunda Shoals.

Calamus River (Brown and Loup Co.) - Brown Co. and Loup Co.. Carp, channel catfish, northern pike. Private access, permission required; canoe sites and camping.

Carney Pond (Holt Co.) - 2½ acres, O'Neill City Lake, ½S on Hwy 281. Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish. Fishery renovated and restocked in 2007.

Chalkrock Lake WMA (Cedar Co.) - 44 acres, 5N, 1½E of Hwy 81 and 12 Jct. Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish. No live baitfish can be used or possessed. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake).

Columbus Hospital Pond (Platte Co.) - Columbus, 38th St. and 41st Ave. Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section. Handicap-accessible deck. City developing park facilities around this new lake.

Cottonwood Lake (Lake Yankton) (Cedar Co.) - 250 acres, Below Gavins Point Dam, north side of river. Camping. Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, northern pike, walleye. Largemouth bass - 15-inch minimum length. Border water area with South Dakota, open to Nebraska permit holders. Electric motor and nonpowered boats allowed. Fish-cleaning station SW corner of lake.

Cozad Lake (South Pine WMA) (Brown Co.) - 80 acres, 11S, 2W of Long Pine. Bluegill, yellow perch, largemouth bass.

Crystal Cove Lake (Dakota Co.) - 30 acres, NE of Hwy 20 and 77 intersection in South Sioux City, entrance on W. 39th St. Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish, northern pike, rainbow trout stocked seasonally - daily bag limit of 8 trout. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section. Electric motor and nonpowered boats allowed, wheelchair-accessible pier.

Cub Creek Lake (Keya Paha Co.) - 27 acres, 8½ W of Springview. Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, yellow perch, black crappie. Electric motor and nonpower boats allowed; primitive camping; NRD-owned lake.

Dead Timber SRA (Dodge Co.) - 20 acres, 5NW of Scribner, 1½E. Bullhead, carp, channel and flathead catfish, largemouth bass, bluegill, crappie. Electric motor and nonpowered boats allowed. Modern and primitive camping.

Decatur Boat Ramp (Missouri River) (Burt Co.) - South of Hwy. 51 bridge. Carp, channel and flathead catfish, freshwater drum.

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

Dismal River (Hooker and Thomas Co.) – Brown and rainbow trout, channel catfish, carp. Private access, permission required.

Dry Creek WMA (Elkhorn River) (Holt Co.) - 1½SE of O'Neill. Carp, channel and flathead catfish. Elkhorn River access.

East Branch Verdigre Creek (Grove Lake WMA) (Antelope Co.) - NE of Royal above Grove Lake. Brown and rainbow trout. Public access available as posted, rainbow trout stocked on weekly basis.

Ferry Landing (Missouri River) (Knox Co.) - 2½E, 1½N of Niobrara, river mile 841. Carp, channel and flathead catfish, northern pike, sauger, walleye. Walleye and sauger - 15-inch minimum length. Boat ramp.

Fremont Lakes SRA (Dodge Co.) - 280 acres, in 19 lakes, 3W of Fremont. Bluegill, bullhead, carp, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, muskellunge (Nos. 2, 7 8, and 20), wipers (No. 15). Panfish - daily bag limit of 10; Channel catfish - daily bag limit of 3; Muskellunge - 40-inch minimum length; bullheads - daily bag limit of 5. Catchable bullheads stocked into No. 3 and trout seasonally stocked in No. 5 - daily bag limit of 8 trout. Gas-powered boating on Victory Lake and Lake No. 20 only, all other lakes electric motor and nonpowered boats allowed. Modern and primitive camping.

Gavins Point Dam Tailwaters (Missouri River) (Cedar Co.) - 1S, 4W of Yankton, S.D. Camping. Buffalo, carp, channel and flathead catfish, white bass, crappie, freshwater drum, paddlefish, smallmouth bass, sauger, walleye, goldeye. Paddlefish - see paddlefish section of guide for regulations. All boats allowed; wheelchair-accessible deck. Fish-cleaning stations available (north and south sides). From Gavins Point Dam to 0.6 miles downstream, a nonresident Nebraska fishing license is required of anglers who are not residents of Nebraska or South Dakota when fishing from a boat or either bank.

George Syas WMA (Loup River) (Platte Co.) - 2S, 1½E of Genoa. Carp, channel catfish.

Goose Lake (Holt Co.) - 237 acres, 18N, 5E of Bartlett. Largemouth bass, bluegill, northern pike, yellow perch. Northern pike - 28- to 34-inch protected slot limit. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake).

Gracie Creek (Loup Co.) - N side of Calamus Reservoir. Rainbow trout. Private access except for approximately 200 yards upstream of Gracie Creek pond, permission required on private land.

Gracie Creek Pond (Loup Co.) - 2 acres, N side of Calamus Reservoir-12N, 4E of Taylor. Rainbow trout, carp. Put-and-take trout stocking, wheelchair-accessible deck. Modern and primitive camping.

Grove Lake (Antelope Co.) - 50 acres, 2N of Royal. Bluegill, bullhead, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, northern pike, rainbow trout seasonally. Northern pike - 30-inch minimum length. Primitive camping allowed. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake).

Hackberry Creek WMA (Elkhorn River) (Antelope Co.) - 1½E, ½N of Clearwater. Carp, channel and flathead catfish.

Hull Lake (Boyd Co.) - 6 acres, ½W, 2S 1W 1¼S of Butte. Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, crappie.

Johnson Park Lake (Dodge Co.) - 10 acres, 1 E of Fremont. Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section. Paved boat ramp, electric motor and nonpowered boats allowed.

Keller Park SRA (Brown Co.) - 7 acres, in 5 ponds, 11S of Springview. Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, rainbow trout. Pond Nos. 4 and 5 have catchable trout. Primitive camping.

Lake Babcock (Platte Co.) - 600 acres, 1W, 3N of Columbus. Bullhead, carp, channel and flathead catfish. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). May be closed to boating during waterfowl season. Shallow lake, owned by Loup Public Power.

Lake Ericson (Wheeler Co.) - 70 acres, ½S of Ericson. Largemouth bass, bluegill, carp, channel catfish, crappie, northern pike. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake), boat ramp in NW corner. Lake and dam managed by Lake Ericson Corporation.

Lake North (Platte Co.) - 200 acres, 3N of Columbus. Carp, channel catfish, crappie, freshwater drum, walleye. Camping; shallow lake. Owned by Loup Public Power, all boats allowed.

Lewis and Clark Lake SRA (Knox Co.) - 30,000 acres, 7N, 4W of Crofton. Carp, channel catfish, crappie, freshwater drum, sauger, walleye, white bass, smallmouth bass. Walleye and sauger - 15-inch minimum length. No more than two lines with two hooks on each are allowed from Gavins Point Dam upstream to the Santee boat ramp in Knox Co.. All boats allowed. Boat ramps available at Bloomfield Area, Hideaway Acres Marina, Weigand and Burbach Park, and Miller Creek Area. Cabins and camping.

Long Lake SRA (Brown Co.) - 155 acres, 8½W, 21S of Ainsworth. Bullhead, northern pike, yellow perch. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Primitive camping.

Long Pine Creek (Brown Co.) - Brown and rainbow trout. Public access at Long Pine SRA, camping (1/2NW of Long Pine). Long Pine WMA - (1N, ¼W of Long Pine), and Pine Glen WMA (2E, 8¼N of Long Pine). Remainder of stream is private access, permission required.

Looking Glass WMA (Platte Co.) - 7 acres, in 2 lakes, 1S of Monroe. Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass.

Loup River Diversion Canal, Loup River (Nance and Platte Co.) - Genoa to Columbus. Carp, channel and flathead catfish, freshwater drum. Tailrace at Columbus, stilling basin W of Genoa, and tailwaters below Monroe and Columbus powerhouses most productive.

Maskenthine Reservoir (Stanton Co.) - 98 acres, 2NW of Stanton. Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, northern pike, walleye. Northern pike - 30-inch minimum length. Camping. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake); wheelchair-accessible pier. Owned by Lower Elkhorn NRD.

Middle Loup River (Blaine Co.) - Upper river - brown and rainbow trout, Lower river - carp, channel catfish. Public access at Milburn diversion; remainder of stream is private access, permission required.

Milburn Diversion (Middle Loup River) (Blaine Co.) - 2 NW of Milburn. Carp, channel catfish.

Missouri River (Federal access areas) - Nebraska shoreline of river. Buffalo, carp, channel and flathead catfish, freshwater drum, smallmouth bass, paddlefish, sauger, walleye. Walleye and sauger - 15-inch minimum length from Gavins Point Dam upstream to South Dakota border. Camping available. Area boundaries posted, river miles 691.3-691.9, 693.0-693.4, 694.5-695.3, 695.2-697.4, 697.7-699.6, 701.1-701.5.

Mulberry Bend WMA (Missouri River) (Dixon Co.) - 1E of Maskell on Hwy 12 and 2½N. Carp, channel catfish, largemouth and smallmouth bass, paddlefish, northern pike, sauger, walleye. Concrete ramp.

Neligh Park (West Point Park Pond) (Cuming Co.) - Adjacent to Cuming Co. fairgrounds. Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section.

Niobrara River (Brown, Keya Paha, Rock and Boyd Co.) - Channel catfish, sauger, carp. Private access, permission required.

Niobrara SP (Knox Co.) - 7 acres, in 2 ponds, 1W of Niobrara. Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish, rainbow trout stocked seasonally - daily bag limit of 8 trout. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section. No boats. Niobrara River access. Cabins and camping.

Niobrara Townsite Boat Ramp (Missouri River) (Knox Co.) - N of old Niobrara townsite on county road, river mile 844.0. Buffalo, carp, crappie, northern pike, sauger, smallmouth bass, walleye. Walleye and sauger - 15-inch minimum length. Double-wide concrete ramps - not usable during periods of low water levels; ample parking.

North Loup River (Blaine, Loup and Garfield Co.) - Upper river - brown and rainbow trout, Lower river - carp, channel catfish. Public access at Kent Diversion Dam WMA, 5 1/2E of Taylor; otherwise private access, permission required.

Overton Lake (Holt Co.) - 135 acres, 21S, 5E of Newport. Largemouth bass, yellow perch, bluegill. Leased for ice-fishing only, open Dec. 1 through March 15. Closed to public use the remainder of the year.

Pawnee Park East (Platte Co.) - 2 acres, Columbus - south edge, use west park entrance then cross under Hwy 81 on park road. Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, rainbow trout stocked seasonally - daily bag limit of 8 trout. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section.

Pawnee Park West (Platte Co.) - 2 acres, Columbus - south edge, west side of Hwy 81, south off 8th St. Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section.

Pelican Point SRA (Missouri River) (Burt Co.) - 5E, 4N of Tekamah, river mile 672.8. Buffalo, carp, channel and flathead catfish, freshwater drum, sauger, walleye. Public boat ramp, primitive camping.

Penn Park Lake (Antelope Co.) - 8 acres, Neligh city lake, southeast of the Hwy 14 and Hwy 275 interchange. Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, carp. City regulations in place. Largemouth bass - catch and release.

Pibel Lake SRA (Wheeler Co.) - 20 acres, 9S, 1E of Bartlett. Bluegill, bullhead, channel catfish, largemouth bass. Panfish - daily bag limit of 10; Channel catfish - daily bag limit of 3. No live baitfish can be used or possessed. Primitive camping; boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake).

Pine Glen WMA (Brown Co.) – 960 acres, 2E, 8¼N from Long Pine. Brown and rainbow trout. Access to Long Pine Creek by hike to bottom of canyon.

Plum Creek (Brown Co.) - W of Johnstown. Brown and rainbow trout. Public access at Bobcat WMA (10N, 1W, ½N of Ainsworth) and Plum Creek Valley WMA (½W of Johnston on Hwy 20, 1.25 S on county road). Remainder of stream is private access, permission required. One-acre pond on Plum Creek Valley WMA is stocked with rainbow trout.

Ponca State Park (Missouri River) (Dixon Co.) -, 2½N of Ponca, river mile 753.5. Carp, channel and flathead catfish, freshwater drum, smallmouth bass, paddlefish, sauger, walleye. Concrete ramp. Cabins and camping.

Powder Creek Reservoir (Dixon Co.) - 107 acres, 2E, 4S of Newcastle. Largemouth bass, bluegill, bullhead, northern pike, walleye, channel catfish. Largemouth bass - 21-inch minimum length; boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake).

Powder Horn WMA (Elkhorn River) (Dodge Co.) - 4NW of Scribner on Hwy 275. Carp, channel and flathead catfish.

Prairie Wolf WMA (Loup River) (Nance Co.) - 1S of Genoa. Carp, channel catfish.

Red Fox WMA (Stanton Co.) - 25 acres, sandpit, 1½S of Pilger on Hwy 15. Bluegill, carp, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake), primitive boat ramp.

Red Fox WMA (Elkhorn River) (Stanton Co.) - 1S of Pilger on Hwy 15. Carp, channel and flathead catfish.

Red Wing WMA (Elkhorn River) (Antelope Co.) - 5SW of Neligh. Carp, channel and flathead catfish.

Scenic Park Access (Missouri River) (Dakota Co.) - ½E of Hwy 77 bridge near S. Sioux City, river mile 732.0. Carp, channel and flathead catfish, freshwater drum. Concrete boat ramp.

Schuyler City Lake (Colfax Co.) - 18 acres, Schuyler - south edge off Hwy 15 on Higgins Drive. Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish. Seepage problem. Potential future rehabilitation project, limited opportunity.

Skyview Lake (Madison Co.) - 50 acres, Norfolk - north of Business Hwy 275, W of Hwy 81 on Maple Avenue. Largemouth bass, bluegill, walleye, channel catfish. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section. No live baitfish can be used or possessed. Wheelchair-accessible deck, electric motor or nonpowered boats allowed.

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

St. Helena Access (Missouri River) (Cedar Co.) - 6½E, 1N of Hwy 81 & 121 Jct. Channel and flathead catfish, paddlefish, freshwater drum, sauger, walleye. Concrete boat ramp.

Steel Creek (Holt Co.) - Brown and rainbow trout. Private access, permission required.

Summit Lake SRA (Burt Co.) - 190 acres, 4 ½W, ½S of Tekamah. Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish, walleye. Panfish - daily bag limit of 10; Channel catfish - daily bag limit of 3; boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake), fish-cleaning station. Camping.

Sunshine Bottoms (Missouri River) (Boyd Co.) - 3E, 4N of Lynch. Carp, channel catfish, freshwater drum, goldeye, sauger, smallmouth bass, walleye. Boat ramp.

Swan Lake (Holt Co.) - 235 acres, 26S, ½W of Atkinson. Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, yellow perch. Primitive boat ramp, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Private lake leased for fishing only.

TaHaZouka Park Lake (Madison Co.) - 5 acres, Norfolk - south edge of Norfolk just east of Hwy 81 and just north of the Elkhorn River. Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish, rainbow trout stocked seasonally - daily bag limit of 8 trout. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section. No live baitfish can be used or possessed.

Tilden City Pond (Antelope Co.) - 1 acre, Tilden - Horseshoe Bend Memorial Park - SW corner of town on 5th St. Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section. Additional city regulations.

Tower Lake (Yellowthroat WMA) (Brown Co.) - 75 acres, 12½S, 1½E of Ainsworth. Bluegill, largemouth bass, yellow perch, black crappie.

Twin Lakes WMA (Rock Co.) - 160 acres, 16S, 2½E, 2S of Bassett. Black crappie, largemouth bass, northern pike, bluegill, yellow perch. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake), primitive boat ramp. Fish renovation completed in 2007 and restocked.

Verdel Landing WMA (Missouri River) (Knox Co.) - 2E, 2N of Verdel. Carp, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth and smallmouth bass, northern pike. Walleye and sauger - 15-inch minimum length limit. Double wide boat ramp, ample parking.

Whitetail WMA (Platte River) (Colfax Co.) - ½W of Schuyler on Hwy. 30, 3S on county road. Carp, channel and flathead catfish, sauger.

Wilkinson WMA (Platte Co.) - 1 acre, in 2 ponds, 1½S of Platte Center. Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish.

Willow Creek SRA (Pierce Co.) - 700 acres, 2SW of Pierce. Bluegill, bullhead, channel catfish, crappie, carp, largemouth bass, walleye, sauger, wiper. Wiper - daily bag limit of 3, with no more than 1 fish 18 inches or greater. Wheelchair-accessible dock. Boats restricted to 5mph (no wake) on west half of lake. Modern and primitive camping.

Willow Lake WMA (Brown Co.) - 313 acres, 18½S 12½W, 1N of Ainsworth. Bluegill, bullhead, carp, black crappie, largemouth bass, yellow perch. Primitive camping; boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake); snowmobiles and ATVs allowed on ice.

Wood Duck WMA (Stanton Co.) - 50 acres, 3 SW of Stanton. Carp, channel and flathead catfish, largemouth bass, crappie. Elkhorn River access. Access road to river closed during hunting season, shallow lakes and oxbow marshes open to fishing in new addition.

Yellowbanks WMA (Elkhorn River) (Madison Co.) - 3N, 2½W of Battle Creek. Carp, channel and flathead catfish.

SOUTHWEST

The Southwest district contains the majority of the state's larger irrigation reservoirs and their related canal systems. These areas provide excellent fishing opportunities for channel catfish, flathead catfish, walleye, white bass and smallmouth bass. Numerous smaller lakes provide fishing opportunities for largemouth bass, channel catfish and panfish.

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Ansley Lake (Custer Co.) - 4 acres, Ansley - west edge of town off Hwy 2. Bluegill, crappie, channel catfish, largemouth bass. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section. No live baitfish can be used or possessed. Improved boat ramp, electric motor or nonpowered boats allowed.

Arnold Lake SRA (Custer Co.) - 4 acres, ½S of Arnold, west side of Hwy 40. Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass. Rainbow trout stocked seasonally - daily bag limit of 8 trout. Dense aquatic vegetation in summer.

Barnett Park Pond (Red Willow Co.) - 5 acres, S edge McCook off Hwy 83. Bluegill, largemouth bass, channel catfish, rainbow trout stocked seasonally - daily bag limit of 8 trout. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section. Electric motor or nonpowered boats allowed. Area flooded in spring of 2007.

Birdwood WMA (Lincoln Co.) - 20 acres, North Platte interchange, ½S, 3½W, 1N, NW across overpass. Channel catfish, largemouth and rock bass, bluegill, yellow perch; rainbow trout stocked seasonally - daily bag limit of 8 trout. Electric motor or nonpowered boats allowed.

Brady Interchange WMA (Lincoln Co.) - 25 acres, Brady interchange, SE quadrant. Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass. Electric motor or nonpowered boats allowed. Renovated and restocked in 2006.

Chester Island WMA (Lincoln Co.) - 4 acres, in 4 pits, 2S, ½W of Brady. Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass. No boats.

CNPPID Canal (Tri County) (Lincoln Co.) - North Platte to Lexington. Channel and flathead catfish, walleye, white bass, wiper, smallmouth bass. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake).

Crystal Lake (Lincoln Co.) - 7 acres, Maxwell interchange, ¾N, 2W, ½N, 3½W, ½S across overpass. Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass. Electric motor or nonpowered boats allowed.

Curtis Golf Course Pond (Frontier Co.) - 1.7 acres, E edge of Curtis, Hwy 23 and Arrowhead Meadows Drive. Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish, rainbow trout stocked seasonally - daily bag limit of 8 trout. Rehabitated in 2008, should offer good fishing in future years. Area being improved and developed by the community.

Diamond Bar (McPherson Co.) - 120 acres, 18W 3S Tryon. Largemouth bass, northern pike, bullhead, yellow perch, bluegill, black crappie. Shallow Sandhills lake, privately owned, but managed by the Commission and open to the public for fishing. Electric motor or nonpowered boats allowed.

Dismal River (Custer Co.) - Upper river - brown and rainbow trout, Lower river - carp, channel catfish. Public access at Arcadia diversion; remainder of stream is private access, permission required.

East Hershey WMA (Lincoln Co.) - 20 acres, North Platte interchange, 1/2S, 7 3/4W, 1½N, NE across overpass. Channel catfish, largemouth bass, bluegill, yellow perch, rock bass. Electric motor or nonpowered boats allowed.

East Sutherland WMA (Lincoln Co.) - 27 acres, Hershey interchange, ¼S, 3W, ½N, NE across overpass. Northern pike, channel catfish, hybrid sunfish, largemouth and rock bass, yellow perch, bluegill. Electric motor or nonpowered boats allowed.

Enders Reservoir SRA (Chase Co.) - 1,200 acres, 5E, 4½S of Imperial. Channel and flathead catfish, largemouth and smallmouth bass, crappie, walleye, white bass, wiper, northern pike, carp. Northern pike - 30-inch minimum length. Primitive camping; all boats allowed, severe summer drawdown. It is unlawful to fish or boat inside the game refuge during the waterfowl hunting season.

Fort McPherson DOR (Lincoln Co.) - 30 acres, Maxwell interchange, SE quadrant. Rock bass, bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass. Electric motor and nonpowered boats allowed.

Fremont Slough WMA (Lincoln Co.) - 30 acres, North Platte interchange, 1½S, 4¾E, ¼N, right turn across canal, ¼N under overpass. Bluegill, channel catfish, carp, largemouth bass. Electric motor or nonpowered boats allowed.

Frenchman WMA (Hayes Co.) - 20 acres, in 3 pits, ½N of Palisade. Crappie, bluegill, channel catfish, northern pike, largemouth bass. Electric motor or nonpowered boats allowed.

Hayes Center Lake WMA (Hayes Co.) - 50 acres, 12NE of Hayes Center. Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish. Electric motor or nonpowered boats allowed. Due to water restrictions not allowed to refill, limited opportunity in 2009.

Hershey WMA (Lincoln Co.) - 53 acres, Hershey interchange, SE quadrant. Channel and flathead catfish, largemouth and rock bass, yellow perch, northern pike, walleye, bluegill. Electric motor or nonpowered boats allowed.

Humphrey Pond (Keith Co.) - 3 acres, east edge of Ogallala on Hwy 30. Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish, rainbow trout stocked seasonally - daily bag limit of 8 trout. Closed to boats. Rehabilitation project in 2008.

Jack Harkreader Pond (Lincoln Co.) - 8 acres, south of Lake Maloney inlet. Smallmouth bass, channel catfish, rock bass, bluegill. Closed to all boats. Wheelchair-accessible pier; low water due to seepage.

Jeffrey Reservoir (Lincoln Co.) - 900 acres, 5S, 3W of Brady. Channel and flathead catfish, carp, crappie, bluegill, freshwater drum, walleye, white bass, wiper. All boats allowed.

Lake Maloney SRA (Lincoln Co.) - 1,600 acres, 6S of North Platte. Channel and flathead catfish, carp, crappie, bluegill, freshwater drum, walleye, white bass and smallmouth bass, wiper. Camping; all boats allowed; wheelchair-accessible deck at inlet.

Lake McConaughy SRA (Keith Co.) - 30,000 acres, 10N of Ogallala. Channel catfish, bullhead, pike, yellow perch, smallmouth bass, striped bass, white bass, walleye, wiper. It is unlawful to possess a walleye on that portion of Otter Creek from the junction at the shore of the lake upstream to, and including, the culvert under Hwy 92. Modern and primitive camping; all boats allowed. Subject to severe summer drawdowns. Fish cleaning station in Martin Bay.

Lake Ogallala SRA (Keith Co.) - 650 acres, 10N of Ogallala. Channel catfish, rainbow trout, brown trout, walleye, white bass, wiper, yellow perch, carp. Combination bag limit on all trout is 4, with a possession limit of 8. Modern/primitive camping; boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake), wheelchair-accessible deck. Fish cleaning station in the NW corner.

Maxwell Rest Stop DOR (Lincoln Co.) - 5 acres, 3E Maxwell interchange. Bluegill, crappie, channel catfish, largemouth bass. No boats.

Medicine Creek SRA (Harry Strunk Lake) (Frontier Co.) - 1,850 acres, 2W, 7N of Cambridge. Channel and flathead catfish, crappie, walleye, largemouth bass, white bass, wiper, carp. Primitive and modern camping; all boats allowed. Subject to severe summer drawdowns.

Melham Park Lake (Custer Co.) - 4 acres, Broken Bow, north of Memorial Drive, east of N. 5th Avenue. Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section.

Middle Loup River (Custer Co.) - Upper river - brown and rainbow trout, Lower river - carp, channel catfish. Public access at Arcadia diversion; remainder of stream is private access, permission required.

North Platte I-80 City Lake (Lincoln Co.) - 26 acres, North Platte I-80 interchange, exit 177, south on Hwy 83, first left turn. Channel catfish, largemouth and rock bass, bluegill, wiper, walleye, northern pike. Primitive boat ramp, electric motor or non-powered boats allowed, fishing deck.

North Platte River (Keith Co.) - Keystone to Paxton. Rainbow and brown trout. Private access, permission required.

North River WMA (Platte River) (Lincoln Co.) - 2½N of Hershey. Carp, channel and flathead catfish. Encompasses 2 miles of North Platte River.

Otter Creek (Keith Co.) - 12E of Lewellen. Brown and rainbow trout. Private property, permission required.

Pawnee Slough WMA (Lincoln Co.) - 30 acres, 2W of Maxwell on Hwy 30. Bluegill, crappie, channel catfish, largemouth and rock bass. Electric motor or nonpowered boats allowed.

Pressey WMA (Custer Co.) - 2 acres, 3N, 1E Oconto. Bluegill, crappie, channel catfish, largemouth bass. Electric motor or nonpowered boats allowed.

Red Willow SRA (Hugh Butler Lake) (Frontier Co.) - 1,630 acres, 11N of McCook. Channel and flathead catfish, crappie, largemouth and smallmouth bass, walleye, white bass, wiper, northern pike, carp. Northern pike - 30-inch minimum length. Modern camping; all boats allowed. Subject to severe summer drawdowns.

Rock Creek Lake SRA (Dundy Co.) - 50 acres, 4N, 1W of Parks. Channel catfish, largemouth bass, yellow perch, rainbow trout seasonally, redear sunfish. Primitive camping; electric motor or nonpowered boats allowed.

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

Sutherland Supply Canal (Keith and Lincoln Co.) - Brown and rainbow trout. Access via CNPPD road.

Swanson Reservoir SRA (Hitchcock Co.) - 5,000 acres, 2W of Trenton. Channel and flathead catfish, carp, crappie, freshwater drum, walleye, wiper, white bass. All boats allowed. Subject to severe summer drawdowns. Modern and primitive camping.

Victoria Springs Lake SRA (Custer Co.) - 6 acres, 6E of Anselmo off Rt. S21A. Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass; rainbow trout stocked in October. Shallow, with extensive vegetation, nonpowered boats only. Cabins and camping.

Wellfleet Lake (Lincoln Co.) - 50 acres, ½SW of Wellfleet. Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass. Primitive camping; electric motor or nonpowered boats allowed.

West Brady WMA (Lincoln Co.) - 6 acres, Brady interchange,¾N, 3W across overpass. Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass. Electric motor or nonpowered boats allowed.

West Gothenburg WMA (Lincoln Co.) - 15 acres, Brady interchange, 3½E on Hwy 30, ¼S across tracks. Channel catfish, largemouth and rock bass, bluegill, redear sunfish. Electric motor or nonpowered boats allowed.

West Hershey WMA (Lincoln Co.) - 6 acres, Hershey interchange, ½W. Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass. Electric motor or nonpowered boats allowed. Access across private land.

West Maxwell WMA (Lincoln Co.) - 7 acres, Maxwell interchange, ¾N, ¾W, ¼S. Channel catfish, rock and largemouth bass, bluegill, crappie, grass carp. Electric motor or nonpowered boats allowed.

South Central

A variety of fishing opportunities are available for anglers in south-central Nebraska. Large reservoirs, such as Harlan and Sherman, offer fishing for walleye, white bass, crappie and channel catfish. This area of the state also contains the bulk of the interstate lakes that offer excellent largemouth bass, bluegill, and channel catfish opportunities. Elm Creek near Red Cloud provides spring and fall rainbow trout fishing.

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32-Mile H, Prairie Lake (Adams Co.) - 65 acres, 1½E, 4½S of Juniata. Channel catfish, carp, bullhead. Owned by the Little Blue NRD; walk-in access only; turbid.

Alda DOR (Hall Co.) - 12 acres, Alda interchange, NE quadrant. Bluegill, northern pike, channel catfish, largemouth bass. Channel catfish - daily bag of 3; Northern pike - 30-inch minimum length. No boats allowed.

Auble Pond (Valley Co.) - 5 acres, Bussell Park Rd. and G Street, Ord. Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish; rainbow trout stocked seasonally - daily bag limit of 8 trout. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section.

Bader Memorial County Park (Merrick Co.) - 12 acres, in 7 lakes, 1½ S of Chapman. Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section. Modern and primitive camping; no boats. Entrance fee required by county.

Bassway Strip WMA (Buffalo Co.) - 39 acres, in 2 lakes, Minden interchange, ¼S on Hwy 10, east on county road back toward I-80. Bluegill, bullhead, carp, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass. Channel catfish - daily bag limit of 3. Improved boat ramp on West Lake, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). East lake walk-in only. Platte River access.

Bethphage Pond (Kearney Co.) - 3 acres, ¼N Axtell. Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section. No live baitfish can be used or possessed. Wheelchair-accessible deck.

Blue Hole WMA (West Lake) (Buffalo Co.) - 37 acres, Elm Creek interchange, SW quadrant. Bluegill, carp, sauger, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass. Channel catfish - daily bag limit of 3. Improved boat ramp, Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). North channel of Platte River connects to lake. Platte River access.

Bowman Lake SRA (Sherman Co.) - 2 acres, ½W of Loup City on Hwy 92. Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass. Electric motor or nonpowered boats allowed. Middle Loup River access. Primitive camping.

Bufflehead WMA (Buffalo Co.) - 15 acres, Kearney interchange, 1N to 11th St., 3E, 1S, ½E. Bluegill, yellow perch, rock bass, channel catfish, largemouth bass. Channel catfish - daily bag limit of 3. Improved boat ramp, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake).

Cheyenne SRA (Hall Co.) - 7 acres, Wood River interchange, NW quadrant. Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish, carp. Largemouth bass - catch and release; Channel catfish - daily bag limit of 3. Primitive camping. Electric motor or nonpowered boats allowed.

Coot Shallows WMA (Buffalo Co.) - 12 acres, Odessa interchange, ¾N, 1¾W. Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, crappie. Channel catfish - daily bag limit of 3. Improved boat ramp, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake).

Cornhusker WMA (Hall Co.) - 1 acre, 4W of Grand Island. Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section. Subject to water level fluctuations.

Cottonmill Lake (Buffalo Co.) - 43 acres, 1W, ½N of Kearney on Hwy 30, N of Hwy 30 off Cottonmill Avenue. Largemouth bass, bluegill, crappie, channel catfish, northern pike. Northern pike - 30-inch minimum length. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section. No live baitfish allowed. Improved boat ramp, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake).

Cozad WMA (Dawson Co.) - 18 acres, Cozad interchange, SE quadrant. Bluegill, carp, yellow perch, channel catfish, largemouth and rock bass. Channel catfish - daily bag limit of 3. Improved boat ramp, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake), wheelchair-accessible ramp. Platte River access.

Crystal Lake SRA (Adams Co.) - 10 acres, 2N, 1W of Ayr. Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass. Subject to summer drawdowns. Limited fishing opportunity. Electric motor or nonpowered boats allowed. Modern and primitive camping.

Darr WMA (Dawson Co.) - 13 acres, Darr interchange, NW quadrant. Channel catfish, bluegill, largemouth and rock bass. Channel catfish - daily bag limit of 3. Electric motor or nonpowered boats allowed.

Davis Creek Reservoir (Valley Co.) - 1,145 acres, 5S, 1E of North Loup. Bluegill, bullhead, carp, white bass, wiper, crappie, largemouth bass, walleye, yellow perch. Concrete boat ramp. Camping. Water level fluctuates due to irrigation.

Dawson County Museum Pond (Dawson Co.) - 3 acres, Lexington - 805 N Taft St. Bluegill, largemouth bass, channel catfish. .

Dogwood WMA (Dawson Co.) - 12 acres, in 2 lakes, Lexington interchange, 5½E, 2½S across overpass, ¼E. Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth and rock bass. Channel catfish - daily bag limit of 3. Improved boat ramp on East Lake, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Platte River access.

Eagle Scout Lake (Hall Co.) - 55 acres, 1N of Grand Island, Hwy 281 and N Broadwell Ave. Bluegill, bullhead, channel catfish, largemouth bass, carp, crappie. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section. Concrete boat ramp, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake); wheelchair-accessible deck; hike-bike trail around lake.

East Gothenburg WMA (Dawson Co.) - 15 acres, Gothenburg interchange, ½S, ½E, 3½SE and E. Crappie, redear sunfish, channel catfish, largemouth bass. Channel catfish - daily bag limit of 3. Improved boat ramp, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake).

East Odessa WMA (Buffalo Co.) - 7 acres, Odessa interchange, 4E on S side of I-80. Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass. Channel catfish - daily bag limit of 3. Electric motor or nonpowered boats allowed. Platte River access.

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

Elwood Reservoir WMA (Gosper Co.) - 1,200 acres, 3N of Elwood. Bluegill, wiper, channel catfish, crappie, flathead catfish, white bass, largemouth and spotted bass, muskellunge, walleye. Wiper/white bass - daily bag limit of 3 with no more than 1 fish 18 inches or larger; Walleye - 15-inch minimum length with a 18- to 24-inch protected slot, with only 1 larger than 24 inches allowed in the daily bag limit; Muskellunge - 40-inch minimum length. Bank access at entrance; boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Subject to summer drawdown.

Farwell South Reservoir (Howard Co.) - 40 acres, 4W, 3S of Farwell. Carp, channel and flathead catfish, crappie, walleye. Electric motor or nonpowered boats allowed.

Fort Kearny SRA (Kearney Co.) - 21 acres, in 7 pits, ¾E, 1N of Ft. Kearny SHP. Bluegill, channel catfish, carp, crappie, largemouth bass, wipers (Lake No. 4). Panfish - daily bag limit of 10; Channel catfish - daily bag limit of 3, except Lake No. 2 which is catch and release; no archery fishing allowed. Electric motor or nonpowered boats allowed; wheelchair-accessible deck on lake No. 7. Fish feeders on Lake Nos. 4 and 6. Modern and primitive camping.

Gallagher Canyon Reservoir SRA (Dawson Co.) - 182 acres, 8S of Cozad. Channel and flathead catfish, wiper, crappie, freshwater drum, walleye, sauger, white bass. Primitive camping; boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake).

Grand Island East-bound Rest Area (Hall Co.) - 6 acres, 3E of Grand Island Interchange. Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass. Channel catfish - daily bag limit of 3. No boats allowed. Low levels possible.

Grand Island L.E. Ray Lake (Hall Co.) - 30 acres, Grand Island - N of Husker Hwy and East Blaine. Bluegill, yellow perch, channel catfish, largemouth bass, muskellunge. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section. No live baitfish can be used or possessed. Concrete boat ramp. Electric motors or nonpowered boats allowed.

Grand Island Pier Lake (Hall Co.) - 9 acres, Grand Island - Ashton Ave. & Bismarck Rd. Bluegill, bullhead, crappie, channel catfish, largemouth bass. Largemouth bass - catch and release; Panfish - daily bag limit of 10; Channel catfish - daily bag limit of 3. Improved boat ramp.

Grand Island Such's Lake (Hall Co.) - 4 acres, Grand Island - Harrison St. Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass; rainbow trout stocked seasonally - daily bag limit of 8 trout. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section. No live baitfish can be used or possessed. Wheelchair-accessible deck.

Grand Island Wastewater Pond (Hall Co.) - 8 acres, Grand Island - Swift Rd., E of Stuhr Rd. Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, muskellunge. Limited walk-in access from west side.

Harlan Co. Reservoir (Harlan Co.) - 13,500 acres, S of Alma and Republican City. Channel and flathead catfish, crappie, northern pike, walleye, white bass, wiper. Walleye - daily bag limit of 4 may include one walleye from 15 through 18 inches and three over 18 inches or four over 18 inches, but no more than one over 22 inches in length allowed in the daily bag. Channel catfish - daily bag limit of 5. Modern and primitive camping; all boats allowed. Subject to summer drawdown. Fish-cleaning stations at Gremlin Cove and Methodist Cove.

Harold W. Anderson WMA (Middle Loup River) (Howard Co.) - 2N, 3E of Dannebrog. Carp, channel catfish.

Heartland Shooting Center Pond (G. I. Gun Range Pond) (Hall Co.) - 7 acres, 2W of Grand Island on Husker Highway. Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section. Open to fishing during public shooting hours. Low water possible due to seepage problems.

Heartwell Park Lake (Adams Co.) - 3 acres, Hastings - E Forest Blvd. Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish; rainbow trout stocked seasonally - daily bag limit of 8 trout. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section. No live baitfish can be used or possessed.

Holdrege City Lake (North Park) (Phelps Co.) - 10 acres, Holdrege - east of Hwy 183 on 18th Avenue. Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass; rainbow trout stocked seasonally - daily bag limit of 8 trout. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section. No live baitfish can be used or possessed. Improved boat ramp, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake); wheelchair-accessible pier.

Indian Creek WMA (Republican River) (Webster Co.) - 1S of Red Cloud. Carp, channel catfish, white bass.

Indian Creek WMA Pond (Webster Co.) - 2 acres, 1S of Red Cloud. Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section.

Johnson Lake SRA (Gosper Co.) - 2,189 acres, 7S of Lexington. Channel and flathead catfish, crappie, freshwater drum, carp, walleye, sauger, white bass, wiper, bluegill, smallmouth bass. Primitive and modern camping; all boats allowed; 2 wheelchair-accessible fishing decks at inlet. Fish-cleaning stations at inlet and near East SRA campground.

Kea Lake WMA (Buffalo Co.) - 20 acres, Kearney interchange, SW quadrant. Bluegill, crappie, channel catfish, largemouth bass. Channel catfish - daily bag limit of 3. Improved boat ramp, wheelchair-accessible ramp access, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake).

Kea West WMA (Buffalo Co.) - 8 acres, Kearney interchange, 1N to 11th St., 1¼W, 1S to overpass approach, turn east. Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, crappie, rock bass, yellow perch. Channel catfish - daily bag limit of 3. Primitive boat ramp, electric motor or nonpowered boats allowed.

Lake Hastings (Adams Co.) - 63 acres, N edge Hastings, west of Hwy 281. Bullhead, carp, channel catfish, crappie. Special city boating regulations.

Lake Helen (Dawson Co.) - 20 acres, N edge Gothenburg, west of Hwy. 47 at 25th St. Carp, wiper, channel catfish.

Len Koziol WMA (Loup River) (Howard Co.) - 2½N, 2E ½N of St. Paul. Carp, channel catfish.

Lexington City Lake (Dawson Co.) - 3 acres, N edge Lexington, N. Adams St. (Rt. 21) and W. 13th St. Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, rainbow trout stocked seasonally - daily bag limit of 8 trout. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section. No live baitfish can be used or possessed.

Liberty Cove (Webster Co.) - 36 acres, 2S, 2½W of Lawrence. Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass. Channel catfish - daily bag limit of 3. Owned by the Little Blue NRD; deck with gravel access; Concrete boat ramp, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Subject to very low water levels.

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

Loch Linda WMA (Platte River) (Hall Co.) - 10S, 3W of Grand Island. Carp and channel catfish.

Marsh Wren WMA (Howard Co.) - 1 acre, 3N, 3W of St. Paul. Largemouth bass, bluegill. Access to North Loup River.

Martins Reach WMA (Platte River) (Hall Co.) - 4S, 2W of Wood River. Carp and channel catfish.

Midway Canyon Reservoir (Dawson Co.) - 609 acres, 6S, 2W of Cozad. Channel and flathead catfish, wiper, sauger, crappie, freshwater drum, walleye, white bass. All boats allowed, public boat ramp on Road 418.

Minden Biological Learning Center Pond (Kearney Co.) - 5 acres, West 5th Street Minden, at Minden High School. Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish.

Mormon Island DOR (East) (Hall Co.) - 22 acres, Grand Island interchange, N of I-80, 1½E. Bluegill, channel catfish, muskellunge, crappie, largemouth bass. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section. Access on foot from Mormon Island SRA.

Mormon Island SRA (Middle) (Hall Co.) - 19 acres, Grand Island interchange, NE quadrant. Bluegill, crappie, channel catfish, largemouth bass, redear sunfish. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section; no archery fishing allowed. Electric motor or nonpowered boats allowed. Walk-in access from Mormon Island SRA. Modern and primitive camping.

Mormon Island SRA (West) (Hall Co.) - 42 acres, Grand Island interchange, NE quadrant. Bluegill, bullhead, carp, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section; no archery fishing allowed. Modern camping, electric motor or nonpowered boats allowed, wheelchair-accessible pier. Modern and primitive camping.

Mormon Trail (Merrick Co.) - 1 acre, 1½S, 2W Clarks. Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish. Subject to low water levels.

Narrows WMA (Webster Co.) - 4W of Red Cloud on Hwy 136. Carp, channel catfish, white bass.

North Kearney Rest Area (westbound) DOR (Buffalo Co.) - 7 acres, 2W of Kearney interchange at exit 272 on I-80 to rest stop. Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass. Channel catfish - daily bag limit of 3. No boats allowed.

North Loup SRA (Howard Co.) - 7 acres, 3N of St. Paul, just north of the North Loup River on Hwy 281. Bass, bluegill, channel catfish, crappie. Electric motor or nonpowered boats allowed.

Phillips Canyon Reservoir (Gosper Co.) - 142 acres, 8S, 1E, 1N Lexington. Channel catfish, crappie, freshwater drum, sauger, walleye, wiper, white bass. Primitive boat ramp, all boats allowed; unimproved access road - dry weather only.

Pioneer Trail Lake (Hamilton Co.) - 45 acres, ½E Aurora. Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish. Seepage problems - low water conditions common.

Plum Creek Canyon Reservoir (Dawson Co.) - 252 acres, 8S, 3½E Cozad. Channel and flathead catfish, crappie, freshwater drum, walleye, sauger, wiper, white bass. Primitive boat ramp, all boats allowed.

Ravenna Lake (Buffalo Co.) - 16 acres, 1SE of Ravenna, N of Hwy 2. Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section. No live baitfish can be used or possessed. Primitive camping; electric motor or nonpowered boats allowed, gravel boat ramp, wheelchair-accessible deck. Managed by the county.

Sac Wilcox WMA (Phelps Co.) - 2 acres, in 3 lakes, 10E, 3S of Holdrege. Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section. Seepage problem on two of the lakes.

Sandy Channel SRA (Buffalo Co.) - 52 acres, in 6 lakes, 2S of Elm Creek I-80 Interchange. Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth and rock bass, yellow perch, carp. Channel catfish - daily bag limit of 3. Electric motor or nonpowered boats allowed, except on Lake No. 8 where outboard motors are allowed, but boats are restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Wheelchair-accessible, improved boat ramp on Lake No. 8. Primitive camping.

Sherman Reservoir SRA (Sherman Co.) - 2,845 acres, 4E, 1N of Loup City. Channel catfish, crappie, flathead catfish, northern pike, walleye, white bass. Walleye - daily bag may include two walleye greater than 15 inches but less than 20 inches and one walleye greater than 28 inches. There is a slot limit protecting walleye 20 through 28 inches. Crappie - 10-inch minimum length; Northern Pike - 30-inch minimum length. Primitive camping; all boats allowed. Subject to summer drawdowns. Waters within 150 feet of the dam are closed to fishing from sunset to sunrise April 1 through April 20. Fish-cleaning stations at Trail 2 area near main boat ramp parking lot and at Trail 1 (Thunder Bay boat ramp).

Silver Creek City Pond (Merrick Co.) - 4 acres, South on Hwy 39. Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish.

South Kearney Rest Area (eastbound) DOR (Buffalo Co.) - 1 acre, 6E of Odessa interchange at exit 263 to rest stop. Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, redear sunfish. No boats allowed.

Spalding Lake (Greeley Co.) - 24 acres, south edge of Spalding. Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish, northern pike, carp. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake), lake dewatered periodically to flush sediment. Also Cedar River access.

Sutton Clark Pond (Clay Co.) - 1 acre, Sutton - Glen Avenue and West Cedar Street. Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section. No live baitfish can be used or possessed.

Union Pacific SRA (Buffalo Co.) - 15 acres, Odessa interchange, NE quadrant. Channel catfish, bluegill, rock bass and largemouth bass. Channel catfish - daily bag limit of 3. Primitive camping; gravel boat ramp, electric motor or nonpowered boats allowed.

War Axe SRA (Buffalo Co.) - 14 acres, Shelton interchange, NE quadrant. Smallmouth bass, redear sunfish, channel catfish. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section. Gravel boat ramp, electric motor or nonpowered boats allowed. Renovated and restocked in 2007. Primitive camping.

West Cozad WMA (Dawson Co.) - 18 acres, Cozad interchange, ½N, ¼W, ¼N, 1W, 1S. Channel catfish, redear sunfish, largemouth bass, rock bass. Channel catfish - daily bag limit of 3. Electric motor or nonpowered boats allowed.

West Elm Creek WMA (Buffalo Co.) - 9 acres, 5W Elm Creek interchange. Green sunfish, channel catfish. Access across private property, permission required.

West Wood River WMA (Hall Co.) - 15 acres, Wood River interchange, ½S, 1W, N across overpass, ¼W. Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish, carp. Largemouth bass - catch and release; Channel catfish - daily bag limit of 3. Electric motor or nonpowered boats allowed.

Willow Island WMA (Dawson Co.) - 24 acres, 5¼W of Cozad on Hwy 30, ¾S across overpass. Carp, bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass. Lake connects to Platte River. Electric motor or nonpowered boats allowed.

Windmill SRA (Buffalo Co.) - 23 acres, in 6 pits, Gibbon interchange, NE quadrant. Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, rainbow trout stocked seasonally (Lake No. 1) - daily bag limit of 8 trout, wipers (Lake No. 3). Panfish - daily bag limit of 10; Channel catfish - daily bag limit of 3, except Lake No. 3 that is catch and release; area closed to archery fishing. Wheelchair-accessible deck (Lake No. 2); electric motor or nonpowered boats allowed; fish feeders - Lake Nos. 3 and 4. Modern and primitive camping.

Wolbach City Pond (Greeley Co.) - 3 acres, Wolbach - north edge of town off Hwy 22 on Bluff St. Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section.

Yanney Park Lake (Buffalo Co.) - 20 acres, Kearney - off W. 11th Street. Largemouth bass, bluegill, yellow perch, crappie, channel catfish. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section. No live baitfish can be used or possessed. Wheelchair-accessible fishing pier.

SOUTHEAST

This area of the state contains numerous small- to medium-size flood control reservoirs that provide quality fishing opportunities for largemouth bass, bluegill, crappie, channel catfish and flathead catfish. Farm ponds, streams and rivers, especially the Missouri River, offer additional of fishing opportunities.

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

Alexandria Southwest WMA (Big Sandy Creek) (Jefferson Co.) - ½S, 1E of Alexandria. Channel catfish, carp.

Alexandria SRA (Jefferson Co.) - 43 acres, in 2 lakes, 2S, 3E of Alexandria. Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, redear sunfish. Electric motor or nonpowered boats allowed; modern and primitive camping.

Arrowhead WMA (Gage Co.) - 77 acres, 3E, ½S of Diller. Bullhead, carp, channel catfish. Electric motor or nonpowered boats allowed, very turbid and shallow.

Aspinwall Bend WMA (Missouri and Little Nemaha rivers) (Nemaha Co.) - ¾S of Nemaha. Channel catfish, carp.

Auburn Rotary Club Lake (Nemaha Co.) - 5 acres, Auburn - (7th and J St.). Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish; rainbow trout stocked seasonally - daily bag limit of 8 trout. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section.

Baright Lake (Cass Co.) - 4 acres, Eugene T. Mahoney SP. Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass. Children under 16 years of age, disabled adults, and adults assisting kids fishing are permitted to fish the entire lake, except the immediate marina area. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section. No motorboats allowed.

Bear Pierce Cedar 2A (Gage Co.) - 24 acres, 4N, 3½E of Hwy 77 and Hwy 136 junction. Channel catfish, largemouth bass, bluegill, crappie. Owned by the Lower Big Blue NRD. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake).

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

Bennington Lions Club Pond (Douglas Co.) - 1 acre, Bennington - South of N. 2nd Street. Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section.

Benson Park Pond (Douglas Co.) - 4 acres, Omaha - off 72nd St. at Military and Ames Ave. intersection. Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish, rainbow trout stocked seasonally - daily bag limit of 8 trout. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section. Restricted to children under 16, adults with a child that is actively fishing, and adults 65 or older.

Big Indian 11A (Gage Co.) - 76 acres, 3S, 3W of Wymore. Bullhead, bluegill, crappie, largemouth bass, channel catfish, carp. Primitive camping. Boat ramp, all boats allowed; very turbid. Owned by the Lower Big Blue NRD.

Blue Bluffs WMA (Big Blue River) (Seward Co.) - 1/2N, 1E, 2S of Milford. Carp, channel and flathead catfish.

Blue River SRA (Big Blue River) (Saline Co.) - 3 1/2N of Dorchester. Carp, channel and flathead catfish.

Blue Valley (Big Blue River) (Seward Co.) - ½S of Seward. Carp, channel catfish, flathead catfish.

Bluestem Lake SRA (Lancaster Co.) - 326 acres, 2 ½W of Sprague. Bluegill, crappie, flathead and channel catfish, largemouth bass, walleye, carp. Primitive camping; concrete boat ramp, all boats allowed.

Bowling Lake (Lancaster Co.) - 12 acres, Lincoln - NW 48th St. and W. Cuming St. (Airpark). Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, rainbow trout stocked seasonally - daily bag limit of 8 trout. Largemouth bass - catch and release; Panfish - daily bag limit of 10; Channel catfish - daily bag limit of 3. Concrete boat ramp, electric motor or nonpowered boats allowed. Lincoln City lake.

Bowwood WMA (Pawnee Co.) - 6 acres, 2S of Steinauer. Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass. Electric motors or nonpowered boats allowed.

Bramble WMA (Platte River) (Saunders Co.) - 5W, 2N of Cedar Bluffs. Channel catfish, carp.

Branched Oak Lake SRA (Lancaster Co.) - 1,800 acres, ½W, 4N of Malcolm. Bluegill, carp, channel, blue and flathead catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, wiper, walleye, white perch. Walleye - daily bag limit of one 22 inches or greater; Crappie - 10-inch minimum length; Wiper and Flathead catfish - catch and release. Modern and primitive camping; boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake) 400 feet lakeward from the dam and 90 feet from all other shorelines or as posted as no wake areas. Several concrete boat ramps available; wheelchair-accessible deck by marina.

Brownville SRA (Missouri River) (Nemaha Co.) - 1E of Brownville. Buffalo, carp, channel and flathead catfish, shovelnose sturgeon. Boat ramp; primitive camping.

Bruning Pit (Fillmore Co.) - 258 acres, 2½E, 1N of Bruning. Bullhead, carp, channel catfish. Owned by the Little Blue NRD; very turbid. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake).

Buckley 3F (Jefferson Co.) - 22 acres, 7W, 4½S of Fairbury. Channel catfish. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Owned by the Little Blue NRD; very turbid.

Burchard Lake (Pawnee Co.) - 150 acres, 3E, ½N of Burchard. Bluegill, bullhead, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, walleye, yellow perch. Largemouth bass - 21-inch minimum length. Beginning Oct. 15 until the close of the dark goose season, fishing is restricted to the shoreline or on the ice (Check current Nebraska Guide to Hunting and Public Lands). Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake), concrete boat ramp; primitive camping.

Carter Lake (Douglas Co.) - 300 acres, Omaha - Abbott Drive and Carter Blvd. Bluegill, buffalo, bullhead, carp, channel and blue catfish, crappie, freshwater drum, largemouth bass, walleye. All boats allowed, concrete boat ramp; wheelchair-accessible deck. Open 5 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Catfish Run WMA (Salt Creek) (Sarpy Co.) - ¾E of Ashland. Carp, channel catfish, shovelnose sturgeon.

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

Conestoga Lake SRA (Lancaster Co.) - 230 acres, 1½N of Denton. Bluegill, carp, freshwater drum, channel catfish, flathead catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, walleye, wiper. Primitive and modern camping; concrete boat ramp, all boats allowed.

Cottontail (Lancaster Co.) - 29 acres, ½N of Martell. Bluegill, largemouth bass, channel catfish. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section. Handicap-accessible concrete boat ramp, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Owned by the Lower Platte South NRD.

Crystal Springs Lakes (Jefferson Co.) - 6 acres, in 3 lakes, Fairbury - Crystal Springs Rd, west of Frederick St. Bluegill, largemouth bass, carp, channel catfish, rainbow trout stocked seasonally in middle lake - daily bag limit of 8 trout. No boats allowed. Camping.

Cub Creek 9B (Leisure Lake) (Jefferson Co.) - 25 acres, 3S, ½E of Plymouth. Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Concrete boat ramp. Owned by the Lower Big Blue NRD. Fish renovation in 2008. Limited fishing opportunity in 2009.

Cub Creek Watershed 12A (Jefferson Co.) - 27 acres, 3W, 4½S of Plymouth. Carp, channel catfish. Boat ramp, all boats allowed; turbid. Owned by the Lower Big Blue NRD.

Czechland Lake (Saunders Co.) - 85 acres, 1N, ¼W of Prague. Bluegill, channel catfish, bullhead, crappie, largemouth bass. Sunfish - 8-inch minimum length; Crappie - 10-inch minimum length. Concrete boat ramp, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake), wheelchair-accessible fishing pier. Owned by the Lower Platte North NRD.

David City Park Ponds (Butler Co.) - 6 acres, in 3 ponds, David City - south edge, east side of Hwy15. Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish, rainbow trout stocked seasonally in west lake - daily bag limit of 8 trout. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section.

Dodge Park (Missouri River) (Douglas Co.) - Omaha - 11000 N River Rd. Buffalo, carp, channel and flathead catfish, crappie.

Donald Whitney WMA (Gage Co.) - 43 acres, 3½W of Odell. Bullhead, channel and flathead catfish. In 2 lakes. Electric motor or nonpowered boats allowed; turbid.

Elkhorn Crossing (Elkhorn River) (Douglas Co.) - 1S, ¾E of Hwy 36 & County Rd. 92 junction. Carp, channel and flathead catfish, shovelnose sturgeon. Owned by the Papio/Missouri NRD.

Fairbury Dam (Little Blue River) (Jefferson Co.) - Fairbury - S edge at C St. Carp, channel and flathead catfish. Trail and decks on old railroad bridge.

Flathead WMA (Little Blue River) (Jefferson Co.) - 1S of Fairbury. Channel and flathead catfish, carp.

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

Glenn Cunningham Lake (Douglas Co.) - 390 acres, Omaha - 96th and State. Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, walleye, crappie. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section. Boat ramp, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Open 5 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Hamburg Bend WMA (Missouri River) (Otoe Co.) - 4 SE of Nebraska City, south of OPPD power plant. Channel, blue, and flathead catfish, carp, shovelnose sturgeon. Access to river – half-mile walk.

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

Haworth Park (Missouri River) (Sarpy Co.) - Bellevue - Payne Drive off Hwy 370. Buffalo, carp, channel and flathead catfish, crappie. Concrete boat ramp owned by city, launching fee.

Haworth Park Pond (Sarpy Co.) - 1 acre, Bellevue - East edge off Hwy 370. Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish.

Hedgefield Lake WMA (Lancaster Co.) - 44 acres, 2W, ½N of Panama. Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass. Primitive boat ramp. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Drained in 2008 for dam repair. No fishing available.

Hitchcock Park Pond (Douglas Co.) - 2 acres, Omaha - 42nd and Q St. Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish, rainbow trout stocked seasonally - daily bag limit of 8 trout. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section. Restricted to children under 16, adults with a child that is actively fishing, and adults 65 or older.

Holmes Lake (Lancaster Co.) - 100 acres, Lincoln, 70th and Normal Blvd. Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish, walleye, rainbow trout stocked seasonally in south basin - daily bag limit of 8 trout. Largemouth bass - catch and release; Panfish - daily bag limit of 10; Channel catfish - daily bag limit of 3; No live baitfish can be used or possessed; Electric motor or nonpowered boats allowed. Lincoln city lake; two concrete boat ramps, wheelchair-accessible deck.

Homestead Lake (Butler Co.) - 38 acres, 1N ½W of Bruno. Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish, bullheads. Boat ramp; boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Owned by the Lower Platte North NRD.

Humboldt City Park Lake (Richardson Co.) - 1 acre, Humboldt - S edge of town, W off Hwy 105 at Railroad St. Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section.

Hwy 50 Bridge (Platte River) (Cass Co.) - 1N of Louisville. Carp, channel and flathead catfish, shovelnose sturgeon. Concrete boat ramp.

Indian Cave SP (Missouri River) (Richardson Co.) - 4E of Barada. Buffalo, carp, channel and flathead catfish, shovelnose sturgeon. Concrete boat ramp. Modern and primitive camping.

Iron Horse Trail Lake (Pawnee Co.) - 85 acres, ½N, 2W of DuBois. Bluegill, channel and flathead catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, walleye. Owned by the Nemaha NRD (NRD entry permit required); wheelchair-accessible concrete boat ramp; no personal watercraft allowed; boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake); primitive camping. Possible rehabilitation project in 2009.

Jack Sinn WMA (Rock Creek) (Lancaster Co.) - 2 S of Ceresco. Channel catfish, bullhead.

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

Killdeer Lake WMA (Lancaster Co.) - 20 acres, 2 ½N of Martell. Bluegill, bullhead, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass. Electric motor or nonpowered boats allowed.

Kinter's Ford WMA (Big Nemaha River) (Richardson Co.) - 1N, 2½E of Dubois on Hwy. 8. Carp, channel and flathead catfish.

Kirkman's Cove (Richardson Co.) - 160 acres, 1N, 2W of Humboldt. Bluegill, crappie, channel catfish, largemouth bass. Owned by the Nemaha NRD (NRD entry permit required); turbid. Concrete boat ramp, 35-mph maximum on lower two-thirds of lake, no personal watercraft.

Lake Halleck (Sarpy Co.) - 4 acres, Papillion - E of S. Washington St. (Hwy 85) on E. Lincoln St. Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish, rainbow trout stocked seasonally - daily bag limit of 8 trout. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section.

Lakeview Park Lake (Henderson Pond) (York Co.) - 4 acres, Henderson - SW of Birch and Main Streets. Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section.

Langdon Bend WMA (Missouri River) (Nemaha Co.) - 1E of Nemaha. Buffalo, carp, channel and flathead catfish, shovelnose sturgeon.

Lawrence Youngsman Lake (Douglas Co.) - 60 acres, Omaha - 192nd and West Dodge Road. Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section. Built in 2006, limited opportunity. Concrete boat ramp, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake).

Lied Platte River Hike Bike Bridge (Platte River) (Cass Co.) - South of South Bend. Carp, freshwater drum, channel catfish, shovelnose sturgeon. Deck; contact Platte River SP for more details.

Little Blue East WMA (Little Blue River) (Thayer Co.) - 4E of Hebron. Channel and flathead catfish.

Little Blue WMA (Little Blue River) (Thayer Co.) - 2E of Hebron. Channel and flathead catfish.

Lone Star Recreation Area (Fillmore Co.) - 75 acres, 3½E, ½S of Ohiowa. Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish. Largemouth bass - 21-inch minimum length. Wheelchair-accessible fishing deck, concrete boat ramp, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake).

Louisville SRA (Cass Co.) - 40 acres, in 5 pits, ½NW of Louisville. Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, wiper (Lake No. 2), bullheads (Lake No. 2A). Largemouth bass - catch and release; Panfish - daily bag limit of 10 in combination; Channel catfish - daily bag limit of 3; Bullhead - daily bag limit of 5. Electric motor or nonpowered boats allowed. Modern and primitive camping.

Louisville SRA (Platte River) (Cass Co.) - ½NW of Louisville. Carp, freshwater drum, channel and flathead catfish, shovelnose sturgeon. Concrete boat ramp just west of Highway 50, on north side of river.

Margrave WMA (Big Nemaha River) (Richardson Co.) - 1½S, 2¾E of Preston. Channel catfish, carp. Walk-in access to river, half-mile walk.

Mayberry WMA (Pawnee Co.) - 25 acres, 5N, 1¼E of Burchard. Bluegill, bullhead, channel catfish, largemouth bass. Electric motor or nonpowered boats allowed, walk-in access.

Meadowlark (Seward Co.) - 55 acres, 4W, 1N, 1½W of Agnew. Bluegill, crappie, channel catfish, largemouth bass. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section. No live baitfish can be used or possessed. Handicap-accessible concrete boat ramp, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Owned by the Lower Platte South NRD.

Memphis Lake SRA (Saunders Co.) - 81 acres, 1/4W of Memphis. Bluegill, redear sunfish, channel catfish, largemouth bass. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section. Primitive gravel boat launch area, smaller craft only. Electric motor or nonpowered boats allowed. Wheelchair-accessible fishing deck. Primitive camping.

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

Meridian WMA (Little Blue River) (Thayer Co.) - 3S, 1/2W of Alexandria. Channel and flathead catfish, carp.

Midlands Lake (Douglas Co.) - 11 acres, Papillion - Washington and Capehart Rd. Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake).

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

Oak Lake (Lancaster Co.) - 47 acres, in 3 lakes, NW Lincoln - Charleston St. and Sun Valley Blvd. Bullhead, carp, green sunfish. Lincoln City lake; shallow, subject to fish kills.

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

Osage WMA (Johnson Co.) - 4 acres, in 4 ponds, 3N, 2W, 3/4N of Tecumseh. Bluegill, largemouth bass.

Overland Trails Lake (York Co.) - 14 acres, 3E, 1 1/2S of York. Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass. Owned by the Upper Big Blue NRD; dam leaks, low water levels. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake).

Oxbow Trails Lake (Butler Co.) - 43 acres, 1½E of Ulysses. Bluegill, channel catfish, bullhead, largemouth bass. Owned by the Upper Big Blue NRD; concrete boat ramp, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake); turbid, dam leaks, water may be low.

Papio D-4 (Douglas Co.) - 30 acres, NW Omaha - ¼N of NE 36 & 98th St. Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass. Owned by the Papio/Missouri NRD, walk-in access only. Lake deeping project in 2009, no fishing opportunity. Electric motor or nonpowered boats allowed.

Pawnee City Pond (Pawnee Co.) - 1 acre, Pawnee City - SW edge, W side of Hwy 65. Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section.

Pawnee Lake SRA (Lancaster Co.) - 740 acres, 2N, 1½W of Emerald. Carp, channel and flathead catfish, bluegill, crappie, freshwater drum, white perch, largemouth and white bass, sauger, walleye. Panfish - daily bag limit of 10. Modern and primitive camping; all boats allowed, several concrete boat ramps.

Pawnee Prairie WMA (Pawnee Co.) - 5 acres, in 7 ponds, 6S, 2E, 2S of Burchard. Bluegill, largemouth bass. Largemouth bass - catch and release. Walk-in access only.

Peru (Missouri River) (Nemaha Co.) - 1½E of Peru. Buffalo, carp, channel and flathead catfish, shovelnose sturgeon. Concrete boat ramp.

Platte River Access (Douglas Co.) - 4W of Valley, SE corner of Hwy 6 bridge. Carp, freshwater drum, channel and flathead catfish, shovelnose sturgeon.

Platte River State Park (Platte River) (Cass Co.) - 2 S, 3 W of Louisville. Carp, channel and flathead catfish, freshwater drum, shovelnose sturgeon. Cabins. Walk-in access point to river.

Plattsmouth City Lake (Cass Co.) - 3 acres, Plattsmouth - S 18th St and 5th Ave. Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section. Wheelchair-accessible fishing pier.

Prairie Knoll WMA (Pawnee Co.) - 6 acres, 2W, 2N DuBois. Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass. Electric motor or nonpowered boats allowed.

Prairie View Lake (Douglas Co.) - 42 acres, 2W of Bennington, 180th and Hwy 36. Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section. Owned by Papio-Missouri NRD; concrete boat ramp, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Open 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Qwest Lake (Cass Co.) - 10 acres, Eugene T. Mahoney State Park, I-80 exit 426. Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, rainbow trout stocked seasonally - daily bag limit of 8 trout. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section. Only barbless hooks or hooks with flattened barbs may be used. Electric motor or nonpowered boats allowed.

Recharge Lake (York Co.) - 49 acres, 1½W of York. Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section. Concrete boat ramp, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Owned by the Upper Big Blue NRD.

Red Cedar (Saunders Co.) - 50 acres, 5½N, 2W of the north edge of Valparaiso. Bluegill, crappie, channel and flathead catfish, largemouth bass. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake), boat ramp. Owned by the Lower Platte South NRD; turbid.

Redtail WMA (Butler Co.) - 17 acres, 1E, ½N of Dwight. Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass. Walk-in access only. Electric motor or nonpowered boats allowed.

Riverview Marina SRA (Missouri River) (Otoe Co.) - Nebraska City, N. 4th St and 14th Ave. Buffalo, carp, channel and flathead catfish, shovelnose sturgeon. Boat ramp, primitive camping.

Rockford Lake SRA (Gage Co.) - 150 acres, 7E, 2S of Beatrice. Bluegill, bullhead, carp, channel and flathead catfish, crappie, walleye, largemouth bass. All boats allowed, concrete boat ramp; camping.

Rose Creek WMA (Rose Creek - 2 locations) (Jefferson Co.) - 2S, 2½W, 1½S and 2S, 3½W, 2S of Fairbury. Channel catfish, carp, bullhead.

Rulo Access (Missouri River) (Richardson Co.) - South of Hwy 159 Bridge near Rulo, river mile 497.8. Buffalo, carp, bullhead, channel and flathead catfish, shovelnose sturgeon. Boat ramp.

Schilling WMA (Missouri and Platte Rivers) (Cass Co.) - Plattsmouth - N on Schilling Rd from Main St. Carp, freshwater drum, channel and flathead catfish, shovelnose sturgeon. Bank access to Missouri and Platte rivers, except when closed by the Commission due to poor road conditions.

Shadow Lake (Douglas Co.) - 30 acres, Papillion - Washington and Capehart Rd. Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish. See High Use Fishing Area Regulation section. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). New lake stocked in 2007.

Shady Trail (Big Blue River) (Saline Co.) - 1W, 4N, ½W, ½N of Crete. Carp, channel and flathead catfish.

Smith Creek (Seward Co.) - 21 acres, 2N, 2W, ¼N of Beaver Crossing. Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Owned by the Upper Big Blue NRD; turbid.

Stagecoach Lake SRA (Lancaster Co.) - 195 acres, 1½S, ½W of Hickman. Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, walleye, wiper, carp. Largemouth bass - 21-inch minimum length; Wiper - daily bag limit of 3, with no more than 1 fish 18 inches or greater. Primitive and modern camping; concrete boat ramp, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake), wheelchair-accessible fishing pier.

Standing Bear Lake (Douglas Co.) - 135 acres, Omaha - 132nd and Military. Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, freshwater drum, grass carp, largemouth bass, walleye, carp, rainbow trout stocked seasonally - daily bag limit of 8 trout. Electric motor or nonpowered boats allowed. City of Omaha lake; concrete boat ramp. Open 5 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Stanton Lake (Richardson Co.) - 2 acres, NW Falls City, W end of W. 25th Street. Largemouth bass, bluegill, green sunfish, channel catfish, common carp. Modern campground, picnic shelter and restrooms.

Steinhart Park Ponds (Otoe Co.) - 5 acres, in 2 ponds, Nebraska City - N of Business Hwy 2 off Steinhart Park Rd. Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish, rainbow trout stocked seasonally in east pond - daily bag limit of 8 trout. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section.

Swan Creek 2A WMA (Saline Co.) - 16 acres, 14W, 3N of Wilber. Bluegill, bullhead, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake), shallow.

Swan Creek 67 (Saline Co.) - 39 acres, 3N, 1W of Swanton. Bluegill, crappie, channel catfish, largemouth bass. Largemouth bass - 21 inch minimum length. Concrete boat ramp, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Owned by the Lower Big Blue NRD. Fish renovation in 2007, fishery restocked and developing. Good opportunity starting late 2008.

Tanglewood (Lancaster Co.) - 33 acres, ½N, 1W, ½S of Kramer. Bluegill, bullhead, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass. Owned by the Lower Platte South NRD.

Teal Lake WMA (Lancaster Co.) - 29 acres, 2S of Kramer. Bluegill, bullhead, channel and flathead catfish, largemouth bass. Electric motor or nonpowered boats allowed. Subject to frequent fish kills due to low water levels.

Tecumseh City Pond (Johnson Co.) - 2 acres, Tecumseh - N. 1st St. at fairgrounds. Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section.

Timber Point (Butler Co.) - 28 acres, 1S, 2E of Brainard. Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, muskellunge. Largemouth bass - 21-inch minimum length. Handicap-accessible concrete boat ramp, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake).

Tobacco Island WMA (Missouri River) (Cass Co.) - ½E, 1S of Plattsmouth. Carp, freshwater drum, channel and flathead catfish, shovelnose sturgeon.

Towl Park Pond (Douglas Co.) - 1 acre, Omaha - West Center Rd. and 93rd (enter at Paddock Rd. traffic light). Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish, rainbow trout stocked seasonally - daily bag limit of 8 trout. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section. Restricted to children under 16, adults with a child that is actively fishing, and adults 65 or older.

Twin Lakes WMA (Seward Co.) - 270 acres, in 2 lakes, 2½N, ½W of Pleasant Dale. Bluegill, bullhead, channel catfish, crappie, carp, largemouth bass, muskellunge, walleye, white bass. Concrete boat ramp on East lake; area closed to fishing from Oct. 15 through Dec 31.

Twin Oaks WMA (Johnson Co.) - 2 acres, 2E, 4S of Tecumseh. Bluegill, largemouth bass. 2 ponds.

Twin Oaks WMA (Big Nemaha River) (Johnson Co.) - 2E, 2S, ¾W of Tecumseh. Channel catfish, carp. Walk-in access to river, half-mile walk.

Two Rivers SRA (Douglas Co.) - 32 acres, in 7 pits, 1½S of Venice. Bluegill, bullhead, carp, crappie, channel catfish, largemouth bass, grass pickerel, rainbow trout in Lake No. 5. Black bass - catch and release on all lakes. Lake Nos. 3 and 4 are designated as catch and release for channel catfish, only barbless or flattened-barb hooks allowed. Lake Nos. 1, 2, 6 & 7 - Channel catfish - daily bag limit of 3; Bullhead - daily bag limit of 5. No boats on Lake No. 5, other lakes boats with electric trolling motors only; wheelchair-accessible fishing deck on Lake No. 5. Trout fishing in Lake No. 5 is best from April 1 to early June. Open dates for trout fishing will be published and posted. Trout fishing hours are 7 a.m. to sunset. A daily trout tag is required to attempt to take and to possess trout on the entire area from March 1 through June 30. Cost of a tag is $4, which allows the harvest of four trout. Anglers may purchase up to 3 tags, and can possess up to 12 trout. An adult angler is allowed to have two children under 16 fish under their tag, but the group is still limited to four trout per tag. One pole or rod and reel per angler on Lake No. 5. Check at park office. Archery fishing, spearing, and gigging are prohibited on area lakes. Cabins and camping.

Two Rivers SRA (Platte River) (Douglas Co.) - 1½S of Venice. Carp, channel and flathead catfish, shovelnose sturgeon. Walk-in access river.

Verdon Lake SRA (Richardson Co.) - 30 acres, ½W of Verdon. Bluegill, channel catfish, bullhead, largemouth bass. Largemouth bass - 21-inch minimum length. Electric motor or nonpowered boats allowed; primitive camping.

Wagon Train Lake SRA (Lancaster Co.) - 315 acres, 2E of Hickman. Bluegill, redear sunfish, channel catfish, wiper, largemouth bass, walleye, muskellunge. Largemouth bass - 21-inch minimum length; Muskellunge - 40-inch minimum length; Wiper - daily bag limit of 3, with no more than one 18 inches or greater. Primitive and modern camping; concrete boat ramp, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake), wheelchair-accessible pier.

Walnut Creek 2A (Saline Co.) - 26 acres, ½E, 3½N of Crete. Bluegill, bullhead, channel catfish, largemouth bass. Largemouth bass - 21-inch minimum length. Concrete boat ramp, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Owned by the Lower Big Blue NRD; shallow.

Walnut Creek Reservoir (Sarpy Co.) - 100 acres, Papillion - 96th and Hwy 370. Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, redear sunfish. Largemouth bass - 21-inch minimum length limit; Sunfish - 8-inch minimum length limit; Panfish - daily bag limit of 10; Crappie - 10-inch minimum length limit. Owned by the City of Papillion, area closes at 10 p.m., wheelchair accessible fishing deck and island, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake), concrete boat ramp.

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

Weeping Water Pond (Cass Co.) - 4 acres, Weeping Water - S of Clinton Street. Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish, rainbow trout stocked seasonally - daily bag limit of 8 trout. See High Use Fishing Area Regulations section.

Wehrspann Lake Recreation Area (Sarpy Co.) - 245 acres, Omaha - 156th and Giles Rd. Bluegill, bullhead, blue and channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, walleye. Largemouth bass - 21-inch minimum length; Crappie - 10-inch minimum length, except during the month of April; Panfish - daily bag limit of 10. Concrete boat ramp, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake), wheelchair-accessible pier. Owned by the Papio/Missouri NRD, area closes at 10 p.m.

Whitehawk (Douglas Co.) - 30 acres, Omaha - 192 and F. Largemouth bass and bluegill. Walk-in access only.

Wild Plum (Lancaster Co.) - 16 acres, 1½N, ½W, of Kramer. Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Owned by the Lower Platte South NRD.

Wildwood Lake (Lancaster Co.) - 103 acres, 1W, 1½N of Agnew. Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, walleye. Largemouth bass and channel catfish - catch and release; Sunfish - 8-inch minimum length. No live baitfish can be used or possessed. Concrete boat ramp, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake); primitive camping; wheelchair-accessible deck. Owned by Lower Platte South NRD.

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

Wilson Creek 2X WMA (Otoe Co.) - 15 acres, 3E, 1½S of Otoe. Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, grass carp. Electric motor or nonpowered boats allowed. Owned by the Nemaha NRD; very shallow.

Wilson Creek 4F (Prairie Owl) (Otoe Co.) - 38 acres, 2S, 1W, ¼S of Dunbar. Bluegill, bullhead, blue and channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass. Boat ramp, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Owned by the Nemaha NRD; very turbid.

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

Wolf Wildcat No. 12 (Gage Co.) - 42 acres, 7S of Virginia. Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass. Owned by the Lower Big Blue NRD; primitive boat ramp, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake).

Yankee Hill Lake WMA (Lancaster Co.) - 208 acres, 2½E, 1S of Denton. Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, walleye. Largemouth bass - 21-inch minimum length; Sunfish - 8-inch minimum length. No live baitfish can be used or possessed. Wheelchair-accessible concrete boat ramp; boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Lake refilled in 2007 after rehabilitation project.

Zorinsky Lake Recreation Area (Douglas Co.) - 255 acres, Omaha - 156th and F. Bluegill, bullhead, channel and blue catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, walleye, muskellunge. Largemouth bass 21-inch minimum length; Crappie 10-inch minimum length except during April; Panfish - daily bag limit of 10 in combination. City of Omaha lake, area open 5 a.m. to 11 p.m.; wheelchair-accessible fishing deck, concrete boat ramp, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake).

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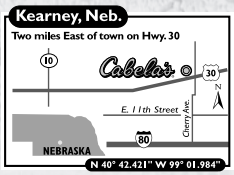

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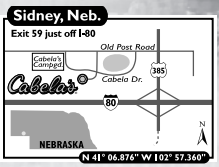

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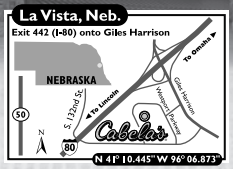

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