



# Outdoor Report

The week of July 20, 2020

- The Youth Sportsfests in the area have been cancelled this year due to Covid-19.

## Aberdeen Area



### Fishing Report

**Richmond:** Anglers are having success catching walleye and crappie. Most of the fish have been small but looks to be a good year class of fish coming up.

**Elm:** Anglers were having success catching walleye and some northern pike. South end of the lake seemed to be best.

**Wylie:** The Game, Fish and Parks has recently stocked bluegill, smallmouth bass, and white bass into the lake. This is a great area to take kids fishing.

**Elm River:** Anglers have been catching some northern pike.

**James River:** Anglers are catching northern pike. The walleye bite picked up a little bit with most catching them North of Columbia. Bow fishermen are having good luck shooting carp. **Anglers shooting carp need to pick up shot fish and dispose of them properly.**

**Mina:** Anglers have been catching small walleye and Bluegills. The water level has gone down this past week.

## Clark County



### Fishing Report

Dry 2 still is getting pressure with little success.

Other lakes are also getting some pressure with some walleye activity.

The dog days of summer fishing are definitely in effect.

## Codington County



### Fishing Report

**Goose:** Weed growth has made shore fishing difficult. Boat fishermen are catching walleye, most of which have been under 15 inches.

**Kampeska:** Anglers are still catching a mixed bag of fish from shore and by boat, including northern pike, white bass, perch, crappie and walleye.

**Pelican:** Fishing continues to be slow and weed growth has made fishing difficult.

## Day County



### Fishing Report

**Due to the high water and safety hazard of a potential vehicle and pedestrian accident, the county is no longer allowing pedestrians on the Grenville grade, Day Co 1 north of Hwy 12 to 140<sup>th</sup> St., and Yellowstone trail from Main St. to Day Co 1. Also, if you are shore fishing make sure you are parked in a legal parking spot and it is not posted as no parking.**

**North Rush:** Angling pressure has been minimal. Anglers are catching a few walleye and perch.

**South Rush:** The boat ramp is now open.

**Waubay:** Fishing pressure has been fairly steady with anglers having some success catching walleye and northern pike.

**Bitter:** Anglers are still having some success catching walleye and the occasional perch.

## Hamlin County



### Fishing Report



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**Poinsett:** Fishing activity was slow. Still a few reports of mix bag of fish (walleye, perch, and crappie) being caught.

## Marshall County



### Fishing Report

**Opitz:** Decent walleye fishing in the morning and evenings near timbered main lake points. This would be a great lake to take a kid fishing.

**Roy:** Good bass and decent walleye bite near main lake structure.

**Clear:** Great bass bite near main lake points and near shore edges. Good panfish bite near sunken islands.

**Buffalo lakes:** The panfish bite has been sporadic at best. The anglers moving around to find the best bite are doing really well.

**White:** A few walleye and crappie being caught but overall slow.

If you're reading this report and would like to get the entire family involved in the incredible fishing we have in the area, today is your lucky day!!! SDGFP is trying something new and would like to take a few families out fishing this summer. You will learn easy to access fishing areas and how to clean and cook what you catch. Space is very limited, so call today. Please contact GFP Conservation Officer Casey Dowler at (605) 881-3775 to learn more.



### Park Report:

#### Fort Sisseton State Park:

- **Murder Mystery** at Fort Sisseton- COVID Style - July 1<sup>st</sup>- July 31<sup>st</sup>. There's been a murder at the Fort! The staff at Fort Sisseton were excited to have a new intern on board this year, but instead it's been nothing but a disaster!  
Explore the buildings at the park while looking for clues related to the murder suspects, weapons and crime scene. Use your detective skills and the checklist to help you solve the crime. Once you have solved the crime, PM us on Facebook with the crime scene location, the murder and the weapon. Detectives that correctly solve the crime will win a prize and will also be put into a drawing to win a Fort Sisseton Gift Basket! More details and your Detective Sheet are available on the Fort Sisseton Facebook page! The Detective sheet is now available in the little library on the North Barracks, at the Visitor Center during business hours and in the event pictures.
- **Talk with an 1800's Army Soldier:** Join us at Fort Sisseton with Bill as he brings to life the Fort with his reenactment as a 1800's Frontier Army Soldier. Bill will do a special presentation at on August 8<sup>th</sup> at 3pm and at 6 pm, while making camp and willing to talk about the life of a soldier on the Frontier Army. Camp will be made between the Dr. Residence and Commanding Officer's House.

#### Mina Lake Recreation Area:

- Due to a recent storm that came through the area, the handicap fishing dock at Mina Lake Recreation Area will be closed until further notice.

#### Oakwood Lakes State Park

- Oakwood Lakes State Park is looking to fill a Campground Attendant position for the remainder of the summer and fall. Campground attendants assist in the overall operations and maintenance of our campgrounds and day use facilities including, but not limited to, cleaning comfort stations and vault toilets, cleaning fire pits, answering camper questions, using our reservation system, and assisting in kayak and canoe rentals. Requirements: money handling experience is helpful, ability to work independently, manage time well, and work in a variety of weather conditions. Uniforms are provided and a valid driver's license is required. Wage is \$10.17 per hour. Please go to <https://bhr.sd.gov/job-seekers/seasonal/gfp/summer.html> to apply. Contact Becky Graff at 605-627-5441 if you have questions.