



# SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF GAME, FISH AND PARKS

400 WEST KEMP AVENUE | WATERTOWN, SD 57201

## Outdoor Report

The week of May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022

- Spring Archery Turkey season is open from April 2-May 31.
- Prairie Spring and Spring Black Hills Turkey seasons are open from April 9<sup>th</sup>-May 31<sup>st</sup>.
- Applications for all Elk seasons are due online by Wednesday, May 25 at 10 a.m. CST.
- The Bighorn Sheep and Mountain Goat application deadline is May 18<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. CST.
- The Paddlefish- Gavin's Point Dam Snagging Application deadline is May 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> come to your local GFP office for Assistance Days, to learn how to set up and navigate our new Go Outdoors license system.
- View schedules and sign up for HuntSAFE classes at [gfp.sd.gov](http://gfp.sd.gov).
- The camping reservation window is open through the weekend of August 12<sup>th</sup>.
- This weekend, May 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>, enjoy free entrance into all South Dakota state parks and recreation areas. Camping fees still apply.
- This weekend, May 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>, is Free Fishing Weekend. No fishing licenses are required. Regulations and limits still apply.

### Aberdeen Area

#### Fishing Report

**Elm Lake:** With the recent rain, the water level has risen significantly on the lake. Currently the dock at the Elm Lake Resort is under water and the south dock is closed due to construction on the dam.

**Elm River:** Anglers have been catching walleye by some of the dams.

**James River:** Anglers have been fishing some of the bridges with not much success.

**Mina lake:** Anglers have been catching some walleye. Jig and a minnow has been working the best. Anglers sticking to the shorelines in shallow water have been finding the best bite.

**Richmond lake:** Anglers have been catching walleye by the North Bridge and spillway. The walleye bite has been a bit sporadic. Evenings have been the best.

#### Hunting Report:

**Turkey:** Hunters are reminded that Brown County only has a spring archery turkey season. There are a few small flocks of turkeys in the Hecla area.

### Clark County

#### Fishing Report

**Dry 1:** Slowing down for walleye on shore. Little boat activity.

**Dry 2:** The bite is fair for walleye and northern pike.

**Indian Springs:** The bite is fair for walleye.

**Reid:** Docks are in, and the walleye bite is fair.

**Swan:** The walleye bite is fair.

#### Hunting Report

**Turkey:** No report.

### Codington County

#### Fishing Report

**Blythe Slough:** Little shore fishing pressure.

**Dry Lake:** Fishermen are catching a few walleye and northern pike from shore.

**Goose:** Fishermen are catching a few walleye by boat and from shore.

**Kampeska:** Fishermen are catching a few northern pike and walleye from shore.

**Long Lake:** Fishermen are catching a few walleye and northern pike from shore.

**Pelican Lake:** Little to no fishing pressure.

#### Hunting Report

**Turkey:** Only a couple of weeks left to the turkey season, toms are starting to search for unbreed hens.





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## Day County

### Fishing Report

**Bitter:** Anglers are starting to pick up some walleye.

**Bluedog:** Fishing pressure has been steady with anglers catching some walleye.

**Rush:** Lots of good shore fishing opportunity at the culverts.

**Enemy Swim:** Little activity.

**Pickereel:** Little activity.

**Waubay:** Anglers are having some success catching walleye and white bass.

### Hunting Report

**Turkey:** Turkeys are still active and moving around. Hunters are reporting good success.

## Hamlin County

### Fishing Report

**Clear Lake:** A few smaller walleye are being caught.

**Lake Albert:** The walleye bite has picked up throughout the last week. Some northern pike are being caught from the north end of the lake. We're seeing an abundance of carp along the north side of the lake for bow fishermen.

**Lake Poinsett:** Anglers continue to have good success catching walleye up by shore during the evening hours. Success has really increased with the warmer temperatures.

**Three Buck:** A few walleye are being caught as the temperatures warm up.

### Hunting Report

**Turkey:** Turkey hunters are having success. Warmer temperatures have gotten birds spread out more. Birds are out searching for the remaining hens to breed, making them easier to target.

## Marshall County

### Fishing Report

**Buffalo Lakes:** Good northern pike bite and fair on walleye.

**Cattail/Kettle:** Anglers are finding a few northern pike.

**Clear:** Anglers are finding a few northern pike and bass.

**Opitz:** The perch and walleye bite is fair.

**Piyas:** Anglers are finding a few walleye and perch.

**Roy:** Anglers are venturing out, but the bite is slow.

**West Stink Lake:** Little to no activity.

### Hunting Report

**Turkey:** Hunters are having better success as the season moves on. Toms are separating from the larger groups and are easier to call in.



### Parks Report

No Report.