

The week of October 16th, 2022

The camping reservation window is open through January 14th, 2023. Book your pheasant or deer hunts in some of our great lodging options.

Modern lodging reservations can be made for holidays such as Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's.

2023 Park Entrance Licenses are available online and in-office. They make great Christmas gifts.

Landowners can purchase landowner deer licenses.

The pheasant season opens October 15th at 10:00 am central time.

Remember to check your State Migratory Bird Certificate to see if it expired in June, if so, be sure to purchase your new one.

Aberdeen Area

Fishing Report

With the fall weather finally moving into the area, we are starting to see fishing get better.

Richmond Lake: Anglers have been catching walleye, crappie, white bass, and perch. Anglers pulling plugs this weekend caught some walleye.

Elm Lake: Anglers have been catching walleye, crappie, and perch.

Mina Lake: Anglers have caught a few perch and walleye. Anglers pulling plugs this weekend caught some walleye.

James River: The water level has recently dropped and the flow of water has slowed down.

Hunting Report

Archery Deer: Archery hunters are seeing good deer movement in the mornings and evenings.

Waterfowl: Starting to see some geese migrate into the area. There are some smaller flocks of snow geese and white-fronted geese in northern Brown County. There are also some larger flocks of Canada Geese in the area. The hunters having the best success have been field hunting. Scouting these fields is the key to a successful hunt. There are good numbers of local ducks in the area to hunt. Lots of blue winged teal, gadwall, pintails, and mallards. Hunters hunting over water have had decent success. With the corn harvest underway, some duck hunters have had luck field hunting for ducks. Huntable numbers of swans in northeast Brown County and northern McPherson County.

Pheasants: Hunters saw good numbers of pheasants over the weekend. There is still a lot of corn in the fields, making pheasant hunting in early afternoon difficult. Hunters that had the best success hunted cattails and grass next to standing corn fields in late afternoon.

Clark County

Fishing Report

Dry 1: Slow.

Dry 2: Slow for perch and walleye.

Indian Springs: Majority of the lake closes on October 20 to boat. Only east ¼ of the lake is open to fish. Signs are posted at boat access points.

Reid: No activity.

Swan: No activity.

Hunting Report

Waterfowl: A few more ducks have moved in, geese are plentiful.

Pheasants: Fair.

Codington County

Fishing Report

Goose: Fishermen are catching a few walleye.

Kampeska: Fishermen are catching a mixed bag of fish.

Pelican Lake: Little to no activity.

Blythe Slough: Little to no activity.

Long Lake: Fishermen are catching a few walleye.

Dry Lake: Little to no activity.

Hunting Report

Goose: Hunters are still finding a few harvested fields with geese in them.

Duck: Duck hunters did well this past weekend, with most filling their limits. A majority of the ducks harvested were teal.

Deer: Bucks are starting to move more during daylight hours now that we are entering the pre-rut.

Pheasant: There are decent numbers of birds around. But with crops still in, getting to them has proven difficult.

Day County

Fishing Report

Bitter: Anglers are catching a few walleye and perch.

Bluedog: Anglers fishing from the grade are having some marginal luck with walleye and crappie.

Enemy Swim: Little activity.

Lynn Lake: Anglers are catching some walleye but still struggling to get keepers.

Pickerel: Little activity.

Rush: Anglers are starting to fish from shore and are having luck, mornings and evenings there are usually anglers fishing the culverts.

Waubay: Anglers are catching decent numbers of walleye and the bigger ones are finally biting, along with a few perch.

Hunting Report

Waterfowl: Continuing to see good numbers of ducks and geese spread throughout the county. Most beans are harvested; and producers have moved on to corn. We continue to be dry and some of the smaller sloughs have dried up.

Pheasant: Number of pheasants in the county. Hunters targeting areas next to harvested fields are having the best luck.

Deer: Deer are becoming more active during daylight.

Hamlin County

Fishing Report

Lake Poinsett: Very few fishermen are out trying their luck as the cold temperatures and wind have held them off the lake. A few walleyes are still being caught from shore during the evening hours.

Hunting Report

Waterfowl: New birds have migrated into the county. Birds are spread out throughout the county and are focusing on recently combined corn fields. Hunters are having very good success. Very few duck hunters around. A good push of birds has entered the county. Hunters focusing on recently combined corn are having good success.

Deer: Deer movement continues to increase. A number of deer are being observed in the daylight hours. Bucks are starting to move and make scrapes and rubs.

Pheasant: A good number of pheasant hunters were observed throughout the weekend. Little success was had due to unharvested crops.

Marshall County

Fishing Report

Buffalo Lakes: Little activity.

Cattail / Kettle Lakes: Walleye and bass bite continue to be good in the morning and evening.

Opitz: Anglers are having some luck targeting walleyes and occasional perch.

Piyas Lake: For most anglers, the bite has slowed. Don't forget to pick up a tribal fishing license.

Hunting Report

Waterfowl Season: Good number of birds in the area and seeing a few flocks of snow geese and specks around. Good numbers of swans in western part of the county.

Deer Season: Deer are becoming more active during daylight hours.

Pheasant: Hunters had fair success over the weekend and report seeing a good amount of birds. Wind was a factor all weekend long. Corn harvest is in full swing and nearing completion.

Parks Report

Richmond Lake Recreation Area: Join us at Richmond Lake Recreation Area for the annual Forest Drive Fright Night on October 22 from 2:00pm to 8:00pm. The Forest Drive Warming Shelter will host games, scavenger hunt, treats, costume contest, and hayrides. So, wear your best costume for a fun for all-ages event. A Park Entrance License is required.

Oakwood Lakes State Park: Mortimer's Monstrous Halloween Event will be held at Oakwood Lakes State Park on Saturday, October 29th from 3:00pm – 6:00pm. This is a come and go event that is fun for the whole family! Some of our activities include a scavenger hunt along a trail, face painting, trolley rides around the disc golf course, a coloring corner and trick-or-treat tables. A park license is required to enter the park, but no fees are charged to participate in the event. For more info contact Oakwood Lakes at 605-627-5441.

