



# SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF GAME, FISH AND PARKS

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## Outdoor Report

The week of March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023

- The camping reservation window for camping cabins and campsites is open through June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Plan for your next holiday with us. Easter, Mother's Day, Open House, and Memorial Day weekends are now available.
- Modern lodging reservations for modern cabins, suites, and lodges can be made for one year in advance so plan your summer and fall vacations now.
- 2023 Park Entrance Licenses are available online, avoid the lines and order them now. Order your Park Entrance Licenses online in March to receive a free limited-edition Trails are Calling sticker!
- The third application period for Prairie Spring Turkey is open until 8am on Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- Gavins Point Dam Archery Paddlefish online applications open Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>.
- The Nest Predator Bounty Program for youth opened to those under the age of 18 on March 1<sup>st</sup>. The program will open to all residents on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Tails from raccoon, striped skunk, badger, red fox, and opossum will be eligible for \$10 per-tail payments with a maximum total payout of \$500,000.
- Starting this year, all applications must be submitted online [gooutdoorsouthdakota.com](https://gooutdoorsouthdakota.com). Application information will be available online or at your local Game, Fish and Parks office approximately one month before the deadline. If you need assistance applying online, please stop by your local GFP Office or call 605-223-7660.
- The Hunt for Habitat Raffle is open until 8am on Tuesday, July 11<sup>th</sup>. Three winners will receive one "any elk," one "any deer" and one "any antelope" license. A separate raffle winner will receive a Custer State Park Trophy Buffalo License. Tickets are unlimited and \$10 each for residents. Purchase a ticket to win the hunt of a lifetime and support habitat projects around South Dakota.
- Game, Fish and Parks has partnered with the Second Century Habitat Fund, Toyota, and Alumacraft to raffle off the ultimate outdoor package with all proceeds supporting habitat in South Dakota. You can purchase as many tickets as you wish at <https://www.sdhabitatfund.org/raffle>. Tickets must be purchased by June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Ticket prices are 1 for \$20, 3 for \$50, and 10 for \$100.

### Aberdeen Area

#### Fishing Report

**Richmond Lake:** Anglers have been catching a few perch. The Brook Brown memorial is open for fishermen to access the lake. The bite has been inconsistent lately, but fisherman have had some luck toward the evening hours.

**Elm Lake:** Anglers have been catching crappie, perch, northern pike, and walleye. Access to the lake is difficult with all the snow. The only way to access the lake right now is off East Elm Lake Drive, located south of Elm Lake Resort.

**Wylie Lake:** Anglers have been catching some trout. With all the recent snow, this is one of the easier lakes to access currently.

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

**Mina Lake:** Fishing has been very slow and access to the lake has been difficult with the snow.

#### Hunting Report

Sportsmen are reminded to purchase their 2023 hunting and fishing licenses and prep gear.

**Snow Geese:** Some snow geese appeared in the Yankton area over the weekend. It would be a good time to get your hunting equipment ready and talk to landowners about getting permission to hunt.



## Clark County

### Fishing Report

Slush pockets are starting to form in large areas on the lake due to the recent heavy wet snows. Travel on lakes is hard unless using a tracked vehicle.

**Dry 2:** Slow for activity.

**Indian Springs:** Slow for activity.

**Dry 1:** A few perch are getting picked up.

**Reid:** A few walleye are being found.

**Swan:** Slow for activity.

## Codington County

### Fishing Report

**Goose:** Fishermen are catching a few northern pike and walleye.

**Grass Lake:** Fishermen are catching northern pike and the occasional walleye.

**Kampeska:** Little to no activity.

**Pelican Lake:** Little to no activity.

**Blythe Slough:** Little to no activity.

**Long Lake:** Little to no activity.

**Dry Lake:** Little to no activity.

## Day County

### Fishing Report

Travel on most lakes is limited to machines with tracks.

**Enemy Swim:** Anglers are catching a few bluegill.

**Pickerel:** Minimal fishing activity.

**Waubay:** Anglers are catching a few walleye.

**Bitter:** Anglers are catching a few walleye and perch.

## Hamlin County

### Fishing Report

**Poinsett:** Fishing has remained very slow. Travel on the lake is difficult.

**Lake Norden:** No fishing pressure.

**3 Buck:** No fishing pressure. There is a decent amount of snowfall on the lake making travel difficult.

**Marsh:** Perch fishing continues to be great. The northern pike bite has slowed down a little. Fishing pressure has decreased with the recent amount of heavy snowfall on the lake. Travel on the lake has become difficult due to the recent amount of snowfall.

## Marshall County

### Fishing Report

**South Buffalo:** Some anglers are having luck catching a mixed bag of fish of walleyes, bluegill, and crappie.

**Clear Lake:** Little activity.

**Piyas:** Little activity.

**Roy:** Anglers are having some luck catching bluegills close to the park.

## Parks Report