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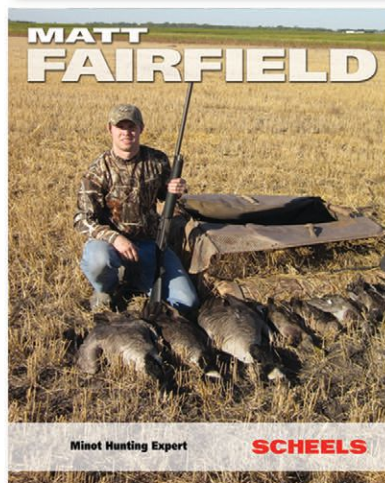
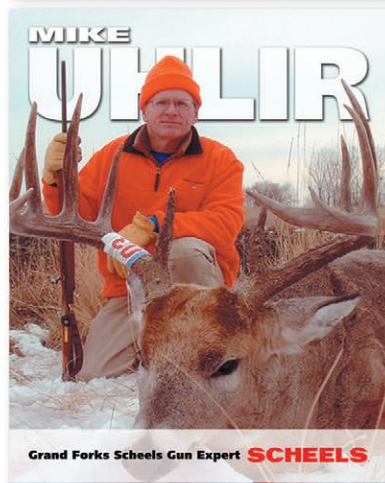
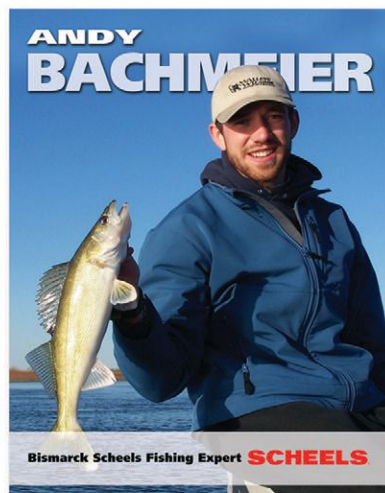
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Williston.....	701-774-4320

Information

Detailed hunting and fishing information is available from the North Dakota Game and Fish Department at 701-328-6300 or at gf.nd.gov. See page 36 for a list of websites to make your visit to North Dakota more enjoyable.

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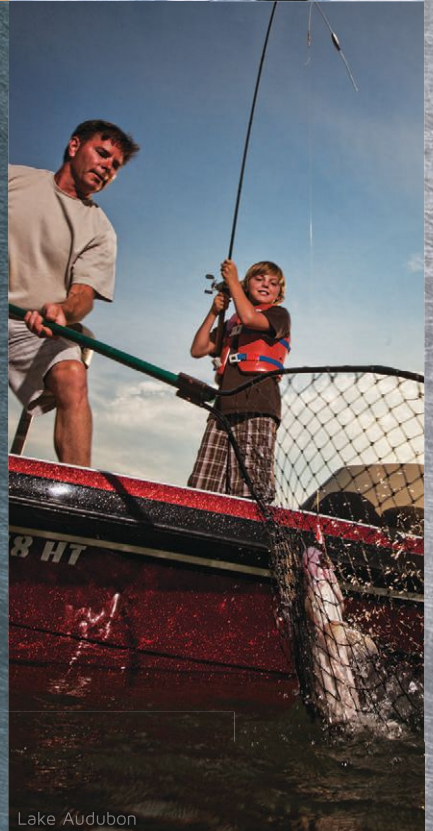
Lake Sakakawea



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Great angling opportunities
abound across North Dakota for a
variety of species.

Anglers will find choices in every season, from snagging paddlefish on the Missouri and Yellowstone rivers in the spring in northwestern North Dakota to drilling a hole in the ice at Devils Lake in a winter search for jumbo yellow perch. The Missouri River system (including lakes Sakakawea and Oahe), Devils Lake, and the Red River are some of the major fisheries. Like other lakes and rivers in North Dakota, each offers unique experiences.

The Missouri River stretches across a good chunk of North Dakota and features four distinct areas that provide their own characteristics and fishing qualities: Upper Missouri River, Lake Sakakawea, Central Missouri River and Lake Oahe.

The Upper Missouri River

The Missouri River enters North Dakota from Montana just west of Williston.

The free-flowing river offers a good setting for sauger and walleye in the spring and fall. And at the western reaches of the river in North Dakota, anglers can find one of the better spots in the country to snag a giant paddlefish in late spring. They also can come across northern pike and catfish in this area.

Lake Sakakawea

The lake, named for the Native American woman who helped guide Lewis and Clark 200 years ago, is the third-largest manmade lake in the United States. It's filled by the Missouri River and contained by Garrison Dam, the country's fifth largest. This huge lake, which features more shoreline than the state of California, is home to numerous types of fish. Walleye is the most popular catch, but anglers can reel in northern pike weighing more than 20 pounds, Chinook salmon,

smallmouth bass, white bass, yellow perch, crappie and sauger.

Central Missouri River

Water leaving Garrison Dam flows south in the Missouri River until it reaches Lake Oahe beyond Bismarck. This stretch of river is home to nationally renowned walleye fishing. The Tailrace at Garrison Dam offers excellent open-water fishing year-round and is home to state records for Chinook salmon, brown trout, rainbow trout and cutthroat trout, all caught within 20 miles downstream of the dam.

Lake Oahe

This lake stretches from Pierre, S.D., nearly to Bismarck. Anglers can find walleye and northern pike in this area, but there's also crappie, catfish and white bass.

Lake Sakakawea

How many places can a fish, or schools of fish, hide in a lake that is 160 or so miles long and has more coastline than the state of California?

The challenge is for you to find out.

Lake Sakakawea stretches from Garrison Dam at Riverdale north and west to Williston where it's fed by the waters of the Missouri River. The massive lake is known for its walleye fishing, and knowing where and when to fish is the key.

"Because it's a reservoir, the most challenging part of Lake Sakakawea is understanding walleye movement," said Greg Schoneck, a guide and owner of North Dakota Live, a fishing information and how-to radio show and website.

"It's an excellent fishery and it's getting better. There are unlimited areas to fish and you can always find a place that's secluded."

The size of the lake means you should have some experience in walleye fishing if you're hoping to limit out.

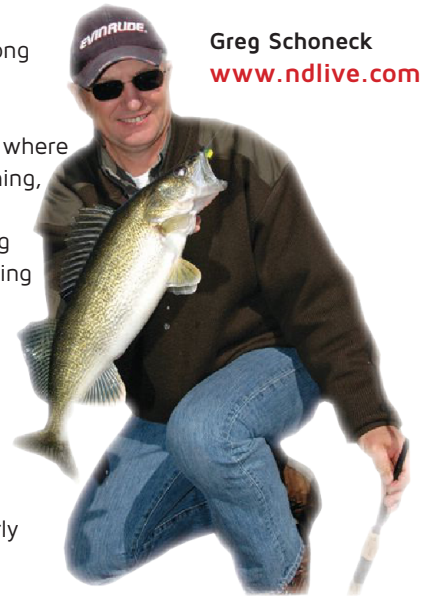
"They say 90 percent of the fish are in 10 percent of the water at any given time and there is an extreme amount of water," Schoneck added.

Activity is generally best in the west in the spring and moves to the mid-section in early summer. By later summer, fishing is generally best in the central and eastern part of the lake.

"Just apply traditional walleye tactics," Schoneck said. "They are shallow in the spring and through much of the summer. In late summer, they are deeper."

Spinners and bottom bouncers with minnows and crawlers work best, Schoneck said.

Anglers can also find salmon, northern pike and smallmouth bass.



Greg Schoneck
www.ndlive.com

Lake Oahe



Brian Fettig
www.lakeoaheguides.com/

Fishing guide Brian Fettig of Bismarck has been on Lake Oahe long enough to know a great thing when he sees it. And he sees greatness in the lake that stretches from Pierre, S.D., to within casting distance of the Bismarck-Mandan area.

"Lake Oahe is arguably one of the best fisheries in the nation," said Fettig, who owns Lake Oahe Guides. "The fishery changes with the scenery."

And that changes dramatically from the tree-lined Missouri River near Bismarck and Mandan where it forms Lake Oahe to the vast lake between the nearly barren hills near the South Dakota border.

The diversity of species and tactics is part of the allure, Fettig said.

"Within 20 or 30 miles, the river becomes a lake and it's completely different," Fettig said. "And it changes with the seasons. In the spring you might be jigging in the Bismarck area. As the season moves on, fish move down to the lake and you use more crankbaits. But you do it all on the same body of water."

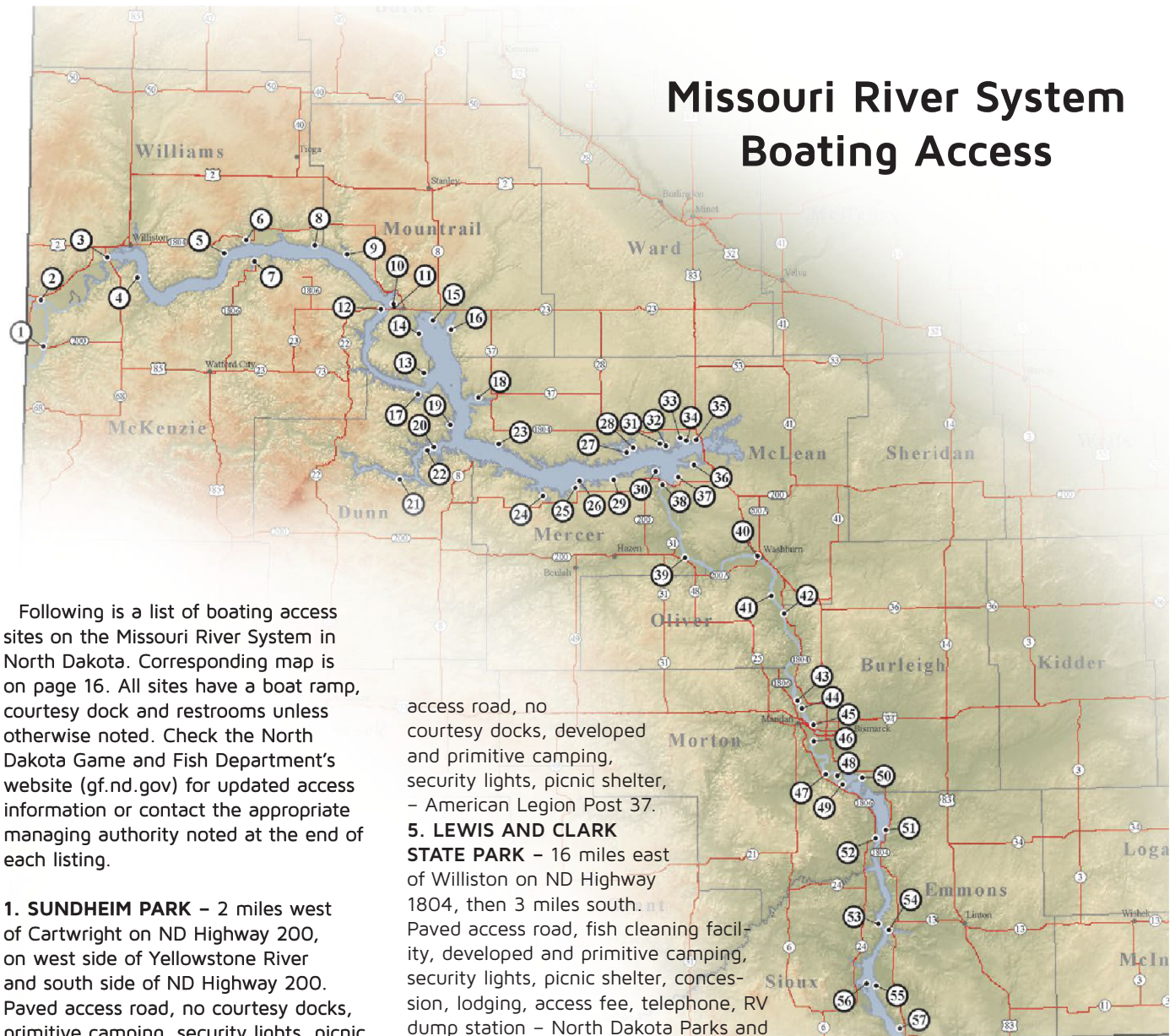
Most anglers consider the northern reaches of Lake Oahe to be the Kimball Bottom area south of Bismarck. Professionals like those in the FLW and PWT have returned over and over to the area because of its excellent fishing.

Walleye are their target, of course. But weekend anglers can also run into northern pike, white bass, smallmouth bass and more. "A little bit of everything," as Fettig says.

In winter, Fettig advises anglers to head south a ways to an area where the current isn't so strong for ice fishing. "We go mostly from Beaver Bay south to the state line," he said.

And for those wondering what affect last year's flooding had, Fettig hasn't seen much at all. "It looks like it hasn't hurt (the fishing)," Fettig said. "The river runs a little different, but it's a lot of the same thing. It doesn't seem like it affected it a lot. We've got a pretty good outlook for (2012)."

Missouri River System Boating Access



Following is a list of boating access sites on the Missouri River System in North Dakota. Corresponding map is on page 16. All sites have a boat ramp, courtesy dock and restrooms unless otherwise noted. Check the North Dakota Game and Fish Department's website (gf.nd.gov) for updated access information or contact the appropriate managing authority noted at the end of each listing.

- 1. SUNDHEIM PARK** – 2 miles west of Cartwright on ND Highway 200, on west side of Yellowstone River and south side of ND Highway 200. Paved access road, no courtesy docks, primitive camping, security lights, picnic shelter – Sundheim Park Board.
- 2. CONFLUENCE AREA** – 1.5 miles south of Buford on ND Highway 1804. Paved access road, developed and primitive camping, security lights, picnic shelter – Williams County WRD.
- 3. LEWIS AND CLARK BRIDGE** – 4 miles west of Williston on U.S. Highway 2, 3 miles south on U.S. Highway 85, on south side of Missouri River, and east side of U.S. Highway 85. Paved access road, no courtesy docks, primitive camping, security lights, picnic shelter – Williams County WRD.
- 4. AMERICAN LEGION PARK (RAUMS)** – 4 miles west of Williston on U.S. Highway 2, 6 miles south on U.S. Highway 85, then 4 miles east. Gravel

access road, no courtesy docks, developed and primitive camping, security lights, picnic shelter, – American Legion Post 37.

- 5. LEWIS AND CLARK STATE PARK** – 16 miles east of Williston on ND Highway 1804, then 3 miles south. Paved access road, fish cleaning facility, developed and primitive camping, security lights, picnic shelter, concession, lodging, access fee, telephone, RV dump station – North Dakota Parks and Recreation.

- 6. WHITETAIL BAY (LUND'S LANDING)** – 22 miles east of Williston on ND Highway 1804. Paved access road, fish cleaning facility, developed camping, security lights, picnic shelter, concession, lodging, boat rental – Williams County WRD.

- 7. TOBACCO GARDEN CREEK BAY** – 2 miles east of Watford City on ND Highway 23, then 25 miles north and east on ND Highway 1806. Paved access road, fish cleaning facility, developed and primitive camping, security lights, picnic shelter, concession, lodging, RV dump station – McKenzie County Park Board.

- 8. LITTLE BEAVER BAY** – 32 miles

northwest of New Town on ND Highway 1804, then 3 miles south. Gravel access road, fish cleaning facility, developed and primitive camping, security lights, picnic shelter – Williams County WRD.

- 9. WHITE EARTH BAY** – 28 miles northwest of New Town on ND Highway 1804, then 2 miles south, 1 mile east, 3 miles south, 3 miles east. Gravel access road, fish cleaning facility, developed and primitive camping, security lights, picnic shelter, concession, telephone, RV dump station – Mountrail County Park Board.

- 10. SANISH BAY (AFTEM)** – 1 mile north, 2 miles west of New Town.

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Gravel access road, no restrooms – New Town Park Board/After Development.

11. NEW TOWN MARINA – 2 miles west of New Town on ND Highway 23. Paved access road, fish cleaning facility, developed and primitive camping, security lights, picnic shelter, trash receptacles, concession, telephone, RV dump station – New Town Marina Association.

12. FOUR BEARS – 4 miles west of New Town on ND Highway 23. Paved access road, fish cleaning facility, developed and primitive camping, security lights, picnic shelter, trash receptacles, concession, lodging, telephone, RV dump station – Three Affiliated Tribes.

13. POUCH POINT – 7 miles south, 2 miles east, 2 miles south, 1 mile east, 3 miles south of New Town. Paved access road, developed and primitive camping, security lights, picnic shelter, trash receptacles, concession – Three Affiliated Tribes.

14. LITTLEFIELD BAY – 5 miles south, 2 miles east of New Town. Gravel access road, no restrooms, no courtesy docks, primitive camping – ND Game and Fish Department.

15. VAN HOOK – 5 miles east of New Town on ND Highway 23, then 2 miles south. Paved access road, fish cleaning facility, developed and primitive camping, security lights, picnic shelter, trash receptacles, concession, telephone, RV dump station – Mountrail County Park Board.

16. PARSHALL BAY – 3 miles west, 1 mile south, 3 miles west, 1 mile south, 2 miles west of Parshall. Paved access road, fish cleaning facility, developed and primitive camping, security lights, picnic shelter, trash receptacles, concession, boat rental, telephone, RV dump station – Mountrail County Park Board.

17. SKUNK BAY – 14 miles northeast of Mandaree. Gravel access road, developed and primitive camping, concession, lodging – Three Affiliated Tribes/Roads Maker, Inc.

18. DEEP WATER CREEK BAY – 14 miles south of Parshall on ND Highway 37, then either 1 mile south to the corps ramp or 2.5 miles west and .5 miles south to the county ramp. Gravel access road, primitive camping, security lights, picnic shelter, trash receptacles – U.S. Army Corps of Engineers/McLean

County Park Board.

19. HALE MARINA – 18 miles southeast of Mandaree. Gravel access road, no restrooms, no courtesy docks – Three Affiliated Tribes.

20. MCKENZIE BAY – 22 miles southeast of Mandaree. Gravel access road, fish cleaning facility, developed and primitive camping, security lights, picnic shelter, concession, lodging, telephone, RV dump station – Watford City Park Board.

21. LITTLE MISSOURI BAY – 16 miles northeast of Dunn Center. Gravel access road, security lights – Dunn County.

22. CHARGING EAGLE BAY – 12 miles north of Halliday on ND Highway 8, then 10 miles west on BIA No. 22. Gravel access road, no restrooms, fish cleaning facility, primitive camping – Three Affiliated Tribes.

23. INDIAN HILLS RESORT – 11 miles west of White Shield on ND Highway 1804, then 3 miles south. Gravel access road, fish cleaning facility, developed and primitive camping, security lights, picnic shelter, concession, lodging, boat rental, telephone, RV dump station – ND Parks and Recreation/Three Affiliated Tribes.

24. BEAVER CREEK BAY – 12 miles north of Zap. Paved access road, primitive camping, picnic shelter – Zap City Park Board.

25. DAKOTA WATERS RESORT – 15 miles north of Beulah. Paved access road, fish cleaning facility, developed and primitive camping, security lights, picnic shelter, concession, lodging, boat rental, telephone, RV dump station – Dakota Waters Resort.

26. BEULAH BAY – 17 miles north of Beulah. Paved access road, fish cleaning facility, developed and primitive camping, security lights, picnic shelter, lodging, telephone, RV dump station – Beulah City Park Board.

27. DOUGLAS CREEK BAY – 5 miles south, 4 miles east of Emmet to corps ramp or 2 miles south, 1 mile east, 1 mile south of Emmet to county ramp. Gravel access road, primitive camping – U.S. Army Corps of Engineers/McLean County Park Board.

28. CAMP OF THE CROSS – 4 miles west, 1.5 miles south, 1 mile west, 1 mile south, 1 mile west, .5 miles south of Garrison. Gravel access road, no restrooms, primitive camping – Camp

of the Cross.

29. HAZEN BAY – 14 miles north of Hazen. Paved access road, fish cleaning facility, developed and primitive camping, security lights, picnic shelter, concession, lodging, telephone, RV dump station – Hazen City Park Board.

30. LAKE SAKAKAWEA STATE PARK – Just east and north of Pick City. Paved access road, fish cleaning facility, developed and primitive camping, security lights, picnic shelter, concession, lodging, boat rental, access fee, telephone, RV dump station – ND Parks and Recreation.

31. GARRISON CREEK – 2 miles west of Garrison on ND Highway 37, 3 miles south, 1 mile east. Gravel access road, no restrooms – Garrison Cabin Assoc.

32. FORT STEVENSON STATE PARK – 3 miles south of Garrison. Paved access road, fish cleaning facility, developed and primitive camping, security lights, picnic shelter, concession, lodging, boat rental, access fee, telephone, RV dump station – ND Parks and Recreation.

33. STEINKE BAY – 3 miles west of the junction of ND Highway 37 and U.S. Highway 83, then 2 miles south.

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Gravel access road, primitive camping – McLean County Park Board.

34. SPORTSMENS CENTENNIAL PARK – 1 mile west of the junction of ND Highway 37 and U.S. Highway 83, then 2 miles south, 1 mile west. Gravel access road, fish cleaning facility, developed and primitive camping, security lights, picnic shelter, concession, telephone – McLean County Park Board.

35. WEST TOTTEN TRAIL – 7 miles north of Coleharbor on U.S. Highway 83, then .5 miles west, or 2 miles south of the junction of U.S. Highway 83 and ND Highway 37, then .5 miles west. Gravel access road – McLean County Park Board.

36. WOLF CREEK – 1 mile east of Riverdale on ND Highway 200, then 2 miles north, 1 mile east, 1 mile north, .5 miles east. Gravel access road, fish cleaning facility, primitive camping, security lights, picnic shelter, RV dump station – U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

37. GOVERNMENT BAY – Just north of Riverdale. Paved access road, fish cleaning facility, developed and primitive camping, security lights – U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

38. GARRISON DAM TAILRACE – Directly below Garrison Dam with the campground located south of the fish hatchery. Paved access road, fish cleaning facility, developed camping, security lights – U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

39. UPA SITE (STANTON) – Just west of UPA power plant on ND Highway 200A near Stanton. Paved access road, security lights – City of Stanton.

40. WASHBURN – On east side of Missouri River near Washburn, north of ND Highway 200A bridge. Paved access road, fish cleaning facility, primitive camping, security lights, picnic shelter, RV dump station – Washburn City Park Board.

41. SANGER (CROSS RANCH) – Just east of Sanger townsite on west side of Missouri River. Gravel access road, primitive camping, picnic shelter – ND Parks and Recreation.

42. STECKEL BOAT LANDING (WILTON) – 22 miles north of Bismarck on ND Highway 1804, or 5.5 miles west, 1 mile south, and 1.5 miles west of junction of U.S. Highway 83 and ND Highway 36. Paved access road, primitive camping, picnic shelter – Burleigh County Park Board.

43. HOGE LANDING – On east side of Missouri River near Bismarck, 6.4 miles north of I-94 bridge on River Road, then .7 miles west and 1.5 miles south/southwest. Gravel access road, no courtesy docks, picnic shelter – Bismarck Parks and Rec.

44. KNIEFEL LANDING – On east side of Missouri River near Bismarck, 3 miles north of I-94 bridge on River Road, then 1 mile west. Paved road, security lights, picnic shelter, concession – Burleigh County.



45. GRANT MARSH BRIDGE – On east side of Missouri River near Bismarck, south side of I-94 bridge on River Road. Paved access road, security lights – Bismarck Parks and Recreation.

46. FOX ISLAND PARK – From Washington Street, .75 miles west on Riverwood Drive 1 block south of Expressway, 1.5 miles south and .5 miles west. Heavy pleasure boat use in summer. Paved access road, fish cleaning facility, security lights – Bismarck Parks and Recreation.

47. LITTLE HEART BOTTOMS (SCHMIDT) – 11 miles south of Mandan on ND Highway 1806, then 1 mile north. Paved access road – Morton County Park Board.

48. KIMBALL BOTTOMS (DESERT) – 8 miles south of Bismarck on ND Highway 1804, then 2 miles south. Paved access road, primitive camping, security lights, picnic shelter – Burleigh County Park Board.

49. GRANER BOTTOMS (SUGAR LOAF) – 19 miles south of Mandan on ND Highway 1806, then 1 mile east, or

about 3 miles north of Huff. Paved access road, fish cleaning facility, developed and primitive camping, security lights, picnic shelter, RV dump station – Morton County Park Board.

50. MACLEAN BOTTOMS (GUN RANGE) – 14 miles south of Bismarck on ND Highway 1804, then 2 miles south. Paved access road, primitive camping, security lights, picnic shelter – Burleigh County Park Board.

51. HAZELTON – 31 miles southeast of Bismarck on ND Highway 1804 or 13 miles west and 2 miles north of Hazelton. Campground located just south of boat ramp. Paved access road, developed and primitive camping, security lights, picnic shelter – U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

52. FORT RICE – 28 miles south of Mandan on ND Highway 1806, then .5 miles east. Paved access road, fish cleaning facility, primitive camping, security lights, picnic shelter – Morton County Park Board.

53. WALKER BOTTOMS (PRAIRIE KNIGHTS MARINA) – 10 miles south of the Cannonball River on ND Highway 1806, then 3.5 miles east. Fish cleaning facility, developed and primitive camping, security lights, picnic shelter, lodging, telephone, dump station – Prairie Knights Casino.

54. BEAVER BAY – 13 miles west of Linton on ND Highway 13, then 2 miles south on ND Highway 1804. Paved access road, fish cleaning facility, developed and primitive camping, security lights, picnic shelter, concession, telephone, RV dump station – U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

55. CATTAIL BAY (WINONA) – 10 miles west of Strasburg, 1 mile south, 7 miles west, then 1 mile north on ND Highway 1804, 2 miles west, 2 miles south, 1 mile west. Gravel access road, primitive camping, picnic shelter, concession – U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

56. FORT YATES – North edge of Fort Yates. Paved access road, primitive camping, picnic shelter – Standing Rock Sioux Tribe.

57. LANGELIERS BAY – 10 miles west of Strasburg, 1 mile south, 7 miles west, then 11 miles south on ND Highway 1804, and .75 miles west. Paved access road, fish cleaning facility, primitive camping, security lights – Emmons County Park Board.

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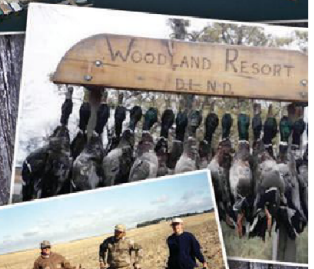
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- State law now requires that all water is drained from boats and other watercraft when leaving a water body. A previous provision that allowed livewells and baitwells to retain water for transporting fish or bait was repealed in 2010.
- On nearly all North Dakota waters, fishing for game fish is open year-round, with a licensing season of April 1-March 31. Exceptions include a few small lakes designated as Special Fish Management Areas.
- Darkhouse spearfishing is allowed from December 1 through March 15 of each fishing year on designated lakes, except Spiritwood Lake, which is open January 1 through March 15. Northern pike and nongame fish are the only legal species. Daily and possession limits are the same as for hook-and-line angling. Darkhouse spearfishing is open to North Dakota residents, as well as nonresidents whose home states allow North Dakotans to spearfish. Darkhouse spearfishing requires registration with the North Dakota Game and Fish Department.
- Fathead and stickleback minnows, creek chubs and white suckers (limited area on the Red River only) are the only legal live bait fish allowed in North Dakota waters. On the following lakes, no live bait fish of any kind are allowed:


Water Area

Belfield Pond
Blumhardt Dam
Bylin Dam/Dougherty Dam
Camels Hump Dam
Crown Butte
Custer Mine Pond
Davis Dam
Dickinson Dike
Fish Creek
Harmon Lake
Indian Creek
Kettle Lake
Leland Dam
Lightning Lake
McDowell Dam
North Lemmon Dam
Nygren Dam
Raleigh Reservoir
Sather Dam
Sheep Creek Dam
Velva Sportsmen's Pond

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- Nonresidents under age 16 do not need a fishing license if accompanied by a licensed adult.



DAILY/POSSESSION LIMITS
Copies of the current North Dakota fishing regulations are available at gf.nd.gov or by calling the Game and Fish Department at 701-328-6300.

NONRESIDENT FISHING

Individual Season.....	\$35.00
Husband-Wife Season.....	45.00
Individual 10-day.....	25.00
Individual 3-day.....	15.00
Paddlefish Tag (limit 1—all ages).....	7.50

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Devils Lake

There is more than one way to fish for walleye on Devils Lake. That's what makes this ever-expanding fishery unique, according to guide and television personality Jason Mitchell.

"Devils Lake is changing all the time," said Mitchell, who owns Mitchell's Guide Service and stars in the Jason Mitchell Outdoors television show. "It's always different and that keeps it fun. It's fun to catch (fish), but it's fun to learn about them and how to fish for them."

Devils Lake is certainly changing. Not everyone is happy that the lake keeps swallowing up vast areas of land. But anglers find the lake challenging and rewarding due to the species within its waters and ways that they can drop a line.

"What separates Devils Lake from anywhere else is that you can catch fish in so many areas doing so many different things," Mitchell said. "In a lot of lakes, if you don't fish a certain way you'll be in trouble. On Devils Lake you catch them from shore along the rip rap or tie up or head out to deep water. If you have a favorite method, there is a spot you can hammer them somewhere in Devils Lake."

That includes those not fortunate enough to have a boat.

"This is, by far, the best area I've even seen for good shore fishing," Mitchell said.

Regardless of your reason for being on the water, Devils Lake has what you're looking for.

"This is one of the best places in the country for numbers of pike if you just want lots of action," Mitchell said. "It's getting better and better for big pike, like 20 pounds or bigger, too. You also get tremendous action with white bass."

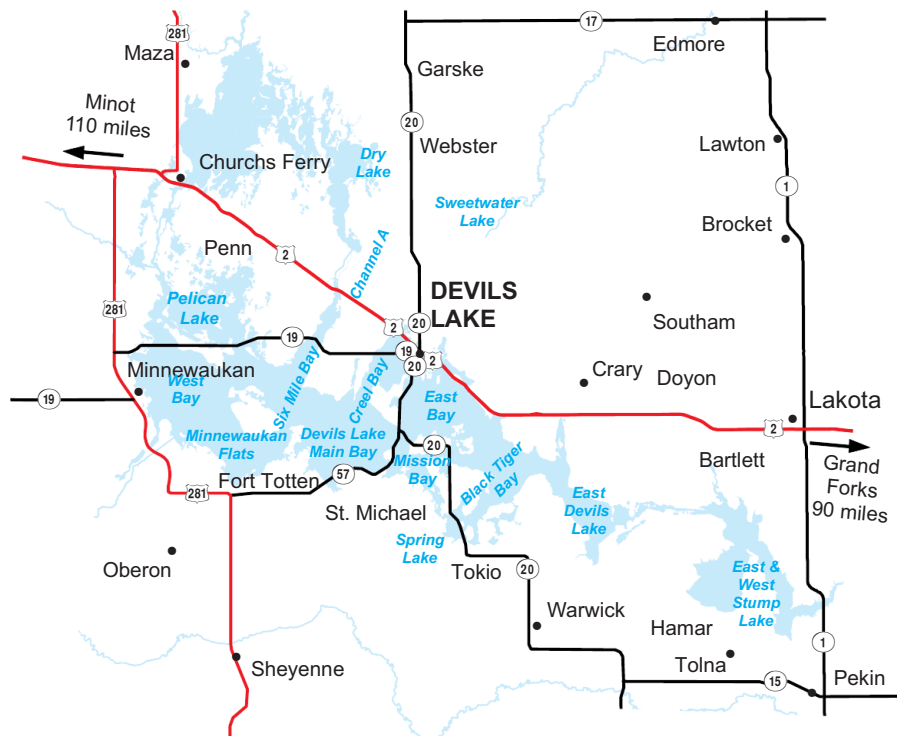
Mitchell said Devils Lake is unlike many lakes and rivers in that there is no real slow season.

"On Devils Lake, fishing is incredible all year. The fishery doesn't shut down like it does in a lot of places. The bite could actually get better later on."

When winter sets in, the focus turns to ice fishing. Devils Lake is home to the Perch Express, which brings people to Devils Lake by train to spend several days landing the popular panfish.

Jason Mitchell

www.jasonmitchelloutdoors.com



Why Devils Lake?

Devils Lake is the state's largest natural body of water and fish populations have kept up with the expanding water size. You'll find northern pike, walleye, white bass, perch and crappie, to name a few. The lake is known for its outstanding open water walleye fishing in the summer and ice fishing in the winter months.



Devils Lake

Red River of the North

Fishing guide Brad Durick knew he had to adapt his strategy to continue fishing the Red River of the North. The deep water and fast current told him everything about the river that separates Minnesota and North Dakota.

"It used to be predictable, but not anymore," said Durick, who owns Brad Durick Outdoors LLC and has guided anglers to trophy catfish in the Red River since 2008. "The past two years have been up and down so much, there's no normality to it."

As the river rose to high levels and stayed there, Durick decided it was time for him and his guides to learn the nuances of fishing in deeper water.

"Last year we said we have to learn to fish in high water until they shut us down (during dangerous flooding)," Durick said. "I prefer it high."

Durick said he found that during high flows and deep water, catfish tend to leave the channel for calmer waters. "They don't like the current, either. They try to find holes in the channel and get out of the main channel. Once we learned that, everything came together."

Now Durick has strategies for almost everything. "I haven't guided in a drought yet," he said.

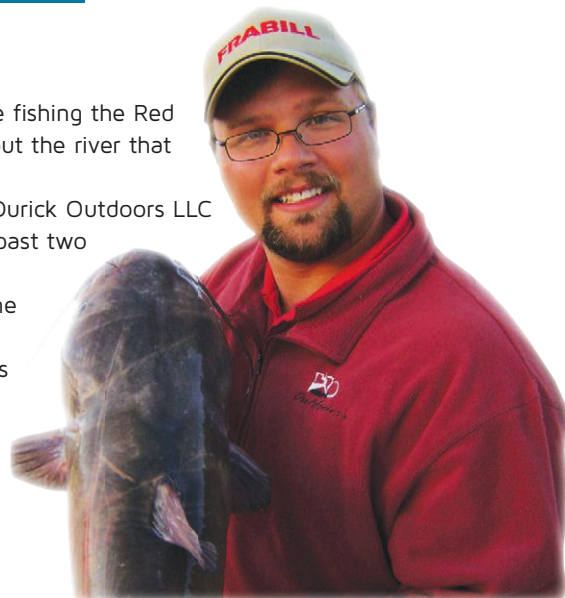
There is no indication of that happening in the near future.

The catfish bite generally runs from the time ramps open in spring until October.

During the 2011 season, 44 percent of the catch by Durick's clients were trophy size (30 inches or larger). The heaviest catch was 25 pounds, well off the 30 pounds that topped last year.

"It's a good time to be on the Red," Durick said. "Even the old-timers say it hasn't been this good in a long time."

Catfish is what most anglers chase on the Red River, though other species can be found there, Durick said.



Brad Durick

<http://braddurick.com/>

The winding Red River of the North forms the boundary between Minnesota and North Dakota, but it creates one long recreational playground for citizens of both states. The river provides canoeing, boating and fishing opportunities year-round, although spring floods sometimes create hazardous conditions before the river returns to its normal,

slow, meandering flow in to Canada.

Local anglers may know the best access points to the Red River. For those who are unsure, the North Dakota Game and Fish has online maps that detail access points along the length of the river. Check with the Game and Fish Department for updated access maps.



North Dakota Fishing Waters

The following public fishing waters in North Dakota are listed by county in the six districts managed by the Game and Fish Department. The number in parenthesis that follows each fishery is simply a code used by biologists to help identify those waters. The codes are also found on the maps to help readers locate waters in which they are interested. Primary fish species present in the lake are noted. Most state public fishing waters have boat ramps. Waters without ramps are listed as "no ramp." Check signs at each area for further restrictions.

NORTHWEST

BURKE COUNTY

Northgate Dam (097) – 6 miles north, 1 mile west, 2 miles north, .5 miles west of Bowbells (walleye, bluegill, trout – fishing pier).

Powers Lake (093) – Southeast side of Powers Lake (pike, perch – fishing pier).

Smishek Lake (095) – 4 miles north-west of Powers Lake (pike, perch, bluegill – fishing pier).

DIVIDE COUNTY

Baukol-Noonan Dam (475) – 2 miles east, .5 miles south of Noonan (trout, bluegill, largemouth bass – fishing pier).

Baukol-Noonan East Mine Pond (508) – 2 miles east, .5 miles south of Noonan (trout, bluegill, perch).

Skjermo Lake (126) – 3 miles west, 4 miles northwest of Fortuna (pike, perch – fishing pier).

MCKENZIE COUNTY

Arnegard Dam (216) – .5 miles west, 3 miles north, 1.5 miles southwest of Arnegard (pike, perch – fishing pier).

Leland Dam (469) – 11 miles south, 8 miles west, 8 miles south, 2 miles southeast, 1.5 miles east, 1 mile north of Alexander (bluegill, largemouth bass, trout).

Sather Dam (217) – 11 miles south, 8 miles west of Alexander (bluegill, largemouth bass, trout – fishing pier).

Watford City Park Pond (640) – Southeast side of Watford City (trout, catfish – no ramp, fishing pier).

MOUNTRAIL COUNTY

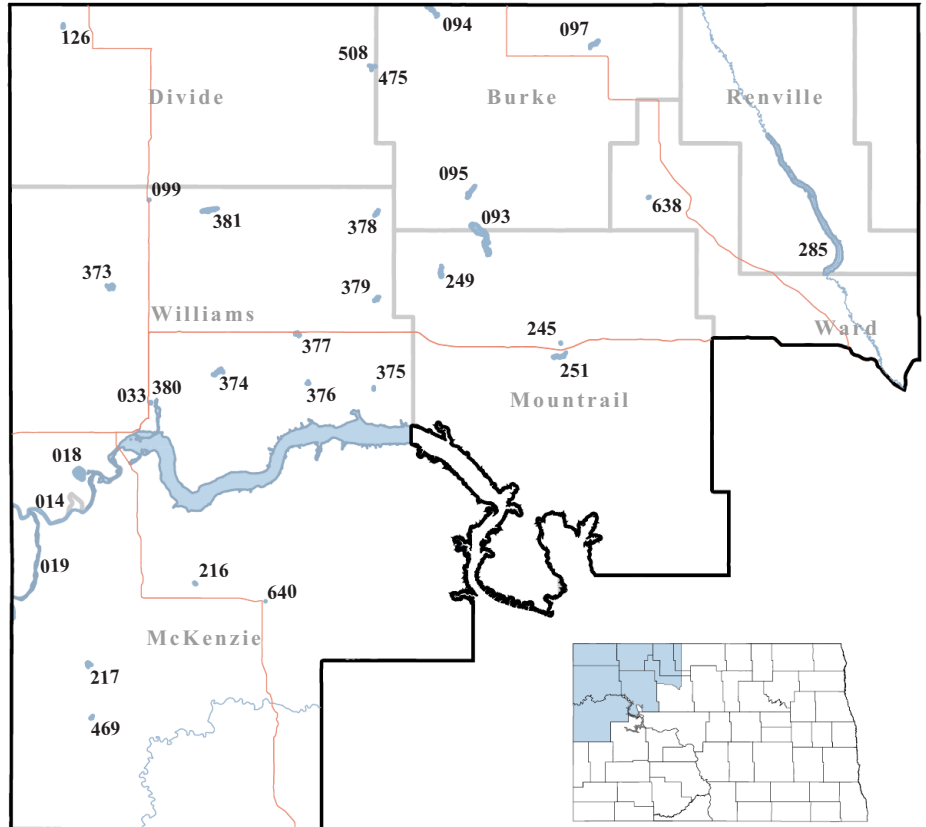
Stanley Pond (245) – Northeast side of Stanley (trout, catfish – fishing pier).

Stanley Reservoir (251) – 1 mile south of Stanley (pike).

White Earth Dam (249) – 6 miles north of White Earth (pike, walleye, perch – fishing pier).

RENVILLE COUNTY

Lake Darling (285) – 16 miles north, 13 miles west of Minot (pike, walleye, perch – fishing pier).



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WARD COUNTY

Nelson-Landers Pond (638) – .25 miles west, .5 miles south, .25 miles east of Kenaston (bluegill, largemouth bass – fishing pier).

WILLIAMS COUNTY

Blacktail Dam (373) – 5 miles north, 5 miles west, 1 mile north of the junction of U.S. highways 2 and 85 (pike, perch, bluegill – fishing pier).

Cottonwood Lake (381) – 1 mile east, .5 miles north of Alamo (pike – fishing pier).

East Spring Lake Pond (380) – North side of Williston (trout – no ramp, fishing pier).

Epping-Springbrook Dam (374) – 1.5 miles east of Springbrook (pike, walleye, perch – fishing pier).

Iverson Dam (375) – 3 miles south, 1 mile west, 8 miles south, .5 miles east of Tioga (trout, largemouth bass – no ramp).

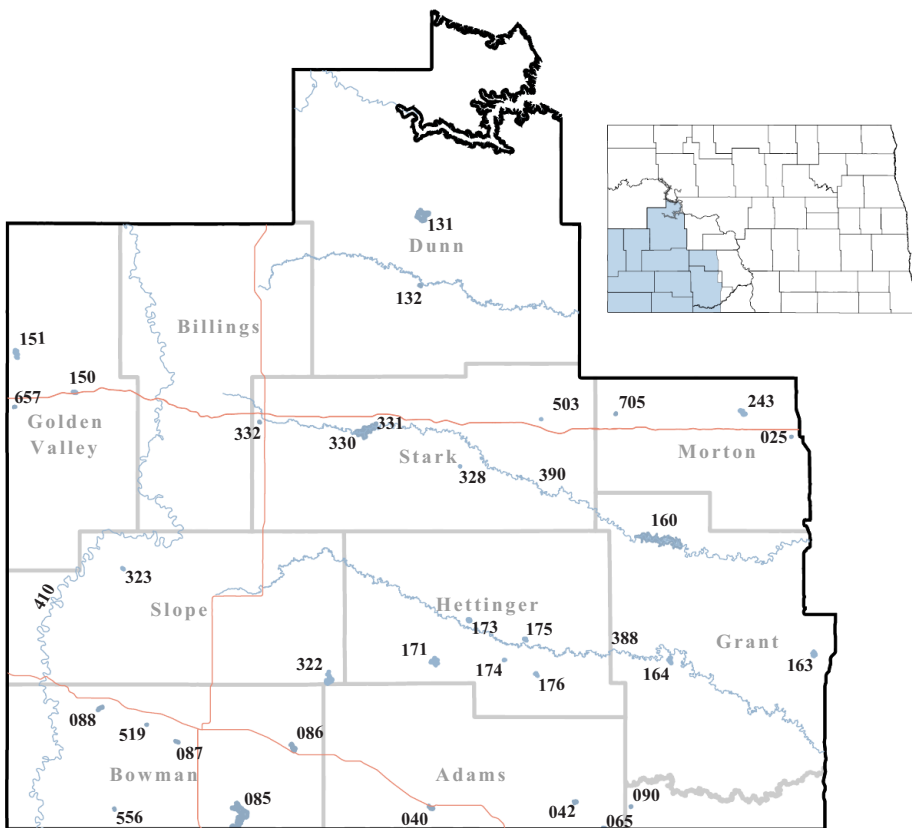
Kettle Lake (099) – 3 miles east, 2.5 miles north of Zahl (trout, largemouth bass – fishing pier).

Kota-Ray Dam (376) – 5 miles south, .5 miles east, 2 miles south of Ray (trout, bluegill, largemouth bass – fishing pier).

McGregor Dam (378) – 1 mile south of McGregor (walleye, trout, perch – fishing pier).

McLeod (Ray) Reservoir (377) – Southwest side of Ray (walleye, perch, pike – fishing pier).

Tioga Dam (379) – North side of Tioga



(pike – fishing pier).

Trenton Lake (018) – South side of Trenton (pike, walleye, crappie – fishing pier).

West Spring Lake Pond (033) – North edge of Williston (trout – no ramp).

RIVERS AND LAKES

Upper Missouri River (014) – Missouri River from Williston to the Montana state line (paddlefish, sauger, catfish).

Yellowstone River (019) – Near cities of Buford, Cartwright and Fairview (paddlefish, sauger, catfish – fishing pier).

SOUTHWEST

ADAMS COUNTY

Bolke Dam (065) – 5 miles east, .5 miles north, .5 miles west, .5 miles north of Lemmon, South Dakota (trout – no ramp).

Mirror Lake (040) – South side of Hettinger (walleye, perch, bluegill – fishing pier).

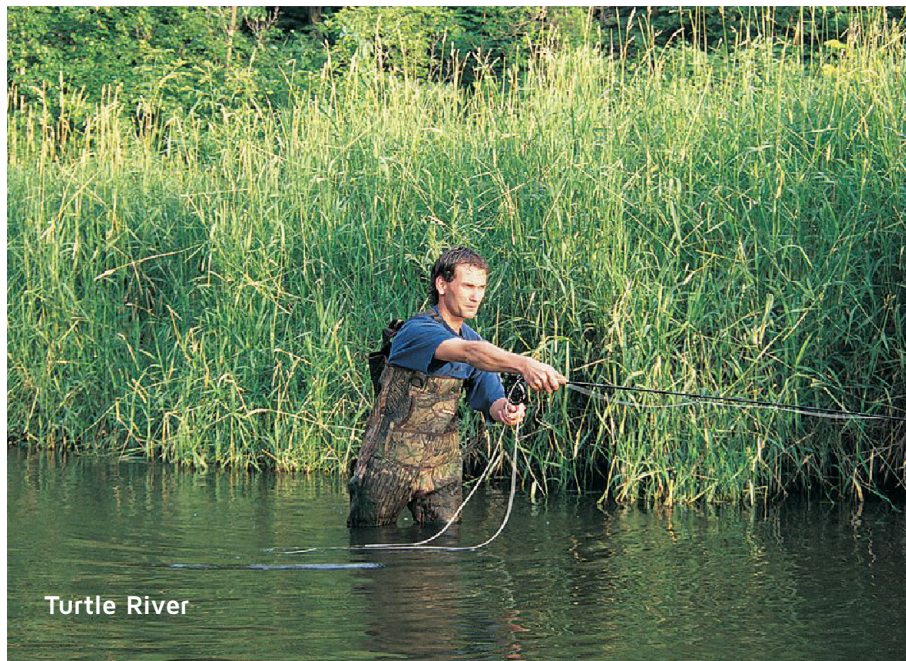
North Lemmon (042) – 5 miles north of Lemmon, South Dakota (trout, bluegill, largemouth bass – fishing pier).

BOWMAN COUNTY

Bowman-Haley Dam (085) – 11 miles south, 8 miles east, 2 miles south of Bowman (walleye, perch, smallmouth bass – fishing pier).

Gascoyne Lake (086) – 1.5 miles northwest of Gascoyne (pike).

Holocek Dam (556) – 12 miles south,



.5 miles west of Rhame (trout – no ramp).

Kalina Dam (087) – 2 miles west, 1 mile south, 1 mile west, 1 mile south of Bowman (pike, perch, bluegill – no ramp).

Lutz Dam (519) – 2.5 miles south, 2 miles west of Griffin (trout, bluegill, largemouth bass – no ramp).

Spring Lake (088) – 1 mile south, 4 miles west of Rhame (pike, perch).

DUNN COUNTY

Dvorak Dam (132) – 3.5 miles south, 5 miles east, .5 miles north of Manning (perch – no ramp).

Lake Ilo (131) – 1 mile west, 1 mile south of Dunn Center (pike, perch – fishing pier).

GOLDEN VALLEY COUNTY

Beach City Pond (657) – Southwest side of Beach (bluegill, trout – no ramp).

Camels Hump Dam (150) – Northeast of Sentinel Butte – I-94 Exit 18 (trout, bluegill, largemouth bass).

Odland Dam (151) – 7 miles north of Beach (perch, bluegill, walleye – fishing pier).

GRANT COUNTY

Heart Butte Reservoir (Lake Tschida) (160) – 15 miles south of Glen Ullin (walleye, perch, crappie – fishing pier).

Raleigh Reservoir (163) – 3.5 miles west, .25 miles south of Raleigh (trout, bluegill, largemouth bass – fishing pier).

Sheep Creek Dam (164) – 4 miles south, .5 miles west of Elgin (walleye, bluegill, largemouth bass – fishing pier).

HETTINGER COUNTY

Blickensderfer Dam (176) – 4 miles south, 1 mile east, .5 miles south of Mott (walleye, perch, bluegill – no ramp).

Castle Rock Dam (174) – 2 miles west, 1.5 miles south, 1.5 miles west of Mott (trout, bluegill).

Indian Creek Dam (171) – 1.5 miles west, 2 miles south, 2 miles west, 3 miles south of Regent (walleye, bluegill, smallmouth bass – fishing pier).

Larson Lake (173) – .5 miles north, 2 miles east of Regent (pike, crappie).

Mott Watershed Dam (175) – North side of Mott (bluegill, largemouth bass – fishing pier).

MORTON COUNTY

Danzig Dam (243) – 2 miles north, 1 mile west, .5 miles north of Bluegrass – I-94 Exit 120 (pike, walleye, catfish).

Gæbe Pond (025) – 1.5 miles west of New Salem (trout, bluegill, perch – no

ramp, fishing pier).

Krieg's Pond (705) – .5 miles east of Hebron (trout, bluegill – no ramp).

SIOUX COUNTY

Larson Lake (090) – 4 miles north, 1 mile west of Thunderhawk, South Dakota (bluegill, largemouth bass – no ramp).

SLOPE COUNTY

Cedar Lake (322) – 13 miles north, 2 miles west of Reeder (pike, walleye).

Davis Dam (323) – 16 miles west, 4 miles north of Amidon (trout, bluegill, largemouth bass).

STARK COUNTY

Belfield Pond (332) – Southwest side of Belfield (trout, perch, catfish – fishing pier).

Dassinger Pond (328) – 8 miles south,



1 mile east, 1 mile north of Gladstone (bluegill, largemouth bass – no ramp).

Dickinson Dike (331) – Southwest side of Dickinson (trout, bluegill, largemouth bass – fishing pier).

Dickinson Reservoir (Patterson Lake) (330) – 2 miles west of Dickinson (walleye, crappie, catfish – fishing pier).

Slater Pond (503) – From I-94 Exit 84, .75 miles north, 1 mile east, .5 miles north, .5 miles east (perch, trout – no ramp).

RIVERS AND LAKES

Cannonball River (388) – In Slope, Hettinger, Grant and Sioux counties (pike, walleye, catfish – no ramp).

Heart River (390) – In Stark, Grant and Morton counties (pike, walleye, catfish – no ramp).

Little Missouri River (410) – Southwestern part of the state (sauger, catfish – no ramp).

NORTH CENTRAL

BOTTINEAU COUNTY

Carbury Dam (452) – 1 mile south,

1 mile west of Carbury (pike, perch – fishing pier).

Lake Metigoshe (077) – 9 miles north, 4 miles east, 1 mile north of Bottineau (pike, walleye, bluegill – fishing pier).

Long Lake (078) – 8 miles north, 7 miles east, 1 mile south, 1 mile east, .5 miles south, .3 miles east of Bottineau (pike, walleye, perch).

Loon Lake (674) – 9 miles north, 4 miles east, 2 miles south, 2 miles east, .5 miles north of Bottineau (perch – no ramp).

Pelican Lake (079) – 9 miles north, 8 miles east, .5 miles southwest of Bottineau (pike, perch).

Strawberry Lake (081) – 4 miles north, 2.5 miles east, .5 miles south of Carbury (trout – fishing pier).

MCHENRY COUNTY

Bentley Lake (129) – 3 miles west of Drake (pike, perch – no ramp).

Buffalo Lodge Lake (205) – 1 mile east, 3 miles north, 2 miles east of Granville (pike, walleye, perch – fishing pier).

Cottonwood Lake (202) – 2.5 miles north of Butte (pike, perch – fishing pier).

George Lake (203) – 13 miles north, 3 miles east of the junction of U.S. Highway 52 and ND Highway 14 (pike, perch – fishing pier).

Round Lake (204) – 6 miles north, 4.5 miles east of Drake (perch, walleye – no ramp).

MCLEAN COUNTY

Brush Lake (221) – 3 miles north of Mercer (pike, perch, walleye – fishing pier).

Camp Lake (479) – 17.5 miles north, 2 miles east of Turtle Lake (pike, perch – no ramp).

Camp Loop Pond (546) – 3 miles southwest of Riverdale on U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' downstream campground (trout – no ramp).

Crooked Lake (223) – 10 miles north, .2 miles east, .1 mile south of Turtle Lake (pike, walleye, perch – fishing pier).

Custer Mine (224) – 4 miles east, 2 miles south of Garrison (trout).

Lake Audubon (225) – North of Cole-harbor (walleye, perch, smallmouth bass – fishing pier).

Lake Brekken (232) – 1.5 miles north of Turtle Lake (walleye, perch, bluegill – fishing pier).

Lake Holmes (455) – 1 mile northeast of Turtle Lake (walleye, perch, bluegill).

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Lightning Lake (233) – .5 miles east of Turtle Lake (trout, bluegill, largemouth bass – fishing pier).

Long Lake (228) – 13 miles north, 4 miles east, 2 miles north, 1.5 miles west of Turtle Lake (pike).

Painted Woods Creek (418) – 5 miles southeast of Washburn (pike, walleye – no ramp).

Riverdale City Pond (220) – North side of Riverdale (trout, bluegill, largemouth bass – no ramp, fishing pier).

Riverdale Spillway Lake (229) – 2 miles west, .5 miles south, 1 mile east of Riverdale (walleye, perch, crappie – fishing pier).

Strawberry Lake (226) – 17.5 miles north, 2 miles east of Turtle Lake (pike, walleye, perch – fishing pier).

Triangle Y Pond (463) – 4 miles west, 1.5 miles south, 1 mile west, 1 mile south, 1 mile west, .5 miles south of Garrison (perch, bluegill – no ramp, fishing pier).

Turtle Lake (697) – 4.5 miles west, 1 mile north of Turtle Lake (pike – no ramp).

Weishaur WPA (488) – 8 miles north, 8 miles west, 1 mile north of Turtle Lake (perch – no ramp).

MERCER COUNTY

Beulah Mine Pond (235) – 2 miles north, 2.5 miles east, .5 miles north of Beulah (perch – no ramp).

Harmony Lake (560) – 6 miles north, 1 mile west of Hazen (bluegill, largemouth bass, trout – fishing pier).

OLIVER COUNTY

East Arroda Dam (262) – 1 mile east of Fort Clark – ND Highway 200A (pike, crappie).

Nelson Lake (258) – 5 miles east, 3 miles south of Center (bluegill, crappie, largemouth bass – fishing pier).

Oliver County Sportsmen's Pond (266) – 4 miles south, .5 miles west of Center (trout – no ramp).

West Arroda Dam (264) – 1 mile east of Fort Clark – ND Highway 200A (pike, crappie).

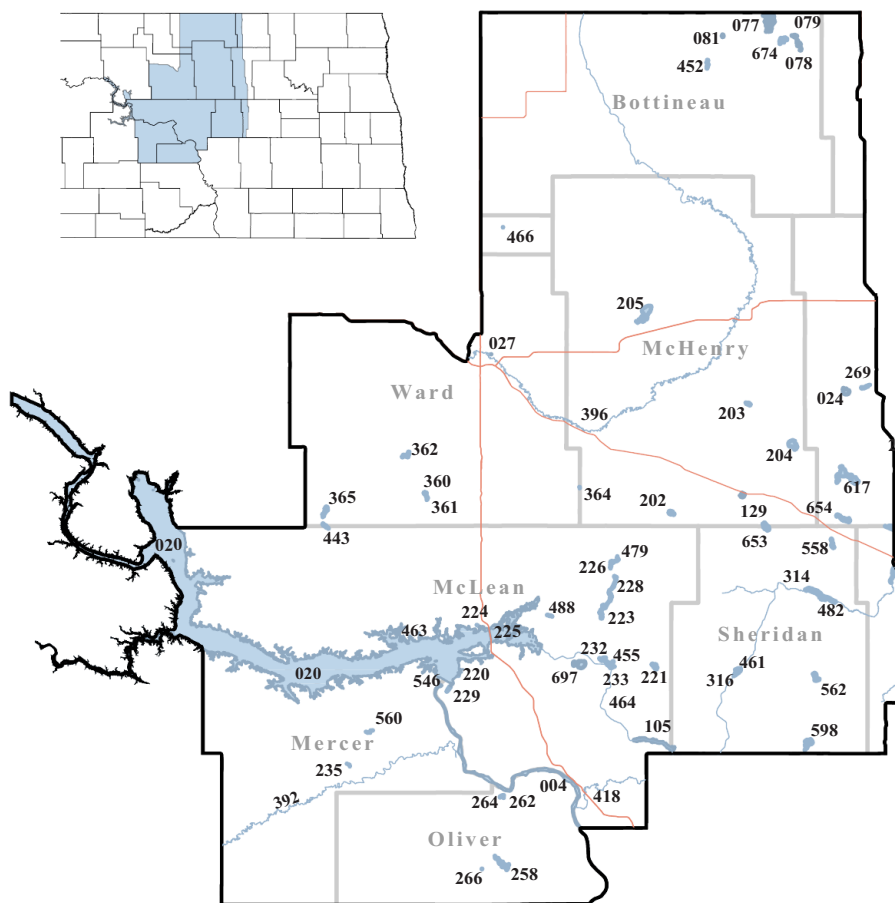
PIERCE COUNTY

Antelope Lake (617) – 9 miles east, 3 miles north, 1 mile west, 2 miles north of Anamoose (perch, walleye – no ramp).

Balta Dam (269) – .5 miles south of Balta (pike, perch).

Clear Lake (654) – 2.5 miles north of Martin (perch – no ramp).

Davis Lake (024) – 2 miles west, 1.5 miles south of Balta (pike, perch).



RENNVILLE COUNTY

Glenburn Pond (466) – North side of Glenburn (trout, bluegill – no ramp).

SHERIDAN COUNTY

Coal Mine Lake (482) – 14 miles

south, 5 miles east of Anamoose (pike, perch – fishing pier).

Davis WPA (598) – 8 miles south, 1 mile east of Denhoff (perch – no ramp).



Missouri River

ND Fishing

Lake Richard (653) – 4.5 miles south of Drake (perch – no ramp).

North (Hoffer) McClusky (461) – 2 miles north, 1 mile west of McClusky (pike, perch – no ramp).

Sheyenne Lake (314) – 10 miles south, 1 mile east, 1 mile south of Anamoose (pike, perch – no ramp).

South (Hoffer) McClusky (316) – 2 miles north, 1 mile west of McClusky (pike, walleye, perch – fishing pier).

Stober Lake (562) – 4 miles west, 1 mile north of Goodrich (perch – no ramp).

Wolf Lake (558) – .5 miles south, 1.5 miles west of Martin (perch, pike – no ramp).

WARD COUNTY

Hiddenwood Lake (443) – 8 miles south of Makoti (pike, walleye, perch – fishing pier).

Makoti Lake (365) – 6 miles south of Makoti (pike, perch).

North Carlson Lake (360) – 10 miles east of Ryder (pike, perch).

Rice Lake (362) – 4 miles north, 7 miles east, 2 miles north of Ryder (pike, perch, walleye).

South Carlson Lake (361) – 10 miles east of Ryder (pike, perch – fishing pier).

State Fair Pond (027) – North end of state fair grounds (trout, bluegill – no ramp, fishing pier).

Velva Sportsmen's Pond (364) – 7 miles south, 1.5 miles west, 1 mile south, .5 miles west of Velva (trout).

RIVERS AND LAKES

GDU Canal Lakes (105) – 9 miles south, 3 miles east and west of Mercer (walleye, perch, smallmouth bass – fishing pier).

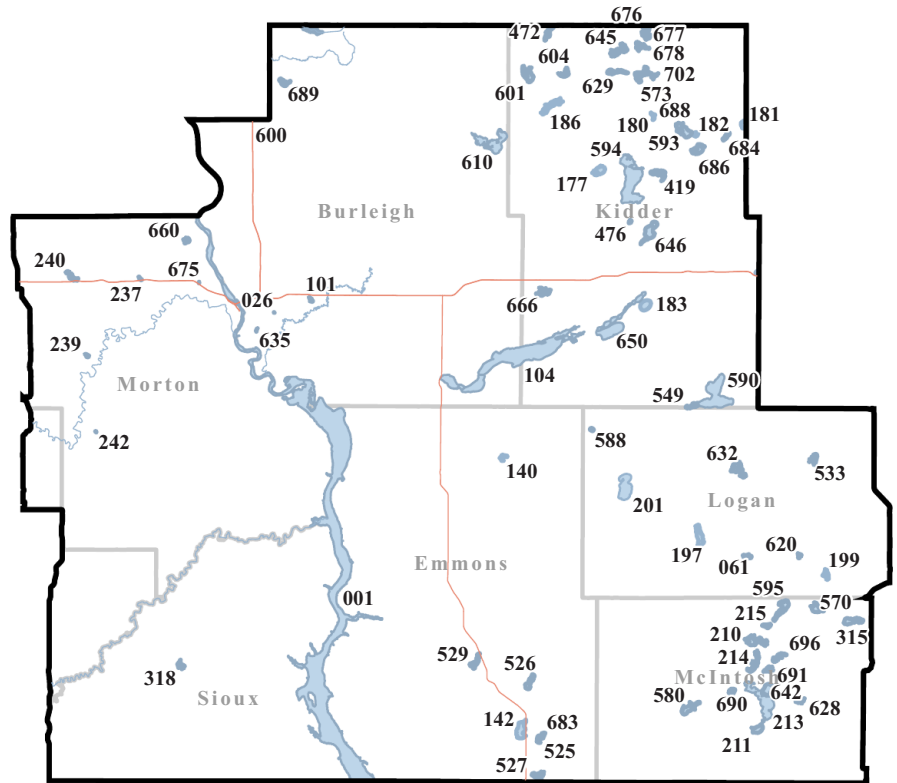
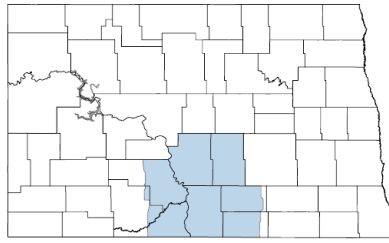
Knife River (392) – In Dunn and Mercer counties (pike, walleye, catfish – no ramp).

Lake Sakakawea (020) – Near the cities of Williston, New Town, Garrison and Riverdale (walleye, salmon, pike – fishing pier).

McClusky Canal (464) – Central part of state in McLean, Burleigh and Sheridan counties (walleye, smallmouth bass, perch – no ramp).

Missouri River (004) – Missouri River from near Riverdale to south of Bismarck (walleye, catfish, trout – fishing pier).

Souris River (Mouse River) (396) – North central part of state (pike, walleye, perch – fishing pier).



SOUTH CENTRAL

BURLEIGH COUNTY

Cottonwood Park Pond (635) – On the west side of Cottonwood soccer complex in south Bismarck (trout – no ramp).

Grass Lake (689) – 5 miles north, 3.5 miles east of Wilton (perch – no ramp).

Lake Harriet (Arena Lake) (610) – 8 miles west, 1 mile south of Tuttle (pike, perch – no ramp).

Long Lake (104) – 1 mile south, 2.5 miles east of Moffit (pike, perch – no ramp, fishing pier).

McDowell Dam (101) – 4 miles east, 1 mile north of Bismarck on ND Highway 10 (trout, bluegill, largemouth bass – fishing pier).

OWLS Pond (026) – Just west of Bismarck Game and Fish office (trout, perch, bluegill – no ramp, fishing pier).

Wilton City Pond (600) – South side of Wilton (trout – no ramp).

EMMONS COUNTY

Baumgartner Lake (529) – 6 miles south of Linton (pike, perch – no ramp).

Braddock Dam (140) – 2 miles south-west of Braddock (pike, bluegill, perch).

Hague WMA (683) – 2 miles west of Hague (perch, pike – no ramp).

Jake's Lake (527) – 13 miles south, 1 mile east of Strasburg (pike, perch – no ramp).

Miller Lake (525) – 8 miles south, 1 mile east of Strasburg (perch – no ramp).

Rice Lake (142) – 8 miles south of Strasburg (pike, perch, walleye).

Senger Lake (526) – 1 mile north, 6 miles east of Strasburg (perch – no ramp).

KIDDER COUNTY

Alkaline Lake (590) – 15.5 miles south, 7 miles east, .5 miles south, 1 mile east of Dawson (pike, walleye, perch – fishing pier).

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Cherry Lake (177) – 15 miles north, 3 miles east of Steele (pike, perch).

Des Moines Lake (593) – 5.5 miles east of Robinson (pike – no ramp).

Etta-Alkaline Complex (650) – 1 mile south, 2.5 miles west, 3 miles south of Dawson (pike – no ramp).

Fresh Lake (549) – 14 miles south, 1 mile east, 1.5 miles south of Tappen (pike, perch – no ramp).

Frettim Lake (180) – 2 miles east, 1 mile north of Robinson (pike, walleye, perch).

Helen Lake (601) – 2.5 miles west, 6 miles north of Tuttle (pike, perch – no ramp).

Horsehead Lake (594) – 2 miles west, 6 miles south of Robinson (pike – no ramp).

Jasper Lake (573) – 7 miles north, .5 miles east of Robinson (perch, walleye).

Koenig North (676) – 12.25 miles north, 1.5 miles east of Robinson (perch – no ramp).

Koenig South (677) – 12.25 miles north, 1.5 miles east of Robinson (perch – no ramp).

Lake Geneva (666) – 2 miles south, .5 miles east of I-94 Exit 195 (perch – no ramp).

Lake Isabel (183) – 2 miles south, .5 miles east, .75 miles south of Dawson (pike, perch – fishing pier).

Lake Josephine (186) – 2 miles north of Tuttle (pike, walleye, perch – fishing pier).

Lake No. 5 (476) – .5 miles west, 2 miles north, 3 miles west, 4 miles north of Dawson (perch – no ramp).

Lake Williams (182) – Just south of

the town of Lake Williams (pike, wall-eye, perch).

Leno Lake (604) – 1 mile east, 7 miles north of Tuttle (pike, perch – no ramp).

Long Alkaline Lake (629) – 3 miles west, 7 miles north of Robinson (perch – no ramp).

Martin Slough (419) – 2 miles east, 5.5 miles south of Robinson (perch – no ramp).

North Des Moines Lake (688) – 5.5 miles east of Robinson (pike – no ramp).

Ranch Lake (684) – 1 mile west of Pettibone (perch – no ramp).

Round Lake (181) – 1.5 miles east of Pettibone (pike, walleye, perch – no ramp).

Schumacher Lake (702) – 7 miles north, 1 mile east, .25 miles south of Robinson (perch, walleye – no ramp).

Sibley Lake (646) – 6 miles north, 2 miles east of Dawson (walleye – no ramp).

South Lake (686) – 7 miles east, 2 miles south of Robinson (perch – no ramp).

Swan Lake (678) – 10.5 miles north of Robinson (perch – no ramp).

Willow Lake (645) – 3 miles west, 7 miles north, .5 miles east, 1 mile north, .5 miles west, 1 mile north of Robinson (perch – no ramp).

Woodhouse Lake (472) – 1 mile east, 12 miles north, 2 miles west of Tuttle (perch, walleye – no ramp).

LOGAN COUNTY

Beaver Lake (197) – 8 miles south, 8 miles east of Napoleon (pike, perch).

Braun Lake (588) – 5 miles north, 6

Lake Oahe



miles west of Napoleon (perch – no ramp).

Kautz Lake (061) – 5 miles north, 7 miles west of Lehr (perch – no ramp).

Marvin Miller Lake (533) – 6.5 miles south, 8 miles west of Gackle (perch, walleye – no ramp).

Mundt Lake (199) – 3 miles east, 4 miles north, 1 mile east, .5 miles south of Lehr (walleye, perch – fishing pier).

Thurn Lake (620) – 5 miles north of Lehr, .5 miles east (perch, walleye – no ramp).

Wentz WPA (632) – 12 miles east of Napoleon (perch, walleye – no ramp).

West Lake Napoleon (201) – 1 mile west of Napoleon (pike, perch).

MCINTOSH COUNTY

Becker-Schlepp Lake (628) – 1 mile north, 2 miles east, 3 miles north, 1.5 miles west of Ashley (perch – no ramp).

Clear Lake (215) – 6 miles east, 2 miles south of Wishek (pike – no ramp).

Dollinger-Schnabel Lake (580) – 2 miles north, 5 miles west, 3 miles north of Ventura (perch – no ramp).

Dorfman Lake (642) – 5 miles north, 2 miles west of Ashley (pike, perch, walleye – no ramp).

Dry Lake (213) – 3 miles west, 3.5 miles north of Ashley (pike, walleye, perch).

Green Lake (210) – 2 miles east, 4 miles south, 1 mile east of Wishek



Lake Oahe

(walleye, pike, perch – fishing pier).

Homestead Lake (696) – 3.5 miles east, 2 miles north of Danzig (pike, perch – no ramp).

Lake Hoskins (211) – 3 miles west of Ashley (pike, walleye, perch – fishing pier).

Lehr WMA (570) – 2 miles east, 1 mile south of Lehr (walleye).

Miller Lake (315) – 7.5 miles east, 2.5 miles south of Lehr (pike, perch – no ramp).

Mudd Lake (595) – 1 mile west of Lehr (perch – no ramp).

Pfeifle Lake (690) – 10 miles south, 2 miles east of Wishek (pike – no ramp).

Pudwill Lake (214) – 4 miles west, 7 miles south of Wishek (pike, perch – no ramp).

Rueb-Eszlinger (691) – 7.5 miles north, 2 miles west of Ashley (perch – no ramp).

MORTON COUNTY

Crown Butte Dam (237) – 4 miles west on access road on north side of I-94 Exit 147 (largemouth bass, crappie, trout – fishing pier).

Fish Creek Dam (239) – 8 miles south, 2 miles east, 1 mile south of I-94 Exit 134 (trout, crappie, largemouth bass – fishing pier).

Harmon Lake (660) – 8 miles north of Mandan on ND Highway 1806 (trout – no ramp).

Nygren Dam (242) – 6 miles north, 1 mile east, 3 miles north, .5 miles east of Flasher (trout, bluegill, largemouth bass – fishing pier).

Porsborg Dam (675) – Northwest Mandan (perch, crappie, trout – no ramp).

Sweet Briar Dam (240) – 18 miles west of Mandan – I-94 Exit 134 (walleye, perch, largemouth bass – fishing pier).

SIOUX COUNTY

Froelich Dam (318) – 9 miles north, 2 miles west of Selfridge (pike, walleye, perch).

RIVERS AND LAKES

Lake Oahe (001) – Near the cities of Bismarck, Fort Yates, Hazelton, Linton and Strasburg (walleye, catfish, pike – fishing pier).

NORTHEAST

BENSON COUNTY

Fort Totten Dam (663) – .5 miles east of Fort Totten (trout – no ramp).

Gravel Pit Lake (661) – 4.5 miles west of Fort Totten (black crappie – no

ramp).

Mission Lake (662) – 5 miles south, 1.5 miles east, 2 miles south of Devils Lake (walleye, perch, pike – no ramp).

Silver Lake (058) – 1 mile west, 6 miles south, 1 mile west, 1 mile north of Churchs Ferry (pike, perch – no ramp).

Wood Lake (054) – 2 miles west, 1 mile south of Tokio (pike, walleye, perch).

CAVALIER COUNTY

Langdon City Pond (115) – South side of Langdon (trout – fishing pier).

Mount Carmel Dam (114) – 9 miles north, 2 miles east, 2 miles north of Langdon (pike, walleye, perch).

EDDY COUNTY

Adams Lake (603) – 10 miles south of Warwick (perch – no ramp).

Battle Lake (136) – .5 miles south, 1.5 miles west, 1.5 miles south of Hamar (pike, perch – no ramp).

Lake Coe (652) – 10 miles south of Warwick on east side of Eddy County Road 8 (perch, walleye – no ramp).

New Rockford Reservoir (137) – North

side of New Rockford (pike, bluegill – no ramp, fishing pier).

Warsing Dam (135) – 1 mile northeast of Sheyenne (pike, walleye, perch – fishing pier).

FOSTER COUNTY

Dry Lake (548) – 4 miles east, 5 miles south of Carrington (pike, walleye, perch – no ramp).

Juanita Lake (147) – 2 miles east of Grace City (pike, perch – fishing pier).

GRAND FORKS COUNTY

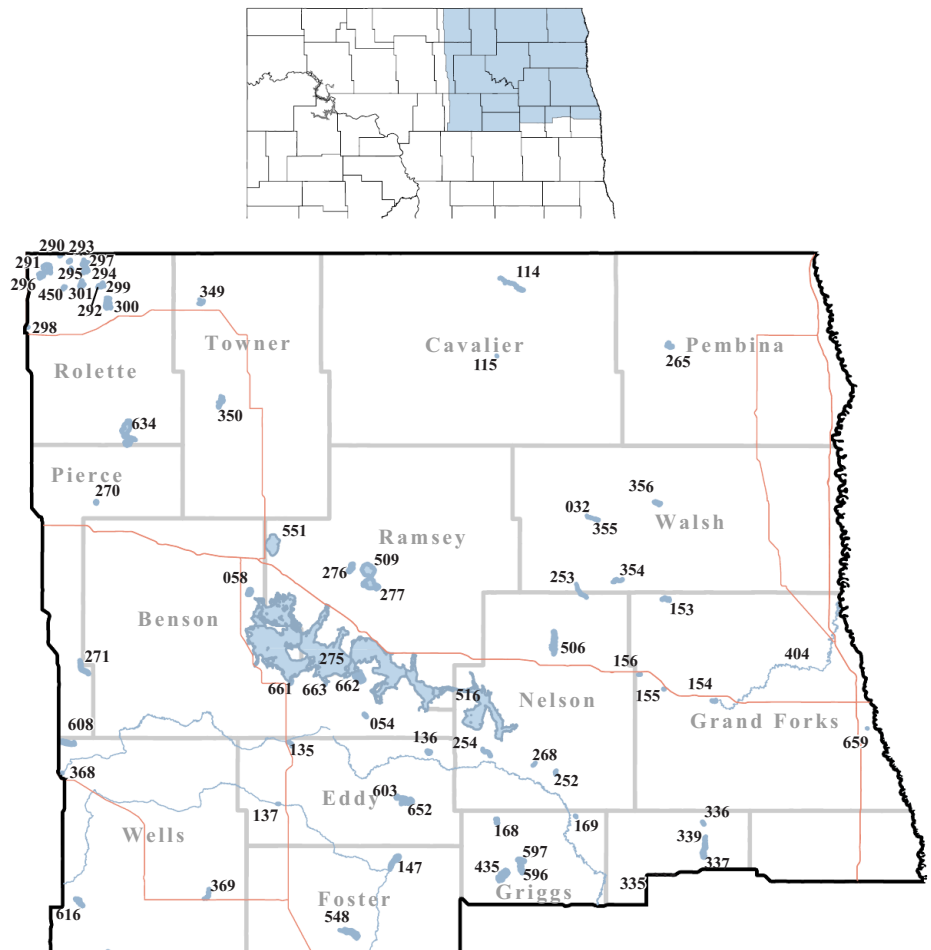
Fordville Dam (153) – 5 miles west, 1 mile north, .5 miles west, .5 miles north of Inkster (pike, walleye, perch – fishing pier).

Kolding Dam (155) – 5 miles southeast, 1 mile south of Niagara on U.S. Highway 2 (pike).

Larimore Dam (154) – 2 miles northeast of Larimore (pike, perch, bluegill – fishing pier).

Niagara Dam (156) – North of Niagara (pike).

Ryan Park Pond (659) – South side of Grand Forks (trout – no ramp, fishing pier).



GRIGGS COUNTY

Carlson-Tande Dam (169) – 1 mile south, 5 miles west of Aneta (pike, perch, bluegill – no ramp).

Lake Addie (596) – 4 miles east, 1 mile south, 1 mile west of Binford (perch, walleye).

Lake Jessie (597) – 4 miles east, 1 mile south, 1 mile west of Binford (perch, pike – no ramp).

Red Willow Lake (168) – 6 miles north, 2 miles west of Binford (pike, walleye, bluegill – fishing pier).

Sibley Lake (435) – 11 miles west, 3 miles south of Binford (pike, perch – no ramp).

NELSON COUNTY

Lake Laretta (506) – 2 miles west and 3 miles north of Michigan (pike, perch – no ramp).

McVillie Dam (252) – 1 mile east of McVillie (pike, walleye, perch – fishing pier).

Silver Creek Dam (268) – 4 miles west, .5 miles south of McVillie (pike – no ramp).

Stump Lake (516) – 12 miles south, 1 mile west of Lakota (perch, walleye, pike).

Tolna Dam (254) – 1 mile south, 2 miles east of Tolna (pike, walleye, perch).

Whitman Dam (253) – 1.5 miles north, 3 miles east of Whitman (pike, walleye, perch – fishing pier).

PEMBINA COUNTY

Renwick Dam (265) – 6 miles west, 1 mile north of Cavalier (pike, perch, crappie – fishing pier).

PIERCE COUNTY

Buffalo Lake (271) – 4 miles west, 1 mile south of Esmond (pike, perch – fishing pier).

Sand Lake (270) – 4 miles north of Pleasant Lake (pike, perch – fishing pier).

RAMSEY COUNTY

Cavanaugh Lake (276) – 9 miles north, 1 mile west, .5 miles north of Devils Lake (pike, perch – no ramp).

Devils Lake (275) – Near the city of Devils Lake (pike, walleye, perch – fishing pier).

Lake Irvine (551) – 1 mile north of Churchs Ferry (pike, walleye, perch).

Morrison Lake (509) – 3 miles east, 2 miles south of Webster (pike, perch – no ramp).

Sweetwater Lake (277) – 7 miles north, .25 miles east of Devils Lake (pike, perch – no ramp).

Devils Lake



ROLETTE COUNTY

Belcourt Lake (300) – 2 miles north of Belcourt (pike, walleye, perch).

Cain Lake (450) – 2 miles south, 9 miles west, .5 miles north of St. John (pike, perch – no ramp).

Carpenter Lake (291) – 12 miles west of St. John (pike, perch).

Dion Lake (293) – 10 miles west, 2 miles north, 1 mile east of St. John (walleye, perch – fishing pier).

Gordon Lake (299) – 4.5 miles north, 1 mile west, .25 miles northwest of Belcourt (pike, walleye, perch).

Gravel Lake (294) – 6 miles west, .5 miles north of St. John (pike, walleye, perch – fishing pier).

Hooker Lake (295) – 8 miles west of St. John (trout, smallmouth bass – fishing pier).

Island Lake (634) – 3 miles west, 2 miles south of Mylo (pike, perch).

Jarvis Lake (301) – .75 miles south-west, 6 miles west of St. John (pike, walleye, perch – no ramp).

Jensen Lake (290) – 9 miles west, 3 miles north of St. John (perch).

School Section Lake (296) – 9 miles north, 2.5 miles east of Dunseith (pike, perch).

Shutte Lake (298) – .5 miles east of Dunseith (pike, perch – no ramp).

Upsilon Lake (297) – 6 miles west, 1 mile north of St. John (pike, walleye, perch – fishing pier).

Wheaton Lake (292) – 4.5 miles north, 2 miles west of Belcourt (walleye, perch).

STEELE COUNTY

Finley Dam (Lynch Lake) (335) – 1 mile south of Finley (pike, perch – no ramp).

North Golden Lake (339) – 10 miles east, 4 miles north, .5 miles west of Finley (pike, perch, walleye).

North Tobiason Lake (336) – 8 miles west of Hatton (pike, bluegill, crappie).

South Golden Lake (337) – 10 miles east, 3 miles north, .5 miles west of Finley (pike, walleye, perch – fishing pier).

TOWNER COUNTY

Armourdale Dam (349) – 9 miles east, 1.5 miles north of Rolla (pike, walleye, perch – fishing pier).

Devils Lake



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Bisbee Dam-Big Coulee (350) – 1 mile east of Bisbee (pike, walleye, perch – fishing pier).

WALSH COUNTY

Bylin Dam (355) – 3 miles east, 3 miles south of Adams (pike, bluegill).

Dougherty Dam (032) – 1 mile west of Bylin Dam (pike, bluegill – no ramp).

Homme Dam (356) – 2 miles west of Park River (pike, perch, crappie – fishing pier).

Matejcek Dam (354) – 6 miles south of Lankin (pike, walleye, perch).

WELLS COUNTY

Goose Lake (608) – 3 miles north, 3 miles east, 1 mile north of Harvey (pike, perch, walleye – no ramp).

Harvey Dam (368) – Southeast side of Harvey (pike, perch, walleye – fishing pier).

Hurdsfield-Tuffy Lake (616) – 3.5 miles east of Hurdsfield (perch – no ramp).

Sykeston Dam (369) – Northwest side of Sykeston (pike, perch, crappie – fishing pier).

RIVERS AND LAKES

Turtle River (404) – In Grand Forks County (pike, catfish, trout – no ramp).

SOUTHEAST

BARNES COUNTY

Blumers Pond (023) – 1 mile south of Valley City (trout – no ramp).

Wilson Dam (121) – 7 miles west of Monango (pike, perch, largemouth bass – fishing pier).

LAMOURE COUNTY

Alfred Lake (574) – 7 miles east, 1.5 miles south of Gackle (perch, pike – no ramp).

Boom Lake (Marion Lake) (561) – .5 miles west of Marion (perch, walleye, bluegill).

Diamond Lake (553) – 5 miles north of Kulm (pike, perch, walleye – no ramp).

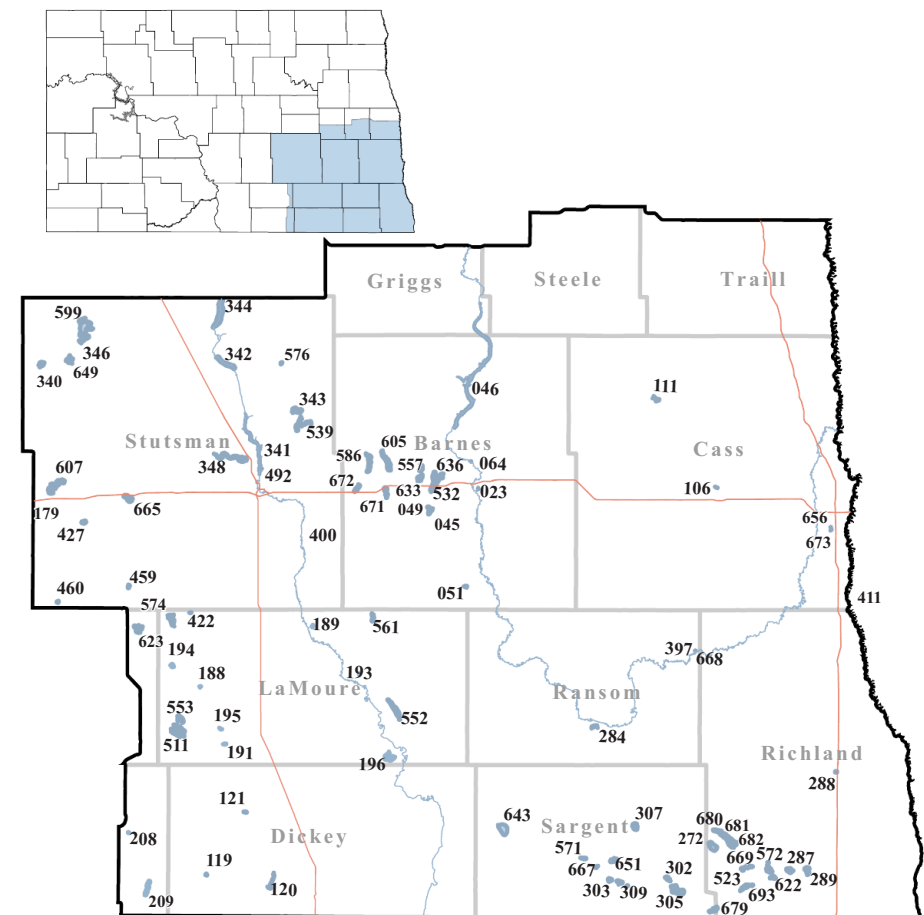
Flood Lake (511) – 3.5 miles north of Kulm (pike, perch).

Heinrich-Martin Dam (189) – 1 mile southeast of Adrian (bluegill, largemouth bass, crappie).

Kalmbach Lake (194) – 1 mile south, 4.5 miles west, .5 miles south of Jud (pike, perch).

Kulm-Edgeley Dam (191) – 4 miles west, 2 miles south of Edgeley (pike, walleye, perch).

Lake LaMoure (196) – 1 mile south, 1 mile east, 2.5 miles south, 1 mile west,



.5 miles south of LaMoure (pike, walleye, crappie – fishing pier).

Limesand-Seefeldt Dam (193) – 8 miles south, 3 miles west of Marion (pike, bluegill, largemouth bass).

Schlecht-Thom Dam (195) – 5 miles west, .5 miles north of Edgeley (perch, largemouth bass, pike).

Schlecht-Weixel Dam (188) – 4 miles

south of Jud (perch, pike).

Schlenker Dam (Lehr Dam) (422) – 11 miles west, .5 miles south of the junction of U.S. Highway 281 and ND Highway 46 (perch, largemouth bass, bluegill).

Twin Lakes (552) – 4 miles north of LaMoure (perch, walleye, pike).

LOGAN COUNTY

Arnies Lake (623) – 1.5 miles south of Gackle, 2 miles east, 1 mile south (perch, pike – no ramp).

MCINTOSH COUNTY

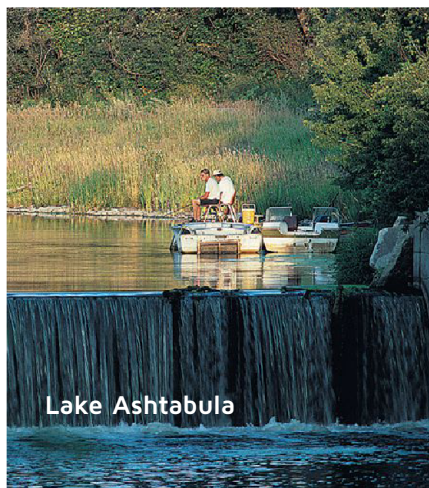
Blumhardt Dam (208) – 10 miles east, 7 miles north, 1.5 miles east of Ashley (trout).

Coldwater Lake (209) – 16 miles east, 1 mile south, 1 mile west of Ashley (pike, walleye, perch – fishing pier).

RANSOM COUNTY

Dead Colt Creek (284) – 5 miles south, 1 mile east, .5 miles north, .5 miles east of Lisbon (bluegill, crappie, largemouth bass – fishing pier).

Mirror Pool (668) – 8 miles east, 2 miles south, 1.5 miles southeast of Sheldon (largemouth bass, bluegill – no ramp).



Lake Ashtabula

RICHLAND COUNTY

Bisek Slough (682) – 2 miles north, .5 miles west of Lidgerwood (pike).

Elm Lake (693) – .5 miles east, 3.5 miles south of Lidgerwood (walleye, pike – no ramp).

Grass Lake (272) – 3 miles west, 2 miles north, 1 mile west of Lidgerwood (pike, crappie, walleye – fishing pier).

Gullys Slough (572) – 4 miles east, 1 mile south of Lidgerwood (perch, pike – no ramp).

Horseshoe Lake (287) – 4 miles west, 1 mile south of Hankinson (perch, walleye – no ramp).

Kreiser Slough (680) – 4 miles north, 3 miles west of Lidgerwood (pike – no ramp).

Lake Elsie (289) – 1 mile south, 1.5 miles west of Hankinson (pike, walleye, perch – fishing pier).

Lueck Lake (622) – 4 miles east, 2 miles south, 1 mile east, .5 miles south of Lidgerwood (perch, walleye – no ramp).

Mooreton Pond (288) – 2 miles east of Mooreton (trout, bluegill, catfish – fishing pier).

Silver Lake (681) – 2 miles north, 2 miles west of Lidgerwood (pike – no ramp).

Wahl Lake (523) – 2 miles south of Lidgerwood (pike, perch, walleye – no ramp).

West Moran Lake (669) – 2 miles east and .5 miles south of Lidgerwood (perch, walleye – no ramp).

SARGENT COUNTY

Alkali Lake (302) – 3 miles south of Cayuga (walleye).

Buffalo Lake (307) – 6 miles north, 1 mile east of Rutland (pike, walleye).

Consolidated Lake (651) – 2.5 miles south, 3 miles east of Forman (walleye, crappie, perch – no ramp).

Fiala Lake (571) – 1 mile west, 2 miles south of Forman (perch, walleye, pike – no ramp).

Kraft Slough (643) – 1 mile south, 9 miles east, 1 mile north, .5 miles west of Oakes (perch, walleye – no ramp).

Lake Tewaukon (305) – 5 miles south of Cayuga (pike, walleye, muskie – fishing pier).

Lake Walstead (667) – 2.5 miles south, 1 mile east, .5 miles south of Forman (perch – no ramp).

Silver Lake (303) – 3 miles west, 2 miles south of Rutland (pike, crappie – fishing pier).

Sprague Lake (309) – 6 miles west, 4

Red River



miles south, 1.5 miles west of Cayuga (pike, walleye, crappie).

Tosse Slough (679) – 8.5 miles south, 2.5 miles east of Geneseo (perch, walleye – no ramp).

STUTSMAN COUNTY

Alkali Lake (539) – 11 miles north, 5 miles east, 1 mile south of Jamestown (pike, perch – no ramp).

Arrowwood Lake (344) – 3 miles south, 5 miles west of Kensal (pike, walleye, perch – no ramp).

Bader Lake (427) – 4 miles south, 1 mile east of Medina (pike, perch, walleye).

Barnes Lake (346) – 1 mile east, 6 miles north of Woodworth (pike, walleye, perch).

Big Mallard Marsh (599) – 9 miles north, 1 mile east of Woodworth (pike, walleye, perch – no ramp).

Clark Lake (340) – 5 miles west, 2 miles north of Woodworth (pike, perch, walleye).

Cleveland Slough (665) – .5 miles south of Cleveland along County Road 67 (perch – no ramp).

Crystal Springs (179) – 1 mile east of Crystal Springs (pike, walleye, perch).

Hehn-Schaffer Lake (459) – 4 miles north of Gackle (pike, walleye, perch – fishing pier).

Hoggarth Dam (576) – 3 miles west, 3 miles south of Courtenay (perch – no ramp).

Jamestown Reservoir (341) – 2 miles

north of Jamestown (pike, walleye, crappie – fishing pier).

Jim Lake (342) – 6 miles east of Pingree (pike, walleye, perch – no ramp).

Little Britches Pond (492) – Next to Jamestown Reservoir marina (trout – no ramp).

Pipestem Reservoir (348) – 5 miles northwest, .8 miles west, 1 mile south of Jamestown (pike, walleye, crappie – fishing pier).

Reule Lake (607) – 5 miles west, .5 miles north of Medina (perch, walleye – no ramp).

Spiritwood Lake (343) – 10 miles north, 4 miles east of Jamestown (pike, walleye, perch, smallmouth bass – fishing pier).

Streeter Lake (460) – South side of Streeter (pike, perch).

Sunday Lake (649) – 1.5 miles west and 3 miles north of Woodworth (pike – no ramp).

RIVERS AND LAKES

James River (400) – Southeastern part of the state (pike, walleye).

Red River (411) – Eastern edge of state (pike, walleye, catfish – fishing pier).

Sheyenne River (397) – Southeastern part of state (catfish, walleye, smallmouth bass – fishing pier).

Best Bass Water Bets

Some smallmouth bass waters in North Dakota where an angler stands a good chance of catching a nice, hard-fighting fish:

- Lake Ashtabula – 10 miles north of Valley City.
- Lake Audubon – North of Coleharbor.
- Blacktail Dam – 5 miles north, 5 miles west, 1 mile north of the junction of U.S. highways 2 and 85.
- Bowman-Haley Dam – 11 miles south, 8 miles east, 2 miles south of Bowman.
- Lake Darling – 16 miles north, 13 miles west of Minot.
- Lake Elsie – 1 mile south, 1.5 miles west of Hankinson.
- Fish Creek Dam – 8 miles south, 2 miles east, 1 mile south of I-94 Exit 134.
- GDU Canal Lakes – 9 miles south, 3 miles east and west of Mercer.
- Heart Butte Reservoir (Lake Tschida) – 15 miles south of Glen Ullin.
- Hiddenwood Lake – 8 miles south of Makoti.
- Indian Creek Dam – 1.5 miles west, 2 miles south, 2 miles west, 3 miles south of Regent.
- Jamestown Reservoir – 2 miles north of Jamestown.
- Kota-Ray Dam – 5 miles south, .5 miles east, 2 miles south of Ray.
- McClusky Canal – Central part of state in McLean, Burleigh and Sheridan counties.
- Missouri River – Near Riverdale to south of Bismarck.
- North Lemmon – 5 miles north of Lemmon, South Dakota.
- Raleigh Reservoir – 3.5 miles west, .25 miles south of Raleigh.
- Lake Sakakawea – From New Town to Riverdale.
- Sheep Creek Dam – 4 miles south, .5 miles west of Elgin.
- Sheyenne River – Southeastern part of the state.
- Spiritwood Lake – 10 miles north, 4 miles east of Jamestown.

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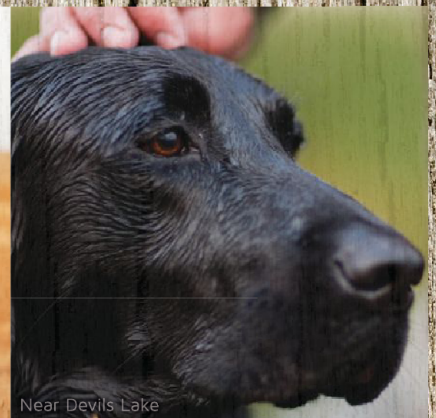
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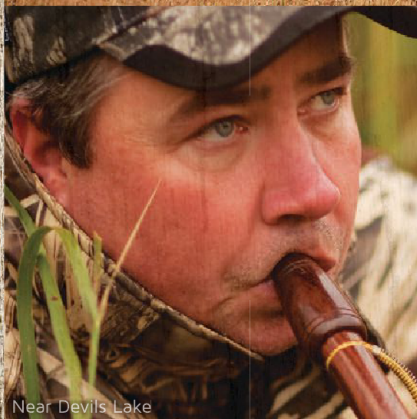
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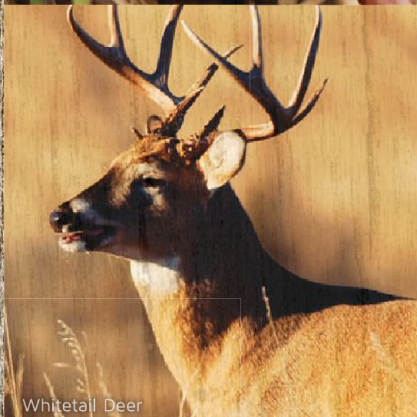
Near Devils Lake



Near Devils Lake

Hunting

Each fall, new hunting legends are made in North Dakota. Whether hunting ducks and geese, walking a draw in the Badlands for mule deer, or enjoying a sunny afternoon stalking the elusive pheasant, North Dakota will help you create a legendary experience.



Whitetail Deer



Pheasant in flight



Near Baldwin



Near Regent



Near Baldwin

Upland game, big game, waterfowl ... North Dakota has something to tempt every hunter.

Hunters taking to the fields in North Dakota have a great passion for the outdoors. The opening of a hunting season is often treated like a holiday for many families. There's a reason not only North Dakota hunters, but thousands from other states, show such passion.

Hunting opportunities across the state range from upland game birds to an array of big-game species to abundant waterfowl.

North Dakota is known as the duck factory in the lower 48 states, boasting some of the best duck hunting in the country for birds raised within its borders - and some of the best hunting for birds making southern migrations from nesting grounds in Canada.

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Notes to Nonresidents

To hunt small game such as pheasant, grouse, partridge and mourning dove, nonresidents need the following licenses: certificate, small game and general game and habitat. Crane hunters need a crane permit. Small game licenses are good for 14 consecutive days or two seven-day periods. Nonresidents may hunt sandhill cranes with either a small game or waterfowl license. Hunters can purchase more than one small game license.

To hunt ducks, geese and swan, a waterfowl license is needed, plus the general game and habitat stamp. In addition, hunters age 16 and older need

ND Hunting

a federal waterfowl stamp. Waterfowl licenses are for 14 days or two seven-day periods. Nonresidents are limited to one waterfowl license per season. Nonresident migratory bird hunters must register with the Harvest Information Program in North Dakota, even if they are HIP certified at home.

Deer hunters need a certificate and general game and habitat stamp in addition to their bow or gun license. Nonresident elk and moose gun licenses are not available. To hunt prairie dogs, rabbits and ground squirrels, nonresidents need only a nongame license. Nonresident

individual Native Americans or Indian tribes, or held in trust for tribes by the federal government, within the boundaries of certain Indian reservations in North Dakota. For more information, contact the following tribal offices:

Fort Berthold Department of Natural Resources
Box 460, New Town, ND 58763
701-627-4760

Standing Rock Game and Fish Department
Box D, Fort Yates, ND 58538
701-854-7236



Near Regent

fall turkey licenses are available if there are licenses remaining after the initial lottery drawing.

License Availability

Nonresident waterfowl and small game hunting licenses are available through the Game and Fish Department website at gf.nd.gov, by phone at 800-406-6409 or at the Game and Fish Department's Bismarck headquarters, 100 N. Bismarck Expressway, Bismarck, N.D. 58501-5095. They also may be purchased from licensed vendors with Internet capabilities.

Indian Reservations

Tribal access permits are required for hunting or fishing on land owned by

Turtle Mountain Natural Resources
Box 570, Belcourt, ND 58316
701-477-2640

Hunter Education Requirements

North Dakota requires all persons born after Dec. 31, 1961, to have attended and passed a certified state hunter education course before they can legally purchase any type of hunting license. Apprentice licenses allow those under 18 who have not taken hunter's safety to hunt with a legally licensed adult. Contact Game and Fish at 800-406-6409 or at the Game and Fish Department's Bismarck headquarters, 100 N. Bismarck Expressway, Bismarck, N.D. 58501-5095, for full details.

2012 Hunting Licenses NONRESIDENT HUNTERS

Fishing, Hunting and Furbearer Certificate **\$2.00**

The certificate is the document to which all licenses and stamps are affixed. All nonresidents who hunt, regardless of age, must possess the appropriate hunting licenses. With the exception of big game, nonresidents under age 16 can buy North Dakota hunting licenses at resident prices, if their home state offers the same opportunity to North Dakota youth.

Small Game **\$85.00**

Waterfowl (Zones) **\$85.00**

Statewide Waterfowl **\$125.00**

General Game and Habitat **\$13.00**

Spring Light Goose **\$50.00**

Deer Gun **\$200.00**

Deer Gun Application Fee **\$5.00**

(Nonrefundable)

Antlerless Whitetail, third lottery **\$50.00**

(if available)

Deer Bow **\$200.00**

Furbearer and Nongame **\$25.00**

(fox, coyote, prairie dogs, rabbits)

Nongame License **\$15.00**

(for prairie dogs, rabbits)

Sandhill Crane Permit **\$5.00**

RESIDENT HUNTERS

Fishing, Hunting and Furbearer Certificate **\$1.00**

The certificate is the document to which all licenses and stamps are affixed.

Small Game **\$6.00**

(age 16 or older)

General Game and Habitat **\$13.00**

(all ages)

Furbearer **\$7.00**

(age 16 or older)

Deer Gun **\$20.00**

Deer Bow **\$20.00**

Youth Deer Bow **\$10.00**

(under age 16)

Youth Deer Gun **\$10.00**

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Identification

One leg or foot, or the fully feathered head or wing of all pheasants, Hungarian partridge and grouse must remain attached to the bird during transportation or shipment to the final place of storage.

Number of Shells in Gun

While hunting upland game birds, you cannot use a shotgun capable of holding more than three shells. This means the plug must be properly installed in all pump and semi-automatic guns.

Transportation

Each license holder must accompany his/her own game in transportation, and may not transport game for another. However, public carriers may ship birds with receipt of proper bill of lading.

Age Restriction

Persons under age 15 afield with firearms must be accompanied by a parent, guardian or person authorized by the parent or guardian.

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Party hunting is not allowed in North Dakota. Hunters may take only their own daily limit of birds, and may not help other hunters fill their daily limits.



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Upland Game Regulations

2012 Upland Game Seasons

Official dates available in August 2012

Species	Opening Date (Probable)
Dove	Sept. 1
Sandhill Crane	Sept. 15
Sharp-tailed Grouse	Sept. 8
Hungarian Partridge	Sept. 8
Tree Squirrels	Sept. 8
Ruffed Grouse	Sept. 8
Ring-necked Pheasant	Oct. 13

Copies of the complete 2012-2013 North Dakota small game and furbearer regulations will be available at state license vendors and Game and Fish Department offices by mid-August 2012.

Please read the regulations carefully before hunting, and if you have questions, contact the Game and Fish Department.



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Application Information

Applications for licenses issued by lottery are generally available at least three weeks prior to the deadline. For deer gun, the nonresident license fee is \$220, which includes \$2 for the hunting, fishing and furbearer certificate, \$13 for the general game and habitat stamp and a \$5 application fee which must accompany the application. Unsuccessful applicants receive refunds. Antlerless whitetail licenses available after the first and second lottery drawings are \$50. To enter the bighorn sheep license drawing, nonresidents must submit a \$100 nonrefundable application fee. A nonresident sheep license is \$500.

Bowhunting

North Dakota bowhunting starts early and ends late. Archers can begin their quests for white-tailed deer and mule deer in late August or early September. Deer seasons continue into early January. Resident deer bow licenses are good for mule deer or whitetail.

Nonresident Any-Deer Bow Licenses

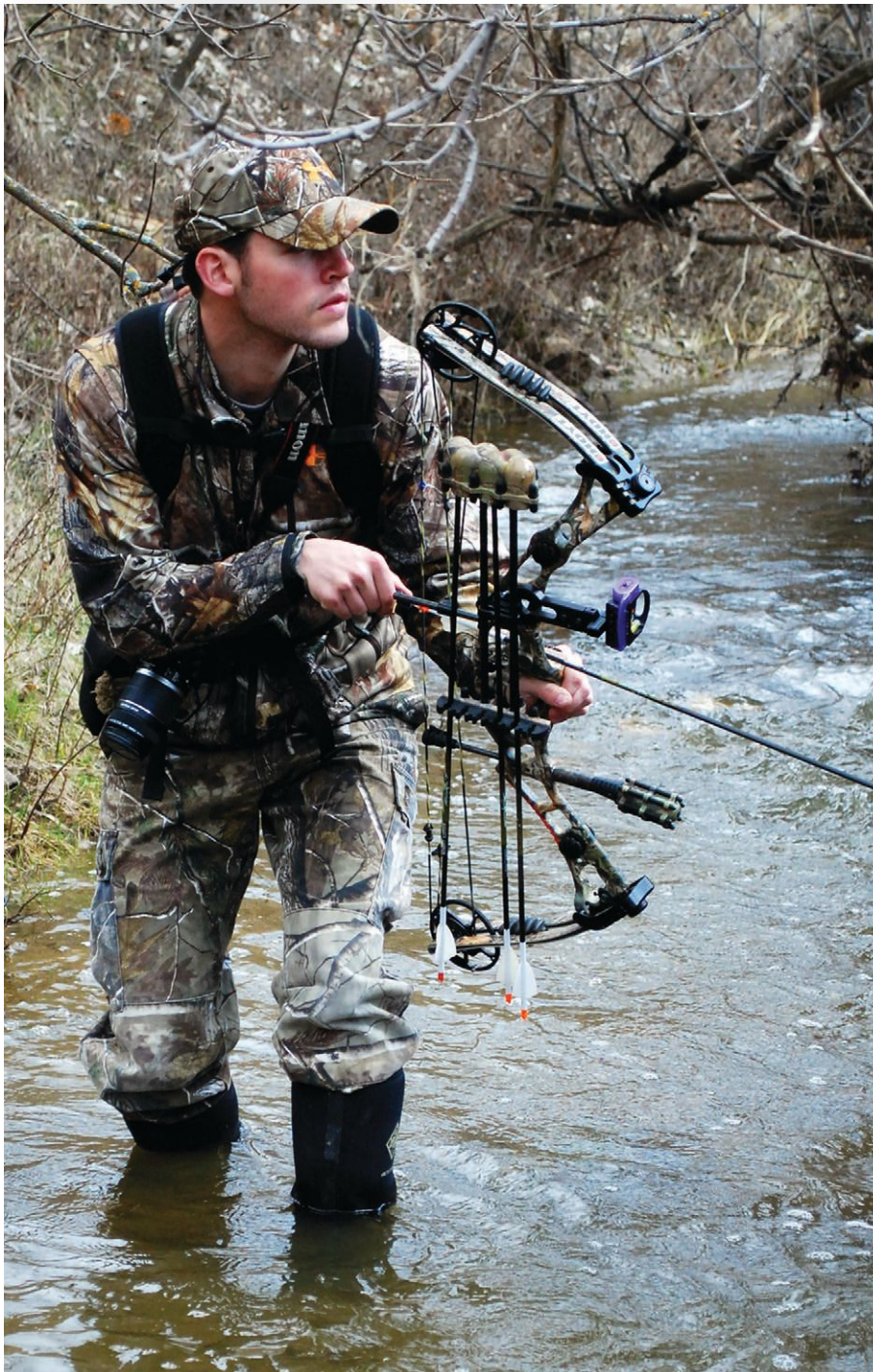
These allow the taking of either white-tail or mule deer, and are limited in number to 15 percent of the mule deer gun licenses for the previous year. In 2012, the quota will be about 680. Applications are accepted until March 1, 2012. A drawing is held to issue licenses if more applications are received than licenses available.

Nonresident Whitetail-Only Hunting

Nonresident whitetail-only bow licenses are not limited in number.

No Party Hunting

North Dakota hunters may shoot and tag only the big game animal for which they are licensed. Party hunting is not allowed. Once your tag is filled, you may continue to accompany a group,



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but you cannot harvest an animal for another license holder.

Vehicle Use

While hunting big game, vehicles must stay on established roads and trails. However, after an animal is killed and properly tagged, and as long as the landowner allows it, a vehicle may leave an established road or trail to retrieve the animal. Vehicles cannot leave established roads or trails for any

reason on state wildlife management areas, federal waterfowl production areas, U.S. Forest Service national grasslands or other areas where vehicle use is prohibited.

Transportation

License holders must accompany their animals during transportation. Permits to allow transport of big game by another person are available from state game wardens.

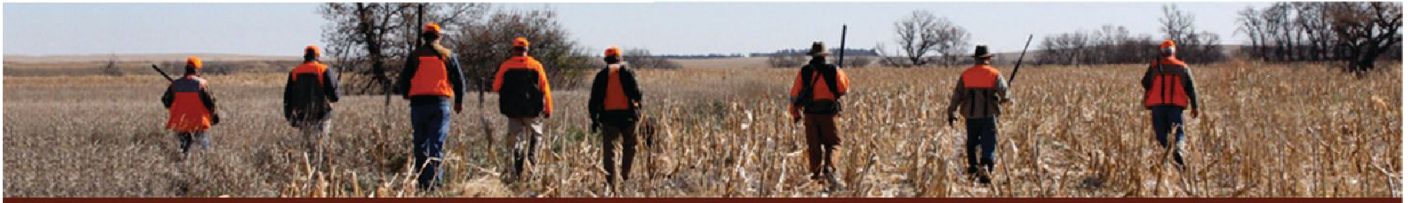
Big Game Regulations

2012 Big Game Seasons

Species	Opening Date (Probable)
Deer Bow	Aug. 31
Bighorn Sheep	Call for date
Elk	Call for date
Deer Gun	Nov. 9
Moose	Call for date
Pronghorn Gun/Bow (if season held)	Call for date

2012 Big Game License Deadlines

Species	Application Deadline (Probable)
Moose/Elk (Residents only)	March 28
Bighorn Sheep	March 28
Deer Gun and Muzzleloader	June 6
Pronghorn (if season held)	Aug. 8



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Waterfowl



Like a busy interstate, the noise of migrating waterfowl can be deafening. All that honking and traffic is enough to make a person want to get out in the field on a cold, dark morning, set out decoys and wait for waterfowl to come to you. Don't worry, they'll come. The Central Flyway through North Dakota is a major interstate route for thousands and thousands of geese and ducks heading from breeding grounds here and to the north to wintering grounds to the south.

Nonresident Waterfowl Information

In 2011, North Dakota had three waterfowl hunting zones for nonresidents. Two zones had limits on the number of days on which nonresidents could hunt. There also is a statewide zone license (see license fees) that allows waterfowl hunting anywhere in the state, at a higher fee. These zones are subject to change annually and hunters should contact the North Dakota Game and Fish Department after July 1, 2012, for information on zones and licenses. Nonresident waterfowl hunting licenses will be issued through the department's Bismarck office, over the Internet, and



by telephone. Lands owned or leased by the North Dakota Game and Fish Department, including state wildlife

management areas and Private Lands Open To Sportsmen (approximately one percent of all land) are not open to hunting by nonresidents the first week of pheasant season (October 13-19). This provision applies to all types of hunting, not just pheasants. This restriction does not apply to lands owned or managed by other state agencies that may be open to hunting, such as state school lands, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service waterfowl production areas, other federal lands open to hunting, or to private lands not enrolled in the PLOTS program.

Waterfowl Regulations



2012 Waterfowl Seasons

Official season dates available in August 2012.

Species	Opening Date (Probable)
Early Canada Goose	Call
Ducks	Sept. 22 or 29
Geese	Sept. 22 or 29
Tundra swan	Sept. 29

Tundra swan licenses are issued by lottery. They are available to both residents and nonresidents. The application/license fee is \$5 for residents and \$25 for nonresidents.

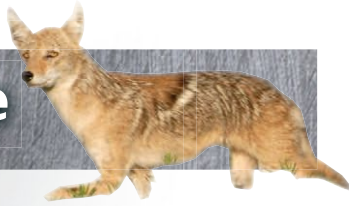
Unsuccessful applicants receive refunds. The probable tundra swan application deadline for 2012 is August 15. Applications should be available by August 1.

Printed waterfowl guides will be distributed to state license vendors and Game and Fish Department offices by early September. Please read the regulations carefully before hunting, and if you have questions, contact the Game and Fish Department at 701-328-6300.



Near Devils Lake

Furbearer/Nongame



Blow a predator call in North Dakota and you're never quite sure what will respond. In the east, it's more likely red fox, in the west, odds favor a coyote, but both species live in every county of the state. In the Badlands, secretive bobcats can add a real surprise. Fox and coyote are hunted year-round in North Dakota, with extended hours in winter.

2012 Furbearer/Nongame

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Furbearer/Nongame Regulation Highlights Seasons

Hunting for fox, coyote, raccoon,

badger and beaver is open year-round, while a limited season for mountain lions is available to residents only. There are established seasons for trapping some furbearers. Hunting for cottontail rabbits and snowshoe hares is open year-round.

Nonresident restrictions

Nonresidents may hunt only fox and coyote. Nonresidents may trap furbearers in North Dakota if their

home state allows North Dakotans the same trapping privileges.

Licenses

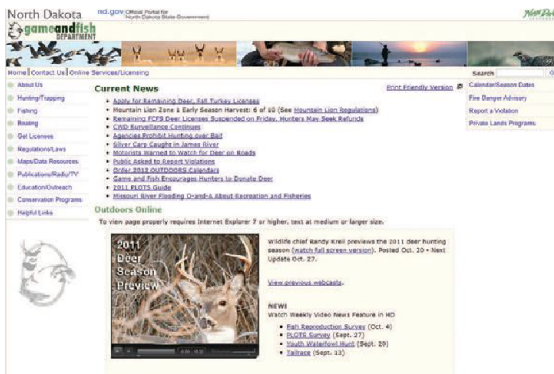
Residents age 16 and older need a furbearer stamp. Nonresidents need the nonresident furbearer and nongame license.



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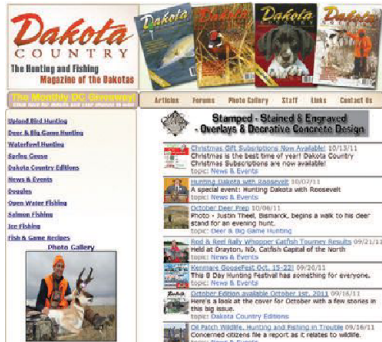
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For hunting and fishing information not contained in this publication, call the North Dakota Game and Fish Department at 701-328-6300, visit its website at gf.nd.gov, write to 100 North Bismarck Expressway, Bismarck, N.D., 58501-5095, or e-mail ndgf@nd.gov. Or check out these other sites for updated hunting and fishing information, ideas and tips.



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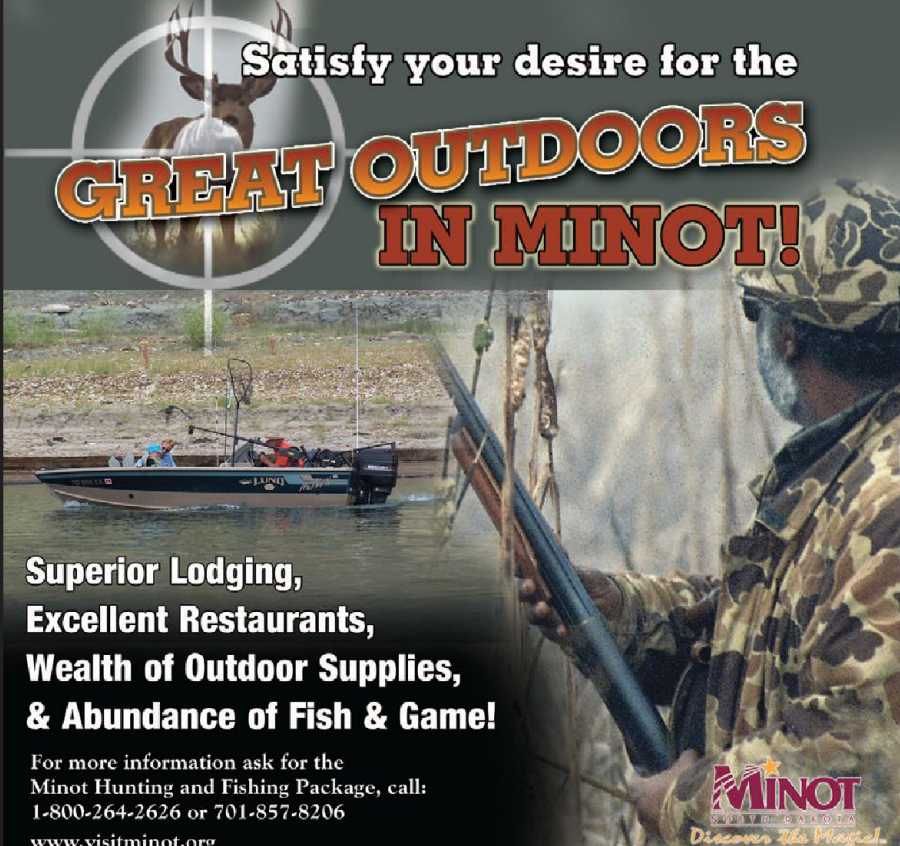
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