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Dear Friends,

With 63 wildlife refuges, more than any other state, North Dakota is the destination for outdoor enthusiasts! We have fabulous fisheries like Lake Oahe, Lake Sakakawea and Devils Lake, and unrivaled upland and waterfowl hunting. Outdoor recreation is part of our heritage that has continued from generation to generation.

Our Private Land Open to Sportsmen (PLOTS) program is in its 16th year and continues to be very popular. Through PLOTS, over 760,000 private acres, with habitat of the highest guality, are designated to attract and hold wildlife for hunters to access.

The fishing across the state continues to be excellent. Devils Lake is known for its outstanding walleye, and Lake Sakakawea is solid with large numbers of walleye, northern pike and bass being caught. The Missouri River system has also rebounded from the 2011 floods with good catches throughout the system.

As part of the prairie pothole region of the Northern Great Plains, North Dakota is rich with wetlands ideal for waterfowl, which keeps our duck and goose numbers strong. We also look forward to another good season for upland game.

Hunting and fishing are a part of North Dakota's heritage and many family traditions continue to be built around our legendary outdoor resources. I hope this guide helps you plan a trip to North Dakota soon. For more details, visit: NDtourism.com or gf.nd.gov.

Enjoy your time in North Dakota,

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Jack Dalrymple Governor

Information: Detailed hunting and fishing information can be found at the North Dakota Game and Fish Department: 701-328-6300 or gf.nd.gov. Page 36 features a detailed list of outdoor-related websites.

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No matter where you cast in North Dakota, you'll find our walleye, northern pike and perch (to name a few of our species) waiting to hit your line. With Lake Sakakawea rebounding, along with the great waters of Devils Lake and the entire Missouri River system, fishing has never looked more promising. Plus, our fishing is year-round. Stop dreaming and start fishing. in North Dakota.













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Great fishing abounds in North Dakota

Anglers will find choices in every season, from snagging paddlefish on the Missouri and Yellowstone rivers in the spring in the northwest 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 system slices through west and central 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 freeflowing river offers a good setting for sauger and walleye in the spring and fall. The western reaches of the river in North Dakota offers one of the better spots in the country to snag a giant paddlefish in late spring. Anglers also can come across northern pike and catfish in this area.



Lake Sakakawea

The lake named for the Native American woman who joined 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, with more shoreline than California, is home to numerous species. 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

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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, lake 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.







Missouri River Boating Access

Following is a list of boating access sites on the Missouri River System in North Dakota. All sites have a boat ramp, courtesy dock and restrooms unless otherwise noted. Due to damage from flooding in 2011, access at some of these sites may not be available. For updated access information, check the North Dakota Game and Fish Department's website (gf.nd.gov) or contact the appropriate managing authority noted at the end of each listing.

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 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. - Williams County Park Board.
 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, security lights, picnic shelter – North Dakota Game and Fish Department.

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. Ramp is only usable when elevation is 1,848 feet above mean sea level or higher. 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, lodging, concession, 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 Park Board.

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 Park Board.

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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. Gravel access road, no restrooms – New Town Park Board/Aftem 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, 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, 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, concession - Three Affiliated Tribes. 14. LITTLEFIELD BAY - 5 miles south, 2 miles east of New Town. Gravel access road, no restrooms, no courtesy docks - North Dakota 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, 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, 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 corps ramp or 2.5 miles west and .5 miles south to county ramp. Gravel access road, primitive camping, security lights, picnic shelter – 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, trash receptacles – 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 – North Dakota 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,



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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 – 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 – North Dakota 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 Association.

32. FORT STEVENSON STATE PARK – 3 miles south of Garrison. Paved access road, fish cleaning facility, developed and primitive camping, security lights, picnic shelter, trash receptacles, concession, lodging, boat rental, access fee, telephone, RV dump station – North Dakota 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. Gravel access road, primitive camping – North Dakota Game and Fish Department.

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 the Missouri River near Washburn, north of ND Highway 200A bridge. Paved access road, fish cleaning facility, primitive camping, security lights, 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 – North Dakota 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 Recreation.

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

45. GRANT MARSH BRIDGE – On east side of Missouri River near Bismarck, south side of the 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. 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, 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, 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 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. PRAIRIE KNIGHTS MARINA – 10 miles south of the Cannonball River on ND

Highway 1806, then 3.5 miles east. Gravel access road, fish cleaning facility, developed and primitive camping, security lights, picnic shelter, lodging, telephone, RV 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. JENNERVILLE (RIVERY) – 13 miles west of Linton on ND Highway 13, then 6.5 miles south on ND Highway 1804, and 3.5 miles west at Rivery turnoff. Gravel access road, no restrooms, no courtesy docks – U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

56. 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, concession – U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

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

58. 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.



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Aquatic Nuisance Species NORTH DAKOTA REGULATIONS







Remove all aquatic plants from boats, trailers, fishing tackle and other equipment. Remove all aquatic plants from livewells and bait containers.

Drain all water from boats (including livewells), motors, trailers and other watercraft. All boats coming in from other states must have all water drained before entering North Dakota.

It is illegal to transport live aquatic bait into North Dakota from another state, or to release baitfish into any North Dakota water body.

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Regulation highlights

• State law now requires that all water is drained from boats and other watercraft when leaving a water body.

• 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 all waters statewide, with a few exceptions. 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 baitfish allowed in North Dakota waters. On the following lakes, no live baitfish 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
- County Stark McIntosh Walsh Golden Valley Morton McLean Slope

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License Information

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.

(Effective April 1, 2014) NONRESIDENT FISHING

Individual Season	\$45.00
Husband-Wife Season	60.00
Individual 10-day	35.00
Individual 3-day	25.00
* Paddlefish Tag (limit 1—all ages)	25.50

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

RESIDENT FISHING

Individual (age 16 or older)	\$16.00
Husband and Wife	22.00
Senior Citizen (age 65 and older)	5.00
* Paddlefish Tag (limit 1 - all ages)	10.00

DID YOU KNOW?

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Devils Lake boat ramps

Following is a list of boating access sites in the Devils Lake Basin (Lake Irvine, Devils Lake and Stump Lake) in North Dakota. All sites have a boat ramp, courtesy dock and restrooms unless otherwise noted. For updated access information, check the North Dakota Game and Fish Department's website (gf.nd.gov) or contact the appropriate managing authority noted at the end of each listing.

1. PELICAN LAKE BAY – 15 miles west of Devils Lake on ND Highway 19. Paved access road – North Dakota Game and Fish Department.

MINNEWAUKAN CITY – East side of the city of Minnewaukan. Gravel access road, no restrooms, no courtesy docks, fish cleaning facility – Minnewaukan Community Club.
 ROUND LAKE BAY – 3 miles south of Minnewaukan on U.S. Highway 281. Paved access road – Minnewaukan Community Club.
 GRAHAMS ISLAND STATE PARK – 10 miles west of Devils Lake on ND Highway 19, then 6 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.

5. SCHWAB LANDING – 7 miles west of Devils Lake on ND Highway 19. Paved access road, fish cleaning facility, developed and primitive camping, security lights, picnic shelter, concession, telephone, RV dump station – North Dakota Game and Fish Department.

6. HENEGAR LANDING - 1 mile west of Devils Lake on ND Highway 19, then .75 miles south. Paved access road, fish cleaning facility, security lights - Ramsey County Park Board.
7. CREEL BAY - 3 miles south of Devils Lake on ND Highway 20, then 2 miles west and .25 miles north. Paved access road, fish cleaning facility, developed and primitive camping,



security lights, picnic shelter – Ramsey County Park Board.

8. SPIRIT LAKE CASINO – 6 miles south of Devils Lake on ND Highway 20/57. Paved access road, fish cleaning facility, developed and primitive camping, security lights, trash receptacles, concession, lodging, boat rental, telephone, RV dump station – Spirit Lake Casino.

9. EAST BAY – 3 miles south of Devils Lake on ND Highway 20. Paved access road, security lights – North Dakota Game and Fish Department.

10. ESTENSON LANDING – 15 miles south of Devils Lake on ND Highway 20. Paved access road, no restrooms – North Dakota Game and Fish Department.

11. BLACK TIGER BAY – 7.5 miles east of Devils Lake on U.S. Highway 2, then 6 miles south, 3 miles west. Gravel access road, no restrooms, no courtesy docks, concession – North Dakota Parks and Recreation.

12. TOLNA LANDING (STUMP LAKE) – 3 miles north of Tolna. Gravel access road, fish cleaning facility, security lights, picnic shelter – Tolna Community Club.

13. STUMP LAKE PARK – 11 miles south, 1 mile west of Lakota. Paved access road, fish cleaning facility, developed and primitive camping, security lights, picnic shelter, trash receptacles, concession, lodging, RV dump station – Nelson County Park Board.

Fishing along Red River of the North



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

Maps and text courtesy North Dakota Game and Fish Department

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.

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Northgate Dam (097) – 6 miles north, 1 mile west, 2 miles north, .5 miles west of Bowbells. Contains good populations of walleye, rainbow trout and bluegill. Also fair numbers of black crappie. Fairly intense recreational use. (Fishing pier).

Powers Lake (093) – Southeast side of Powers Lake. Consists entirely of northern pike, with most ranging from 2-5 pounds. Periodic winterkills greatly impact this fishery, with the most recent occurring in 2010-11. (Fishing pier).

Short Creek Dam (094) – 5.5 miles north of Columbus. Still rebounding from a near total fishkill in July 2010. Contains fair populations of small pike and walleye, with expanding numbers of adult yellow perch and bluegill. (Fishing pier).

Smishek Lake (095) – 4 miles northwest of Powers Lake. Contains good numbers of yellow perch and bluegill. Also fair numbers of walleye and northern pike, with a few big fish of both species. Fairly intense recreational use. (Fishing pier).

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Baukol-Noonan Dam (475) – 2 miles east, .5 miles south of Noonan. Primarily rainbow trout, although fair numbers of largemouth bass present. Also contains a fair number of small yellow perch and bluegill. (Fishing pier).

Baukol-Noonan East Mine Pond (508)

 2 miles east, .5 miles south of Noonan.
 Primarily rainbow trout, although contains a few largemouth bass. Also holds fair numbers of small yellow perch and bluegill. Black bullheads abundant.

Skjermo Lake (126) – 3 miles west, 4 miles northwest of Fortuna. Consists entirely of a strong population of northern pike. Apparently all yellow perch were lost to summerkill in 2012, but plans were to restock with adult perch in spring 2013. (Fishing pier).

MCKENZIE COUNTY

Arnegard Dam (216) – .5 miles west, 3 miles north, 1.5 miles southwest of Arnegard. Primarily northern pike, with some larger pike present. Also holds some adult yellow perch, and an abundance of black bullheads. (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. Contains



good populations of bluegill and largemouth bass. Lack of public use facilities and poor access at times limit use.

Sather Dam (217) – 11 miles south, 8 miles west of Alexander. Apparently experienced a near-total fish kill during winter 2010-11. Contains good numbers of small bluegill, but largemouth bass population has not yet been reestablished. (Fishing pier).

Watford City Park Pond (640) – Southeast side of Watford City. Fishing opportunities reliant on annual stocking due to annual winterkills. Plans were to stock with rainbow trout and adult channel catfish in 2013. (No ramp, fishing pier).

MOUNTRAIL COUNTY

Stanley Pond (245) – Northeast side of Stanley. Fishing opportunities limited by frequent winterkills. Plans were to stock with rainbow trout and adult channel catfish in spring 2013. (Fishing pier).

Stanley Reservoir (251) – 1 mile south of Stanley. Fishing opportunities limited by frequent winterkills, the most recent during winter 2010-11. Contains good numbers of small northern pike.

White Earth Dam (249) – 6 miles north of White Earth. Consists primarily of northern pike, but also contains fair numbers of walleye and yellow perch. A few black crappie present, and also an expanding bluegill population. (Fishing pier).

RENVILLE COUNTY Lake Darling (285) – 16 miles north, 13 miles

west of Minot. Contains strong populations of northern pike, walleye and yellow perch. (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. Contains a strong northern pike population. Also holds fair numbers of walleye, yellow perch and bluegill. Fairly intense recreational use. (Fishing pier). Cottonwood Lake (381) - 1 mile east, .5 miles north of Alamo. Consists entirely of good numbers of small northern pike. Although yellow perch were heavily stocked in 2012, apparently few survived. (Fishing pier). East Spring Lake Pond (380) - North side of Williston. Fishing opportunities almost totally reliant on annual stocking due to frequent winterkills. Plans were to stock with northern pike and adult channel catfish in 2013. (No ramp, fishing pier).

Epping-Springbrook Dam (374) – 1.5 miles east of Springbrook. Contains fair populations of northern pike, walleye and yellow perch. Also holds an overabundance of black bullheads. (Fishing pier).

Kettle Lake (099) – 3 miles east, 2.5 miles north of Zahl. Consists primarily of rainbow trout, brown trout and largemouth bass. Yellow perch also present, but the population is overabundant and stunted. (Fishing pier). Kota-Ray Dam (376) – 5 miles south, .5 miles east, 2 miles south of Ray. Contains a wide variety of fish species, including walleye, rainbow trout and yellow perch, with strongest populations of largemouth bass and bluegill. Fairly intense recreational use. (Fishing pier).

Little Muddy River (393) – East edge of Williston. Highly dependent on high water levels and fish movement from upper Missouri River. Contains fair populations of northern pike and channel catfish, with many other species present. (Fishing pier).

McGregor Dam (378) – 1 mile south of McGregor. Contains good numbers of walleye, yellow perch and rainbow trout. (Fishing pier). McLeod (Ray) Reservoir (377) –

Southwest side of Ray. Contains a strong population of young walleye. Also a few adult bluegill, yellow perch and northern pike. (Fishing pier).

Tioga Dam (379) – North side of Tioga. Consists mainly of young pike, although a few older and larger pike present. Apparently limited survival of recent stockings of adult yellow perch. A few adult bluegill present. (Fishing pier).

Trenton Lake (018) – South side of Trenton. Contains a strong population of northern pike, with most ranging from 2-5 pounds. Also a good crappie population. Many other species also present. (Fishing pier).

West Spring Lake Pond (033) – North edge of Williston. Fishing opportunities limited by frequent winterkills. Fishery consists of rainbow trout stocked annually.

RIVERS

Upper Missouri River (014) – Missouri River from Williston to Montana state line. Primarily a spring and fall fishery for sauger and walleye, but increasing angling effort targeting abundant channel catfish and northern pike populations. Many other species also present.

Yellowstone River (019) – Near towns of Buford, Cartwright and Fairview. Primarily a spring and fall fishery for sauger and walleye, but increasing angling effort targeting abundant channel catfish and northern pike populations. Many other species also present. (Fishing pier).

SOUTHWEST

ADAMS COUNTY

Bolke Dam (065) – 5 miles east, .5 miles north, .5 miles west, .5 miles north of Lemmon, South Dakota. Rainbow trout stocked annually. (No ramp).

Mirror Lake (040) – South side of Hettinger. Northern pike up to 5 pounds, and abundance of small bullheads. Catfish up to 5 pounds stocked most years. (Fishing pier).

North Lemmon (042) – 5 miles north of Lemmon, South Dakota. Rainbow trout stocked annually. Brown trout up to 5 pounds present. Bluegill and yellow perch are abundant and small. Largemouth bass up to 2 pounds are common. Walleye up to 10 pounds present. (Fishing pier).

BOWMAN COUNTY

Bowman-Haley Dam (085) – 11 miles south, 8 miles east, 2 miles south of Bowman. Dominated by walleye, some up to 6 pounds, northern pike up to 10 pounds and smallmouth bass up to 3 pounds. Some yellow perch up to 2 pounds and small white bass. Many large carp, good for bowfishing. (Fishing pier).



Gascoyne Lake (086) – 1.5 miles northwest of Gascoyne. Northern pike stocked annually and pike up to 5 pounds present. Small carp, bullhead and green sunfish abundant at times. **Kalina Dam (087)** – 2 miles west, 1 mile south, 1 mile west, 1 mile south of Bowman. Abundant northern pike up to 10 pounds, yellow perch and bluegill are mostly small, but some large fish caught on occasion. Make sure to access lake from south shore. (No ramp). **Lutz Dam (519)** – 2.5 miles south, 2 miles west of Griffin. Rainbow trout stocked annually. Winterkilled recently. Abundant bluegill up to a half pound, and small crappie. (No ramp).

Spring Lake (088) – 1 mile south, 4 miles west of Rhame. Winterkills drastically reduced pike population. Yellow perch up to 1 pound are abundant.

DUNN COUNTY

Dvorak Dam (132) – 3.5 miles south, 5 miles east, .5 miles north of Manning. Yellow perch stocked in 2009. (No ramp). **Lake Ilo (131)** – 1 mile west, 1 mile south of Dunn Center. Abundant northern pike up to 10 pounds, some perch up to a half pound. (Fishing pier).

GOLDEN VALLEY COUNTY

Beach City Pond (657) – Southwest side of Beach. Rainbow trout stocked annually. (No ramp, fishing pier).

Camels Hump Dam (150) – Northeast of Sentinel Butte I-94 Exit 18. Rainbow trout stocked annually, with some up to 2 pounds. Abundant largemouth bass are mostly small, some up to 2 pounds. Some bluegill up to 1 pound. Some brown trout and smallmouth

bass present.

Odland Dam (151) – 7 miles north of Beach. Winterkills often. Perch and bluegill restocked recently. (Fishing pier).

GRANT COUNTY

Heart Butte Reservoir (Lake Tschida) (160) – 15 miles south of Glen Ullin.

Dominated by small walleye, with some up to 10 pounds, 2- to 5-pound northern pike, white bass up to 2 pounds, catfish up to 10 pounds and smallmouth bass up to 2 pounds. Some perch up to 1 pound, crappie up to 2 pounds and small bluegill. Many large buffalo present. (Fishing pier).

Raleigh Reservoir (163) – 3.5 miles west, .25 miles south of Raleigh. Rainbow trout stocked annually. Abundant small northern pike, with some up to 15 pounds and bluegill up to 1 pound. Some largemouth bass up to 5 pounds, perch up to a half pound and small crappie. (Fishing pier).

Sheep Creek Dam (164) – 4 miles south, .5 miles west of Elgin. Rainbow trout stocked annually, with some up to 3 pounds. Abundant largemouth bass, with some up to 5 pounds, bluegill up to 1 pound and crappie up to a half pound. Some walleye up to 1 pound, brown trout up to 2 pounds and smallmouth bass up to 1 pound. (Fishing pier).

HETTINGER COUNTY

Blickensderfer Dam (176) – 4 miles south, 1 mile east, .5 miles south of Mott. Abundant small bluegill, with some up to 1 pound. Some walleye up to 2 pounds, northern pike up to 8 pounds and small perch. (No ramp).

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



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trout stocked annually. Bluegill stocked in 2009. Indian Creek Dam (171) - 1.5 miles west, 2 miles south, 2 miles west, 3 miles south of Regent. Abundant walleye up to 10 pounds, small yellow perch, with some up to a half pound and mostly small bluegill, with some up to 1 pound. Some smallmouth bass up to a half pound. (Fishing pier).

Kilzer Dam (172) - 4.5 miles south, 1 mile east of Bentley. Bluegill stocked in 2011 and largemouth bass stocked in 2012. (No ramp).

Larson Lake (173) - .5 miles north and 2 miles east of Regent. Abundant northern pike up to 2 pounds. Some perch up to a half pound.

Mott Watershed Dam (175) - North side of Mott. Rainbow trout stocked annually, with some up to 3 pounds. Abundant small largemouth bass, with some up to 2 pounds. Some bluegill up to about 1 pound. (Fishing pier).

MORTON COUNTY

Danzig Dam (243) - 2 miles north, 1.4 miles west, .2 miles north of I-94 Exit 120. Drawn down for dredging and chemical renovation to remove undesirable fish in 2013. Likely not fishable.

Gaebe Pond (025) - 1.5 miles west of New Salem. Rainbow trout stocked annually. Adult catfish up to 5 pounds stocked most years. Some small perch and bluegill. (No ramp, fishing pier).

Krieg's Pond (705) - .5 miles east of Hebron. Rainbow trout stocked annually. Adult yellow perch stocked in 2011. (No ramp).

SIOUX COUNTY

Labow Lake (714) - 4 miles north, 3 miles west, 1 mile north, 1 mile east of Thunderhawk, South Dakota. Bluegill stocked in 2011 and largemouth bass stocked in 2012. (No ramp). Larson Lake (090) - 4 miles north, 1 mile west of Thunderhawk, South Dakota, History of winterkill. Largemouth bass and bluegill stocked in 2009. (No ramp).

SLOPE COUNTY

Cedar Lake (322) - 13 miles north, 2 miles west of Reeder. Winterkills often. Abundant northern pike, with some up to 10 pounds. Some perch up to a half pound. Small carp and bullhead abundant. Catfish up to 5 pounds stocked some years.

Davis Dam (323) - 16 miles west, 4 miles north of Amidon. Rainbow trout stocked annually. Abundant small largemouth bass, with some up to 2 pounds and bluegill up to 1 pound.

STARK COUNTY

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Belfield Pond (332) - Southwest side of Belfield. Rainbow trout stocked annually. Catfish up to 5 pounds stocked most years. Some perch up to a third pound and bluegill up to a guarter pound. Abundant green sunfish up to a quarter pound. (Fishing pier). Dassinger Pond (328) - 8 miles south, 1 mile east, .8 miles north of I-94 Exit 72. Walk through the gate 500 yards northwest. Adult largemouth bass and bluegill stocked in 2010. (No ramp).

Dickinson Dike (331) - Southwest side of Dickinson. Rainbow trout stocked annually. Adult catfish up to 5 pounds stocked most years. Abundant bass up to 2 pounds and small bluegill up to a quarter pound. (Fishing



pier)

Dickinson Reservoir (Patterson Lake)

(330) - 2 miles west of Dickinson. Chemical renovation in 2009. Consists of walleye mostly less than 1 pound, northern pike up to 15 pounds, yellow perch up to 1 pound, small bluegill and small crappie. Many small bullheads present. Adult catfish have been stocked recently. (Fishing pier). Slater Pond (503) - From I-94 Exit 84, .75 miles north, 1 mile east, .5 miles north, .5 miles east. Rainbow trout stocked annually. Adult perch stocked in 2009 and have become abundant. (No ramp).

RIVERS

Cannonball River (388) - In Slope, Hettinger, Grant and Sioux counties. Abundant carp most of the time. Some walleye, northern pike and catfish during spring spawning periods. (No ramp).

Heart River (390) - In Stark, Grant, and Morton counties. Abundant carp and buffalo most of the time. Some walleye, northern pike and catfish during spring spawning periods. (No ramp).

Little Missouri River (410) - Southwestern part of state. Abundant catfish up to 10 pounds. Some sauger and walleye during spring spawning periods. (No ramp).

NORTH CENTRAL

BOTTINEAU COUNTY

Boundary Lake (083) - 9 miles north, 11 miles east, 2.5 miles north of Bottineau. Prior to 2012, the lake hadn't been stocked with yellow perch since 1989. Perch fishery is just starting. (No ramp).

Carbury Dam (452) - 1 mile south, 1 mile west of Carbury. Good numbers of smaller pike. (Fishing pier).

Lake Metigoshe (077) - 9 miles north, 4 miles east, 1 mile north of Bottineau. Holds several sizes of bluegill, including some large fish, along with some nice crappie. Good numbers of walleye, with a wide range of sizes. Good northern pike fishing, with some large fish. (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. Decent pike population, with a wide range of sizes. Lots of small perch.

Loon Lake (674) - 9 miles north, 4 miles east, 2 miles south, 2 miles east, .5 miles north of Bottineau. Fairly new perch fishery, with high numbers and some larger fish. (No ramp).

Pelican Lake (079) - 9 miles north, 8 miles east, .5 miles southwest of Bottineau. Decent numbers of northern pike.

Strawberry Lake (081) - 4 miles north, 2.5 miles east, .5 miles south of Carbury. Stocked annually with rainbow trout. (Fishing pier).

BURLEIGH COUNTY

New Johns Lake (750) - 11.8 miles south, 3 miles east of Mercer. Decent walleye numbers, with some larger fish. Lots of smallto medium-sized yellow perch. Bluegill numbers have increased in recent years. (Fishing pier).

MCHENRY COUNTY

Bentley Lake (129) - 3 miles west of Drake. Fair numbers of small pike and some perch. (No ramp).

Buffalo Lodge Lake (205) - 1 mile east, 3 miles north, 2 miles east of Granville. Excellent pike numbers. Increased lake levels in recent years produced a good environment for pike. Walleye population somewhat reduced, with increase in pike numbers. Mostly small perch. (Fishing pier).

Cottonwood Lake (202) - 2.5 miles north of Butte. Pike and perch rebounding nicely after significant winterkill in 2009. (Fishing pier).

George Lake (203) - 13 miles north, 1 mile east, 1.3 miles north, .5 miles east of the junction of U.S. Highway 52 and ND Highway 14. Good numbers of pike, with some large fish. (Fishing pier).

Round Lake (204) - 6 miles north, 4.5 miles east of Drake. Good numbers of 14- to 16-inch walleye. Decent numbers of pike. (No ramp).

MCLEAN COUNTY

Brush Lake (221) - 3 miles north of Mercer. Lots of 6- to 8-inch perch. Fair numbers of walleye. Good pike population, with some larger fish. (Fishing pier).

Camp Lake (479) - 17.5 miles north, 2 miles east of Turtle Lake. Decent numbers of pike and lots of small perch. (No ramp).

Camp Loop Pond (546) - 3 miles southwest of Riverdale on U.S. Army Corps of Engineers downstream campground. Pond renovation planned in 2013. (No ramp).

Crooked Lake (223) - 10 miles north, .2

Lake Sakakawea guide Terry Focke

"Other than the bite, stability isn't a trait of Lake Sakakawea. The lake is always adjusting with elevation, temperature and weather. The warmer it gets, the deeper they go."



miles east, .1 mile south of Turtle Lake. Good numbers of smaller pike, perch and walleye. Winterkill in 2009 resulted in major fish loss, so mostly young fish in the lake. (Fishing pier).

Custer Mine (224) - 4 miles east, 2 miles south of Garrison. A good put-and-take rainbow trout fishery in a small, easy-to-fish pond. Abundant small bluegill.

East Park Lake (752) - 9 miles south of Mercer. Decent walleye numbers, with some larger fish. Fair numbers of small- to mediumsized yellow perch. Bluegill (Fishing pier). Lake Audubon (225) - North of Coleharbor. Good numbers of walleye and an excellent smallmouth bass fishery. Anglers should see good numbers of 14- to 16-inch walleye in the next few seasons. Some large pike. (Fishing pier).

Lake Brekken (232) - 1.5 miles north of

Turtle Lake. Good numbers of small- and quality-sized walleye. Decent numbers of perch, some larger fish. (Fishing pier).

Lake Holmes (455) - 1 mile northeast of Turtle Lake. Connected to Lake Brekken by a large culvert. Decent numbers of small- to medium-sized walleye. Good numbers of quality-sized perch.

Lightning Lake (233) - .5 miles east of Turtle Lake. A quality trout fishery, with some large trout. Bluegill numbers have increased in recent years, with some nice sized fish. (Fishing pier).

Long Lake (228) - 13 miles north, 4 miles east, 2 miles north, 1.5 miles west of Turtle Lake. Pike population bouncing back nicely after winterkill. Holds mostly smaller pike. Painted Woods Creek (418) - 5 miles southeast of Washburn. Fair numbers of northern pike. (No ramp).



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Pelican Lake (757) – 7 miles north, 3 miles east, .4 miles north of Mercer. Abundant perch and some smaller pike. (No ramp).

Riverdale City Pond (220) – North side of Riverdale. Popular pond for kids and family outings. Lots of small bluegill. Stocked annually with rainbow trout. (No ramp, fishing pier).

Strawberry Lake (226) – 17.5 miles north, 2 miles east of Turtle Lake. Good pike population. Lots of small perch and bluegill. (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. Small pond stocked with perch, used mostly by Triangle Y kids. (No ramp, fishing pier).

Turtle Lake (697) – 4.5 miles west, 1 mile north of Turtle Lake. Decent numbers of northern pike, some larger fish. (No ramp). Weishaar WPA (488) – 8 miles north, 8 miles west, 1 mile north of Turtle Lake. Winter perch fishery. (No ramp).

West Park Lake (753) – 9 miles south, 2 miles west of Mercer. Fair numbers of walleye and perch. Most perch are small. Good numbers of pike, with some larger fish available. (No ramp).

MERCER COUNTY

Beulah Mine Pond (235) – 2 miles north, 2.5 miles east, .5 miles north of Beulah. Contains some pike. (No ramp).

Harmony Lake (560) – 6 miles north, 1 mile west of Hazen. Good numbers of bluegill, with some quality-sized fish. Stocked annually with rainbow trout. (Fishing pier).

OLIVER COUNTY

East Arroda Dam (262) – 1 mile east of Fort Clark – ND Highway 200A. Good crappie numbers, with some quality fish. Pike numbers have increased in recent years, with mostly smaller pike. Earthen fishing piers constructed to improve shorefishing access.

Nelson Lake (258) – 5 miles east, 3 miles south of Center. The best largemouth bass lake in the state. Open water year-round allows fish to grow better than in other lakes. State record largemouth – 8 pounds, 7½ ounces – caught here in 1983. Abundant quality-sized bluegill and crappie. (Fishing pier). **Oliver County Sportsmen's Pond (266)** - 4 miles south, .5 miles west of Center. Stocked annually with about 200 rainbow

Stocked annually with about 200 rainbow trout. (No ramp).

West Arroda Dam (264) – 1 mile east of Fort Clark – ND Highway 200A. Good crappie numbers, with some quality fish. Pike numbers have increased in recent years, with mostly smaller pike. Earthen fishing piers constructed to improve shorefishing access.

PIERCE COUNTY

Antelope Lake (617) – 9 miles east, 3 miles north, 1 mile west, 2 miles north of Anamoose. Abundant nice-sized perch. Many 12- to 16inch walleye, with some larger fish available. (No ramp).

Balta Dam (269) – .5 miles south of Balta. Good numbers of smaller pike.

Clear Lake (654) – 6 miles east, .7 miles south of Anamoose. Newly stocked lake, with good numbers of walleye and quality sized perch. (No ramp).

Davis Lake (024) – 2 miles west, 1.5 miles south of Balta. Lots of pike, with some larger fish.

Lesmeister Lake (692) – 3.5 miles west, 2 miles south of the intersection of ND highways 3 and 19. Good numbers of smaller walleye. (No ramp).

RENVILLE COUNTY

Glenburn Pond (466) – North side of Glenburn. Small pond stocked annually with trout. Yellow perch and bluegill stocked periodically. (No ramp).

ROLETTE COUNTY

Lake Udall (741) – Through International Peace Garden, 13 miles north of Dunseith. Small pond stocked with rainbow trout and bluegill for the first time in 2012. (No ramp).

SHERIDAN COUNTY

Bender Lake (715) – .5 miles south, 4 miles west, .5 miles south of Martin. Stocked with perch for the first time in 2011. (No ramp). Cherry Lake (698) – 7 miles north, 3 miles east, 2 miles north, 1 mile west of Mercer. Some quality-sized perch. (Noramp). Coal Mine Lake (482) – 14 miles south, 5 miles east of Anamoose. Abundant northern pike, mostly smaller. Winterkilled in 2009. (Fishing pier).

Davis WPA (598) – 8 miles south, 1 mile east of Denhoff. Abundant perch, with some quality-sized fish. Walleye population expanding in recent years, with some nice fish. (No ramp).

Heckers Lake (751) – 9 miles south, 2.4 miles east of Mercer. Fair numbers of perch, with some quality-sized fish. Decent numbers of pike and smallmouth bass. (No ramp). Kaibel Lake (756) – 10.2 miles south of Drake. Lots of perch, many smaller-sized. (No ramp).

Lake Richard (653) – 4.5 miles south of Drake. Abundant yellow perch, with some quality-sized fish. (No ramp).

Mud Lake (716) – 4.5 miles south of Anamoose. Stocked with perch for the first time in 2011. (No ramp).

North (Hoffer) McClusky (461) – 2 miles north, 1 mile west of McClusky. Abundant smaller pike. (No ramp).

Sheyenne Lake (314) – 10 miles south, 1 mile east, 1 mile south of Anamoose. Stocked biannually with northern pike. (No ramp). South (Hoffer) McClusky (316) – 2 miles north, 1 mile west of McClusky. Decent numbers of perch, walleye and northern pike. Some bluegill and crappie. (Fishing pier). Stober Lake (562) – 4 miles west, 1 mile north of Goodrich. Good numbers of perch. Vollrath Lake (699) – 5.5 miles north, 1 mile east, 1 mile south of Goodrich. Some quality-sized perch. (No ramp).

Wolf Lake (558) – .5 miles south, 1.5 miles west of Martin. Winterkilled in 2009, so mostly small pike and perch. (No ramp).

WARD COUNTY

Hiddenwood Lake (443) – 8 miles south of Makoti. Fair numbers of yellow perch and northern pike. (Fishing pier).

Makoti Lake (365) – 6 miles south of Makoti. Winterkilled in 2010. Pike and perch fishery recovering. Currently has mostly smaller fish.

North Carlson Lake (360) – 10 miles east of Ryder. Good numbers of smaller pike, making it a good place to take a kid fishing. Rice Lake (362) – 4 miles north, 7 miles east, 2 miles north of Ryder. Winterkilled in 2011, but pike and perch fisheries coming back nicely.

South Carlson Lake (361) – 10 miles east of Ryder. Good fishing in recent years for mostly smaller pike. (Fishing pier).

State Fair Pond (027) – North end of state fair grounds. Small pond stocked annually with trout and panfish. (No ramp, fishing pier).

Velva Sportsmen's Pond (364) – 7 miles south, 1.5 miles west, 1 mile south, .5 miles west of Velva. Consistently a quality fishery for nice-sized browns and rainbows.

WELLS COUNTY

Hurd Lake (718) – 2 miles west, 3 miles south of Hurdsfield. Holds smaller perch. (No ramp).

RIVERS

Knife River (392) – In Dunn and Mercer counties. Connected to Missouri River, so a variety of fish species can be caught. (No ramp).

Lake Sakakawea (020) – Near the cities of Williston, New Town, Garrison and Riverdale. (Fishing pier).

McClusky Canal (464) – Central part of state in McLean, Burleigh and Sheridan counties. Excellent smallmouth bass fishery, with abundant fish up to 18 inches. (No ramp).

Missouri River (004) – Missouri River from near Riverdale to south of Bismarck. (Fishing pier).

Souris River (Mouse River) (396) – North central part of state. Good numbers of northern pike and walleye, especially after Lake Darling flooded in 2011. (Fishing pier).

SOUTH CENTRAL

BURLEIGH COUNTY

Apple Creek (398) – South central part of state in Burleigh County. Good for northern pike, walleye, crappie and catfish. (No ramp). Cottonwood Park Pond (635) – On west side of Cottonwood soccer complex in south Bismarck. Trout (and other species) may be stocked in spring. (Fishing pier, no ramp). Lake Harriet (Arena Lake) (610) – 8 miles west, 1 mile south of Tuttle. Northern pike abundant and perch present. (No ramp). Long Lake (104) – 1 mile south, 2.5 miles east of Moffit. Northern pike abundant. Contact refuge headquarters for specific angling regulations. (Fishing pier, no ramp).

McDowell Dam (101) – 4 miles east, 1 mile north of Bismarck on ND Highway 10. Bluegill and largemouth bass abundant. Trout stocked in spring. (Fishing pier).

OWLS Pond (026) – Just west of Bismarck Game and Fish office. Trout stocked in spring and fall. Other species (bluegill, perch, catfish and white bass) may be stocked. (Fishing pier, no ramp).

EMMONS COUNTY

Baumgartner Lake (529) – 6 miles south of Linton. Northern pike abundant. (No ramp). Braddock Dam (140) – 2 miles southwest of Braddock. Fair numbers of northern pike, walleye and yellow perch. Bluegill present. Goose Lake (501) – 3 miles east of Braddock. Northern pike and perch abundant. (No ramp). Jake's Lake (527) – 13 miles south, 1 mile east of Strasburg. Northern pike abundant. (No ramp).

Rice Lake (142) – 8 miles south of Strasburg. An outstanding walleye, northern pike and perch fishery.

Senger Lake (526) – 1 mile north, 6 miles east of Strasburg. Multiple year-classes of perch present. (No ramp).

KIDDER COUNTY

Alkaline Lake (590) – 15 miles south, 7 miles east, 1 mile south of Dawson. Walleye first stocked in 2003 and remain abundant. Excellent numbers of pike also present, with fish occasionally surpassing 10 pounds. (Fishing pier).

Bond Lake (500) – 2 miles west, 2 miles south, 1 mile west of Pettibone. Adult perch stocked in 2010 and multiple-year classes present. (No ramp).

Cherry Lake (177) – 15 miles north, 3 miles east of Steele. Northern pike from 2-5 pounds abundant.

Des Moines Lake (593) - 5.5 miles east of



Robinson. Good numbers of northern pike. (No ramp).

Etta-Alkaline Complex (650) – 1 mile south, 2.5 miles west, 3 miles south of Dawson. Northern pike abundant. (No ramp). Fresh Lake (549) – 6 miles north, 7 miles

east, 2 miles north, 1 mile east, 2 miles north of Napoleon. Primarily a northern pike fishery, but fair numbers of walleye present. (No ramp).

Frettim Lake (180) – 2 miles east, 1 mile north of Robinson. Contains good numbers of walleye, northern pike, perch and bluegill. Helen Lake (601) – 2.5 miles west, 6 miles north of Tuttle. An excellent northern pike fishery, with fish occasionally topping 8 pounds. Perch also present. (No ramp). Horsehead Lake (594) – 2 miles west, 6 miles south of Robinson. Pike population recovering and this lake once again offers good angling opportunities. (No ramp). **Jasper Lake (573)** – 7 miles north, .5 miles east of Robinson. Walleye are abundant. Good numbers of perch.

Koenig North (676) – 12.25 miles north, 1.5 miles east of Robinson. Multiple yearclasses of perch present (winter access only). (No ramp).

Koenig South (677) – 12.25 miles north, 1.5 miles east of Robinson. Multiple yearclasses of perch present (winter access only). (No ramp).

Kunkel Lake (439) – 5 miles east, 7 miles south, 1 mile east of Robinson. Strong yearclass of smaller perch present. (No ramp). **Lake Geneva (666)** – 2 miles south, .5 miles east of I-94 Exit 195. Small perch abundant. (No ramp).

Lake Oahe guide Brian Fettig

"The fishery changes with the scenery. Within 20 or 30 miles, the (Missouri) river becomes a lake and it's completely different."



Lake Isabel (183) – 2 miles south, .5 miles east, .75 miles south of Dawson. Fair numbers of 2- to 5-pound northern pike. (Fishing pier). Lake Josephine (186) – 2 miles north of Tuttle. Small walleye abundant, but larger fish present. Northern pike, perch and crappie present in lower numbers. (Fishing pier). Lake No. 5 (476) – .5 miles west, 2 miles north, 3 miles west, 4 miles north of Dawson. Pike currently abundant, but the lake

experiences frequent winterkills. (No ramp). Lake Williams (182) – Just south of the town of Lake Williams. Fair walleye and northern pike numbers.

Leno Lake (604) – 1 mile east, 7 miles north of Tuttle. Pike abundant. (No ramp).

Long Alkaline Lake (629) – 3 miles west, 7 miles north of Robinson. Pike common. Perch also present. (No ramp).

Neustel Lake (712) – 2 miles north of Robinson. Strong year-class of younger perch present. (No ramp).

North Des Moines Lake (688) – 5.5 miles east of Robinson. Fair numbers of northern pike. (No ramp).

Pelican Lake (474) – 3 miles east, 11 miles north, 1 mile east of Robinson. Perch common. (No ramp).

Plowe Lake (735) – 6 miles east, 5 miles north, 1 mile east of Robinson. Fair numbers of perch. (No ramp).

Ranch Lake (684) – 1 mile west of Pettibone. Good numbers of northern pike and perch. (No ramp).

Round Lake (181) – 1 mile north, 1.5 miles east of Pettibone. Excellent walleye fishery, and fair numbers of perch and northern pike. (No ramp).

Schumacher Lake (702) – 7 miles north, 1 mile east, .25 miles south of Robinson. Yellow perch abundant and walleye present. (No ramp).

Sibley Lake (646) – 7 miles north, 2 miles east, 1 mile south of Dawson. Walleye abundant. (No ramp).

Swan Lake (678) – 10.5 miles north of Robinson. Abundant perch. (No ramp). Willow Lake (645) – 9 miles north, 3 miles west of Robinson. Abundant smaller perch. (No ramp).

Woodhouse Lake (472) – 12 miles north, 12 miles east of Wing. Good numbers of walleye and perch. (No ramp).

LOGAN COUNTY

Beaver Lake (197) – 8 miles south, 8 miles east of Napoleon. Northern pike abundant, with fish occasionally surpassing 10 pounds. **Braun Lake (588)** – 18 miles south, 1 mile



east of Steele. Primarily a perch fishery, but tiger muskies also present. (No ramp). **Buchholz WPA (738)** – 4 miles east, .75 miles north of Lehr. Abundant young perch. (No ramp).

Dewald Lake (530) – 8 miles north, 2 miles east, 1 mile north, 1 mile east of Lehr. Perch common. (No ramp).

Doyles Lake (711) – 2.5 miles north, 2 miles east, 4 miles north, 1 mile east, .5 miles north of Wishek. Abundant younger perch. (No ramp). **Hauff Lake (589)** – 7 miles north of Lehr. Perch common. (No ramp).

Kautz Lake (061) – 5 miles north, 6 miles west of Lehr. Perch common. (No ramp). Kleingartner Lake (710) – 10 miles south, 5 miles west of Gackle. Fair numbers of northern pike and yellow perch, with some

pike topping 8 pounds. (No ramp). **Lepp Lake (717)** – 1 mile east, 1 mile north of Lehr. Strong young perch numbers. (No ramp).

Logan (Mueller) WMA (613) – 8 miles north, 5 miles west, 1 mile south of Lehr. Young walleye abundant. Low numbers of perch. (No ramp).

Devils Lake guide Jason Mitchell

"Devils Lake is changing all the time. Fishing is incredible all year. The fishery doesn't shut down like it does in a lot of places."



Logan Lake (453) – 1 mile west of Gackle. Good perch numbers. (No ramp). Marvin Miller Lake (533) – 6.5 miles south, 8 miles west, .5 miles north of Gackle.

south, 8 miles west, .5 miles north of Gackle Excellent walleye fishery. Low numbers of perch and northern pike.

Mundt Lake (199) – 3 miles east, 4 miles north, 1 mile east, .5 miles south of Lehr. Walleye remain abundant. Quality perch population. (Fishing pier).

North Napoleon Lake (502) – 4.5 miles west, 1 mile north, 1 mile east of Napoleon. Northern pike and perch abundant. (No ramp).

Ost Lake (749) – 7 miles east, 1 mile north, 1 mile west, .5 miles north of Lehr. Perch abundant. (No ramp).

Railroad Lake (708) – 5.5 miles east of Lehr. Good perch numbers. (No ramp).

Roesler Lake (706) – 8 miles north, 1 mile east of Lehr. Perch common to abundant. (No ramp).

Ruff Lake (609) – 5 miles north, 3 miles west, 1 mile north, .5 miles east of Lehr. Strong young perch population. (No ramp). **Thurn Lake (620)** – 5 miles north of Lehr, .5 miles east. Good walleye and perch numbers. (No ramp).

Weigel Lake (701) – 5 miles south, 3 miles east of Napoleon. Small pike abundant. (No ramp).

Wentz WPA (632) – 12 miles east of Napoleon. Young walleye abundant. Low numbers of perch. (No ramp).

West Lake Napoleon (201) – 1 mile west of Napoleon. Northern pike reintroduced in 2009 and fish up to 7 pounds abundant.

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NORTH DAKOTA FISHING

MCINTOSH COUNTY

Becker-Schlepp Lake (628) – 3 miles north, 1 mile east, 1 mile north, .5 miles east of Ashley. Perch abundant. (No ramp).

Clear Lake (215) – 6 miles east, 2 miles south of Wishek. Northern pike up to 6 pounds abundant. (No ramp).

Dollinger-Schnabel Lake (580) – 2 miles north, 5 miles west, 3 miles north of Venturia. Perch abundant. (No ramp).

Dorfman Lake (642) – 5 miles north, 2 miles west of Ashley. Perch abundant and fair numbers of walleye and northern pike. (No ramp).

Dry Lake (213) – 5 miles west, 4 miles north, 2 miles east, .5 miles south of Ashley. An excellent walleye and northern pike fishery. Large perch present in low numbers.

Green Lake (210) – 2 miles east, 4 miles south, 1 mile east of Wishek. Quality walleye and perch fishery. Low numbers of northern pike. (Fishing pier).

Harr Lake (514) – 10 miles east, 12 miles north of Ashley. Perch common. (No ramp). Homestead Lake (696) – 8 miles south, 8 miles east, 2 miles north of Wishek. Northern pike abundant. Perch also present. (No ramp). Lake Hoskins (211) – 3 miles west of Ashley. Impacted by a partial fish kill in 2012, but holds fair numbers of walleye, northern pike and perch. (Fishing pier).

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

McIntosh WMA (231) – 10 miles east, 9 miles north of Ashley. Perch common. (No ramp).

Miller Lake (315) – 7.5 miles east, 2.5 miles south of Lehr. Northern pike abundant, with

fish occasionally surpassing 8 pounds. Fair numbers of perch. (No ramp).

Mudd Lake (595) – 1 mile west of Lehr. Fair numbers of northern pike, with low numbers of perch. (No ramp).

Nagel Lake (Koepplin WPA) (707) – 1 mile east, 1 mile south, 1 mile east of Lehr. Fair numbers of walleye made their way into Nagel Lake from Lehr WMA. Perch present in good numbers. (No ramp).

Pfeifle Lake (690) – 10 miles south, 2 miles east of Wishek. Northern pike abundant, with fish occasionally topping 10 pounds. (No ramp).

Pudwill Lake (214) – 9 miles south, 4 miles west, 1 mile north, .5 miles west of Lehr. Low numbers of northern pike. (No ramp).

Rueb-Eszlinger (691) – 7.5 miles north, 2 miles west of Ashley. Perch abundant. (No ramp).

MORTON COUNTY

Crown Butte Dam (237) – 4 miles west on access road on north side of I-94 Exit 147. Largemouth bass up to 9 inches abundant. Crappie, bluegill and trout also present. (Fishing pier).

Fish Creek Dam (239) – 8 miles south, 2 miles east, 1 mile south of I-94 Exit 134. Largemouth bass abundant, with occasional fish topping 5 pounds. Trout abundant, with fish reaching 20 inches. Smallmouth bass and crappie present in fair numbers. (Fishing pier). **Harmon Lake (660)** – 8 miles north of Mandan on ND Highway 1806. Trout, northern pike, largemouth bass, crappie and bluegill abundant. Lake filled for the first time in 2009 and fish size should continue to improve. (Fishing pier).

Nygren Dam (242) – 6 miles north, 1 mile east, 3 miles north, .5 miles east of Flasher. Trout, largemouth bass and bluegill present in good numbers. (Fishing pier).

Porsborg Dam (675) – Northwest Mandan. Trout (and other species) may be stocked in spring. (No ramp).

Sweet Briar Dam (240) – 18 miles west of Mandan – I-94 Exit 134. Fair numbers of walleye, northern pike, perch, bluegill, crappie and largemouth bass. (Fishing pier).

SIOUX COUNTY

Froelich Dam (318) – 9 miles north, 2 miles west of Selfridge. Walleye and northern pike abundant. Perch, crappie, bluegill and largemouth bass present.

RIVERS

Lake Oahe (001) – Near Bismarck, Fort Yates, Hazelton, Linton and Strasburg. (Fishing pier).

NORTHEAST

BENSON COUNTY

Fort Totten Dam (663) – .5 miles east of Fort Totten. No recent information. (No ramp). Gravel Pit Lake (661) – 4.5 miles west of Fort Totten. No recent information. (No ramp). Mission Lake (662) – 5 miles south, 1.5 miles east, 2 miles south of Devils Lake. No recent information. (No ramp). Silver Lake (058) – 1 mile west, 6 miles south, 1 mile west, 1 mile north of Churchs

Ferry. Connected to Devils Lake. (No ramp). Wood Lake (054) – 2 miles west, 1 mile





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south of Tokio. Perch and bluegill numerous, but small. Good numbers of bigger walleye and some large pike.

CAVALIER COUNTY

Langdon City Pond (115) – South side of Langdon. Put-and-take trout lake, with most fish caught in May. (Fishing pier).

Mount Carmel Dam (114) – 9 miles north, 2 miles east, 2 miles north of Langdon. Fair numbers of perch, with some larger fish. Walleye numbers fair, with most fish under 2 pounds. Lots of nice pike in 21- to 28-inch range. (Fishing pier).

EDDY COUNTY

Adams Lake (603) – 10 miles south of Warwick. Lots of smaller perch and a few walleye. (No ramp).

Battle Lake (136) – .5 miles south, 1.5 miles west, 1.5 miles south of Hamar. High density pike lake, with catchable, thin fish. (No ramp).

Lake Coe (652) – 10 miles south of Warwick on east side of Eddy County Road 8. Good numbers of nice walleye and lots of perch, some longer than 10 inches. (No ramp). New Rockford Reservoir (137) – North side of New Rockford. Bluegill available, but primarily a pike fishery. (Fishing pier, no ramp). Warsing Dam (135) – 1 mile northeast of Sheyenne. Some nice walleye, with fair numbers of pike and smaller perch. Some bluegill up to 9 inches. (Fishing pier).

FOSTER COUNTY

Dry Lake (548) – 4 miles east, 5 miles south of Carrington. Walleye numbers lower than several years ago, but still fair numbers of nice fish. Fewer perch observed. Strong young bullhead population. (No ramp).

Juanita Lake (147) – 2 miles east of Grace City. Pike and perch doing well in 2012, but a recent winterkill sharply reduced the fishery. (Fishing pier).

GRAND FORKS COUNTY

Fordville Dam (153) – 5 miles west, 1 mile north, .5 miles west, .5 miles north of Inkster. Fair numbers of larger walleye and pike, with good numbers of perch under 10 inches. Bullheads remain a management issue. (Fishing pier).

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

Larimore Dam (154) – 2 miles northeast of Larimore. Walleye, pike, largemouth bass, perch, crappie and bluegill all provide some angling opportunities. Walleye average 18 inches. (Fishing pier).

Niagara Dam (156) – North of Niagara. Reservoir winterkills often. When a series of nice winters occur, nice sized pike available. **Ryan Park Pond (659)** – South side of Grand Forks. This small urban fishery is a good place to take a kid fishing and is stocked annually with trout. (Fishing pier, no ramp).

GRIGGS COUNTY

Carlson-Tande Dam (169) – 1 mile south, 5 miles west of Aneta. Offers some pike, perch and panfish fishing.

Lake Addie (596) – 4 miles east, 1 mile south, 1 mile west of Binford. Managed as a walleye and perch fishery. Walleye average



length of 18 inches. Perch numbers high, with some fish up to 12 inches.

Lake Jessie (597) – 4 miles east, 1 mile south, 1 mile west of Binford. Primarily an ice fishing lake for pike averaging about 30 inches. (No ramp).

Red Willow Lake (168) – 6 miles north, 2 miles west of Binford. Walleye, pike, perch and bluegill common. Some nice walleye available, but more pike. Bluegill common, with some up to 10 inches. Perch typically small. (Fishing pier).

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

NELSON COUNTY

Lake Laretta (506) – 2 miles west and 3 miles north of Michigan. Excellent pike fishery, with high numbers of medium sized fish, but some pushing 15 pounds. Perch that survive pike predation are large, but uncommon. (No ramp).

McVille Dam (252) – 1 mile east of McVille. Some larger walleye, largemouth bass and pike available. Perch typically small. (Fishing pier).

Silver Creek Dam (268) – 4 miles west, .5 miles south of McVille. Small reservoir with a winter pike fishery. (No ramp).

Stump Lake (516) – 12 miles south, 1 mile west of Lakota. See separate Devils Lake Basin report. (Fishing pier).

Tolna Dam (254) – 1 mile south, 2 miles east of Tolna. Some larger walleye and good densities of pike. Perch numbers fairly low. Whitman Dam (253) – 1.5 miles north, 3 miles east of Whitman. Perch grow to keepersize, with some pushing 12 inches. Fair fishing for pike and walleye. Low density crappie population, with some large fish. (Fishing

PEMBINA COUNTY

pier).

Renwick Dam (265) – 6 miles west, 1 mile north of Cavalier. Holds mostly pike and perch, with some crappie. Perch are numerous, but typically smaller. White sucker and bullhead abundant. (Fishing pier).

PIERCE COUNTY

Buffalo Lake (271) – 4 miles west, 1 mile south of Esmond. Winterkills often and pike fishing opportunities occur when winters are mild. (Fishing pier).

Sand Lake (270) – 4 miles north of Pleasant Lake. Good pike and perch fishery. Average size for perch has increased. Pike are common up to 5 pounds. (Fishing pier).

RAMSEY COUNTY

Cavanaugh Lake (276) – 9 miles north, 1 mile west, .5 miles north of Devils Lake. Winterkill has been a problem. Oxygen levels were very low again this winter. (No ramp). **Devils Lake (275)** – Near the city of Devils Lake. See separate Devils Lake Basin report. (Fishing pier).

Fenster Lake (621) – 3 miles north, 4 miles east of Crary. Good pike population, with most fish under 5 pounds. (No ramp).

Lake Irvine (551) – 1 mile north of Churchs Ferry. See separate Devils Lake Basin report. Morrison Lake (509) – 3 miles east, 2 miles south of Webster. Typically has good winter pike fishing until oxygen levels drop too low. Most fish are less than 5 pounds. (No ramp). Sweetwater Lake (277) – 7 miles north, .25 miles east of Devils Lake. Low winter oxygen levels may have caused a fish kill in part of lake in 2013. (No ramp).

ROLETTE COUNTY

Belcourt Lake (300) – 2 miles north of Belcourt. No recent information. **Cain Lake (450)** – 2 miles south, 9 miles west, .5 miles north of St. John. (No ramp).

Carpenter Lake (291) – 12 miles west of St. John. Supports a good pike population, even during tough winters. Most fish less than 5 pounds.

Dion Lake (293) - 10 miles west, 2 miles

north, 1 mile east of St. John. Managed for walleye. High densities of fish up to 20 inches. Perch numbers expanding from illegal stocking, most are small. (Fishing pier).

Gordon Lake (299) – 4.5 miles north, 1 mile west, .25 miles northwest of Belcourt. No recent information.

Gravel Lake (294) – 6 miles west, .5 miles north of St. John. Pike and perch fishery. Pike average about 25 inches and most perch are under 10 inches. (Fishing pier).

Hooker Lake (295) – 8 miles west of St. John. One of few rainbow trout lakes in the district. Trout are stocked annually and attain maximum size in the fall. (Fishing pier).

Island Lake (634) – 3 miles west, 2 miles south of Mylo. Supports high numbers of pike, with most fish less than 5 pounds.

Jarvis Lake (301) – .75 miles southwest, 6 miles west of St. John. No recent information. (No ramp).

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

School Section Lake (296) – 9 miles north, 2.5 miles east of Dunseith. History of winterkill. Pike and perch available. Pike are young and most fish are less than 5 pounds. Perch mostly less than 9 inches.

Shutte Lake (298) – .5 miles east of Dunseith. Pike and perch fishery. Pike are numerous, with most fish less than 5 pounds. Perch are too abundant and mostly too small to keep. (No ramp).

Upsilon Lake (297) – 6 miles west, 1 mile north of St. John. Perch fishing good in recent years, although larger fish less common. Pike common, with some large fish. Walleye in low numbers. (Fishing pier).

Wheaton Lake (292) – 4.5 miles north, 2 miles west of Belcourt. No recent information.

STEELE COUNTY

Finley Dam (Lynch Lake) (335) – 1 mile south of Finley. Stocked regularly with pike. (No ramp).

North Golden Lake (339) – 10 miles east, 4 miles north, .5 miles west of Finley. High numbers of perch, with most less than 10 inches. Fair to good numbers of keeper pike and walleye available.

South Golden Lake (337) – 10 miles east, 3 miles north, .5 miles west of Finley. Primarily a walleye and perch fishery, with some pike and bluegill. Walleye do get large, with fish up to 8 pounds, however, the average length is about 16 inches. Some 10-inch perch. (Fishing pier).

TOWNER COUNTY

Armourdale Dam (349) – 9 miles east, 1.5 miles north of Rolla. Pike and walleye fishery comprised of mostly smaller fish. Perch numbers low. (Fishing pier).

Bisbee Dam-Big Coulee (350) – 1 mile east of Bisbee. Pike, walleye, perch, bluegill and crappie present. Some walleye and pike up to about 6 pounds. A few more perch are showing up, as well as the occasional large bluegill and crappie. (Fishing pier).

WALSH COUNTY

Bylin Dam (355) – 3 miles east, 3 miles south of Adams. Nice population of smaller pike to keep kids entertained. (Fishing pier). **Dougherty Dam (032)** – 1 mile west of Bylin Dam. Holds some pike. (No ramp).



Homme Dam (356) – 2 miles west of Park River. Lots of smaller perch and crappie, with some nice pike and walleye. White suckers and bullheads are abundant and problematic. (Fishing pier).

Matejcek Dam (354) – 6 miles south of Lankin. Smaller walleye in decent numbers. Perch numbers appear lower, as do pike. Crappie numbers seem to have rebounded. White suckers abundant.

WELLS COUNTY

Goose Lake (608) - 3 miles north, 3 miles east, 1 mile north of Harvey. Pike increased significantly. Walleye size is good, but numbers decreasing. Perch common. (No ramp). Harvey Dam (368) - Southeast side of Harvey. Good pike fishery, with the occasional walleye and perch. Bullheads abundant and continue to be a problem. (Fishing pier). Hurdsfield-Tuffy Lake (616) - 3.5 miles east of Hurdsfield. Relatively new fishery that has produced some good walleye and perch fishing. Most walleye are eater-size, with the occasional big fish. Perch present, but in low numbers, fish to 12 inches. (No ramp). Sykeston Dam (369) - Northwest side of Sykeston. Winterkill and summerkill in recent years has decimated the fishery. Bullheads also a major problem. Pike and perch reintroduced and provide some opportunity. (Fishing pier).

RIVERS

Turtle River (404) – In Grand Forks County. Rainbow trout stocked twice in spring and once in fall to provide a unique riverine trout fishery. Mostly a put-and-take fishery. (No ramp).

SOUTHEAST

BARNES COUNTY

Blumers Pond (023) – 1 mile south of Valley City. Good shore-fishing for early season trout. (No ramp).

Clausen Springs (051) – 3 miles north, 1 mile east, .5 miles north of the junction of ND highways 46 and 1. Largemouth bass up to 3.5 pounds. Excellent destination for fishing and family outing. (Fishing pier).

Clauson Lake (704) – .5 miles south, 3.5 miles west of Nome. Perch between 9-12 inches. (No ramp).

Eckelson Lake North (605) – 2 miles east of Eckelson. Abundant perch at times. (No ramp).

Eckelson Lake South (671) – 4 miles south, 1.5 miles east of Eckelson. Strong population of 3- to 6 pound pike. (No ramp).

Fox Lake (586) – 1 mile west of Eckelson. Walleye up to 23 inches and abundant 5- to 10-inch perch. (No ramp).

Hatchery Kids Pond (064) – 2 miles northwest of Valley City. Good shore-fishing for early season trout. (No ramp).

Hobart Lake North (636) – 6 miles west of Valley City. Perch common. (No ramp).

Hobart Lake South (532) – 6 miles west of Valley City. Abundant 6- to 11-inch perch. (No ramp).

Island Lake (672) – 3 miles south, .5 miles east of Urbana. Walleye up to 15 inches, small perch. (No ramp).

Kee Lake (606) – 7 miles south, 2 miles east of Eckelson. Perch common, with a few up to 14 inches. Walleye up to 15 inches. (No ramp).

Lake Ashtabula (046) - 10 miles north of



Red River guide Brad Durick

"The catfish bite (on the Red River) generally runs from the time ramps open in spring until October. Catfish is what most anglers chase on the Red but other species can be found."

Valley City. Size, location and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers facility development makes Ashtabula a heavily used recreation area. Some years are better than others, but Ashtabula is a consistent producer of pike, walleye, perch or white bass. Smallmouth bass population increasing. (Fishing pier).

Lake Ashtabula Tailrace (047) – 10 miles north of Valley City. All fish species in Sheyenne River potentially available. A great place to shore-fish on a windy day or start a short canoe trip downriver. (No ramp). Meadow Lake (565) – 6 miles west, 6 miles

north of Litchville. Good population of perch, with some up to 12 inches. (No ramp). **Middle Eckelson (670)** – 2 miles east of

Eckelson. Pike present. (No ramp). **Moon Lake (049)** – 2 miles west, 5.5 miles south, 4 miles west, 2 miles north of Valley City. Anglers can expect trout of more than 3 pounds, and 1- to 6-pound walleye. Perch

average 8 inches. A bonus might include an occasional trophy catfish. (Fishing pier). **Olson WPA (633)** – 1.5 miles east, .5 miles south of Sanborn. Variable perch fishery from

winter to winter. (No ramp). **Sanborn Lake (557)** – 2 miles east of Sanborn. Quality pike up to 30 inches and perch up to 12 inches. (No ramp).

Sanborn WPA (567) – .5 miles east of Sanborn. Perch and pike present. (No ramp). St. Mary's Lake (045) – 2 miles west, 5.5 miles south, 4 miles west, 1 mile north of Valley City. Small perch abundant. Walleye recently introduced. (No ramp).

CASS COUNTY

Brewer Lake (111) – 1 mile south, 1 mile west of Erie. Excellent largemouth bass population. Bass up to 20 inches; 3- to 9-inch bluegill the most abundant of three panfish species. Some perch up to 12 inches. (Fishing pier).

Casselton Reservoir (106) – Just west of Casselton. Put-and-take urban fishery. (Fishing pier).

Lindemann Lake (703) – 2 miles east, 2 miles north, .5 miles west of Enderlin. Some perch up to 12 inches and small walleye. (No ramp).

North Woodhaven Pond (656) – 2.25 miles south, .25 miles east of I-94 Exit 348. Annual introductions of trout enhance this fishery. Bluegill present. (Fishing pier, no ramp). South Woodhaven Pond (673) – 3.5 miles south, .25 miles east of I-94 Exit 348. Selfsustaining perch fishery. Despite small size of fish, an excellent spot to take a kid fishing. (Fishing pier, no ramp).

BILL

DICKEY COUNTY

Heinrich Lake (611) – 18.5 miles east, 1 mile south of Ashley. No recent information. (No ramp).

Moores Lake (119) – 18.5 miles west, 1 mile north of Ellendale. No recent information. (No ramp).

Pheasant Lake (120) – 6 miles west of Ellendale. Recovering from recent winterkill. (Fishing pier).

Wilson Dam (121) – 7 miles west of Monango. Pike up to 10 pounds, walleye up to 3 pounds. Neither are abundant. (Fishing pier).

LAMOURE COUNTY

Alfred Lake (574) – 7 miles east, 1.5 miles south of Gackle. Pike from 18-32 inches and perch up to 11 inches. (No ramp).

Boom Lake (Marion Lake) (561) – .5 miles west of Marion. Strong population of 2- to 5-pound pike, walleye up to 21 inches and 6- to 10-inch perch.

Diamond Lake (553) – 5 miles north of Kulm. Most consistent walleye and perch producer the last several seasons. Perch average 8 inches, walleye average 16 inches and 2- to 5-pound pike common.

Flood Lake (511) - 3.5 miles north of Kulm. Pike over 34 inches and perch average 9 inches. Heinrich-Martin Dam (189) - 1 mile southeast of Adrian. Excellent largemouth bass population including fish up to 18 inches. Bluegill and crappie present.

Kalmbach Lake (194) – 1 mile south, 4.5 miles west, .5 miles south of Jud. Small pike up to 3 pounds.

Kulm-Edgeley Dam (191) – 4 miles west, 2 miles south of Edgeley. No recent information. Lake LaMoure (196) – 1 mile south, 1 mile east, 2.5 miles south, 1 mile west, .5 miles south of LaMoure. Excellent destination with full-service recreation options other than fishing. Pike more than 8 pounds, and walleye averaging 1 pound common. Bluegill and crappie present. (Fishing pier).

LaMoure Dam (190) – West end of LaMoure. Excellent shore-fishing opportunities when fish congregate below lowhead dam. (No ramp). Limesand-Seefeldt Dam (193) – 8 miles south, 3 miles west of Marion. Some pike. 8 inch crappie fairly abundant.

Schlecht-Thom Dam (195) – 5 miles west, .5 miles north of Edgeley. No recent information. Schlecht-Weixel Dam (188) – 4 miles south

of Jud. No recent information.

Schlenker Dam (Lehr Dam) (422) – 11 miles west, .5 miles south of the junction of US Highway 281 and ND Highway 46. Pike average 4 pounds, 7-inch bluegill common. Twin Lakes (552) – 4 miles north of LaMoure. Strong populations of walleye averaging 1.5 pounds, 10-inch perch and 2- to 5-pound pike. Some trophy pike present.

LOGAN COUNTY

Arnies Lake (623) – 1.5 miles south of Gackle, 2 miles east, 1 mile south. Good population of 2- to 5-pound pike, perch up to 8 inches. Difficult access. (No ramp). Erickson Lake (722) – 8.5 miles north, 3

miles west, 1 mile north, 1.5 miles west of Kulm. Perch up to 9 inches. (No ramp).

MCINTOSH COUNTY

Blumhardt Dam (208) – 10 miles east, 7 miles north, 1.5 miles east of Ashley. Brown and rainbow trout. Carryover has produced trout over 4.5 pounds. Good destination for early season fishing.

Coldwater Lake (209) – 16 miles east, 1 mile south, 1 mile west of Ashley. Good populations of perch averaging a quarter pound, pike averaging 4.5 pounds and walleye averaging 3 pounds. (Fishing pier).

RANSOM COUNTY

Dead Colt Creek (284) – 5 miles south, 1 mile east, .5 miles north, .5 miles east of Lisbon. Good year-round choice for crappie and bluegill. Excellent largemouth bass population, with fish up to 21 inches. (Fishing pier).

RICHLAND COUNTY

Bisek Slough (682) – 2 miles north, .5 miles west of Lidgerwood. Small pike when Wild Rice River overflows and allows fish access. **Elm Lake (693)** – .5 miles east, 3.5 miles south of Lidgerwood. Good population of pike averaging 5 pounds. (No ramp).

Grass Lake (272) – 2 miles west, 1 mile north, 1 mile west, 1 mile north, 1.5 miles west of Lidgerwood. Game fish densities low, but some quality walleye and crappie present. (Fishing pier).

Gullys Slough (572) – 4 miles east, 1 mile south of Lidgerwood. Pike average more than 6 pounds. (No ramp).

Heley Lake (725) – 5 miles north, 1 mile east, .5 miles south of Lidgerwood. Mixture of small perch and walleye. (No ramp). Horseshoe Lake (287) – 4 miles west, 1 mile south of Hankinson. Abundant small perch, with a young crappie population. (No ramp). Kreiser Slough (680) – 4 miles north, 3 miles west of Lidgerwood. Small pike when

Wild Rice River overflows. (No ramp). **Lake Elsie (289)** – 1 mile south, 1.5 miles west of Hankinson. Improved walleye

west of Hankinson. Improved walleye population averaging 2.5 pounds, along with crappie up to a half pound. Smallmouth bass are a bonus. (Fishing pier).

Lueck Lake (622) – 4 miles east, 2 miles south, 1 mile east, .5 miles south of Lidgerwood. Mixed size structure of perch up to 10 inches. Walleye up to 22 inches. (No ramp).

Mooreton Pond (288) – 2 miles east of Mooreton. 6-inch bluegill common. Trout stocked annually. Trout harvest is encouraged prior to midsummer. (Fishing pier).



Reiland Lake (729) – 3 miles north, .5 miles east of Lidgerwood. No recent information. (No ramp).

Shriner Lake (754) – 4.5 miles south, .25 miles east of Lidgerwood. No recent information. (No ramp).

Silver Lake (681) – 2 miles north, 2 miles west of Lidgerwood. Small pike when Wild Rice River overflows. (No ramp).

Strege Lake (727) – 3.5 miles east, 1.5 miles south, .5 miles west of Lidgerwood. No recent information. (No ramp).

Vislisel Lake (728) – 1 mile north, 2 miles east, 1 mile north, .5 miles west of Lidgerwood. 9-inch perch and small walleye. (No ramp). Wahl Lake (523) – 2 miles south of

Lidgerwood. Produces bluegill, perch and the occasional pike. (No ramp).

West Moran Lake (669) – 2 miles east and .5 miles south of Lidgerwood. Young walleye population, along with crappie up to 10 inches and perch up to 12 inches. (No ramp).

Willard Lake (648) – 1 mile south, 2 miles west of Hankinson. Excellent pike population. (No ramp).

SARGENT COUNTY

Alkali Lake (302) – 3 miles south of Cayuga. Walleye stressed from forage deficiency. Developing crappie population.

Bergh Slough (647) – 1.5 miles south, 2.5 miles east of Forman. No recent information. (No ramp).

Buffalo Lake (307) – 6 miles north, 1 mile east of Rutland. Good walleye and crappie populations.

Consolidated Lake (651) – 2.5 miles south, 3 miles east of Forman. Mixed population of larger pike and walleye. A few trophy crappie up to 17 inches. (No ramp).

Fiala Lake (571) – 1 mile west, 2 miles south of Forman. No recent information. (No ramp).

Kraft Slough (643) – 1 mile south, 9 miles east, 1 mile north, .5 miles west of Oakes. Young walleye population, although some fish

up to 4 pounds. Abundant 6- to 11-inch perch. (No ramp).

Lake Tewaukon (305) – 5 miles south of Cayuga. Good walleye and northern pike populations, with a few Whopper crappie. (Fishing pier).

Lake Walstead (667) – 2.5 miles south, 1 mile east, .5 miles south of Forman. No recent information. (No ramp).

Ole Breum Lake (744) – 5 miles north, 2 miles east of Rutland. Abundant small- to medium-sized perch. (No ramp). **Silver Lake (303)** – 3 miles west, 2 miles south of Rutland. No recent information.

(Fishing pier).

Sprague Lake (309) – 6 miles west, 4 miles south, 1.5 miles west of Cayuga. Abundant northern pike and some fair-sized walleye. **Tosse Slough (679)** – 7.5 miles south, 1 mile east, 2 miles south, 1 mile east of Geneseo. Developing walleye fishery. Small walleye in poor condition. Walleye up to 22 inches, perch less than 1 pound. Developing crappie population.

STUTSMAN COUNTY

Alkali Lake (539) – 11 miles north, 5 miles east, 1 mile south of Jamestown. Fair populations of 5-pound pike, perch and a few walleye. (No ramp).

Arrowwood Lake (344) – 3 miles south, 5 miles west of Kensal. No recent information. (No ramp).

Bader Lake (427) – 4 miles south, 1 mile east of I-94 Exit 228. Small walleye.

Barnes Lake (346) – 1 mile east, 6 miles north of Woodworth. Pike and walleye fishery recovering from recent winterkill. 24-inch pike and 15-inch walleye present.

Big Mallard Marsh (599) – 9 miles north, 1 mile east of Woodworth. Excellent populations of walleye and pike, both up to 28 inches. **Clark Lake (340)** – 5 miles west, 2 miles north of Woodworth. 28-inch pike, 17-inch walleye and 10-inch perch present. **Cleveland Slough (665)** – .5 miles south of Cleveland along County Road 67. Perch up to 12 inches, occasional 30-inch pike. (No ramp). **Crystal Springs (179)** – 1 mile east of Crystal Springs. 6- to 9-inch perch and a few 25-inch pike.

Hehn-Schaffer Lake (459) – 4 miles north of Gackle. Half-pound perch, 1.5-pound walleye and 4-pound pike. (Fishing pier). Hoggarth Dam (576) – 3 miles west, 3 miles south of Courtenay. Population of 6- to 10-inch perch. (No ramp).

Jamestown Reservoir (341) – 2 miles north of Jamestown. Walleye average 1 pound, pike average 5 pounds, crappie average a half pound. Small walleye and pike in poor condition. (Fishing pier).

Jim Lake (342) – 6 miles east of Pingree. (No ramp).

Little Britches Pond (492) – Next to Jamestown Reservoir marina. Annual trout introductions provide good action for youth. (No ramp).

Mud and Pearl Lakes (730) – 8 miles north, 3 miles west, 2 miles north, .3 miles east of Medina. 6- to 15-inch perch potentially available. (No ramp).

Pipestem Reservoir (348) – 5 miles northwest, .8 miles west, 1 mile south of Jamestown. Pike and walleye numbers improving, but condition of small walleye is poor. Crappie fishery (11-inch average) likely the best in North Dakota. (Fishing pier). R and M Lake (579) – 4 miles east, 5 miles north of Buchanan. Walleye fishery, with fish up to 15 inches. (No ramp).

Reule Lake (607) – 5 miles west, .5 miles north of Medina. Good numbers of 6- to 10inch perch, fewer walleye, but fish up to 21 inches. (No ramp).

Schock Lake (592) – 11.5 miles north, 3.5 miles east, 1 mile north, .5 miles west of Jamestown. Perch fishery, with average size a half pound or better. (No ramp).

Spiritwood Lake (343) – 10 miles north, 4 miles east of Jamestown. Walleye average 1.2 pounds and pike average almost 3 pounds. Perch numbers are depressed. Good destination for trophy smallmouth bass. Catch-and-release recommended. (Fishing pier).

Streeter Lake (460) – South side of Streeter. No recent information.
Sunday Lake (649) – 1.5 miles west and 3 miles north of Woodworth. No recent information. (No ramp).

Rivers

Bois de Sioux River (412) – Southeast corner of state in Richland County. Good catfish and walleye populations. (No ramp). James River (400) – Southeastern part of the state. Excellent shore-fishing opportunities where lowhead dams and bridge crossings congregate pike and walleye.

Red River (411) – Eastern edge of state. Excellent catfish, along with walleye and pike. Bigger catfish tend to be farther north. (Fishing pier).

Sheyenne River (397) – Southeastern part of state. Excellent fishing all along river where access permits. (Fishing pier).

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NORTH DAKOTA FISHING



Looking for a fight? Try bass

Every once in a while, anglers grow tired of the same old bite: Drop a line, pull in walleye or a pike or a perch.

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- 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.
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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. Upland hunters come from around the country for a shot at ring-necked pheasants, sharp-tailed grouse and Hungarian partridge.

Big-game hunts are available, too. And you can bowhunt for mule deer in the drop-dead gorgeous Badlands. More often than not, hunters go home not only with game, but wonderful stories to share for years to come.

Notes to Nonresidents

To hunt small game such as pheasant, grouse, partridge and mourning dove, nonresidents need the following licenses: certificate, general game and habitat and small game. 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 a federal waterfowl stamp. Waterfowl licenses are for 14 days or two seven-day periods. Nonresidents are limited to one regular season 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.

Nonresidents need a special license to hunt during the early Canada goose season. This license is good for the entire early goose season, and does not count against the 14-day regular season license. Certificate is also needed for early goose.

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 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 connected with the Game and Fish online license system.



Indian Reservations

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

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Box 570, Belcourt, ND 58316

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Fort Berthold Game, Fish and Wildlife Department Box 460, New Town, ND 58763

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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 age 16 and older, who have not taken hunter education, to hunt with a legally licensed adult. Contact Game and Fish at 701-328-6300 or at the Game and Fish Department's Bismarck headquarters, 100 N. Bismarck Expressway, Bismarck, N.D. 58501-5095, for full details.

License Information

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

(Effective April 1, 2014) NONRESIDENT HUNTING Fishing, Hunting and Furbearer Certificate \$2.00

The certificate is the document to which all licenses and stamps are listed or 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	\$100.00
Waterfowl (Zones)	\$100.00
Statewide Waterfowl	\$150.00
General Game and Habitat	\$20.00
Spring Light Goose	\$50.00
Early Canada Goos	\$50.00
Deer Gun	\$250.00
Deer Gun Application Fee	\$5.00
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(if available)	
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Furbearer and Nongame	\$40.00
(fox, coyote, prairie dogs, ra	ibbits)
Nongame License	\$15.00
(for prairie dogs, rabbits)	
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affixed.		
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(all ages)		
Furbearer	\$15.00	
(age 16 or older)		
Deer Gun	\$30.00	
Deer Bow	\$30.00	
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(under age 16)		
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(under age 16)		
Spring, Fall Turkey	\$15.00	
Sandhill Crane Permit	\$10.00	
Resident Combination	\$50.00	
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You need more than a hand's worth of fingers to count the number of big game species residing in North Dakota. Giant moose tromp the woodlands in the northeast and north-central; elk traverse the southwest's Badlands and the wooded breaks of the Pembina Gorge. Pronghorn cruise rolling grasslands south and west of the Missouri River, while mule deer hole up in breaks and Badlands. Bighorn sheep reside in the most rugged of Badlands terrain, and white-tailed deer are found just about everywhere in the state.

> **REGULATIONS** 2014 Big Game Seasons



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 \$250, not including \$2 for the hunting, fishing and furbearer certificate, \$20 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 whitetailed 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 whitetail or mule deer, and are limited in number to 15 percent of the mule deer gun licenses for the previous year. In 2014, the quota will be about 170. Applications are accepted until March 1, 2014. A drawing is held to issue licenses if more applications are received than licenses available.

Nonresident Whitetail-Only Bow Hunting

Nonresident whitetail-only bow licenses are not limited in number. For both, residents and nonresidents, archery licenses are only issued electronically, either through the Game and Fish Department or vendors connected to the Game and Fish system.

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, 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

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

Opening Date Species (Probable) Deer Bow Aug. 29 **Bighorn Sheep** Call for date Elk Call for date Deer Gun Nov. 7 Moose Call for date Pronghorn Gun/Bow (if season held) Call for date 2014 Big Game License Deadlines **Application Deadline** Species

	(Probable)
Moose/Elk (Residents only)	March 26
Bighorn Sheep	March 26
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Nonresident Waterfowl Information

In 2013, North Dakota had three nonresident waterfowl hunting zones. Two zones had limits on the number of days on which nonresidents could hunt. There also is a statewide zone license 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, 2014, 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.

While nonresidents are prohibited from hunting lands owned or leased by the North Dakota Game and Fish Department the first week of pheasant season (October 11-17), they may hunt lands managed by other state agencies, like state school lands; federal lands that may be open to hunting, like U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service waterfowl production areas; and private lands not enrolled in the Game and Fish PLOTS program.

REGULATIONS

Official season dates available in August 2014. **Species**

	(Probable)
Early Canada Goose	Call
Ducks	Sept. 27 or Oct. 4
Geese	Sept. 27 or Oct. 4
Tundra swan	Oct. 4
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Opening Date

Tundra swan licenses are issued by lottery. They are available to both residents and nonresidents. The application/license fee is \$10 for residents and \$30 for nonresidents.

Unsuccessful applicants receive refunds. The probable tundra swan application deadline for 2014 is August 13. 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.



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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.

Party Hunting

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.

REGULATIONS

REGULATIONS		
2014 Upland game seasons. Official dates		
available in August 2014.		
Species O	pening Date	
	(Probable)	
Dove	Sept. 1	
Sandhill Crane	Sept. 20	
Sharp-tailed Grouse	Sept. 13	
Hungarian Partridge	Sept. 13	
Tree Squirrels	Sept. 13	
Ruffed Grouse	Sept. 13	
Ring-necked Pheasant	Oct. 11	
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Dakota small game and furbearer regulations		
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Western North Dakota offers prairie dog hunting. Our prairie dog towns can provide consistent shooting for avid varmint hunters. Interested hunters can call the North Dakota Game and Fish Department, 701-328-6300, for prairie dog license requirements.

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.

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