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North Dakota Governor Doug Burgum

"Welcome to North Dakota, where our great outdoors are steeped in a rich and storied tradition of hunting and world-class fisheries. Hunting and fishing are an integral part of our culture and I invite you to plan your next adventure in our great state and look forward to hearing your stories."



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## WELCOME TO THE HUNT OF A LIFETME

If you've never been hunting in North Dakota, you're in for a treat. From our wetlands that are prime waterfowl habitat to the hills and prairies that are home to deer, pheasant and grouse, you'll find the very best hunting in North Dakota. Come and reconnect with a favorite tradition.

## FOR MORE





## UPLAND GAME

There's nothing quite like the rush of hearing a rooster's wings suddenly beating against the fall air as you walk the tall grass and brush-covered hillsides. Whether or not you were ready for that bird, your dog has been ready and waiting all year.

## FEES AND LIMITS

NONRESIDENT LICENSE REQUIREMENTS (HUNTERS AGES 16+)				
FISHING, HUNTING AND FURBEARER CERTIFIC	CATE	\$2		
GENERAL GAME AND HABITAT LICENSE		\$20		
NONRESIDENT SMALL GAME LICENSE (Good for two 7-day periods or a single 14 consecutive day and multiple licenses can be purchased within a seasor	\$100			
DAILY HARVEST LIMITS				
UPLAND DAILY BAG LIMIT (PER SPECIES)		3		
UPLAND POSSESSION LIMIT (PER SPECIES)		12		
SHOOTING TIME		30 mins before sunrise to sunset		

#### DETAILS AND ONLINE LICENSING: gf.nd.gov/hunting

#### UPLAND GAME SEASONS

The seasons for sharp-tailed grouse and Hungarian partridge open in early September, with pheasant opening in early October. All three species' seasons run to approximately the beginning of the new year. Actual dates will be posted on the ND Game & Fish website.

#### PHEASANT

Pheasant can be found statewide in North Dakota. Traditionally the highest concentration of birds have been found in the southwestern part of the state, though the northwest has seen higher bird counts and more stable populations in recent years.



#### SHARP-TAILED GROUSE

Sharp-tailed grouse can be found statewide. Higher populations of grouse are found in the far western part of the state including the badlands.

#### HUNGARIAN PARTRIDGE

Hungarian partridge's primary range is across western North Dakota and an area in central North Dakota between US Hwy 52 and I-94.

## WATERFOWL

North Dakota is home to the Central Flyway, a waterfowl superhighway for millions of migrating ducks and geese. Our rivers, lakes and wetlands stretch far and wide. offering premier waterfowl habitat. Experience it for yourself and have the hunt of a lifetime.

#### WATERFOWL SEASONS

North Dakota's waterfowl season kicks off with an early resident opener at the end of September. The regular waterfowl season opens to everyone typically in early October. Additional opportunities exist with an early season for Canada geese that opens in August and a spring season for snow geese that runs mid-February through mid-May. Official snow goose dates typically become available in August.

#### DUCKS

Duck species are diverse in North Dakota. Altogether, hunters have a total daily limit of 6 ducks with specific limits on mallards, scaup, wood ducks, redheads, pintails, canvasbacks, blue-winged teal and mergansers. Possession limits



are three times the daily limits. Other species for hunting may include coots, wigeon, buffleheads, goldeneye, gadwalls, green-winged teal, northern shovelers, ring-necked ducks and ruddy ducks.



erfowl hunting, near Devils Lake



#### CANADA GOOSE

The Canada goose is common to abundant during migration and nesting seasons in North Dakota. Some geese will winter along river systems where open water is available providing more opportunities to hunt waterfowl later in the season.

#### SNOW GOOSE (SPRING LIGHT GOOSE)

Snows and blues are medium-sized geese measuring 25-31 inches from beak to tail and weighing 4-6.5 pounds. There are different color phases of the same species, and there is no daily limit nor is there a possession limit for snow geese in the spring season.

## WATERFOWL LICENSES

All hunters must possess a certificate, a general game & habitat license, a federal waterfowl stamp and HIP registration as a prerequisite.

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GENERAL GAME AND HABITAT LICENSE	\$20
FEDERAL WATERFOWL STAMP	\$27
HARVEST INFORMATION PROGRAM (HIP) REGISTRATION (All hunters regardless of age must obtain a new Harvest Information Program registration number each year for each state in which they hunt ducks, geese, swans, mergansers, coots, cranes, snipe, doves and woodcock.)	FREE
<b>EITHER:</b> • STATEWIDE LICENSE - allows hunting statewide for two 7-day periods or one 14-day period • ZONE-RESTRICTED LICENSE - requires selection of hunting zones	\$153 \$103
NONRESIDENT SPRING LIGHT GOOSE LICENSE	\$50

### ZONE RESTRICTED LICENSE

There are three zones for nonresident waterfowlers to choose from. A nonresident must select one of the following:

> Zone 1 or Zone 2 for one 7-day period and Zone 3 for the other 7-day period

OR

Zone 3 for the full 14 days or two 7-day periods

Zones 1 and 3 concurrently for the same 7-day period or Zones 2 and 3 concurrently for the same 7-day period. (This option effectively reduces the license to seven days only, as the two 7-day periods are run at the same time.)

NONRESIDENT WATERFOWL ZONE MAP

LOCATIONS OF WATERFOWL REST AREAS

### BIG GAME & VARMINTS

Nonresidents may purchase whitetailed deer archery tags online. Bighorn sheep, deer gun and any deer archery tags are drawn by lottery open to nonresidents. Prairie dogs and coyotes may be hunted year-round with purchased nonresident tags.

gf.nd.gov/hunting

## LAND ACCESS

There are hundreds of thousands of acres of prime habitat in PLOTS (Private Land Open To Sportsmen), wildlife management areas and waterfowl production areas open to public hunting. For pheasants, nonresidents may begin hunting on wildlife management areas and PLOTS land they do not own one week after the season opener.

No hunting is allowed without permission from the landowner or lessee on private lands that are legally posted either with physical signs or electronically. Unposted private lands (not physically or electronically posted) that are not otherwise restricted to hunting by law may be hunted without landowner permission.

#### MAPS, APPS AND GUIDES

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- Buy local firewood at or near your destination.
- Buy certified heat-treated firewood ahead of time.
- Collect firewood on site; be sure to confirm that collecting wood is allowed by the campground or landowner.

To find a firewood seller near your destination, visit **FirewoodScout.org**.









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Lake Audubon, near Coleharbor



## WHERE TO FISH

While it helps for you to bring a fish finder and your good, old-fashioned know-how to locate the fish, we can get you started with directions to a few of our hot fisheries. Some of the major fishing waters in the state are what we call the "big three," Devils Lake, Lake Sakakawea and The Missouri River including northern Lake Oahe.

#### **DEVILS LAKE**

The state's largest natural body of water has several resorts, campgrounds and the Spirit Lake Casino. You'll find excellent ice fishing for perch, walleye and northern pike in the winter and walleye, pike and white bass on the open water.

#### LAKE SAKAKAWEA

This amazing 479-square-mile reservoir - famous for its walleye, northern pike and Chinook salmon has numerous bays surrounded by cut banks and badlands bluffs. It offers dozens of public boat ramps and several marinas.

#### **MISSOURI RIVER INCLUDING LAKE OAHE**

The free-flowing river offers a good setting for walleye in the spring and fall. The far northwestern reaches of the Missouri in North Dakota is one of the better spots in the country to snag a giant paddlefish in May. Lake Oahe stretches from southcentral North Dakota into South Dakota. Anglers can find walleye and northern pike in this area, but there are also crappie, catfish, sturgeon and white bass.

#### GAME FISHING SEASON NEVER CLOSES

If you are one of those people who would be happy fishing every single day, then North Dakota presents a rare opportunity for you. You can fish 365 days of the year here if you choose. Just park your boat when the lakes freeze and bring out your ice house to jig for walleye, perch and bluegill - or try darkhouse spearfishing for northern pike. With licenses good for most species April 1 through March 31, there is always a whopper waiting whenever you are ready to drop a line.



#### NONRESIDENT LICENSE FEES

Season Individual	\$55
10 Day Individual	\$45
3 Day Individual	\$35
Season Married Couple	\$70

\*Fees include Fishing, Hunting, Furbearer Certificate (only purchased once per year) and ANS surcharge.



## HOTSPOTS

North Dakota Game & Fish manages hundreds of fishing waters besides the big three. Large reservoirs with highly active fishing include Lake Darling, Lake Ashtabula, Jamestown Reservoir, Lake Tschida and Lake Audubon. Anglers can find some of the best fishing spots at locations in the right column:



- Walleye Lake Sakakawea, Devils Lake, Woodhouse Lake (no ramp), Dry Lake, Marvin Miller Lake
- Northern Pike Helen Lake (no ramp), Pipestem Reservoir, Sand Lake, Renwick Dam, Beaver Lake
- Yellow Perch Devils Lake, Stump Lake, Moon Lake
- **Bluegill** Lake Ashtabula, Lake Metigoshe, Raleigh Reservoir, Wood Lake
- Crappie Jamestown Reservoir, Nelson Lake, Homme Dam, Trenton Lake
- Smallmouth Bass Lake Ashtabula, Lake Audubon, McClusky Canal, Kota-Ray Dam, Spiritwood Lake
- **Brown Trout** North Lemmon, Velva Sportsmen's Pond, Garrison Dam Tailrace
- **Catfish** Red River of the North, Lake Oahe, Missouri River
- Largemouth Bass Nelson Lake, Kota-Ray Dam, Nygren Dam, Clausen Springs
- **Paddlefish** Missouri/ Yellowstone Confluence near Williston
- Rainbow Trout Sheep Creek Dam, Fish Creek Dam, Lightning Lake
- White Bass Devils Lake, Lake Tschida, Bowman Haley Dam

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## FISH SPECIES LIMITS AND RECORDS

SPECIES	DAY LIMIT	POSSESSION LIMIT	STATE RECORDS	RECORD LOCATION
WALLEYE	5	10	16 lbs. 6 oz.	Lake Oahe
NORTHERN PIKE	5	10	37 lbs. 8 oz.	Lake Sakakawea
LARGEMOUTH/SMALLMOUTH BASS OR COMBINATION	3	6	Largemouth 8 lbs. 8 oz. Smallmouth 6 lbs. 13oz. White Bass 4 lbs. 10 oz.	Nelson Lake Lake Darling Devils Lake
PERCH	20	40	2 lbs. 15 oz.	Devils Lake
CRAPPIE	10	20	3 lbs. 4 oz.	Jamestown Reservoir
BLUEGILL	10	20	3 lbs. 12 oz.	Strawberry Lake
TROUT	3	6	Brown Trout 31 lbs. 11 oz.	Garrison Dam Tailrace
		rary by location. <b>nd.gov/fishing</b>	42 lbs. 1 oz.	Moon Lake
MUSKIE	1	1	42 lbs. 1 oz.	New Johns Lake
PADDLEFISH Tag required and limited season.   Visit gf.nd.gov/fishing		131 lbs. 0 oz.	Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence	

## **RESOURCES**

Regardless of your fishing preferences and skills, fishing in North Dakota provides hours of recreation and creates life-long memories. The North Dakota Game and Fish Department has all the information you need to get started. Licensing, maps, stocking reports, lake survey data, limits, boat access and regulations: **gf.nd.gov/fishing**  FOR MORE INFORMATION ON WHERE TO FISH





#### INVASIVE SPECIES

State law requires that all water is drained from boats and other watercraft when leaving a body of water. Plugs must also remain pulled when transporting boats and other watercraft. Further special regulations are in place on the Red River. Visit **gf.nd.gov/ans** for details.

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