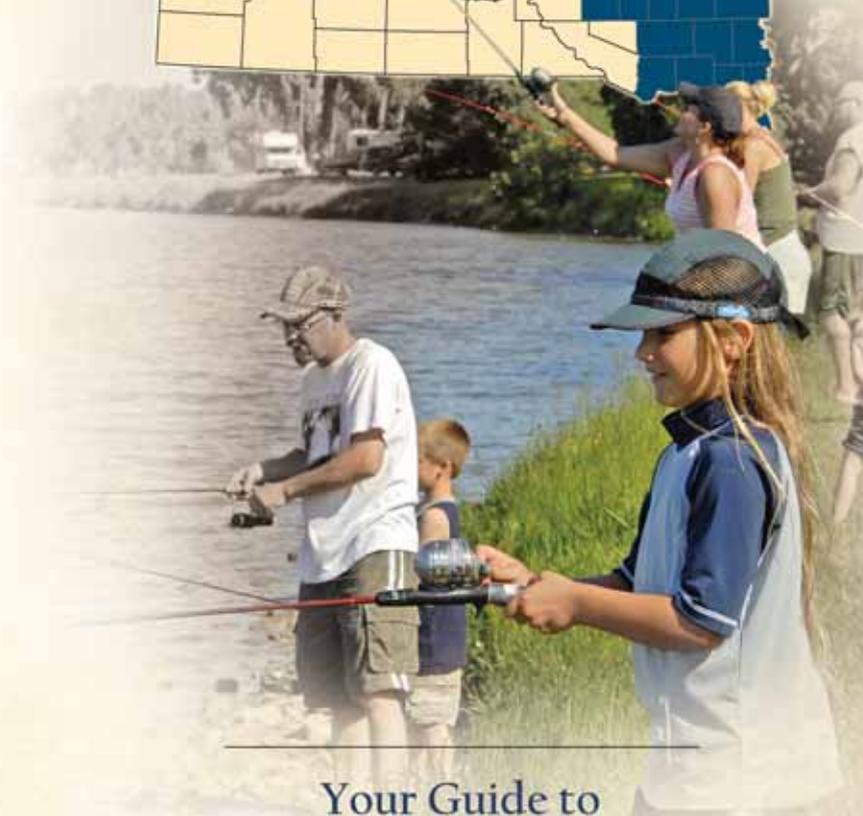


EASTERN SOUTH DAKOTA

Shore Fishing in *South Dakota*



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Your Guide to
South Dakota's Shorefishing
Opportunities



EASTERN SOUTH DAKOTA'S SHORE FISHING GUIDE

Eastern South Dakota provides a vast array of waters and fish species for shore anglers to enjoy. In the northeast, larger lakes like Pickerel and Roy have plenty of state-owned land lining their shores, offering shore fisherman everything from secluded, unimproved shorelines to state campgrounds that provide many modern conveniences for the family. In southeastern South Dakota, shore anglers will find plenty of fish and good access waiting for them in lakes like Madison, Thompson, Mitchell, Byron and Wall that are located within a short distance of major population centers. The southeast is also home to many small impoundments surrounded by abundant public lands that provide excellent shore fishing opportunities for panfish and channel catfish.

Most glacially formed lakes across eastern South Dakota have fish holding features close to shore that provide great action for a variety of species of fish. Shore anglers should look for deeper water close to shore, and if that deeper water contains habitat such as rocks, trees or aquatic vegetation, you've found a potential hotspot. Areas with current can also be very good and do not be afraid to fish on the windy side of the lake.

Lakes like Waubay and Thompson provide good spring and fall shore fishing opportunities for northern pike and walleye. Late-May brings crappies close to shore providing fishermen with an excellent opportunity to be successful in harvesting these tasty panfish. Try Richmond Lake or Lake Madison for great crappie action. During the summer, smallmouth bass and white bass can provide fast shore

fishing action. Clear Lake (Marshall County) and Brant Lake are excellent choices for summertime bass. Bullheads are another summertime favorite, especially with young fishermen, because when they take the bait, they do not like to let go!

Shore fishing access areas offer varying levels of amenities for the fisherman. Some are handicapped-accessible. Some have fish cleaning stations, restrooms and even provide areas to camp. Others are merely unimproved shorelines that have a history of good fishing.

You will see many of the lakes on this map have state-owned lands along the shoreline. These lands are all open to shore fishing but just because you don't see a spot marked with a fishhook, don't be afraid to venture off the beaten path (most of these areas are foot traffic only) and find your own secret spots.

Also, don't forget to pick up a South Dakota Fishing Handbook. The handbook has all rules and regulations for South Dakota's waters.

The following list of lakes is just a sample of the waters with shore fishing access in eastern South Dakota. For a more complete list of lakes, stocking reports, and other fishing information, *visit: www.sdgifp.info.*

Good luck, and remember to take a kid fishing.

COMMON FISHES OF EASTERN SOUTH DAKOTA

Northern Pike



Walleye



Bluegill



Muskellunge



Yellow Perch



Pumpkinseed Sunfish



Largemouth Bass



White Bass



Black Crappie



Smallmouth Bass



Flathead Catfish



Channel Catfish



Bullhead



Freshwater Drum

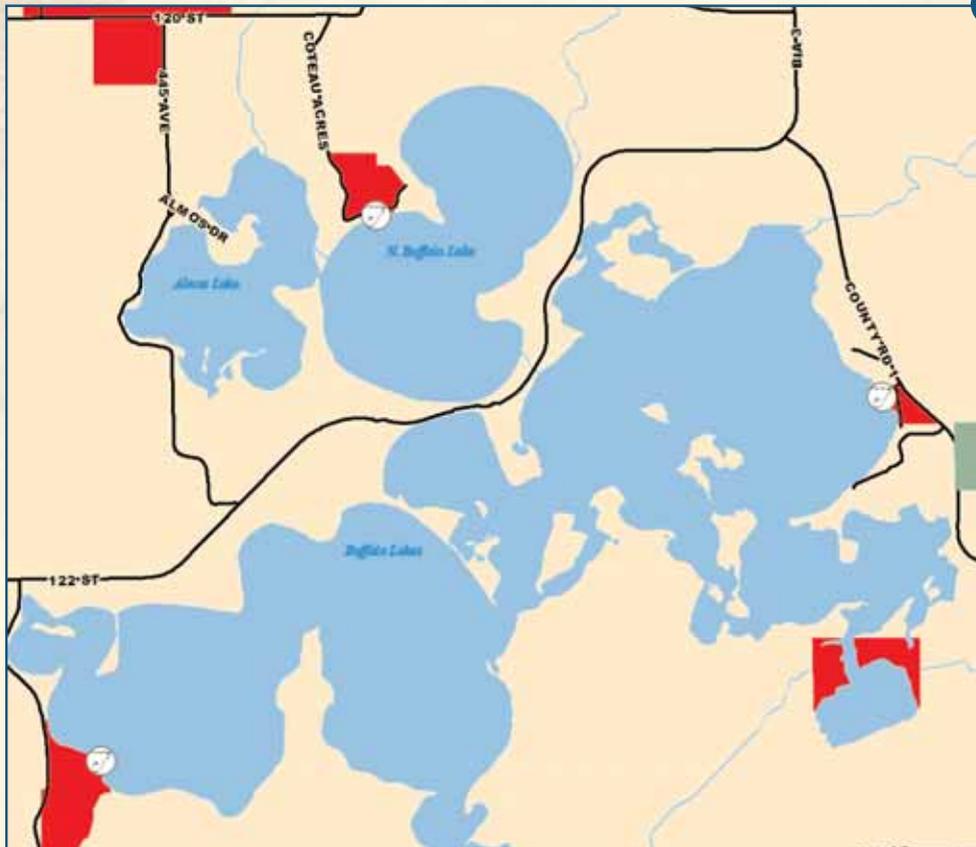


Map Legend

-  - Shorefishing Access
-  - Handicap Accessible Access
-  - Interstate
-  - Highway
-  - Rural Road
-  - Game Production Area
-  - State Park
-  - City Limit
-  - Waterfowl Production Area

SOUTH DAKOTA'S SHORE LINE FISHING

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North Buffalo Lake

LOCATION: Four miles east, two miles north, one and one-half miles east, and one-half mile south of Eden, Marshall County.

SIZE: 400 acres.

Shore fishing access is present along a GPA near the boat ramp on the north end of the lake. Facilities include a parking area and boat ramp with dock.

FISH SPECIES INCLUDE: bluegill, crappie and northern pike.

South Buffalo Lake

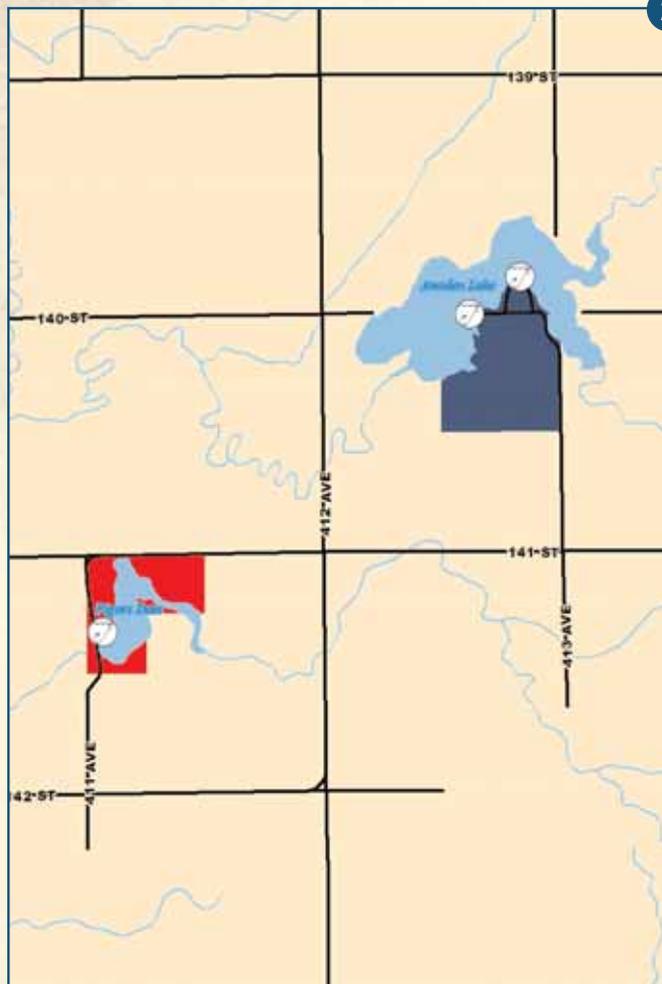
LOCATION: Five miles east and one mile south of Eden, Marshall County.

SIZE: 1,788 acres.

Shore fishing access is present on the west and east shores of the lake. Parking areas, public toilets, and boat ramps with docks are available at both sites.

FISH SPECIES INCLUDE: bluegill, northern pike, walleye, largemouth bass and yellow perch.

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Amsden Lake

LOCATION: Ten miles west and one-half mile north of Bristol, Day County.

SIZE: 235 acres.

Shore fishing access is available on a large peninsula used for primitive camping, and along the point which extends westward to the boat ramp area. Parking area, public toilet, primitive camping (fee), picnic tables, and boat ramp with dock are available.

FISH SPECIES INCLUDE: walleye, muskellunge, bluegill, crappie, and smallmouth bass

Pigors Dam

LOCATION: Five miles east and one mile north of Ferney, Brown County.

SIZE: 48 acres.

Almost entirely surrounded by a GPA providing fishing access along much of the shoreline. Most shore anglers tend to fish near the boat ramp or along the dam face (areas accessible using vehicles). Facilities include a boat ramp with dock and a public toilet.

FISH SPECIES INCLUDE: largemouth bass and bluegill.

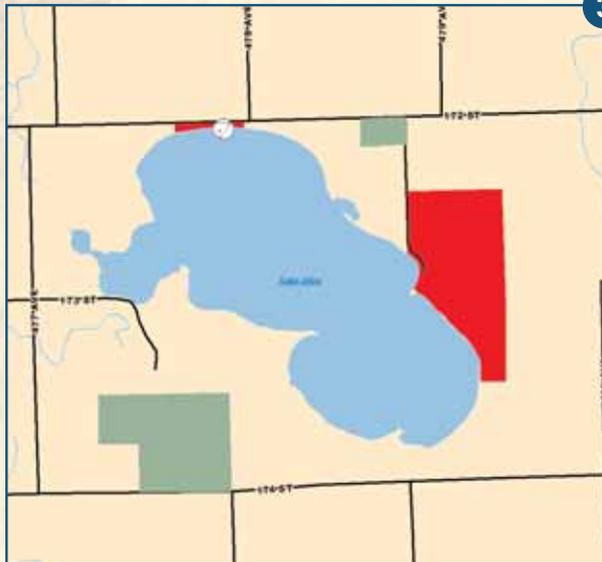


Did You Know?

The South Dakota state record Musky was caught at Amsden Dam in 1991 by Daniel Krueger. It weighed in at 40lbs!

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Lake Alice



LOCATION: Two miles east of Tunnerville, Deuel County.

SIZE: 1,116 acres.

Shore fishing access is available along a GPA located west of the boat ramp on the north end of the lake. Facilities include a vault toilet and a boat ramp with dock.

FISH SPECIES INCLUDE: northern pike, walleye and yellow perch.



Did You Know?

The World Record Walleye is a 25 pound monster caught by Mabry Harper, in 1960 on Tennessee's Old Hickory Lake!

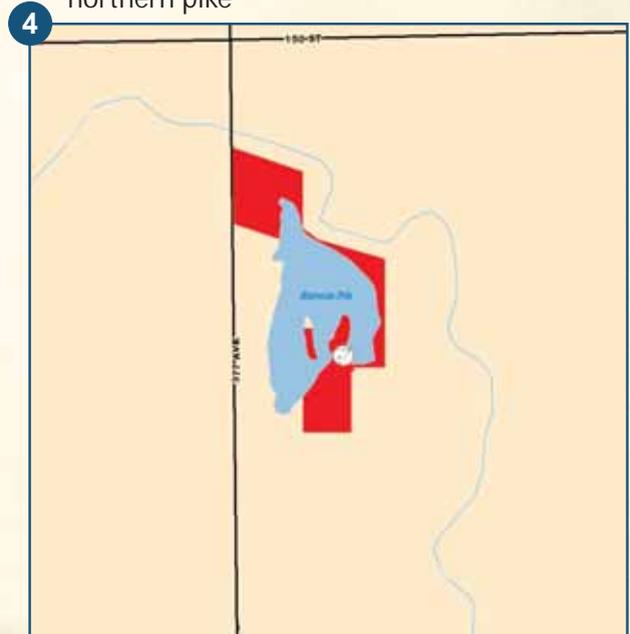
Bierman Pits

LOCATION: Three miles north, four miles west and one-half mile north of Northville, Spink County.

SIZE: 18 acres.

This is an old gravel pit purchased and recently repaired by the GFP. Shore fishing access is available at several locations on state-owned lands adjacent to the pits. No facilities are present.

FISH SPECIES INCLUDE: bluegill, walleye, northern pike



Big Stone Lake

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LOCATION: Three miles north of Big Stone City, Roberts County.

SIZE: 11,983 acres.

Shore fishing access is available on the South Dakota side of Big Stone Lake at the Big Stone Ponds, Hartford Beach State Park (entrance fee), the Hiawatha Area, the Kasuske Area, and the Kolb Area. These access points provide a variety of public facilities including toilets, parking areas, picnic tables, campgrounds, and boat ramps with docks. This lake is managed under Minnesota-South Dakota Border Waters fishing regulations (see the Fishing Handbook).

FISH SPECIES INCLUDE: walleye, yellow perch, northern pike, channel catfish, freshwater drum and white bass.



Did you know?

Bitter Lake is home to the state record Yellow Perch. It was caught by Dave Engels in 2004 and weighed 2 lb, 12 oz.

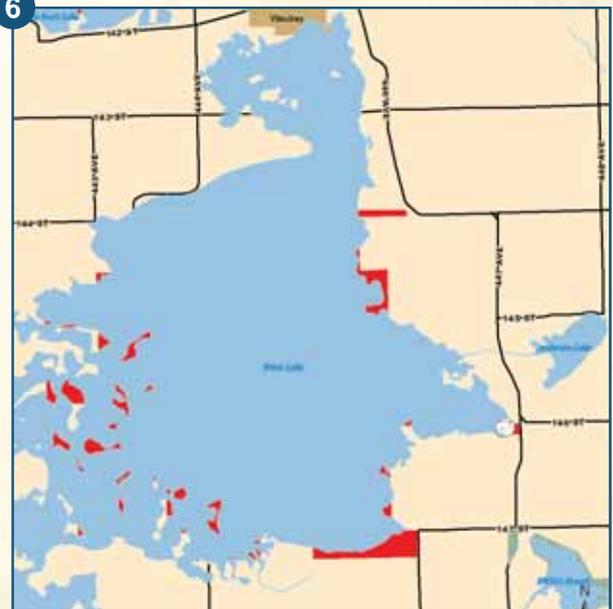
Bitter Lake

LOCATION: Five miles south of Waubay, Day County.

SIZE: 9,900 acres.

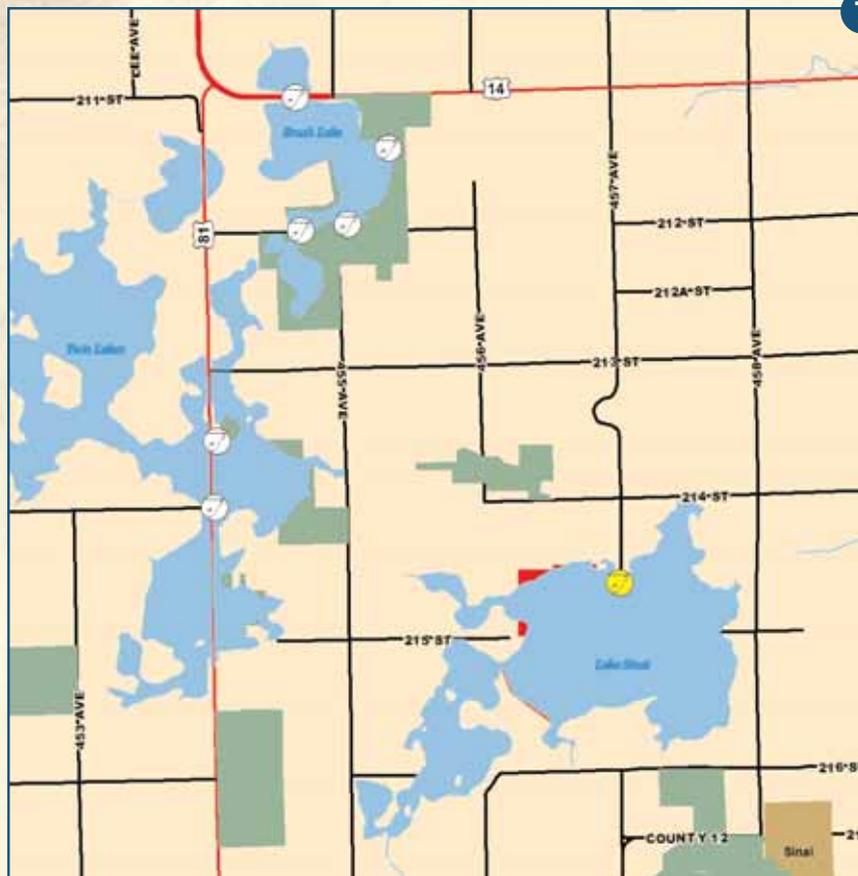
Shore fishing access is available to the south of the boat ramp at Bagley Bay (east side of the lake). Facilities include a parking area, public toilet and boat ramp with dock.

FISH SPECIES INCLUDE: walleye, northern pike and yellow perch.



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East 81

LOCATION: Four miles south of Arlington, Brookings County.

SIZE: 484 acres.

Shore fishing access is available on the WPA along the west shore and from the Highway 81 road right of way. There is no roadside parking along Highway 81.

FISH SPECIES INCLUDE: walleye, yellow perch, northern pike and bullhead.

Lake Sinai

LOCATION: One mile west and one and one-half miles north of Sinai, Brookings County.

SIZE: 1,719 acres.

Shore fishing access is available on the north side of the lake. Facilities include a boat ramp with a dock, parking area, and a public toilet.

FISH SPECIES INCLUDE: walleye, yellow perch, northern pike, smallmouth bass and bullhead.

Brush Lake

LOCATION: Two miles south and one and one-half miles east of Arlington, Brookings County.

SIZE: 386 acres.

Shore fishing access is available on a WPA along the east and south sides of the lake. Access is also available at the north end of the lake along Highway 14. No facilities are present at these locations.

FISH SPECIES INCLUDE: walleye, northern pike, yellow perch and bullhead.

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Lake Byron



LOCATION: Eleven miles north, three miles east and one and one-half miles north of Huron, Beadle County.

SIZE: 1,805 acres.

Shore fishing opportunities are available at public access areas on the north and south sides of the lake. Facilities at both access areas include a boat ramp with dock and public toilet. The North Lake Access Area also has picnic tables and offers primitive camping.

FISH SPECIES INCLUDE: walleye, yellow perch, crappie and bullhead.



Did You Know?

In 1970, Pat McCart landed the state record Pumpkinseed Sunfish on Lake Carthage. It weighed 12 oz.

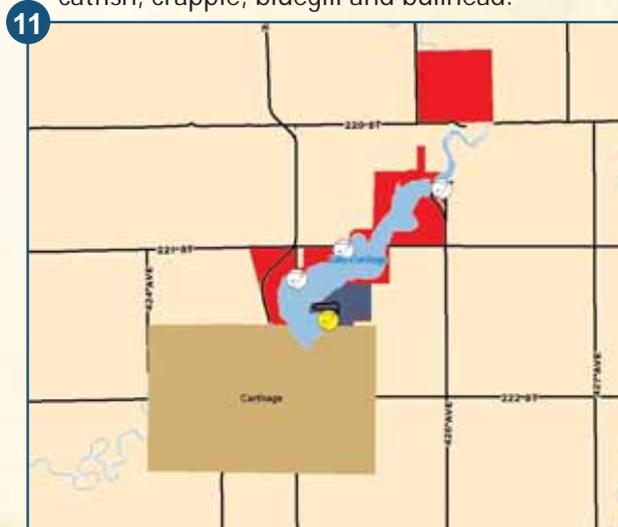
Lake Carthage

LOCATION: One-half mile east of Carthage, Miner County.

SIZE: 203 acres.

Shore fishing access is available on the east side of the lake at the Lake Carthage Recreation Area. The facilities include a boat ramp with a dock, public toilet, swimming beach, picnic tables, and areas for primitive camping. Public lands surround most of the shoreline providing a number of additional shore fishing access points.

FISH SPECIES INCLUDE: largemouth bass, channel catfish, crappie, bluegill and bullhead.

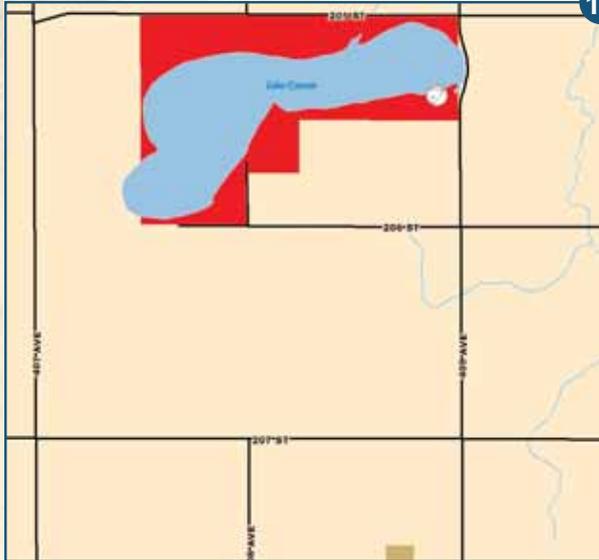


Did You Know?

The biggest South Dakota state record fish is a 120 pound 12 oz. Paddlefish landed in the Fort Randall Dam Tailrace in 1979 by Don Gregg.

Cavour Lake

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LOCATION: Two and one-half miles north of Cavour, Beadle County.

SIZE: 230 acres.

The shoreline is almost entirely surrounded by GPA. The Cavour Lake Access Area on the southeast corner of the lake contains a boat ramp and a few areas suitable for shore fishing.

FISH SPECIES INCLUDE: walleye, crappie and bullhead.



Did You Know?

The smallest South Dakota state record fish is a Red Shiner caught by Alan Wentz on July 17, 1976 in the Big Sioux River. It weighed less than 1/5 of an ounce!

Lake Cochran

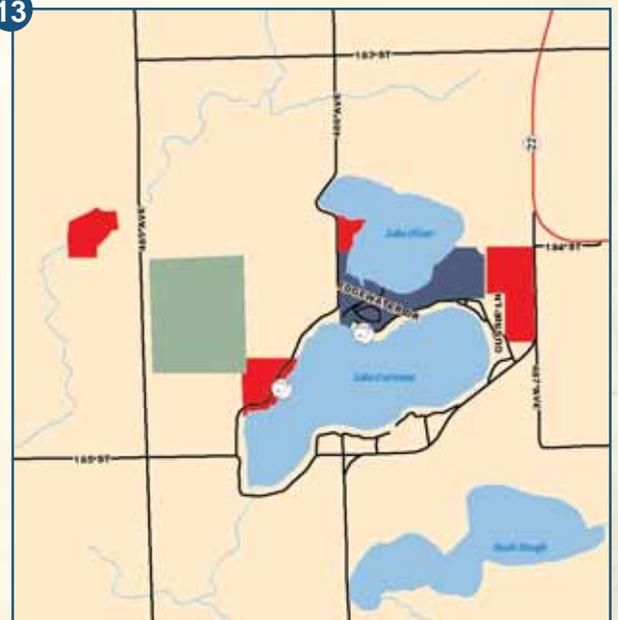
LOCATION: Five and one-half miles south and two miles west of Gary, Deuel County.

SIZE: 350 acres.

Shore fishing access is available on state-owned lands on the western shore and within the Lake Cochran Recreation Area (entrance fee) on the northwest shore. Campsites, picnic tables and a playground are available within the recreation area; while facilities at the other access locations include vault toilet and boat ramp with dock.

FISH SPECIES INCLUDE: sunfish, largemouth bass, yellow perch

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Clear Lake

LOCATION: Four miles east and one half mile west/southwest of Lake City, Marshall County.

SIZE: 1,170 acres.

Shore fishing access is present along the east shore just north of the boat ramp. Facilities include a parking area, public toilet and boat ramp with dock.

FISH SPECIES INCLUDE: bluegill, smallmouth/largemouth bass, yellow perch, walleye.

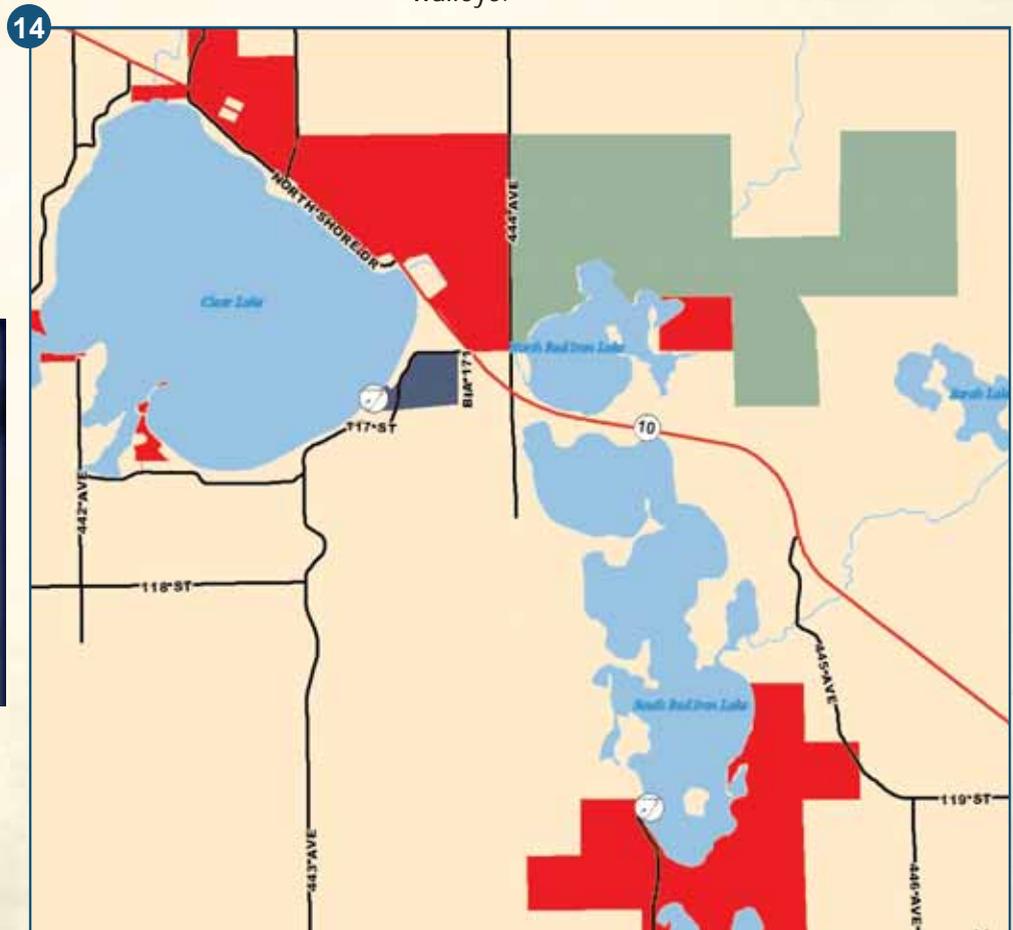
South Red Iron Lake

LOCATION: Four miles east, two miles north, one-half mile east, and one mile north of Eden, Marshall County.

SIZE: 610 acres.

Shore fishing access is present on GPA lands along the south and west shores. Facilities include a small parking area, public toilet and boat ramp with dock.

FISH SPECIES INCLUDE: bluegill, northern pike, walleye.

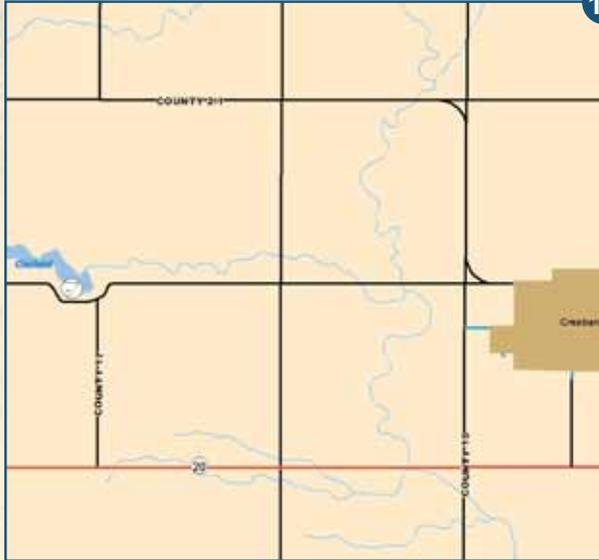


Did you know?

Since 1999, anglers have recorded 6,290 Proud Angler fish in South Dakota's waters.

Cresbard

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LOCATION: Two and one-half miles west of Cresbard, Faulk County.

SIZE: 66 acres.

Shore fishing access is available along the city-owned access area located on the southeast shore. Primitive camping is allowed at this access area.

FISH SPECIES INCLUDE: bluegill, largemouth bass and northern pike

Dimock Lake

LOCATION: Three miles east of Dimock, Hutchinson County.

SIZE: 148 acres.

Shore fishing access is available at the Dimock Lake Access Area on the south side of the lake. Facilities include a boat ramp with dock, picnic shelter and public toilet.

FISH SPECIES INCLUDE: largemouth bass, walleye, channel catfish, crappie and bluegill.

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Diamond Lake

LOCATION: Thirteen miles north and two miles west of Humboldt, Minnehaha County.

SIZE: 256 acres.

Shore fishing access is available at the Diamond Lake Access Area and along the county road grade on the south end of the lake. The access area has a boat ramp with dock, small gravel parking area, and a toilet.

FISH SPECIES INCLUDE: walleye, yellow perch and bullhead.

Island Lake (North and South)

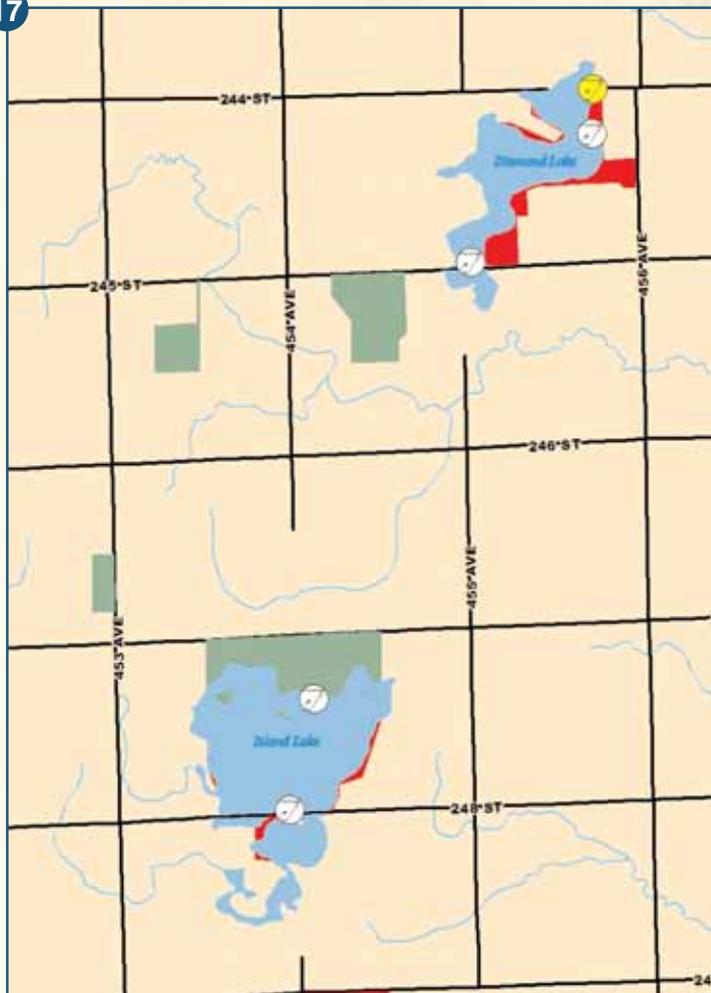
LOCATION: Ten miles west of Colton, Minnehaha County.

SIZE: 582 acres.

Island Lake is divided by 248th Street into north and south sections. Shore fishing access is available on the north shore of the south lake and the south shore of the north lake. Shore anglers also frequently fish along the county road (248th Street). A WPA provides walk-in access to the north shoreline of the north lake.

FISH SPECIES INCLUDE: walleye, muskellunge, smallmouth bass, crappie, yellow perch, bluegill and bullhead.

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Elm Lake

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LOCATION: Eight miles west, one mile north and one and one-half miles west of Fredrick, Brown County.

SIZE: 1,209 acres.

Shore fishing access is located on the southwest shore at the Spillway Access where facilities include a boat ramp with dock and parking area. Shore fishing is also available at the East Side Access on the east shore of the lake.

FISH SPECIES INCLUDE: bullhead, crappie, northern pike and walleye.



Did You Know?

Enemy Swim gets its name from a Dakota Sioux legend of a battle on the lake between the Sisseton Dakotas and a band of Chippewas.

Enemy Swim Lake

LOCATION: Two miles east and six and one-half miles north of Waubay, Day County.

SIZE: 2,150 acres.

Shore fishing access is present along the state-owned lands to the west and east of the Church Bay boat ramp. Parking area, public toilet and a boat ramp with dock are also available.

FISH SPECIES INCLUDE: bluegill, smallmouth bass and largemouth bass.

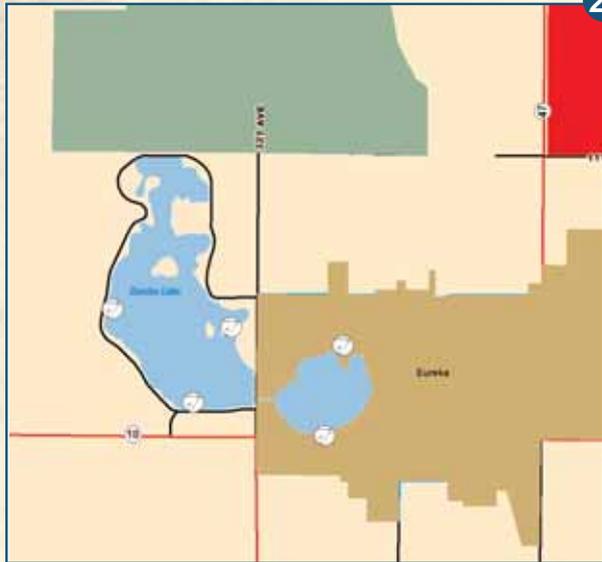
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Eureka Lake

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LOCATION: Eureka city limits, McPherson County.

SIZE: 225 acres.

Shore fishing opportunities exist along much of the western basin and are also available within the city park on the eastern basin of the lake. A boat ramp with dock is present in the western basin. City park facilities include a playground, picnic tables, public toilet, swim beach and boat ramp with dock.

FISH SPECIES INCLUDE: northern pike, walleye, and yellow perch.

Faulkton Lake

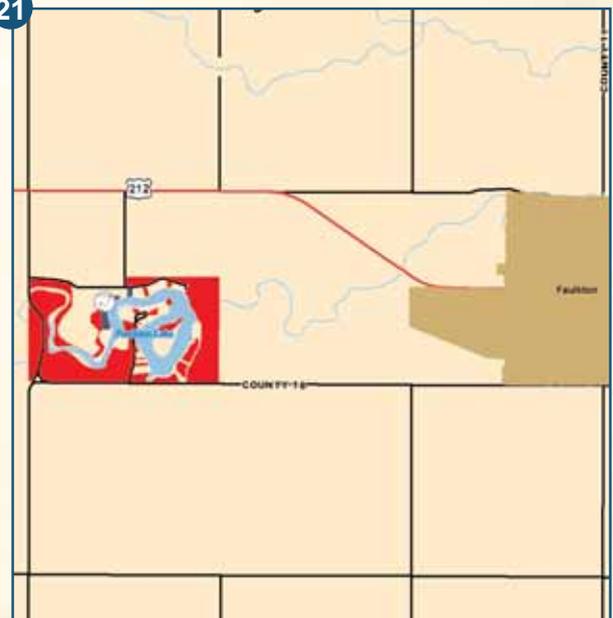
LOCATION: Two and one-half miles west and one-half mile south of Faulkton, Faulk County.

SIZE: 115 acres.

Shore fishing access exists along the northwest corner of the lake. Facilities include a boat ramp with dock. Primitive camping is permitted.

FISH SPECIES INCLUDE: bullhead, bluegill, largemouth bass and walleye.

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Lake Hanson

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LOCATION: Two miles south of Alexandria, Hanson County.

SIZE: 55 acres.

Shore fishing access is available at the east end of the north shore, west end of the north shore, and within the county park. County park facilities include a boat ramp with dock, swim beach, and bathhouse.

FISH SPECIES INCLUDE: largemouth bass, crappie, bluegill and channel catfish.



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Lake Henry

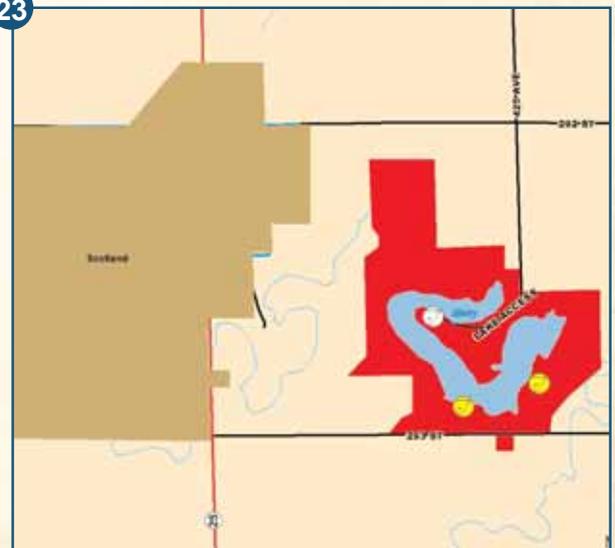
LOCATION: One mile south and one mile east of Scotland, Bon Homme County.

SIZE: 165 acres.

Shore fishing access is available at the numerous access sites developed on both sides of the lake. Habitat structures were placed at these locations to benefit shore anglers. A handicapped-accessible fishing pier is located on the southwest side of the lake. There is a boat ramp with a dock on the southeast corner of the lake near the dam face. Toilets are located near the boat ramp and on the north side of the lake. The north side of the lake also contains a picnic shelter.

FISH SPECIES INCLUDE: largemouth bass, channel catfish, bluegill, crappie, yellow perch and bullhead.

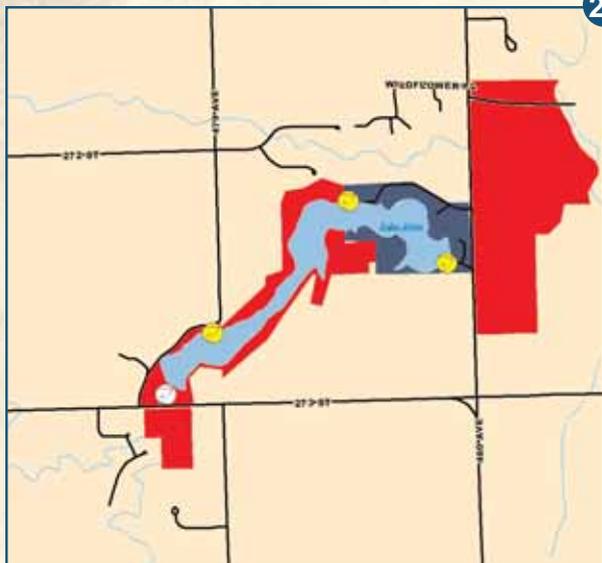
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Lake Alvin

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LOCATION: Three miles east of Harrisburg, Lincoln County.

SIZE: 105 acres.

Shore fishing access is available within the Lake Alvin Recreation Area (entrance fee) on the northeast side of the lake. Facilities include a handicapped-accessible fishing dock (southeast corner of the dam), boat ramp with dock, swim beach, and bathhouse. The lake access area on the northwest corner of the lake has a public toilet and a narrow boat ramp with a dock suitable for small boats. There is plenty of shoreline to fish at this location; however, the water is shallow.

FISH SPECIES INCLUDE: largemouth bass, walleye, channel catfish, crappie and bluegill.

Lake Campbell

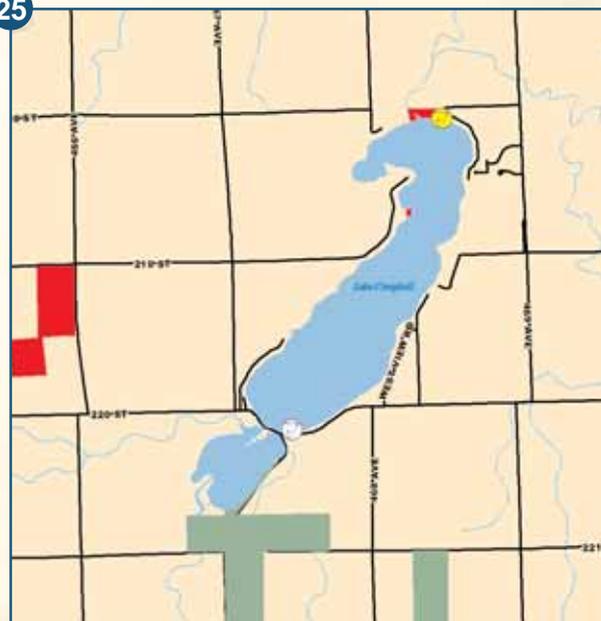
LOCATION: Six miles south and two miles west of Brookings, Brookings County.

SIZE: 1,000 acres.

Shore fishing access is available at the north and south ends of the lake. There are several areas suitable for shore fishing at the North Shore Access Area. Facilities include a boat ramp with dock, a vault toilet, and a handicapped-accessible fishing pier. Shore fishing also occurs off the bridge and along the shoreline on the south end of the lake.

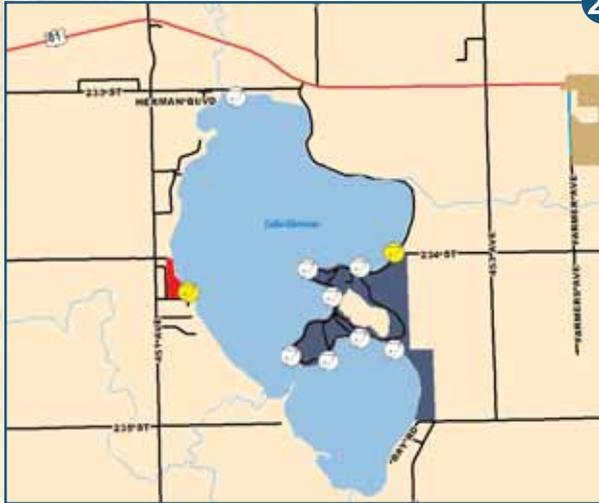
FISH SPECIES INCLUDE: walleye, yellow perch, northern pike and bullhead.

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Lake Herman

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LOCATION: Two miles west of Madison, Lake County.

SIZE: 1,287 acres.

There are many areas suitable for shore fishing within the Lake Herman State Park (entrance fee) on the east side of the lake. Facilities include a boat ramp with dock, picnic tables, comfort stations, full service and primitive campgrounds.

The West Lake Access Area provides limited shore fishing opportunities. Facilities include a boat ramp with a dock and a public toilet.

FISH SPECIES INCLUDE: walleye, yellow perch, crappie, white bass and bullhead.



Did You Know?

Bowfisherman Dan Sehr holds two unrestricted fish records. Both his Smallmouth & Bigmouth Buffalo were arrowed in Lake Mitchell.

Lake Mitchell

LOCATION: Northwest side of Mitchell, Davison County.

SIZE: 670 acres.

Access areas and city parks provide ample shore fishing opportunities around the lake. The West City Access Area has a boat ramp with dock, parking lot, and public toilets. The Southeast City Access Area has a boat ramp with dock, and parking lot.

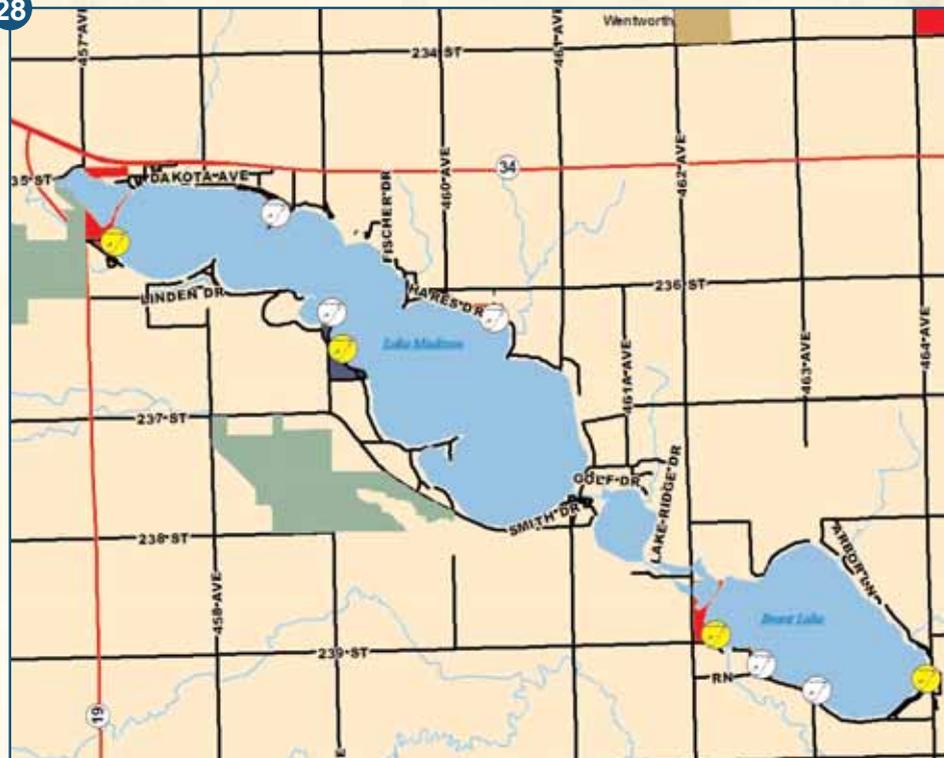
FISH SPECIES INCLUDE: walleye, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, bluegill, crappie and channel catfish.

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Lake Madison

LOCATION: Five miles southeast of Madison, Lake County.

SIZE: 2,642 acres.

Shore fishing access is available at several lake access areas and within the Walker's Point Recreation Area (entrance fee) on the south side of the lake. Excellent shore fishing opportunities exist at the Payne Access Area on the west side and the Johnson Point Access Area on the north side of the lake. Facilities at both access areas include a boat ramp with dock and public toilet. The Stratton Access Area, located on the north shore of the lake, offers limited shore fishing opportunity and no facilities.

The Walker's Point Recreation Area on the south shore of the lake offers excellent shore fishing areas. Other facilities include a boat ramp with a dock, fish cleaning station, public toilets, and camping facilities with electric hookups.

FISH SPECIES INCLUDE: walleye, crappie, yellow perch and bullhead.

Brant Lake

LOCATION: Two miles north of Chester, Lake County.

SIZE: 1,037 acres.

Shore fishing access is available at the South and West Access Areas. The West Brant Access Area has a beach suitable for launching small boats with a four-wheel drive vehicle and several shore fishing areas. A boat ramp will be constructed in 2009 at this location. Facilities at the East Brant Access Area include a boat ramp with dock, vault toilet and parking area.

FISH SPECIES INCLUDE: walleye, smallmouth bass, northern pike, white bass, crappie, yellow perch and bullhead.

Lake Traverse



LOCATION: Six miles south and four and one-half miles east of Rosholt, Roberts County.

SIZE: 10,848 acres.

Shore fishing access is available on the South Dakota side at Reservation Dam, the Jensen Access Area, the Traverse Access Area, the Waldo Access Area and the Diamond Access Area. Limited facilities are available at most of these access points. However, boat ramps with docks are present at the Jensen and Waldo Access Areas and public toilets are available at Waldo Access Area. This lake is managed under Minnesota-South Dakota Border Waters fishing regulations (see the Fishing Handbook).

FISH SPECIES INCLUDE: bluegill, walleye, yellow perch, northern pike, freshwater drum, and white bass.



Did You Know?

Lake Traverse anglers have recorded over 100 proud angler fish in the past 10 years.

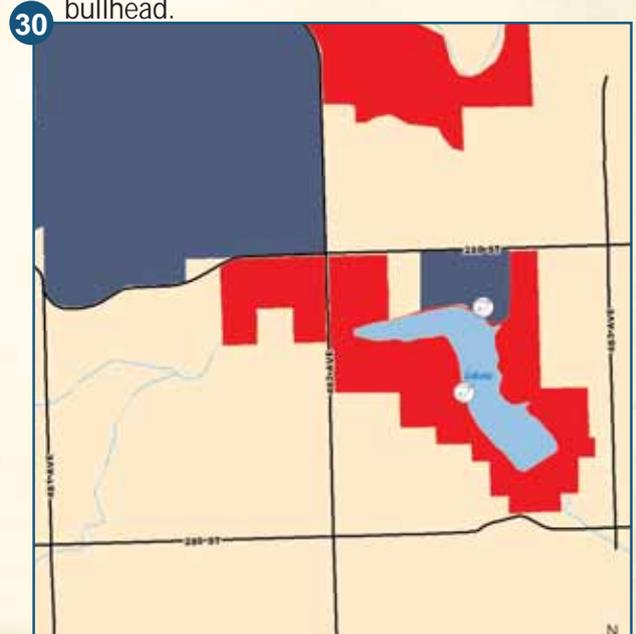
Lakota

LOCATION: One mile south and three and one-half miles west of Fairview, Lincoln County.

SIZE: 100 acres.

Limited shore fishing access is available on the north and south sides of the lake. Facilities available at the Newton Hills State Park (entrance fee) lake access include a boat ramp with dock, swim beach, bathhouse, and toilet.

FISH SPECIES INCLUDE: largemouth bass, crappie, bluegill, channel catfish, yellow perch and bullhead.



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Leola Dam



LOCATION: One-half mile north of Leola, McPherson County.

SIZE: 23 acres.

Shore fishing access is available in the city park on the northeast corner of the lake and along McPherson County Road 19 in the southwest corner of the lake. Park facilities include a boat ramp with dock.

FISH SPECIES INCLUDE: bluegill, largemouth bass, and northern pike.

Long Lake

LOCATION: Two and one-half miles west of Long Lake, McPherson County.

SIZE: 400 acres.

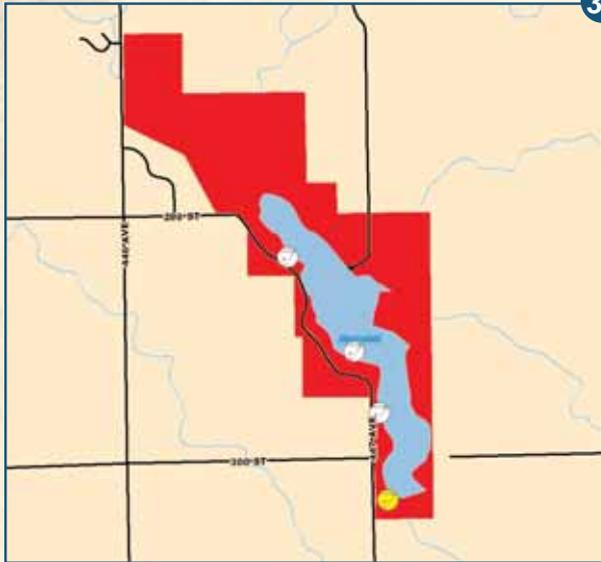
Shore fishing access available at the lake access area on the north shore. Shore fishing access is also available on a WPA (foot traffic only) in the northeast corner of the lake and is easily accessible from the road.

FISH SPECIES INCLUDE: walleye, yellow perch and northern pike.



Marindahl

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LOCATION: Four miles west and three miles south of Irene, Yankton County.

SIZE: 139 acres.

Shore fishing access is available at many points around the lake. The Marindahl Lake Access Area is located on the southwest corner of the lake near the dam and contains a boat ramp with dock, public toilet and many shore fishing areas.

FISH SPECIES INCLUDE: largemouth bass, catfish, crappie, bluegill and bullhead.

Mina Lake

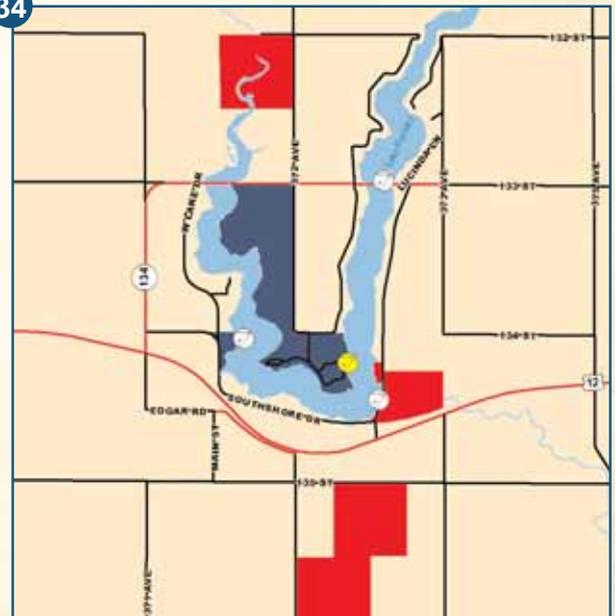
LOCATION: Twelve miles west of Aberdeen, Edmunds County.

SIZE: 800 acres.

Shore fishing opportunities are abundant within the Mina Lake State Recreation Area (entrance fee) on the north shore as well as the East Side Lake Access Area on the east shore. Facilities at both sites include a boat ramp and dock, public toilets and parking facilities. A handicapped-accessible fishing pier is located within the state recreation area.

FISH SPECIES INCLUDE: bullhead, crappie, freshwater drum, channel catfish and yellow perch.

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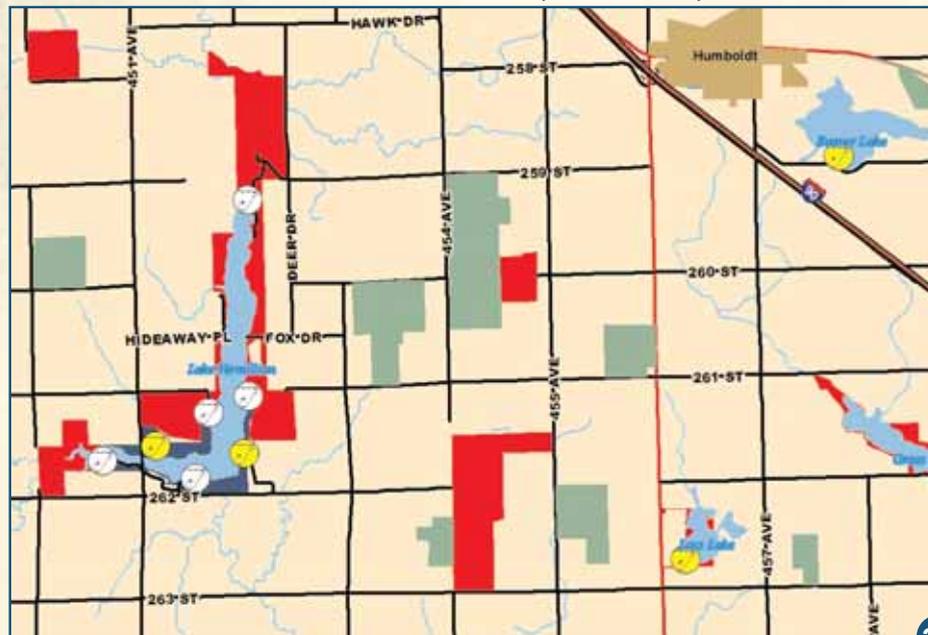
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East Vermillion Lake

LOCATION: Five miles east and one mile south of Canistota, McCook County.

SIZE: 513 acres.

Shore fishing access is available around most of the lake. Facilities at the Lake Vermillion Recreation Area (west side, entrance fee) include a boat ramp with dock, public toilet, handicapped-accessible fishing pier, modern campground, fish cleaning station, swimming beach and shore fishing access.



The Lake Vermillion Recreation Area (east side, entrance fee), also provides shore fishing access and has a boat ramp with a dock, public toilet, and campground.

FISH SPECIES INCLUDE:

walleye, channel catfish, northern pike, crappie, bluegill and bullhead.

Loss Lake

LOCATION: One-half mile west, four and one-half miles south and one-half mile east of Humboldt, Minnehaha County.

SIZE: 86 acres.

Fishing access is available at the Loss Lake Access Area on the southwest corner of the lake. Facilities include a boat ramp with dock, fishing pier and parking area.

FISH SPECIES INCLUDE: walleye, channel catfish, crappie, yellow perch and bullhead.

Beaver Lake

LOCATION: One mile south and three-quarter miles east of Humboldt, Minnehaha County.

SIZE: 306 acres.

Shore fishing access is limited to the southwest road right-of-way, especially when the lake is full. The southwest lake access area has a boat ramp with dock and vault toilet

FISH SPECIES INCLUDE: walleye, northern pike, crappie, yellow perch and bullhead.

Lake Kampeska

LOCATION: Two miles northwest and one-half mile south of Watertown, Codington County.

SIZE: 5,250 acres.

Shore fishing access is available at several locations around the lake including Stokes/Thomas City Park, Memorial County Park, Sandy Shore Recreation Area (entrance fee), and two public access locations (Jackson and Sailboat Landing). Park facilities include public restrooms, picnic tables, campsites, swimming beach, and boat ramp with dock; while other access locations include vault toilets and a boat ramp with dock.

FISH SPECIES INCLUDE: bluegill, crappie, smallmouth bass, walleye and white bass..

Pelican Lake

LOCATION: Four miles west, three miles south and one mile east of Watertown, Codington County.

SIZE: 2,795 acres.

Shore fishing access is available within the Pelican Lake Recreation Area (entrance fee) on the southwest shore and at several other access locations around the lake (East Pelican, Thompson Point, Waites Point). Campsites, picnic tables, playground, boat ramp with dock are available within the recreation area; while facilities at other access locations vary from vault toilet, boat ramp, and landing dock to none.

FISH SPECIES INCLUDE: walleye, northern pike, and yellow perch.



Kampeska Pits

LOCATION: Four miles northwest of Watertown, Codington County.

SIZE: 30 acres.

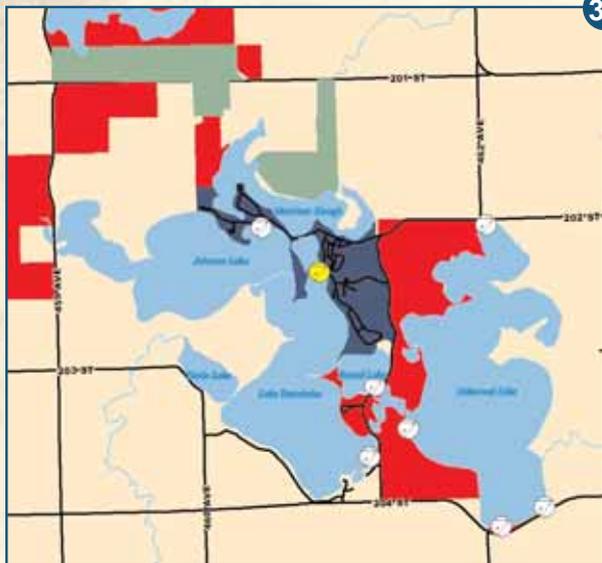
Shore fishing access exists at several locations around this gravel pit. No facilities are available.

FISH SPECIES INCLUDE: bluegill, crappie, largemouth bass, northern pike, and yellow perch.

SOUTH DAKOTA'S SHORE LINE FISHING

Oakwood Lake

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LOCATION: Five miles west of Bruce, Brookings County.

SIZE: 2,200 acres.

On the east lake, shore fishing opportunities are available on public land on the south shore and at various locations on the north and west shores. Facilities include a boat ramp with dock located on the north shore and a badly deteriorated concrete ramp on the south end of the lake.

On the west lake, shore fishing opportunities are available all along the east and north shore. Facilities at Oakwood Lake State Recreation Area (entrance fee) include a boat ramp with dock, parking lot, public toilets, modern campground, and a handicapped-accessible fishing dock.

FISH SPECIES INCLUDE: walleye, yellow perch, northern pike and bullhead.

Pickeral Lake

LOCATION: Seven miles east and one mile north of Grenville, Day County.

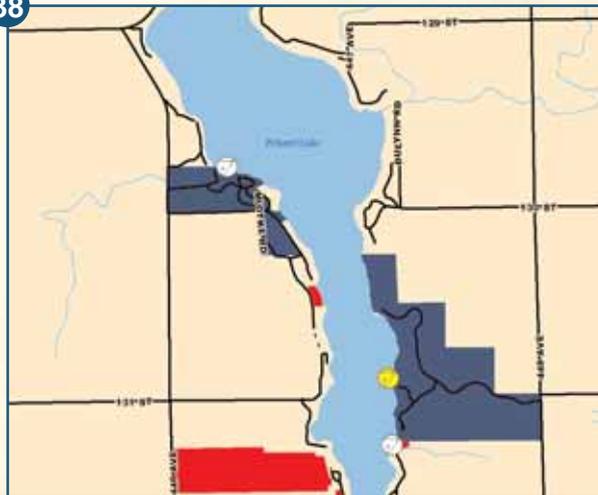
SIZE: 981 acres.

Shore fishing access is available within the Pickeral Lake Recreation Area (entrance fee) on the west and east sides of the lake. A handicapped-accessible fishing pier is present within the East Side Recreation Area. Rip-rap shoreline along the campground and the boat basin also provide fishing opportunities. Parking, public toilets, campground, playground and boat ramp with dock are available at both park locations.

Shore fishing access is present to the north and south of the boat ramp at the Old Hatchery Site along the southeast shore of Pickeral Lake. Facilities include parking area, boat ramp with dock and public toilet.

FISH SPECIES INCLUDE: walleye, northern pike, bluegill, crappie, and smallmouth bass.

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Lake Poinsett

LOCATION: Twelve miles north and two miles east of Arlington, Hamlin County.

SIZE: 7,903 acres.

Shore fishing access is available within the Lake Poinsett Recreation Area (south side of the lake, entrance fee) and at several other access locations around the lake (Sorenson, Sarranen, Prestrude and North Almos access areas). Campsites, picnic tables, playground and boat ramp with dock are available within the recreation area; while facilities at other access locations include vault toilet and boat ramp with dock.

FISH SPECIES INCLUDE:

smallmouth bass, walleye, white bass, and yellow perch.

Lake Albert

LOCATION: Eleven miles north of Arlington and one-half mile east of Lake Poinsett, Kingsbury/Hamlin Counties.

SIZE: 3,699 acres

Shore fishing access is available at the Lake Albert Access Area on the east side of the lake and on the GPA on the west side of the lake. The access area has a boat ramp with dock and public toilet.

FISH SPECIES INCLUDE: walleye, northern pike yellow perch, white bass, and bullhead..

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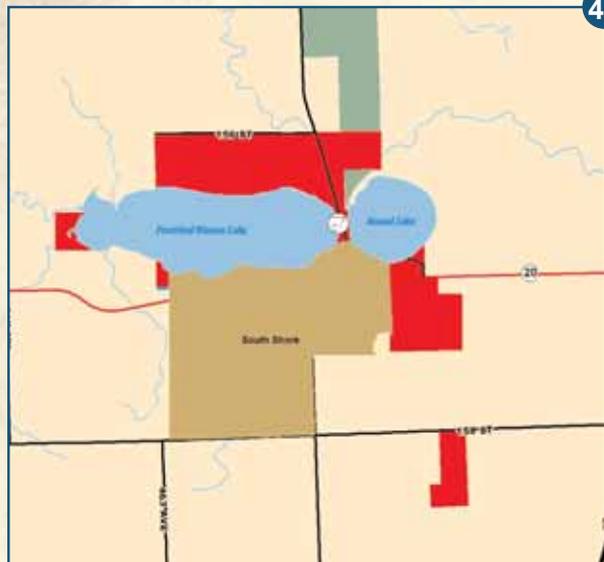
Did You Know?

Angler Darin Laue landed a 6 lb, 9 oz Smallmouth Bass on Lake Poinsett in 2008, setting a new state record.

SOUTH DAKOTA'S SHORE LINE FISHING

Punished Woman Lake

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LOCATION: Northern edge of the South Shore city limits, Codington County.

SIZE: 475 acres.

Shore fishing opportunities are available at access points on the east and southeast shores. A large part of the north and west shores are state owned (GPA) and available to shore fishing (foot traffic only). No facilities are available.

FISH SPECIES INCLUDE: northern pike and yellow perch.

Lake Redfield

LOCATION: Western edge of Redfield, Spink County.

SIZE: 170 acres.

Good shore fishing access is available. A city park on the north shore provides a boat ramp with dock, picnic shelter and large mowed peninsula near the shoreline (emergent vegetation may limit shore fishing access in some locations).

FISH SPECIES INCLUDE: bullhead, crappie, largemouth bass and northern pike.

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Did You Know?

Punished Woman Lake got its name from a Dakota Sioux legend. According to the story two star crossed lovers are buried near its shore.

Richmond Lake

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LOCATION: Four miles west and five miles north of Aberdeen, Brown County.

SIZE: 830 acres.

Shore fishing access is available at two locations within the Richmond Lake Recreation Area (entrance fee) located on the south shore, and at several other locations around the lake including the Spillway Access (near the dam face), Forest Drive Access (east shore of main lake) and the North Bridge Access (east shore of north arm). Campsites, picnic tables, public toilets, a playground, swimming beach and boat ramp with dock are available within the recreation area. A handicapped-accessible fishing pier, parking area and toilet are located at the Spillway Access site. There are no facilities at the North Bridge or Forest Drive Access locations.

FISH SPECIES INCLUDE: bluegill, crappie, walleye, white bass, largemouth and smallmouth bass.

Round Lake

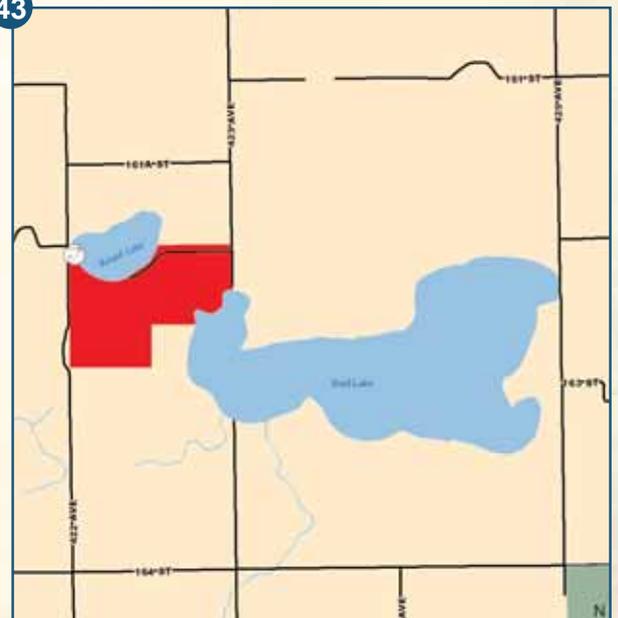
LOCATION: Ten miles north and three miles west of Clark, Clark County.

SIZE: 100 acres.

Shore fishing access available on a GPA that borders the south shore of the lake. Facilities include boat ramp with dock.

FISH SPECIES INCLUDE: northern pike, walleye and yellow perch.

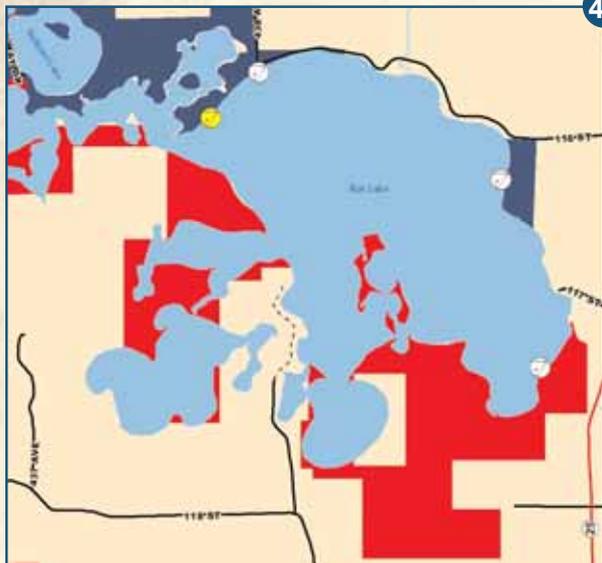
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SOUTH DAKOTA'S SHORE LINE FISHING

Roy Lake

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LOCATION: One and one-half miles west and one and one-half miles south of Lake City, Marshall County.

SIZE: 2,054 acres.

Shore fishing access is present along the northwest and east shores within the Roy Lake State Park (East and West Unit, entrance fee). A handicapped-accessible fishing pier is located south of the campground in the west park area. Parking areas, public toilets, showers, swimming beaches, picnic tables, campgrounds and boat ramps with docks are available at both sites.

FISH SPECIES INCLUDE: smallmouth/largemouth bass, bluegill and walleye.



Did you know?

Roy Lake has produced over 200 proud anglers since 1999.

Staum Dam

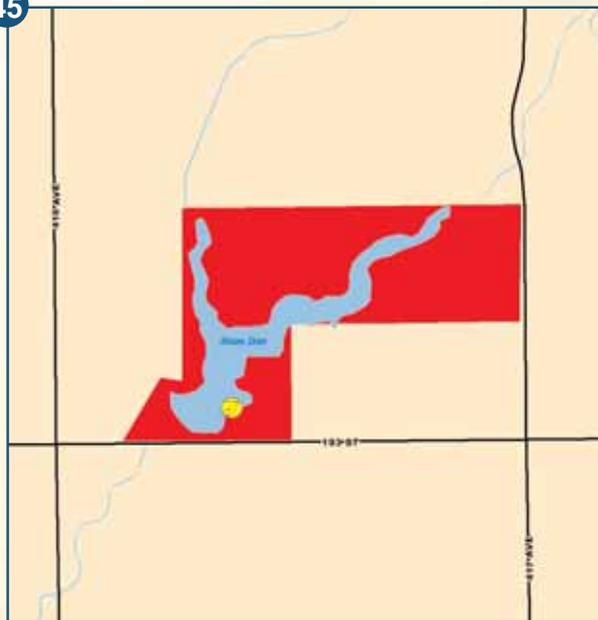
LOCATION: Three miles south and one mile east of Carpenter, Beadle County.

SIZE: 46 acres.

Shore fishing access is available on publicly-owned lands around the entire lake. Staum Dam has a boat ramp located on the southeast corner of the lake.

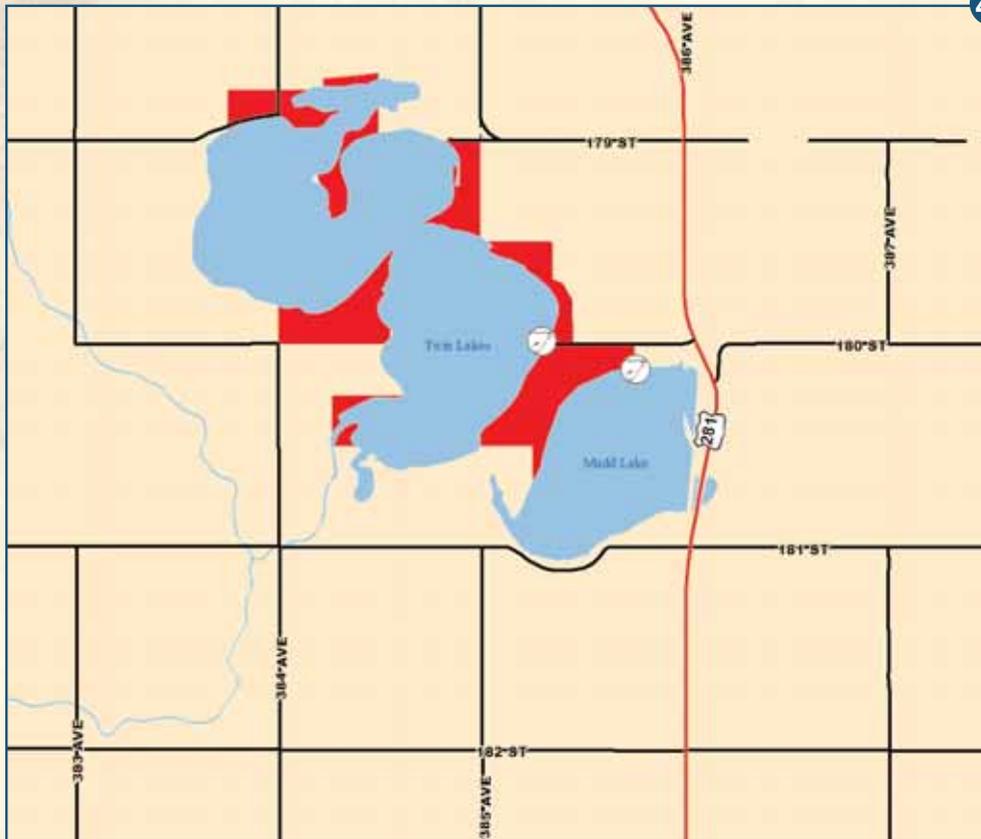
FISH SPECIES INCLUDE: largemouth bass, bluegill and bullhead.

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Twin Lake - Spink County

LOCATION: Six miles south and one-half mile west of Redfield, Spink County.

SIZE: 1,235 acres.

Shore fishing areas can be accessed by a gravel trail leading to a boat ramp and large tract of state owned land (GPA) bordering the eastern shoreline. Facilities include boat ramp with dock.

FISH SPECIES INCLUDE: crappie, northern pike, and walleye.

Mudd Lakes

LOCATION: Six miles south of Redfield, Spink County.

SIZE: 400 acres.

Shore fishing areas can be accessed by a gravel trail leading to a boat ramp and large tract of state owned land (GPA) bordering the northwest shoreline. Facilities include boat ramp with dock.

FISH SPECIES INCLUDE: crappie, northern pike, and walleye

Reetz Lake

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LOCATION: Five miles south of Webster, Day County.

SIZE: 600 acres.

Shore fishing access is available on southeast end of the lake near the boat ramp. Parking area and boat ramp with dock are provided.

FISH SPECIES INCLUDE: walleye and smallmouth bass.



Twin Lake - Minnehaha County

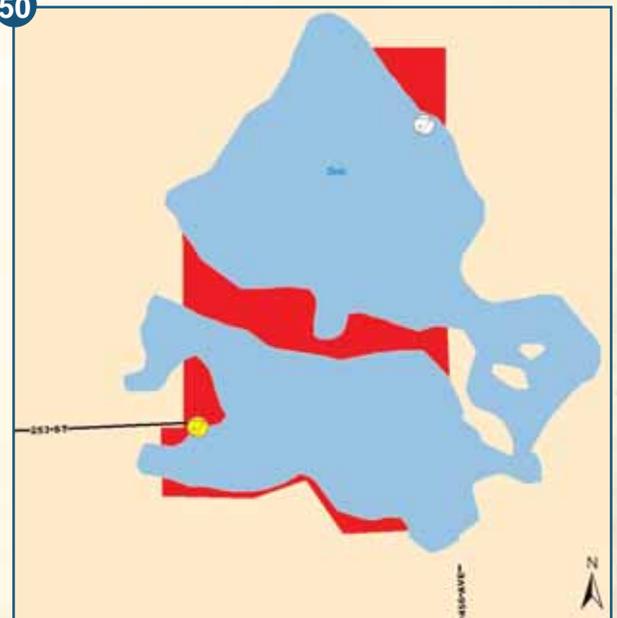
LOCATION: Six miles north and one mile west of Humboldt, Minnehaha County.

SIZE: 293 acres.

Shore fishing is available at the access area on the west side of the south lake. Facilities include a parking area and boat ramp with dock.

FISH SPECIES INCLUDE: walleye, yellow perch and bullhead.

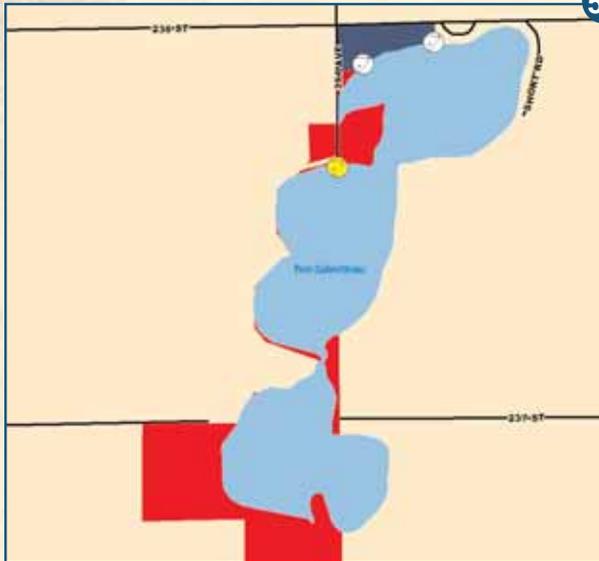
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Twin Lake - Sanborn County

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LOCATION: Six miles south and three miles west of Woonsocket, Sanborn County.

SIZE: 255 acres.

Shore fishing opportunities exist at the Twin Lakes Recreation Area, located on the west shore. Facilities include a boat ramp with dock, picnic area, primitive campground, and public toilet.

FISH SPECIES INCLUDE: walleye, northern pike, crappie and bullhead.

Waubay Lake

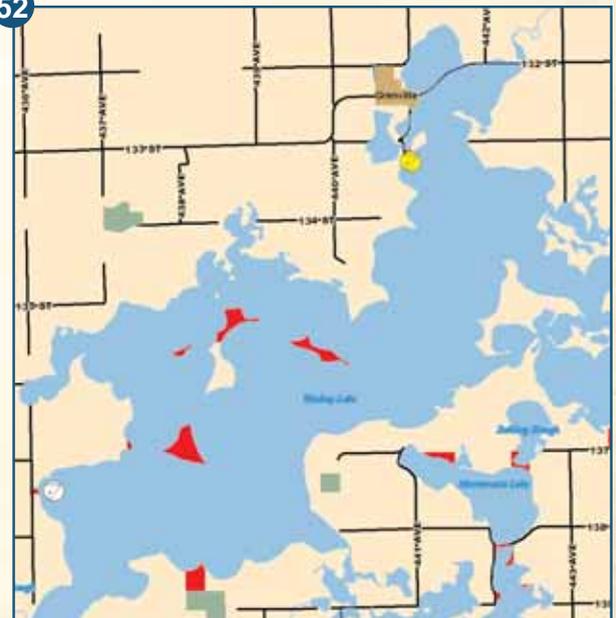
LOCATION: One-half mile south of Grenville, Day County.

SIZE: 15,530 acres.

Shore fishing access is present at the Kanago Access on the southwest end of the lake. Facilities include a parking area, public toilet, and boat ramp with dock. A handicapped-accessible fishing pier is present at the Grenville access on the north end of the lake. Parking area, public toilet, and boat ramp with dock are available at that access area.

FISH SPECIES INCLUDE: walleye, white bass, and smallmouth bass.

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Did You Know?

Waubay Lake anglers have landed at least 20 proud angler fish per year since 1999.

Lake Thompson

LOCATION: Six miles south and four miles east of DeSmet, Kingsbury County.

SIZE: 12,455 acres.

Shore fishing access is available at the Northeast Access Area, West Access Area and in the Lake Thompson Recreation Area (entrance fee). Access areas have a boat ramp with dock, parking lot, and public toilet. The Lake Thompson Recreation Area, located on the northeast shore of the lake, has a boat ramp with dock, public toilet, parking lot, campgrounds, and swim beach.

FISH SPECIES INCLUDE: walleye, northern pike, smallmouth bass, crappie, yellow perch, and bullhead.

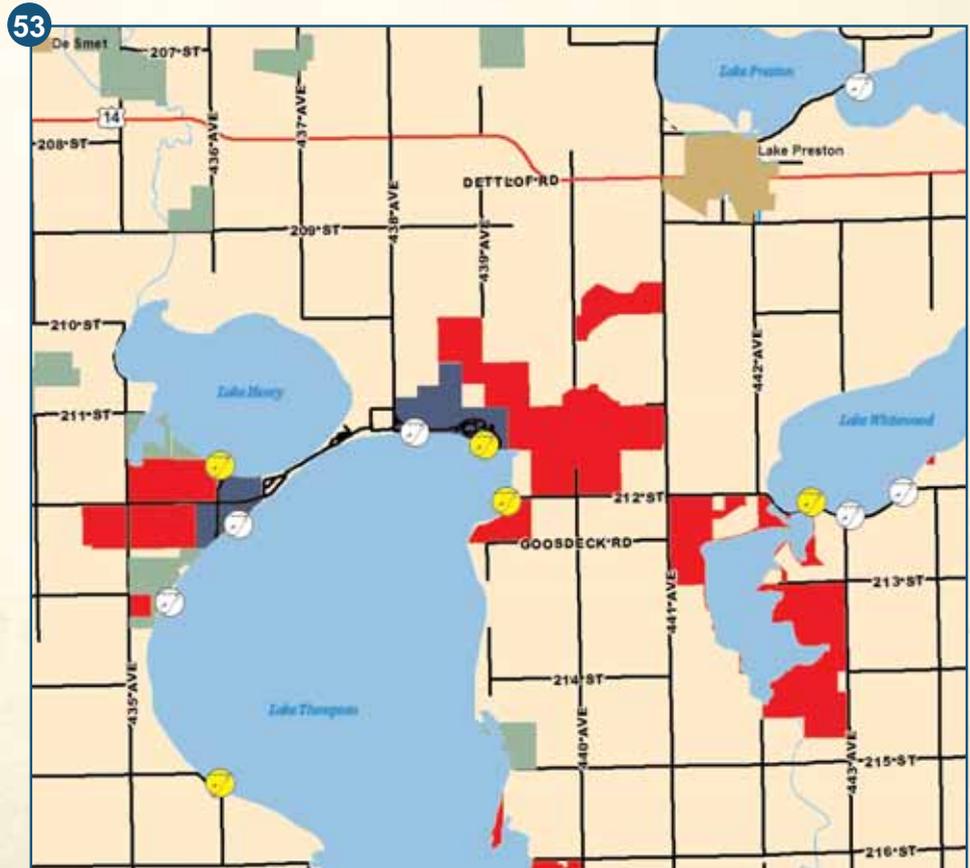
Whitewood Lake

LOCATION: Three and one-half miles south and one-half mile east of Lake Preston, Kingsbury County.

SIZE: 4,677 acres.

Shore fishing is available in the Whitewood Lake Access Area and along the county road right-of-way. Facilities include a boat ramp with dock, parking lot, and public toilet.

FISH SPECIES INCLUDE: northern pike, yellow perch and bullhead.



SOUTH DAKOTA'S SHORE LINE FISHING

White Lake



LOCATION: Six miles east and four miles north of Britton, Marshall County.

SIZE: 186 acres.

Shore fishing is present on GPA lands from the boat ramp north to the dam face (foot traffic only). A small parking area, public toilet and boat ramp with dock are available.

FISH SPECIES INCLUDE: crappie, walleye.

Wiley Park Pond

OPEN TO KIDS FISHING ONLY

LOCATION: One mile north of Aberdeen, Brown County.

SIZE: 10 acres.

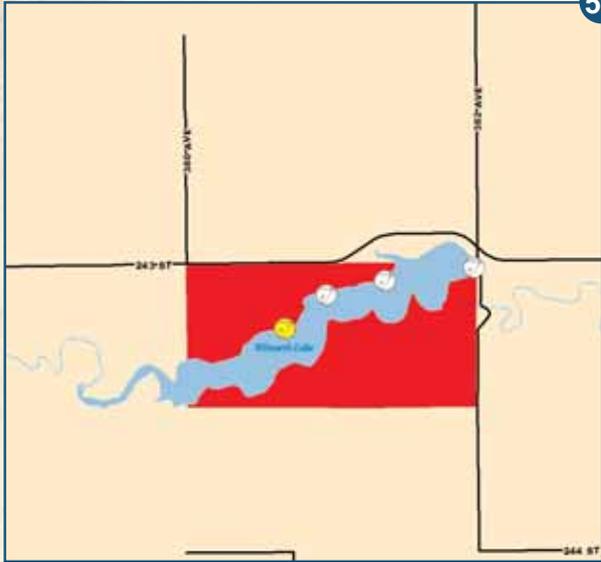
Currently managed as a kids fishing pond. Shore fishing is available around the entire pond and from a fishing dock. Facilities include picnic tables, swimming beach, public toilets and playground equipment.

FISH SPECIES INCLUDE: bullhead, bluegill, green sunfish, largemouth bass and northern pike.



Wilmarth

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LOCATION: Ten miles north and six miles west of Plankinton, Aurora County.

SIZE: 103 acres.

Shore fishing access points along the north shore can be reached by vehicle trail. Facilities at the Wilmarth Lake Access Area on the northwest end of the lake include a boat ramp with dock and public toilet.

FISH SPECIES INCLUDE: largemouth bass, bluegill, catfish, bullhead and northern pike.



Did You Know?

On May 18, 1949 angler Roy Groves landed a record 55 pound Channel Catfish on the James River. 60 years later, his record still stands making it the oldest state record fish!

Menno

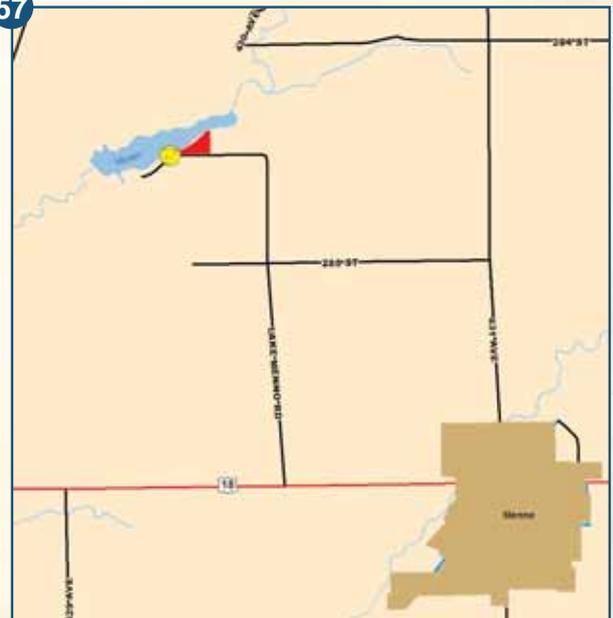
LOCATION: One mile west, one and one-half miles north and one-half mile west of Menno, Hutchinson County.

SIZE: 47 acres.

The Menno Dam Access Area on the southwest corner of the lake contains a boat ramp with dock and a public toilet. Shore fishing access is located mainly on the south side of the lake. The Lake Menno Association manages a small campground on the south side that has camper hookups and a picnic shelter.

FISH SPECIES INCLUDE: largemouth bass, crappie, bluegill and channel catfish.

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Keep Aquatic Nuisance Species out of South Dakota's Waters:

ALWAYS DO THE FOLLOWING:

- Remove aquatic plants and animals before leaving any waterbody.
- Drain water from bait bucket, live well, bilge and motor before leaving any waterbody.
- Dispose of unwanted bait, fish parts, and worms in the trash.
- Spray/wash boat, trailer, and equipment with high pressure hot water on your way home or at home -OR dry everything for at least 5 days.
- Always report questionable species.

NEVER DO THE FOLLOWING:

- Never release live animals or plants - this includes all aquarium species, bait, pets or water garden plants. Do not release these into the wild. If you cannot find another home for animals, dispose of them in a trash can or bury them. Seal plants in plastic bags and dispose.

For more information, visit:
<http://www.sdgap.info/Wildlife/AquaticNuisance/AquaticNuisanceSpecies.aspx>

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REPORTING A VIOLATION:

There are two ways to report a game law violation.

- Call the TIPs 24-hour toll-free hotline: 1-888-OVERBAG(683-7224).
- Contact a Conservation Officer directly or through the county sheriff's office.

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Double Dipping

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People taking more than one fishing trip in the same day. People giving fish to someone else and then continuing to fish. People hiding fish.

Length Limits

Short fish at the cleaning station.

Highgrading

People exchanging fish from livewells or stringers.

Too Many Lines

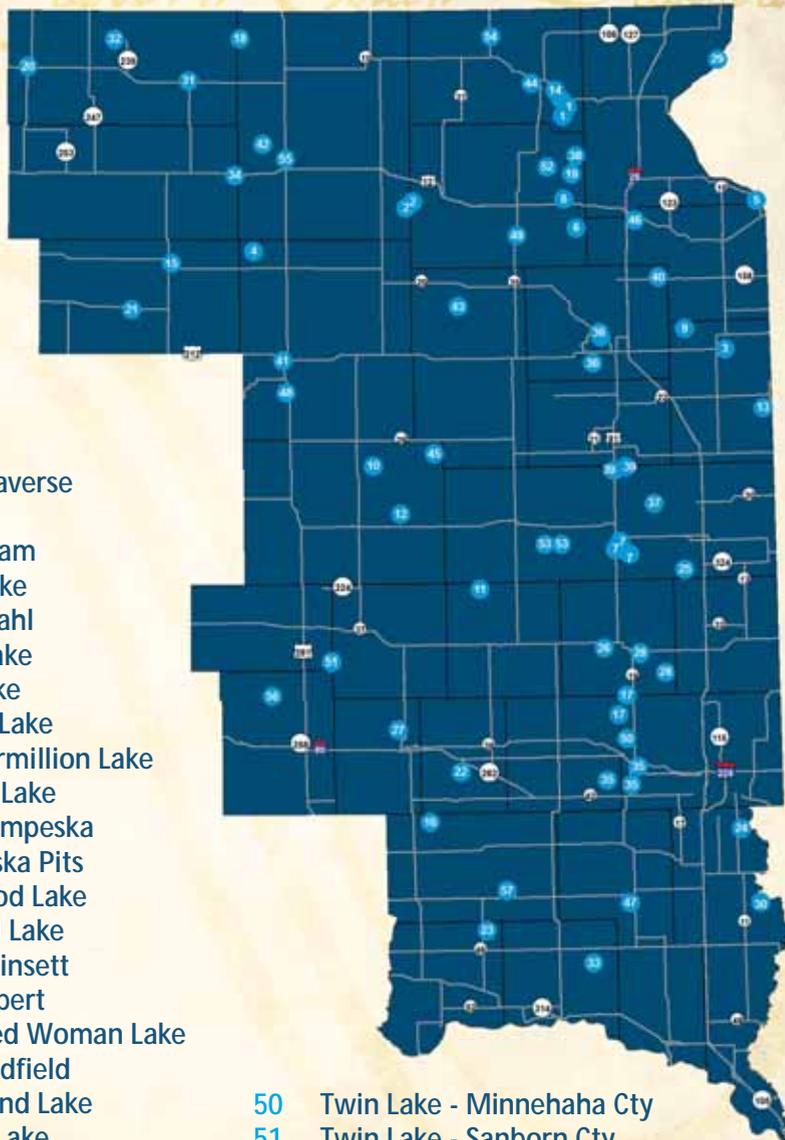
Fishing poles just over the edge of the boat. Fishing poles laying on the ground away from shore fishermen. Monofilament lines tied onto branches/docks/trees.

THIS RESOURCE IS YOURS, PROTECT IT!



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Eastern South Dakota



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