



**Fishing Report for the Glacial Lakes & Prairies Northeast Region of South Dakota
Week of June 26, 2019**

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REMINDER: Help stop the spread of Aquatic Invasive Species! Check out the [Game, Fish & Parks web site](#) for detailed info on the regulations. They are very specific, so you'll want to be sure you've read the regulations. If you love to fish the Glacial Lakes in South Dakota, please do your part to keep the lakes free of aquatic invasive species.

Bitter Lake

Bitter Lake produced some good fishing this past week-end. Several limits of walleyes and some nice northerns. Good weather is helping the more consistent bite. – Bitter Lake Lodge

Hidden Hill Lodge Lake

The fishermen did well even with the various fronts moving through. The walleye bite was tough for most on HHL Lake, while a few had very good luck here. While waiting for the boats to arrive, Kenny went and casted off the dock for a while. He caught and released a 26" walleye! Walleyes, bass, and northerns were active on nearby lakes. The artificial bait was the most reliable. – Hidden Hill Lodge

Lake Traverse, SD/MN

Continues to produce limits of walleye. Both artificial and live baits are working. Minnows from shore, or trolling bright colored crankbaits, most any presentation has been effective. Perch, bluegill, catfish and pike have also started. – Wing N Fin Resort

Waubay Lake

Easy bite taking place on Waubay. Crawlers and spinners in 14 to 18 feet of water. If you are looking for perfect size eaters (15-17 inches) and like fast and furious bite, then head to Waubay. – Just Lake It

Northeast South Dakota

Busy busy weekend with lots of people. Success was high! The quality on Waubay is excellent. Seeing 15-22" fish, fat and good looking. There was a tournament on Bitter on Saturday that did well. A little moss and weeds, but a good weight. Rush is still a good choice, using crank and live bait. Opitz is good for smaller fish, with a lot of sorting. Not too much yet on bluegill,

but should be starting up this week. Water is still high. Waubay is up about 3', Rush 4' and Bitter Lake 2 or more feet. – Sportsman's Cove

Fishing has been absolutely great. The walleye bite has been hot. Lots of fish over 20 inches, but remember, you can only keep one walleye over 20 inches per day. The pike bite has also been very good. Most fish in that 27-32 inch class with an occasional 37-40 inch fish. The panfish bite has just started. Some nice crappies and bluegills. The smallmouth bite has also been crazy. The smallmouth are done with spawning and seem to really be hungry. – Fish Hunter Guide Service

The fishing in the area is great. Most groups are coming in with limits of walleyes off a variety of lakes. Rush has slowed down a bit. Waubay has been the go-to lake this last weekend. All types of bait seem to be working. The water temps have not been warm enough to get a panfish bite going yet. Lynn continues to put out those quality walleyes if you can find them. Hazelden has been another popular lake for the weekend. You should be fishing. – Lynn Lake Lodge

We've been having a lot of great reports coming in off of Waubay Lake and Rush Lake. The majority of our guests have been limiting out on walleye. Not much activity on Bitter that we have heard of. I can honestly say we haven't had any negative reports of slow or low catch. We had a few with trophy fish catches. A 44" northern and a 32" walleye! – The Galley Hotel, Bar & Grill

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The following report is provided by the SD Game, Fish & Parks:

Bitter Lake – Fishing success remains decent with anglers picking up a few walleye. *Please park responsibly and do not park along highways or on private property!*

Bluedog Lake – Anglers continue to try their luck to catch walleye.

Cottonwood Lake (Spink County) – There is a decent walleye bite going on in the evenings. Anglers fishing from boats have had the best luck.

Dry Lake 1 & 2 (Clark County) – Fishing seems to be day to day on all the lakes in the area. One day good, one day slow, most days are in between. *There is NO parking on the road grade between the no parking signs!!*

Goose Lake – Shore fishing is becoming difficult as the weeds continue to grow. Boat fishermen are still picking up a few fish. The boat dock is not in, due to high water. *Fishermen are reminded not to park in the no parking zones.*

James River – Anglers have been catching walleye. The bite has been better in the evenings. The bow fishermen have been having good luck shooting gar and carp. Reminder: it is against the law to leave shot fish on the shoreline or to throw shot fish back into the river. *Anglers are reminded to dispose of shot fish appropriately.*

Lake Albert – Anglers are picking up a few nice walleye but the bite seems to be slowing down.

Lake Kampeska – Anglers are catching a mixed bag of fish. Early mornings and late evenings are producing a few nice walleye from shore and by boat.

Lake Poinsett – Fishermen have reported catching an occasional small walleye. *There is still a 300ft NO-WAKE zone restriction around the entire lake.*

Opitz – Walleye are catching a few walleye and the occasional perch.

Richmond – Anglers have been catching walleye and white bass. Anglers are catching walleye in the 12 to 16 inch range. The crappie and bluegill bite has not started yet.

Roy – Anglers are catching a few walleye and pike. Anglers targeting bass are doing well.

Waubay Lake – Anglers continue to have decent success catching walleye and white bass. *Please park responsibly and do not park along highways or on private property! Anglers are reminded to use common sense when parking at boat ramps. Please allow for flow of traffic. Do not block other vehicles in.*