

SD MISSOURI RIVER TOURISM FISHING REPORT – July 15, 2019

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Fishing Update for The Missouri River in South Dakota

This will be a week of high 80's and 90's with lots of sun and maybe a few thunderstorms. Keep an eye on the weather, and enjoy the sunshine and fishing on the Missouri River in central South Dakota. Be sure to bring sunscreen, fly spray, and plenty of water. Good luck catching!

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 Missouri River in South Dakota, please do your part to keep the reservoirs free of aquatic invasive species.

If you have questions about which boat docks are open, check out the SD Game, Fish & Parks interactive Public Fishing Access map. To get there, go to <https://gfp.sd.gov/fishing-areas/> and click on the link for Public Fishing Access Map. You do have to zoom in on certain areas to see the boat ramp icons and they are up-to-date.

[Lake Oahe](#)

In the [Pollock](#) and [Mobridge](#) areas, the fishing is pretty good. Depths are anywhere from 5-25 feet of water. Many anglers are using crankbaits or spinners and crawlers along the points. Hotter weather has the fish going somewhat deeper, making for a bit of searching but they are out there.

At [Akaska](#) and south of town, crawlers are usually the bait of choice and some anglers are also pulling plugs. Depths are ranging from 20-30 feet with the warmer weather but some anglers are reporting finding fish in the 10-20 foot range as well.

At [Gettysburg](#), anglers continue to bring in limits despite the heat. Early morning is the best time to go out before it gets too hot. It's still a minnow bite, surprisingly, with some crawler/spinner rigs and some anglers are doing great pulling plugs. Anglers are fishing in depths of 10-25 feet. The smallmouth bite is picking up some, and many catfish are being caught right now also.

Around [Spring Creek](#) / [Cow Creek](#) the fishing is good. Higher water makes room for boats to spread out. Anglers are fishing in 5-15 feet of water out to 20-30 feet, using all presentations. Lots of nice catfish and smallmouth are also being caught.

[Lake Sharpe](#)

Around [Pierre/Fort Pierre](#), the fishing is pretty good. The 15-inch minimum is off until September 1. Anglers are catching lots of good eater size fish in 10-20 feet of water and using all presentations for fairly easy limits of walleye and some bass.

Courtesy of South Dakota Missouri River Tourism and HuntFishSD.com



Remember – this report is a snapshot in time and changes can occur quickly. We suggest you call one of our members listed above – they can be very helpful with what is happening along the river. That way you'll be assured of a great trip!