



**Fishing Report for the Glacial Lakes & Prairies Northeast Region of South Dakota  
Week of August 12, 2019**

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**Bitter Lake**

Numerous small walleyes to be found with spinners and crawlers, and larger ones pulling cranks in 22 to 25 feet of water. Silver bass bite is hot, and size is impressive, 15 to 17 inches are abundant. – Just Lake It

**Hidden Hill Lodge Lake**

We did not get to visit with the father-son group that stayed at the lodge before they left last weekend. It looks like they had good luck according to the frozen fish remains. – Hidden Hill Lodge

**Lynn Lake**

Fishing is always interesting in August, but the rising water levels have helped keep the bite going throughout these warm days. Rains are keeping the algae settled and we are seeing lots of limits. Crawlers and leeches depending on which lake you are on, fishing along the weed lines. Depths vary, just look for the edge of the weeds and tuck in close. Bobber fishing in the trees and finding some perch. Cooler weather forecasted for next week should help out too. It's been a great summer so far! – Lynn Lake Lodge

**Northeast South Dakota**

Picked up some big rain this morning (Friday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>). Webster saw 2"+ up to 3". Blue Dog got 4". Bitter is still better to fish. Fishermen did well, especially on the west side. Mostly in the weed growth and around humps. Fair amount of people at Hazelden, it's been busy there. A few fishermen are going to Opitz yet. Good numbers there with a good active bite. Just hard to get keepers. Some fishermen have been going to Enemy Swim and Pickerel to find the bluegill. – Sportsman's Cove

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

**Bitter Lake** – Anglers have been seeing success rates improve for walleye the past week.

**Buffalo Lakes** – The panfish bite is starting to pick up a bit. Anglers also caught a few pike and walleye. The anglers targeting bass have done really well near submerged structure and main lake points.

**Clark County** – It appears that the walleyes still want to bite on certain lakes. The weeds, low water clarity and warm weather has definitely made it more of a grind to find the fish on all the lakes. Some nice fish are still being caught on **Indian Springs** and **Swan Lake**.

**Enemy Swim** – Smallmouth bass fishing has been exceptional. Don't forget to report tagged bluegills for your opportunity at some money. Online at <http://tags.sd.gov> or by calling (605) 345-3381.

**Goose Lake** – Boat fishermen are still picking up a few fish. The boat dock is still 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. With the recent warm weather, the bite has been inconsistent lately. 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 Kampeska** – Fishermen continue to catch a mixed bag of fish. Early mornings and late evenings are producing a few walleye from the boat. With the high water, boaters are asked to keep the speeds at slow no wake when boating close to shore.

**Lake Pelican** – Fishing pressure has slowed due to algae blooms.

**Lake Poinsett** – Fishermen are picking up a few walleyes. *There is still a 300ft NO-WAKE zone restriction around the entire lake.*

**Opitz** – The walleye bite has picked up a bit. Sounds like lots of small fish under 15 inches. This would be a great lake to take a kid fishing and introduce them to fishing from a boat. Please check the 2019 fishing handbook for lake specific regulations. Good luck and be safe!

**Richmond** – Anglers are catching walleye, perch, bluegill, crappie, and white bass. Anglers fishing from docks are having good luck catching bluegill, crappie and white bass.

**Roy** – Slow, A few walleye have been caught along with pike and bass.

**Waubay Lake** – Walleye fishing seems to be hit or miss, white bass are still being caught from the shoreline.