

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT

# NONMEANDERED WATERS

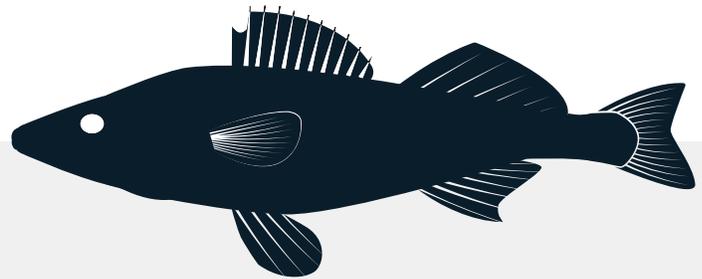
## IN EASTERN SOUTH DAKOTA

South Dakota's lakes are an invaluable resource and are an economic engine for the state. This is especially true when it comes to the glacial lakes in eastern South Dakota.



Because these waters are so important to local communities and businesses, we're sharing some facts to help you make sense of the Open Waters Compromise (an act providing public recreational use of certain waters), which was recently passed and signed into law by Governor Dennis Daugaard.

FULL ACCESS WAS RECENTLY RESTORED TO THE FOLLOWING LAKES:



# 98%

OF THE NONMEANDERED WATERS ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC REMAIN OPEN

# 235,203

# OF OPEN NONMEANDERED WATER ACRES ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC

1.8% CLOSED NONMEANDERED WATER ACRES

### MEANDERED LAKE

Meandered lakes are waters that—at the time of the original survey of South Dakota—the U.S. government surveyor estimated to be larger than 40 acres and of a permanent nature. Land within the defined meander line, or surveyed boundary, became state trust property.

### RECREATIONAL USE

Use for outdoor sporting and leisure activities, including, but not limited to, hunting, fishing, swimming, floating, boating, and trapping.

SOURCE: <https://gfp.sd.gov/faq/>

### NONMEANDERED LAKE

Water overlying private property that flooded after years of rainfall and that are not part of a meandered basin. Nonmeandered waters do not include rivers, streams, man-made lakes or meandered lakes.

### LAKE

A pond, reservoir, or other body of water, created by either natural or artificial means, but not a pond that is used for the treatment and disposal of wastes and that is permitted for such uses.

If you have any questions about nonmeandered waters or fishing in South Dakota, please feel free to contact the Department of Game, Fish & Parks at [Kevin.Robling@state.sd.us](mailto:Kevin.Robling@state.sd.us).



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