

Fishing at Fremont
Lakes State
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Fishing opportunities abound in the area

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When it comes to catching some fish, Daryl Bauer said it's hard to beat just a bobber and a worm.

"Just start on a nice spring afternoon, find a sunny spot where the water's warming up a little bit," he said, "and you never know what you might catch."

Within Dodge County, anglers who are just getting started or have years of experience have multiple opportunities for casting a line.

Near Fremont, the Fremont

Lakes State Recreation Area provides 20 sandpits for public fishing near the Platte River. Johnson Lake in east Fremont also allows for fishing.

Further north, the Dead Timber SRA and Powder Horn State Wildlife Management Area allow for fishing near the Elkhorn River. The City of Hooper also provides public fishing opportunities at Hooper Old Lake.

Additionally, private fishing opportunities are available at Fremont, Ridgewood, Rainbow, Leisure and Summer Haven lakes near the Platte River.

Bauer, who is fisheries outreach program manager for the

Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, has more than 30 years of experience with the commission and has held his position for more than a decade.

While the fishing spots in Dodge County have remained constant, Bauer said he's seen continued progress specifically with the Fremont Lakes on fisheries management activities to improve water quality and opportunities.

"The future's bright," he said. "We've got some good fishing opportunities, and we're going to continue to have some, and as we recover from some of the flood damage, there'll be some even bet-

ter fishing in the years coming up."

For beginning fishers, Bauer recommended starting at the Fremont Lakes, which he said has a variety of species, including panfish, bluegills, crappies, largemouth bass and channel catfish.

"Those are common in all of the sandpits and all of the waters we have around the state, but especially in the eastern third of Nebraska," he said.

In mid-March, Fremont SRA Lake #2 was stocked with 5,000 rainbow trout by the Nebraska Game and Parks. Several fishing areas in Dodge County are stocked in both the spring and fall.