

NDG&F June 1st Newsletter

Family Fishing Days at Bismarck OWLS

Family fishing days return to the North Dakota Game and Fish Department's Outdoor Wildlife Learning Site.

The catch-and-release only fishery is stocked with trout, bluegill, largemouth bass and other species. Family fishing days are Saturdays and Wednesdays through the end of August. Fishing equipment can be checked out at the OWLS Pond, located adjacent to the Department's Bismarck office, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Fishing rods and basic tackle are available for use free of charge. Trained volunteers or Game and Fish staff will be in the area to answer questions and check out equipment, but there will be little or no direct supervision. Children who aren't old enough to get to the pond on their own should not be left unattended.

The OWLS area is fairly primitive, but includes a picnic shelter and benches upon entering the site, and a portable restroom. The area has no running water. Users should bring water, sunscreen, folding chairs and appropriate clothing.

The Game and Fish Department is seeking volunteer instructors to assist with the program. Individuals at least age 18 with an interest in teaching kids to fish can contact the department at 701-328-6300. The OWLS pond is open to fishing year-round during daylight hours. There are no bait restrictions and anglers must practice catch-and-release. The area is designed for wheel chair accessibility. Pets, glass bottles and alcohol are not permitted on the site.

Deer Gun Application Deadline is June 3

North Dakota deer hunters are reminded the deadline for submitting applications for the 2015 gun season is June 3. Hunters are encouraged to [apply online](http://gf.nd.gov) at the State Game and Fish Department website, gf.nd.gov.

The deadline applies to muzzleloader, regular gun, gratis and nonresident landowner, and youth antlered mule deer applications (specifically for antlered mule deer in units 3B1, 3B2, and 4A-4F). State law requires residents age 18 or older to prove residency on the application by submitting a valid North Dakota driver's license number or a North Dakota nondriver photo identification number. Applications cannot be processed without this information.

Gratis applications received on or before the regular deer gun lottery application deadline (June 3) will be issued an any-legal-deer license. As per state law, applications received after the deadline will be issued based on licenses remaining after the lottery – generally only antlerless licenses remain.

The application deadline for regular statewide youth deer licenses is Sept. 1.

Game Warden Pilot Exam Set for July 17

The North Dakota Game and Fish Department has scheduled an examination to select candidates for the position of game warden pilot. The test is scheduled for July 17 at 10 a.m., at the department's main office in Bismarck. In addition, an exam to select candidates for an additional district game warden

position is scheduled at the same time.

Applicants must register to take the exam no later than July 13, by submitting an [online application](#) through the North Dakota State Job Openings website.

Game warden pilot applicants must have a commercial pilot's license for a single engine land with an instrument rating, and hold an FAA Class II medical certificate. Candidates also must have a minimum of 500 hours total flying time and have a clean record without any felony convictions. Applicants must be at least 21 years of age, have a valid driver's license and a current North Dakota peace officer license, or be eligible to be licensed.

Job duties include day and night flights, involving enforcement and administrative flight activities.

Responsibilities also include enforcing game and fish laws and other related regulations.

Salary through training is \$3,800 per month. Upon successful completion of training, the salary is \$4,136 - \$6,894 per month. Wardens also receive the state benefits package, including travel allowance.

Uniforms and other equipment are provided.