

Boating

General: No person shall operate any boat, watercraft, water-vessel, or floating-device without complying with all rules and regulations pertaining to safety and operation established by the U.S. Coast Guard.

Boating Safety Equipment: No person shall operate any boat, watercraft, water-vessel, or floating device without maintaining the following equipment on or within any boat, craft, vessel or device: all motorboats less than 16 feet in length and non-motorized boats must have at least one Coast Guard approved type I, II, or IV flotation device for each person on board. All boats 16 feet and over in length must have, in addition, at least one Coast Guard approved throwable type IV device on-board; all persons using water skis, surfboard or similar device must wear a Coast Guard approved Type I, II, or III flotation device. Any Enforcement Officer who observes a vessel being used in an unsafe condition or manner and in the Officer's judgment such use creates a hazardous condition may direct the operator to take whatever immediate and reasonable steps that would be necessary for the safety of those aboard the vessel, including directing the operator to return to mooring and to remain there until the situation creating the hazard is corrected or ended. For the purpose of this section an unsafe condition is defined as any one of the following: 1) Operating without boating safety equipment; 2) Operating in an overloaded condition; 3) Fuel leakage or presence of fuel in bilges; 4) Riding on the bow, gunwale, transom, or on the back of seats without taking precautions to prevent persons falling overboard; 5) Operating in weather or water conditions, which endanger the boat and/or occupants; 6) Operating a boat without a battery cover in place; or 7) Operating a boat without the necessary lights for low light conditions.

Prohibited Operation: No person shall: Operate a boat at excessive speeds, or in a dangerous or reckless manner; operate a boat in an overloaded condition; operate a boat within designated swimming areas or in areas where swimmers are present; operate a boat within 100 yards of a skin-diving zone marked by the appropriate diving flags indicating the presence of skin divers below the surface; operating near dams or other hazardous waters; towing water skiers near other vessels, obstructions, hazardous waters, or in a reckless or dangerous manner; operate a boat in such a manner to cause a dangerous or damaging wake; operate a boat in such a manner as to molest, disturb or annoy persons lawfully engaged in fishing; continue to use or refuse to terminate use of a boat in a hazardous manner after being ordered to cease by an Enforcement Officer; no person shall operate any motor-boat, craft, vessel, or floatation device while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

Recreation / Access

Recreational access permits will be required for all non-members recreating on tribal land. Shore fishing, camping and hiking are considered recreational activities. Permits are not required for COE areas (left and right tailrace and Good Soldier). Permits will be required for only the operator or owner of a boat (if they are launching only). Permits are required for persons 16 years and older. Permits are \$5.00 per person per day or \$25.00 per person for an annual permits. Permits for family members are \$5.00 per person after the head of household purchases the \$25.00 annual. Permits expire January 31.

Enrolled members of any federally recognized tribe are exempt.

Off-Reservation Lands

Tribally owned off-reservation lands are open for tribal member hunting only, unless otherwise specified. Tribal members must obtain tribal and state licenses and abide by state regulations. Currently, these lands include the Cherry Ranch, Smith Ranch, Potter Land, Hicks Land, Dorman Land, Oacoma Land, Bear Butte Land, and the Haight Ranch.

The tribally owned off-reservation land known as the William's Unit is the only off-reservation land currently open to hunting by tribally licensed non-members. Red Plum Dam, located on the Cherry Ranch, is open for public fishing and state regulations apply.

Special Management Areas

The Lower Brule Sioux Tribe Department of Wildlife, Fish, and Recreation manages several areas that have additional rules, regulations, and/or license requirements. Many of these areas are often managed to provide unique or high quality hunting experiences. Examples include the Mni Sho Sho Goose Camp, Grassrope Unit, and the Big Game Unit. These areas require additional permits and may have seasons that differ from the regular hunting seasons.

Other areas are managed for purposes other than hunting or to provide refuge and therefore hunting is not allowed. Examples include the Huston Unit, and waterfowl and wildlife refuges.

Walk-in Hunting Areas

Walk-in lands are open for hunting by tribal license holders without permission. These lands may not be hunted if livestock are present or if crops are not harvested (does not apply to food plots). Hunting on foot is the only permissible method.

Cultural Site Protection

It is against federal law to disturb cultural sites on federal and tribal lands. It is unlawful to dig, excavate and/or to remove any artifacts from Tribal Trust, Allotted and Corps of Engineer Lands. Violators will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of Federal Law.

Emergency Contacts

In case of emergency or to report a violation please call the Wildlife Department at (605) 473-5666 or the Lower Brule Police Department at (605) 473-5444.



Fishing Regulations

General: Any enrolled member of the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe or spouse of a Lower Brule enrolled member fishing within the boundaries of the Lower Brule Sioux Reservation on the Missouri River is required to possess the requisite Tribal fishing license or permit (the state license may be substituted if desired by the fisherman). Non-members of the Tribe fishing on the Missouri River within the boundaries of the reservation must purchase state required fishing licenses, but are not required to purchase a tribal license. Non-members and members fishing within the reservation on waters other than the Missouri River are required to purchase a tribal license only. Fishing is open year round from Jan. 1 through Dec. 31 to include open water and ice fishing. Fishing hours are from midnight to midnight. Artificial light may be used as an aid in taking fish by legal methods. A maximum of two lines and three hooks per line is allowed for fishing open waters. A maximum of four lines is allowed for fishing through the ice. No person may possess carp, buffalo fish, suckers, goldfish or game fish (except cleanings) as bait for hook and line fishing. The daily limit is the number of fish that may be taken from midnight to midnight, except no person may possess more than one day's limit of fish while on the water or actively engaged in fishing. The possession limit is twice the daily limit. Snagging and netting of fish is prohibited.

Hook and Line Limits

Fish Species	Daily Limit	Possession Limit
Walleye or Sauger Combination (14 inch min. Apr., May, and June for Walleye)	4	8
Largemouth/Smallmouth or any combo	5	10
Northern Pike	3	6
All Trout Species	7	7
Crappie	25	50
Perch	25	50
All Catfish Species	10	20
All Bullhead Species	100	200
Bluegill or Sunfish Combination	25	50
Non-Game Fish	No Limit	No Limit
White Bass	25	50

Commercial Sale of Fish: No person shall sell, barter, trade or offer to sell any fish taken from Reservation waters, except: without possessing a Commercial license issued by the Lower Brule Department of Wildlife, Fish and Recreation Director; channel catfish, flathead catfish, and non-game fish.

Hoop Nets, Traps and Setlines: No person shall set any hoop net, traps or setlines except enrolled members of the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe. No enrolled member of the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe shall set, check, pull, or operate any hoop net, trap or setline without possessing a valid Tribal license or permit issued by the Lower Brule Department of Wildlife, Fish and Recreation Director. Each hoop net, trap, or setline must be marked with a metal tag with the enrolled member's, name, address and telephone number. Hoop nets must not be more than 18 feet long nor more than 4 feet wide. No leads or wings are permitted. Only hoop nets constructed of fabric mesh with twine size number 15 or larger and slat catfish traps constructed of wood or synthetic slats with at least two 1 1/4 inch openings in each end are allowed. Wire fish traps are prohibited. Hoop nets, traps and setlines may be used to take channel catfish, flathead catfish, and non-game fish in Reservation waters. It is prohibited to take blue catfish, game fish or endangered or threatened fish. Any blue catfish, game fish, or endangered or threatened fish must be released in the waters from where they were caught. Only prepared or cut bait, worms, frogs, crayfish, and toads may be used on setlines. Whole baitfish (minnows) are prohibited. Hoop nets and setlines must be checked at least every 48 hours. Unlimited numbers of non-game fish may be taken from Reservation waters. Legal fish taken by hoop net, trap, or setlines from Reservation waters may be sold, bartered, or traded pursuant to subsection 12.09. No enrolled member may use or tend hoop nets, traps, or setlines of another enrolled member. No enrolled member may use a setline that operates by a reel or other mechanical device, or more than 20 hooks attached to one setline.

Gill Netting: It is unlawful to take any fish or attempt to take any fish with the use or aid of a gill net.

Spearing: No person may take fish with a spear, legal spear gun, or bow and arrow except enrolled members of the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe. Fish may be taken with spear, legal spear gun (a muscle-loaded device propelling a spear attached to a lanyard no more than 20 feet long), and bow and arrow (crossbows are illegal). Arrows may have only one point, which must be barbed and attached to the bow by a line. Daily and possession limits are the same as and in combination with hook and line limits. Non-game fish may be taken between sunset and sunrise Jan. 1 - Dec. 31. All species of fish, except paddlefish, pallid sturgeon, lake sturgeon, and endangered or threatened fish, may be speared from sunrise to sunset during the seasons established by Tribal proclamation. The season is Jan. 1 - March 5, July 1 - Aug. 31, Dec. 1 - Dec. 31. Areas are Lake Sharpe, and Lake Francis Case, except from Big Bend Dam to 2 miles downstream, which is closed. Catfish may be taken without limit for non-commercial purposes from sunrise to sunset January 1 - December 31. Underwater spearfishing is not permitted within 100 yards of designated swimming or waterskiing areas, boat docks, power intake tubes, or spillways. No underwater diving is permitted where placement of the diver-down flag would restrict boat access into or out of a public access area. Divers must display a Diver's Flag on the water on a float or buoy during any diving or underwater spearfishing. The flag must be at least 80 square inches and must be all red with a white diagonal beginning at the top of the flag where attached to the staff. The Diver's Flag indicates a diver is submerged in the immediate area and boats are to avoid the area. Persons spearfishing may not possess game fish in areas not open to the spearing of game fish.

Landing Aids: Landing nets, gaffs, and similar devices may be used as an aid in landing fish.

Artificial Lights: Artificial lights may be used as an aid in taking fish by legal methods.

Unattended Lines: Each line used must be under the direct supervision and within the unaided observation of the user.

Ice Houses: Each fish house, shanty, or other shelter must display on the outside the name and address of the owner in letters at least two inches high. The door must permit entry except when unoccupied and locked from the outside. Shelters must be removed from the ice by March 5.

Transportation: No person shall transport dressed fish from the waters of the Reservation to his or her residence unless those fish can be readily counted. Mobile recreational vehicles, trailers, or tents do not qualify as residences. Any dressed fish transported, if frozen must be packaged individually. Two fillets will be counted as one fish. A person may carry or transport only his or her own lawfully possessed fish.

Restrictions: No person shall: deposit refuse in Reservation waters; leave or deposit fish on the shorelines of Reservation waters; empty receptacles containing bait into Reservation waters; transport or introduce fish or fish eggs into Reservation waters; release fish, reptiles, amphibians or crustaceans not native to the Reservation into Reservation waters without written authorization from the Lower Brule Department of Wildlife, Fish and Recreation Director; possess, have under control, or maintain trammel nets, gill nets, or seines except legal minnow seines; possess a spear on or near lakes or streams except during legal hours in open season; sell, buy, or barter game fish; lend his or her license to another person or aid someone in securing a license fraudulently; use explosives, electrical devices, or poisonous or stupefying drugs to take fish; shoot fish, frogs, or turtles with a firearm.

Interference: No person may intentionally interfere with other persons lawfully engaged in taking or attempting to take fish, or engage in an activity specifically intended to harass or prevent the lawful taking of fish.

Species	Season Dates	Limits		Hours	License Required	License Fees			Number of Licenses	Comments
		Daily	Possession			Tribal Member or Spouse	Affiliate	Non-tribal Member		
All					General	\$1	\$5	\$5	Unlimited	Prerequisite to all other licenses
Mourning Dove	Sep 1-Oct 14	15	30	Sunrise to sunset.	General	\$1	\$3	\$5	Unlimited	Seasons established within Federal guidelines.
Cottontail Rabbit	Sep 1-Feb 28	10	20	Sunrise to sunset.	General	\$1	\$3	\$5	Unlimited	
Prairie Dog	Yearlong	No Limit		Sunrise to sunset.	Prairie Dog	\$1	\$5	\$100	Unlimited	Limits are any combination of either species.
Prairie Chicken and Sharp-tailed Grouse	Tribal Member: Sep 7-Dec 31 Non-Tribal: Sep 10-Dec 31	3	15	Sunrise to sunset. Noon to sunset Oct. 1	Upland				Unlimited	
Pheasant - General	Tribal Member: Sep 28-Dec 31 Non-Tribal: Oct 1-Dec 31	3	15	Noon to sunset opening day (Oct 1). 10 a.m. to sunset thereafter.	Upland plus Daily Permit	\$5	\$25	\$75/Day \$300/Season	Unlimited	Rooster only. Grassrope hunters need additional \$30 daily permit. Certain areas in Grassrope Unit require additional landowner permission, see separate map.
Pheasant - Grassrope	Tribal Member: Sep 28-Oct 16 Non-Tribal: Oct 1-Oct 16				Upland				Unlimited	
Pheasant - Mini Sho Sho					Upland				Unlimited	
Pronghorn - Archery	Aug 20-Oct 30	1 per license			Archery - Any Pronghorn	\$5	\$15	\$100	5 Tribal Member 5 Non-Tribal	Grassrope excluded. One per person. Drawing August 5, 2005.
Pronghorn - General	Sep 17-Oct 30	1 per license			General - Any Pronghorn	\$10	Not available		10 Tribal Member	Grassrope excluded. Four-day package hunt. Drawing March 17, 2006.
Deer - Archery Any	Tribal Member: Sep 17-Dec 31 Non-Tribal: Sep 17-Dec 31	1 per license			Archery - Any Deer	\$5	\$20	\$100	15 Tribal Member 15 Non-Tribal	Grassrope excluded. Only two of the three licenses available per person. Drawing August 5, 2005.
Deer - Muzzleloader Any	Tribal Member: Oct 29-Dec 31 Non-Tribal: Oct 29-Dec 31	1 per license			Muzzleloader - Any Deer	\$10	\$50	\$200	130 Tribal Member 60 Non-Tribal	
Deer - General Any	Tribal Member: Oct 29-Dec 31 Non-Tribal: Nov 12-Dec 18	1 per license		1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset.	General - Any Deer	\$10	\$100	\$400	45 Tribal Member 45 Non-Tribal	Grassrope excluded. One per person. Drawing August 5, 2005.
Deer - General Antlerless	Tribal Member: Oct 29-Dec 31 Non-Tribal: Nov 12-Dec 18	1 per license			General - Any Antlerless Deer	\$5	\$30	\$100	5	Grassrope excluded. Four-day package hunt. Drawing March 17, 2006.
Deer - Package	Oct 29-Dec 18	1 per license			Package		\$2,000		2 White-tailed 1 Mule Deer	Four-day package hunt. Four-point buck or better. Drawing March 17, 2006.
Deer - Grassrope Trophy	Oct 29-Dec 18	1 per license			Grassrope Trophy Deer		\$3,000		1 Mule Deer	Once in a lifetime hunt. Tribal members only. Drawing held October 14, 2005.
Deer - Grassrope Trophy Special Drawing	Oct 29-Dec 31	1 per license			Grassrope Trophy Deer		Tribal Member only; \$10 lottery drawing		1 White-tailed	
Elk - Trophy Bull	Oct 1-Dec 18	1 per license			Elk	\$250	\$5,000		Unlimited	Three day package hunt. Drawing March 17, 2006.
Elk - Young Bull	Oct 1-Dec 18	1 per license			Elk	\$250	\$1,500 plus \$300 for each additional point		5 Tribal Member 5 Non-Tribal	Two day package hunt. Drawing March 17, 2006.
Buffalo - Trophy Bull		1 per license		1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset.	Buffalo	\$1,000	\$1,500	\$2,000	10 Tribal Member 10 Non-Tribal	Two day package hunt. Drawing March 17, 2006.
Buffalo - Young Bull	Oct 1-Dec 18	1 per license			Buffalo	\$400	\$750	\$1,000	10 Tribal Member 10 Non-Tribal	Two day package hunt. Drawing August 5, 2005.
Buffalo - Cow		1 per license			Buffalo	\$200	\$400	\$600	10 Tribal Member 10 Non-Tribal	Two day package hunt. Drawing August 5, 2005.
Furbearer	Yearlong	1 per license			Furbearer	\$5	\$10	\$20	Unlimited	Special bobcat restrictions
Waterfowl - General	Seasons established within Federal guidelines. Season dates finalized late summer.			1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset.	Waterfowl	\$5	\$15	\$30/Day \$600/Season	Unlimited	Tribal stamp required. Federal stamp required for non-tribal members. Daily pit fee required at Mni Sho Sho.
Waterfowl - Mni Sho Sho					Waterfowl - Goose Camp	\$5	\$5	\$35	Unlimited	
Trapping	See Tribal Rules and Regulations	1 Bobcat; No Limit on other Furbearers		24 hours/day	Trapping	\$5	\$10	\$20	Unlimited	Special bobcat restrictions
Fishing	Yearlong - See Tribal Rules and Regulations	1 Bobcat; No Limit on other Furbearers		24 hours/day	Fishing	\$5	\$5	\$10	Unlimited	Valid only on inland stock dams for non-tribal members; reservation wide for tribal members.
Turkey	Apr 8-May 14, 2006	1 per license		1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset.	Turkey	Tribal Member: \$10 Spouse: \$20	\$30	\$100	Limited	Drawing March 17, 2006.
Exclusive	Tribal members only. Includes upland, waterfowl (stamp is required) prairie dog, furbearer, trapping, and fishing permits.				Exclusive	\$15	Not available		Unlimited	Tribal members only.