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Outing With 'Walleye Guys' Fun Despite Conditions

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Fall; a beautiful time of the year, especially when you are on the waters of Lewis and Clark Lake as the rising sun lights up the majestic Chalkrock bluffs of its shoreline.



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Team Outdoorsmen Adventures member Larry Myhre and I were on the water early last week, spending time with a couple of The Walleye Guys guide service, Bill McGannon and Brian Bashore.

It would be one of those days with a cool start to the day, where rain gear and hooded sweatshirts would feel good in the morning but not needed temperatures would warm as the day went on.

Making the turn into the main lake, an eruption of color appeared before us as the early morning sunlight illuminated the beautiful oranges, browns, tans and reds of the Bluffs.

Bill, Brian and their partner Mike Woerth have guided for five years on Lewis & Clark Lake, Harlan County Reservoir and Sherman Reservoir as well as on Glen Elder in Kansas. All three are avid walleye anglers who fish competitively on the Nebraska Walleye Circuit.

Their 2025 and 1900 Lund Pro V SE boats are well equipped, with 200 and 250 HP Mercury's and all the latest and greatest electronics. Both boats were equipped with Minnkota Terrova i-Pilot bow mount trolling motors, large Humminbird locators/GPS units loaded with the new LakeMaster chips, showing all the changes made to the lake during the devastating flood of 2011.

Larry and I would be fishing out of Bill's boat while Brian and cameraman Jared Adamson would work out of



OUTDOORSMEN ADVENTURES PHOTO
Lewis and Clark Lake, one of the most beautiful reservoirs of the Missouri River reservoirs offers excellent walleye fishing during the fall.

the other boat. On this trip, we would be dealing with several things that could make fishing difficult, including a weather forecast, which indicated a dreaded east wind as it is said when wind blows from the east fish bite the least.

This, along with the high water releases creating the dirty water conditions, which make it difficult for fish that use their eyesight to locate food, the heavy current flows and the trash coming down stream all have a tendency to make for tough fishing conditions.

To fish the high water conditions we were facing, Bill and Brian would need to maneuver the boat and we would need to work our lines in between and around the many sticks, logs, weeds and chunks of shoreline that came drifting down river.

As Bill cut the motor, it appeared as if the weatherman had once again been wrong as the water was clear as glass, not a good sign if you are a walleye angler as some wind is always a plus when you are after walleyes, but with the muddied water, perhaps it would not make a difference.

We would be using long, ten and twelve foot rods rigged with Northland walking sinkers, floating single and double hook snells out

the side, helping to spread out our lines and to cover more water.

Bill, Larry and I would fish livebait rigs, bottom bouncer and floating snell out the back and alongside the boat. We baited our rigs with crawlers and minnows, giving the fish the opportunity to tell us which bait they preferred. Once we figured out the pattern, we would switch to what the fish wanted that day.

It would start out slow, as the best part of an hour went by, and then the first fish came in on Larry's minnow rig, a healthy eighteen-inch walleye we would later release.

Shortly thereafter, I set the hook on my minnow rig; the headshake of the fish made me think it was a walleye, which was putting up a good fight, only to have it come loose before I got it to the boat. Catch and release is good, but generally, we like to put them in a boat before releasing them.

Not long after, both Bill and I brought in a couple of Sheephead Drum or the "Sheep of the Deep" as Larry calls them. They are good fighting fish, on the bony side, but when cleaned properly make for some good eating, since we weren't keeping any fish, they too were released.

main lake. As we arrived, slight waves rippled across the water's surface, generally, a good indication the bite would pick up. Larry and I managed to pull two more micro walleyes out of the main lake hole but the keeper walleyes we had hope to pull from the spot, were not too be.

It was a beautiful day on Lewis and Clark Lake, time well spent on the most picturesque of the South Dakota Missouri River Reservoirs, allowing us to spend time with some old and some new friends, where we boated four good walleyes, along with several short ones, drum, pike, white bass and a gar.

Fall is a good time for big fish on Lewis and Clark and The Walleye Guys know where to look for them.

More information on the guys is found at <http://www.thewalleyeguys.com>.

It is a good bet we will be back once things settle down on the lake, in pursuit of the good size walleyes lying in wait for our baits to drift by them.

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OUTDOORS DIGEST

Yankton Sigh In Day Sept. 28

The Yankton Sharpshooters will be holding its annual Sigh In Day on Saturday, Sept. 28 at the range located five miles west of Walmart and 2.5 miles north of Highway 50.

Hours will be 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Targets and rests will be provided. All guns must be unloaded before entering range. See one of the range officers before removing guns from vehicles.

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LINCOLN, Neb. — The Arbor Day Foundation and the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission have finalized a unique cooperative agreement for the Foundation to manage and operate Arbor Lodge State Historical Park. The Nebraska Game and Parks Commission will retain ownership of the park, which the Morton family gave to the state of Nebraska in 1923. The Foundation currently manages Lied Lodge and Arbor Day Farm, which are adjacent to the park.

The change in management of Arbor Lodge State Historical Park will take effect on Nov. 1, 2014. Arbor Lodge State Historical Park will continue to offer weddings, family reunions, special events and educational tours of the historic home and surrounding arboretum.

"We are tremendously excited to bring the same kind of guest service to Arbor Lodge State Historical Park that people enjoy today at Lied Lodge and Arbor Day Farm," said Matt Harris, Arbor Day Foundation chief executive.

Arbor Lodge State Historical Park was the home of J. Sterling Morton, Arbor Day founder, and was named a National Historic Landmark by the National Park Service in 1975. Game and Parks soon will begin making \$1.5 million in improvements to the property. That figure is part of \$17 million allocated by the Legislature for improvements across the Nebraska State Park system. Arbor Lodge State Historical Park will remain open to the public.

600 Riders Take Part In Mickelson Trail Trek

LEAD — According to state Division of Parks and Recreation officials, three days of sunshine helped make last weekend's 17th annual Mickelson Trail Trek a success.

"The beautiful Black Hills scenery and fall colors help attract riders each year," said Dana Garry, Mickelson Trail manager. "The ride went well, and we couldn't have asked for better weather especially after last week's snow. We were excited to have the maximum 600 riders, several were returning for their 17th year."

This year's event, held Sept. 19-21, brought people to the Black Hills from 27 states as well as Canada and Germany. Over the three days, trekkers rode past scenic Sheep Canyon and Crazy Horse Monument, across the Freedom Bridge south of Mystic and into Lead-Deadwood on the final leg of the trail.

"Staff from the South Dakota Division of Parks and Recreation, along with many volunteers, worked hard to pull this year's Trail Trek together," Garry said. "We would especially like to acknowledge and thank the volunteers and the Chambers of Commerce that greeted the trekkers with water, snacks, ice cream and meals along the way."

The annual ride is held the third weekend of September, with the 2015 Trail Trek scheduled for Sept. 18-20. Online registration should be available in December, and Garry encourages riders to sign up as early as possible to ensure a spot in the ride. The trek is limited to 600 riders.

The Mickelson Trail was recently named number one of the 10 Best Car-Free Bike Paths in the USA by bicycling.com.

Huskers

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State, after Josh Ferguson went 75 yards for a touchdown on Illinois' first play from scrimmage, the Illini punted after three plays on their next four possessions.

"We're either really good or really bad," offensive coordinator Bill Cubit said. "Sometimes you attribute that to young kids, sometimes it's just the nature of what the (other team's doing). It's just one big mental game for three hours."

The Illini will be going against a Nebraska defense that's given up touchdowns on its first series in three of the first four games.

WATCH OUT, WES: The game features one of the Big Ten's best defensive fronts against one of the league's worst offensive lines. If Nebraska star end Randy Gregory isn't in pass coverage, look for him in the Illini back-

field chasing Wes Lunt. Illinois has allowed nine sacks, including six by Washington two weeks ago. Gregory, fellow end Greg McMullen and tackle Vincent Valentine have combined for 6 1/2 of the Huskers' eight sacks.

FOCUS ON FERGUSON: Nebraska's biggest defensive challenge might be keeping Ferguson under control. Ferguson ran for 114 yards and had 82 yards in receptions in last year's game in Lincoln, and he's coming off a career-best 190 yards rushing against Texas State last week.

HAPPY RETURN: With a 45-yard interception return for a touchdown last week,

V'Angelo Bentley became the second player in Illinois history to return a kick, punt and interception for a TD in his career. The only other player to do it: Harold "Red" Grange.

RED ON RED: Nebraska will wear all-red alternate uniforms. The "Red Rising" uniforms feature black metallic stripes on the jersey and pants, black and silver metallic numbers and a large "N" on the chest. The Huskers wore all-black uniforms against UCLA last year.

Associated Press Writer David Mercer in Champaign, Illinois, contributed to this report.

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