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THE LMDA ANCHOR

A LITTLE LUCK GOES A LONG WAY...

March is the month for luck – but keeping Lake Madison strong isn't luck, it's the support of members like you!

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Get Ready for the 2026 LMDA Directory

We're hard at work putting the finishing touches on the 2026 Directory! This essential resource is our gift to you – included automatically with your annual LMDA membership. Don't miss out on being part of the network. **Join us or renew your membership** to make sure your copy is reserved.



Save the Date:

Golf
Tournament
May 30th



June 13th

Boater Safety
Training



Our Mission:

Our mission is to to promote water safety and to protect the water quality, natural resources, and ecosystems of Lake Madison and the surrounding watershed by promoting conservation, research, and education so the natural beauty and environment of the lake and surrounding area may be preserved for the enjoyment of people today and for generations to come.

Want to give back to the community you love? Volunteer for the Lake Madison Development Association Board of Directors! Your skills and perspective can make a real impact.

Reach out to Imdasd@outlook.com to get involved!



Protecting South Dakota Waters from Invasive Zebra Mussels

South Dakota's lakes and rivers are treasured places for fishing, boating, and spending time outdoors. However, these waters face a growing threat from an invasive species known as the zebra mussel (often misspelled as "zebra muscle"). Zebra mussels are small freshwater shellfish that can cause serious damage to ecosystems, water systems, and recreational areas.

What are Zebra Mussels?

Zebra mussels are tiny, striped shellfish originally from eastern Europe and western Asia. They were first discovered in North America in the late 1980s and have since spread to many lakes and rivers across the United States. Zebra mussels attach themselves to hard surfaces using strong fibers called byssal threads. They can quickly multiply and form dense clusters on rocks, docks, boat hulls, and water intake pipes.

Why are they a problem?

Although they are small, zebra mussels create big challenges:

- Damage to infrastructure: They clog water intake pipes used for municipal water systems, irrigation, and power plants.
- Harm to native species: Zebra mussels filter large amounts of water for food, removing plankton that native fish and mussels depend on.
- Recreation impacts: Sharp shells can accumulate along shorelines, making beaches uncomfortable or unsafe for swimmers.
- Costly maintenance: Communities and businesses often spend significant money removing mussels from equipment and facilities.

Zebra Mussels in South Dakota

Several South Dakota waters have confirmed zebra mussel populations. Once established, they are extremely difficult to eliminate. Because their microscopic larvae can survive in small amounts of water, zebra mussels often spread through recreational boating and fishing equipment.

How You Can Help

Everyone who enjoys South Dakota's waters can help slow the spread of zebra mussels by following three simple steps:

Clean: Remove all plants, mud, and animals from boats, trailers, and equipment.

Drain: Drain water from boats, motors, live wells, and bait containers before leaving a waterbody.

Dry: Allow boats and gear to dry completely before entering another lake or river.

Stay Informed

Organizations such as the South Dakota Game, Fish, and Parks work to monitor invasive species and educate the public about protecting local waterways. By staying informed and practicing good boating habits, residents and visitors can help protect South Dakota's lakes and rivers for future generations.

Together, we can keep South Dakota waters healthy, safe, and enjoyable for everyone. 



RIDE. REMEMBER. ROCK.

MADISON, SOUTH DAKOTA

100 MILE

THE HEADLINER



THE MAIN EVENT!
LOUD & LEGENDARY.

50 MILE

JAM SESSION



WHERE THE GROOVE
REALLY KICKS IN.

25 MILE

SOUNDHECK



A WARM UP FOR THE
CROWD.

\$10,000 PURSE FOR HEADLINER RACE!

[^ Click above for MadTown Bike Jam Details ^](#)



Game, Fish & Parks Update

Spring is Almost Here! Exciting Changes at Lake Madison!

Before you know it, spring will be upon us! The transition from snow and ice to open water and chirping birds is just around the corner. As the seasons change, so do the opportunities to enjoy Lake Madison.

The **South Dakota Game, Fish & Parks (GFP)** team is already hard at work preparing for a busy boating season – preparing for the installation of docks, opening facilities, and getting everything ready for visitors. GFP maintains **three boat ramps and four properties** on Lake Madison, and we provide an online resource to keep you informed about lake access: **STATE ACCESS MAP**.

Exciting improvements are also underway at **Walker's Point Recreation Area**. To better serve visitors, we've made several upgrades:

- **Cabins relocated** to the campground area for improved convenience and a better experience for overnight guests.
- **Picnic shelter moved** to the Point, creating a scenic spot for gatherings and events.
- **Expanded boat ramp parking:** Demand for boat access has grown every year, and the old parking lot was getting tight. We've added **25 new parking spaces** to accommodate more users.

These changes not only improve access but also enhance the overall experience for everyone who visits Walker's Point Recreation Area. We invite you to come and see all of the new improvements for yourself. Lake Madison is ready for another great season – make plans to enjoy it!

Lake Madison Rec Trail



Donate to the Rec Trail Maintenance Fund

Donate to the Rec Trail Program Fund

NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM

Membership is vital to the future of the museum and its programs. Already a member? Considering becoming a member? Join us at the museum after-hours!

March 26, 6:00 - 7:00 pm

- A showing of the local, 1929 film, *Dakotah!*
- Dakota Cinema Popcorn
- Behind the Scenes Tour
- A variety of exhibits
- Lake County Historical Society membership information




Why a Trauma Kit Could Save a Life

When you're spending time on the road or enjoying the lake, emergencies can happen when you least expect them. In severe trauma situations – such as boat prop injuries, serious lacerations, or major accidents – the first few minutes are critical. Having the right emergency supplies readily available in your vehicle or on your boat can make the difference between life and death while waiting for first responders to arrive.

A properly stocked trauma bag contains tools specifically designed to control severe bleeding and manage life-threatening injuries. Items such as **tourniquets and compression bandages** help control massive bleeding, while **sterile gauze** can be used to pack deep wounds and maintain pressure. **Chest seals** are designed to close open chest wounds, allowing the lungs to continue functioning. Simple tools such as **trauma shears** allow you to quickly cut away life jackets to access an injury, and **CPR face shields** provide protection when performing lifesaving CPR.

Other small but important items – including **disposable gloves, emergency blankets, tape, and vehicle escape tools** – add another layer of preparedness. Escape tools can cut seatbelts or life jackets in an emergency, while gloves and shields protect the person providing aid.

These supplies aren't intended for minor cuts or everyday first aid – they are meant for true trauma situations where immediate action is required to preserve life. Having them within reach gives bystanders the ability to respond quickly and potentially stabilize someone until emergency personnel arrive.

Preparedness saves lives. Keeping a trauma kit in your vehicle or boat ensures that if the unthinkable happens, you have the tools needed to help when every second counts.



Lake Restaurants

Click on each logo to bring up that restaurant's Facebook.

