



Valley City

National Fish Hatchery

Fishing Information

Welcome

Welcome to Valley City National Fish Hatchery (NFH), one of 71 hatcheries in the National Fish Hatchery System. Managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Hatchery System is a living heritage, conserving aquatic species for people today and for generations to come.

About the Hatchery

Valley City NFH includes the main hatchery near Valley City, North Dakota and a sub-unit at Baldhill Dam, located approximately 10 miles to the northwest. The Hatcheries help provide quality fishing opportunities in North Dakota and throughout the Great Plains Region.

Location and Hours

Valley City NFH is located in the Sheyenne River Valley, three miles northwest of Valley City, North Dakota, along County Road 17. The Hatchery office is open from 7:30 am to 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The Hatchery grounds are open during daylight hours.

Information and Regulations

We invite you to participate in fishing opportunities at the Hatchery. Fishing regulations are set by the North Dakota Game and Fish Department and must be observed. Additional Federal regulations for National Fish Hatcheries can be found online in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 50, Parts 27, 70, and 71.

Fish species in the Sheyenne River include northern pike, smallmouth bass, largemouth bass, white bass, yellow perch, walleye, black crappie, bluegill, bullhead, and common carp. Several non-game minnow species also inhabit the Sheyenne River, which is located along the Hatchery boundary.

South of the main entrance road is the Pomeroy Day Use Area with a shelter, hiking trail, pollinator garden, and access to the Sheyenne River. Between the main entrance and the office is a day use area with picnic tables and shelter, grill, and a gravel boat launch for accessing the Sheyenne River.

Bank and Shoreline Fishing

The Kid's Fish Pond, located near the office building, is stocked annually with rainbow trout. Black crappie, bluegill, and yellow perch are stocked periodically. You are invited to fish from the shore or from the dock. There is bank fishing access to the Sheyenne River from the day use areas.

Archery and Spearfishing

Archery and spearfishing for non-game fish is allowed in accordance with State regulations. Fish may not be returned to the water or left on the Hatchery grounds after they are shot with an arrow or speared.

Canoe, Kayak, and Boat Access to the Sheyenne River

A gravel boat launch is located on the Hatchery grounds. Chautauqua Park, located in Valley City, has a concrete boat ramp that provides access for larger watercraft.

General Regulations

- Vehicles must stay on public roads.
- Vehicles and trailers must not block access points.
- Pets must be on a leash and under the control of the owner.

Prohibited Activities

- Fishing on the Hatchery rearing ponds
- Boating on the Kid's Fish Pond or rearing ponds

- Water activities unrelated to fishing (swimming, jet skiing, sailing, water skiing)
- Ice fishing
- Use of snowmobiles and all other off-road vehicles
- Hunting
- Camping
- Open fires
- Fireworks
- Littering

Accessibility Information

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|  Hatchery boundary |  Hatchery office |
|  County road |  Parking |
|  Railroad |  Restroom |
|  Hatchery road (open to public) |  Day use area |
|  Hiking trail |  Girl Scout camp |
|  Rearing ponds (no fishing) |  Fishing dock |
|  Linked symbols designate accessible features |  Gravel boat launch |

