

Burchard Lake Renovation Nearly Complete

(KTNC) - Renovation is nearly complete at one of the area's best largemouth bass fisheries.

Daryl Bauer, the Fisheries Outreach Program Manager with the Nebraska Game and Parks Department, says Burchard Lake was drawn down last year for repairs to the outlet of the dam, in addition to several upgrades. (play audio :20 "fill it back up.")

Bauer says that while Burchard Lake is known primarily for it's fishing, it's also somewhat notorious for another native inhabitant. (play audio :22 "still there.")

The Massasauga rattler is one of only four kinds of poisonous snakes in Nebraska, along with the prairie rattlesnake, timber rattlesnake and copperhead.

Bauer says they originally hoped to reopen the lake at the start of April, but no firm reopening date has been set, as yet. He says the lake has been a great fishery because of good water quality and significant vegetation for fish habitat.