

Nebraska Fun to Cool Off On Hot Summer Days

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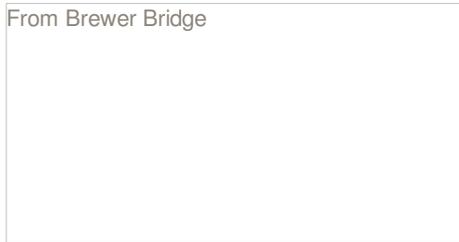
With some sunscreen and sunglasses, hot summer days are best spent at one of Nebraska's water destinations. A variety of activities on the water can be found throughout the state to help you cool off and have fun. From Lake McConaughy to Branched Oak Lake, Nebraska offers plenty of lakes and a whole host of reservoirs across the state. Activities include the usual suspects, such as boating or canoeing, but you might also find kiteboarding.

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With lots of wind and lots of water, Lake McConaughy near Ogallala, Neb. is the perfect place for kiteboarding. To get you started, [The Kite Ranch](#) offers lessons, equipment and camper rentals as well as storage for RVs, boats and water toys. With all of this in one spot, you're sure to get a wind-induced adrenaline rush out on the water. If a low-key water setting is what you seek, enjoy a romantic [gondola ride](#) in Omaha's Heartland of America Park. It's a little slice of Venice in the heartland! You won't just find airboats in the Florida Everglades—[airboat](#) tours also take place on the Platte River. Buckle your seatbelt and hang on tight as you quickly glide across the river way. With this unique mode of transportation, you'll see more sights than you would from a slow-moving canoe.

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Many Nebraska rivers, including the [Niobrara National Scenic River](#) and Elkhorn River, offer tubing, kayaking or canoeing. But for a true Nebraska experience, consider tanking. The tradition of floating down a river in a stock tank began in the Sandhills, but it can now be enjoyed across the state. Some of the best rivers that feature tanking are the [Elkhorn River](#), [Dismal River](#) and [Middle Loup River](#) with their respective rental companies. If a little bit of history is what you crave while you're on the water, you can embrace the spirit of exploration by retracing Lewis and Clark's route [with a trip down the Missouri River](#).

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As you can see, Nebraska has some pretty wild water adventures to suit everyone's tastes. Find additional Nebraska water getaways at VisitNebraska.com.