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Sandy Channel Open To The Public

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Sandy Channel Wildlife Area, south of the Elm Creek I-80 interchange, has been re-opened to the public as of last Friday, September 27. Sandy Channel is one of 29 parks closed by the state from September 16 to May 1 due to a budget shortfall.

Three area businesses have “Adopted” the park in order to have it open to the public and especially to scuba divers in central and eastern Nebraska.

- Heartland Scuba Center in Kearney
- Heartland Scuba Center in Lincoln
- Husker Divers in Lincoln

The “Adoption” requires that the three businesses agree to perform all maintenance of the park till May 1. This “Adoption” provides a great example of competing businesses working together for the benefit of everyone.

Sandy Channel provides clear water for divers from North Platte to Omaha. It is the only lake in central or eastern Nebraska with the reliable clarity needed for diving that is also open to the public. If divers could simply go somewhere else to dive, they would, but Sandy Channel is a unique property not matched by any of the other state-owned lakes.

If anyone is willing to volunteer some time to help keep Sandy Channel open to the public, contact Ron Johns at Heartland Scuba Center in Kearney: 308-237-7943.