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Day Trips



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Tryst Falls

There are few natural waterfalls in Missouri, but one of the most scenic is located nearby on Highway 92 between Kearney and Excelsior Springs and is an easy drive from Cameron.

Tryst Falls is not huge but is a good 10-foot-wide with about a 7-foot drop from a natural stone stream bed and is very scenic. According

to local historians, the falls received its name because it was a meeting place for lovers. It is a very peaceful spot and a perfect location in which to relax and enjoy nature.

The park has three open-side shelters and picnic tables along with grills for cooking. There is a playground and enough room for a relaxing stroll. But its main attraction is the falls and is an excellent spot to merely sit in the sunshine

and be mesmerized by the falling water, flowing into a placid pool.

The falls is generally at its prettiest in the spring and can become a torrent during heavy rains. In late summer it often becomes a mere trickle. It is a perfect place for a day-trip picnic and is little more than 30 minutes from Cameron. It is worth a visit.

Moon Marble

Lost your marbles? You



can replace them at the Moon Marble Company in Bonner Springs, Kansas. The short one-hour drive from Cameron takes you to a former wood-working shop, rather drab and plain on the outside, but inside you'll find a world of color and shiny glass object, many hand-made within the store.

You will find tons of marbles in a wide array of colors and sizes. The marbles vary in size from the "pee wee" at 1/2 inch, to the "toe breaker" at 2 inches--and a variety of sizes in between. Bulk marbles can be purchased in a "pick 'n choose" fashion allowing a full range of colors and designs.

The biggest attraction is the marble-making demonstration. An artisan starts with different colored glass tubes, heats them to a molten mass, adds tiny pieces of "scrap glass" places the molten mass in a graphite mold and begins shaping the marble. The process takes 15-20 minutes and there are football type bleachers for the audience as well as a TV screen to watch the process. After the marble is complete it goes into a "cooling" chamber for about

8 hours. Demonstrations do not occur on a regular schedule, but people can phone ahead to learn when they will take place.

You want to budget a little time for the visit as there is a lot to see. Children seemed almost overwhelmed with the colorful variety and spent considerable time picking out their favorite colors and designs. It is a fun adventure.

The shop contains a huge supply of marbles and glass objects ranging from the inexpensive to over \$800. Moon Marble has had visitors from all 50 states and 34 countries and is practically in our back yard.

Moon Marble is located at 600 E. Front Street in Bonner Springs and can be reached at 913-441-1432.

Evel Knieval Museum

Many of us remember Evel Knieval and his motorcycle escapades and misadventures. A huge television audience witnessed his failed attempt to jump across the Snake River Canyon in Idaho. Any time there was a televised jump, television viewers turned in to watch his

daring and life-threatening theatrics. He broke many bones over the years and spent a lot of time in hospitals. As Evel (Bobby Knieval—his real name) stated, "I created Evel Knieval, and then he sort of got away from me".

Few know that the National Evel Knieval Museum is located in Topeka, Kansas, close enough to make a day trip. Knieval fans will enjoy the trip. The museum is full of Knieval artifacts, his motorcycles, helmets, his "Big Red" Mack Truck and trailer, and the ill-fated Skycycle. There are videos and a virtual reality experience of jumping over 15 police cars which is very realistic and requires museum personnel as "riders" sometimes tend to panic. The museum is located at 2047 SW Topeka Blvd., and can be reached at 785-215-6205.

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Prairie Chickens Endangered Despite Conservation Efforts

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The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) reports that Missouri's endangered prairie-chickens have dwindled to dangerously low numbers despite decades of conservation efforts. A bird once sustained on vast open grasslands now only has relatively small islands of usable habitat for nesting, feeding, and protection from predators and weather. That's not enough for prairie-chickens, and perhaps for many other grassland species.

According to MDC, a notable historic prairie-chicken population at the Taberville Prairie Conservation Area in St. Clair County, north of El Dorado Springs, is close to extirpation, which means a species ceases to exist in a geographic area. Also, restoration efforts at the nearby Wah' Kon-Tah Prairie, including releasing prairie-chickens trapped in Kansas, have not achieved a self-sustaining population.

Prairie-chickens trapped in Nebraska and released at Dunn Ranch in Harrison County in northwest Missouri, and in a neighboring Iowa County, between 2013-2017, are showing resiliency from a low of only 3 birds in 2012. That's thanks to conservation partnerships between MDC, the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, private landowners, The Nature Conservancy, and other public agencies in the Grand River Grasslands in northwest Missouri. Long-term success depends on hard work in both states.

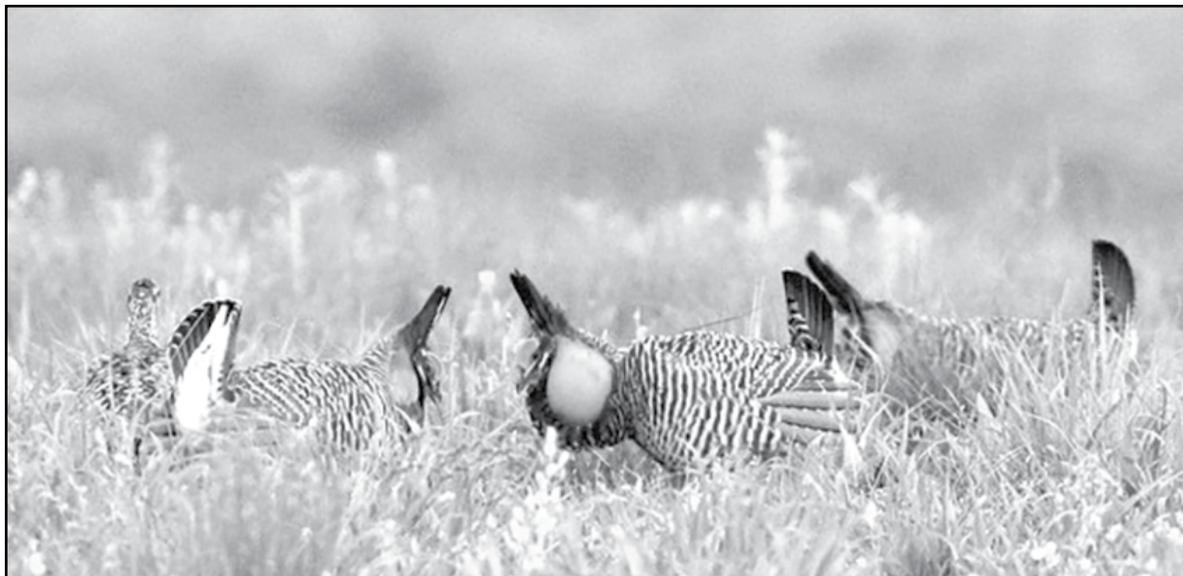
But still, biologists are not optimistic about the future in Missouri for a bird that's an emblem of native grasslands, one as iconic as big bluestem grasses or pale purple coneflowers swaying in the wind. "We've learned how to provide excellent habitat for prairie-chickens," said Max Alleger, grassland biologist for MDC. "But there is still not enough of this habitat across Missouri."

In 2018, MDC biologists counted only six males using the leks, or spring mating grounds, at Taberville Prairie, and only two were observed on a lek at Wah' Kon-Tah. The count was 33 males at leks on or near The Nature Conservancy's Dunn Ranch. Females are more difficult to count but their numbers are generally equal to males. Biologists will watch the leks again this spring.

About the birds

Prairie-chickens, a member of the grouse family, are known for their spring mating rituals on leks, also called booming grounds. The "booming" comes from a sound males make as they puff out the orange pouches on their throats while stomping their feet and fanning their feathers in a dance to attract females.

Greater prairie-chickens are the species of grassland grouse native to Missouri. They numbered in the hundreds of thousands across open prairies as the 1800s began.



A diverse mixture of grasses, wildflowers, and shrubs provided food and shelter. That habitat helped prairie-chickens survive and produce lots of young to overcome high mortality rates from predators, nest predation, and weather events.

What happened

But the prairies were converted to farms and towns. Less than one-tenth of one percent of the state's original prairie remains. The remaining unplowed prairie parcels are small remnants, unconnected islands in a greatly changed landscape. Non-native pasture grasses such as smooth brome, timothy, and red top when interspersed with crop lands can also support prairie-chickens. Yet even those favorable grasslands are relatively scarce and scattered on Missouri's landscape today.

Prairie-chickens have survived far beyond the elk and bison that also roamed and grazed on the state's grasslands until the 1800s. Yet their decline has been steady. In the World War II era, estimates of the state's prairie-chicken population ranged only from 5,000 to 13,000 birds in scattered flocks. By 1998, the tally was estimated at 1,000 birds. They dropped to 200 birds by 2006. Today, less than 100 remain and those birds are imperiled.

During the decline, prairie-chickens held on near prairie remnants. But those remnants became pockets of usable habitat for a bird that can sometimes range for several miles seeking food and shelter. With such a great distance between populations, there were no neighboring birds to replenish populations if a significant predator or weather event decimated a flock in a local grassland.

Impacts to other species

The ecological challenge is not limited to a high-profile species like prairie-chickens. Other species of grassland birds are also declining in alarming trends. Surveys show that even meadowlarks, oft-seen with their bright yellow breast feathers as they trill atop fence posts in summer, are declining in numbers.

MDC's efforts to restore prairie-chickens and boost all grassland plant and animal species has been ongoing for decades. Those efforts intensified in recent years as prairie-chicken numbers dropped sharply. Birds were trapped in western states and released in core areas. Some released birds were outfitted with small transmitters so biologists could track their habitat preferences.

What it takes

Research showed the varied mix of native grasses and wildflowers that prairie-chickens preferred for nesting, brood rearing, and overwintering. They like high ridges with grass low enough for them

to see over but tall enough to hide them from predators. Variety in vegetation helps. They need heavier cover for nesting, more open areas for brood rearing, and the medium vegetation heights for feeding and resting. Plants that harbor insects and seeds they feed upon are essential. Controlled and limited grazing by livestock mimics buffalo and elk, providing variety in vegetation height and opening travel lanes.

MDC and conservation partners tailored habitat management on public and private prairies to help prairie-chickens. Some private landowners assisted by utilizing grants or cost-share programs to incorporate favorable grassland management, or to remove trees that harbor predators and inhibit prairie-chicken movement.

What's ahead

Still, in the last two decades, several longtime flocks in north, west central, and southwest Missouri completely vanished from old strongholds. MDC has

learned much about what land use practices help prairie-chickens, and what uses are detrimental. But the scope of good habitat establishment has not been large enough to stem declines. Biologists estimate at least a 10,000-acre core area is needed to sustain prairie chickens. The core area can include crops and cattle grazing pastures that are managed in ways not detrimental to prairie-chickens. But prairie-chickens would likely need to be trapped in western states and released once a decade to maintain genetic diversity in the core area.

Currently, there are no plans to conduct more trapping of prairie-chickens in the West and releasing them in Missouri unless sufficient habitat is there to sustain them. MDC will continue to work with private landowners to restore functioning grassland ecosystems, regardless of the success or loss of prairie-chickens. Many other important prairie species remain to be preserved, such as the regal fritillary butterfly and the Mead's milkweed wildflower. Healthy native and non-native grasslands benefit agriculture, fisheries, and wildlife.

Prairie is an important part of Missouri's natural and cultural heritage. MDC and conservation partners are committed to saving and restoring prairie species and making native grassland acreages both large and small an important part of the state's future.

For more information on prairie chickens in Missouri, go to mdc.mo.gov.

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Fun Fishing

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On a warm sunny day, a number of years ago I took my teenage daughter and one of her classmates fishing. It was the first fishing experience for the classmate, and my daughter had only been a couple of times, catching a few small fish.

Using grasshopper for bait (which I had to place on the hook), both girls caught a channel cat in the 5-6 pound range. Both fish put up a good fight with lots of splashing. They were thrilled.

I don't think either of them ever went fishing again, but some 30 years later, both clearly remember "their" fish and the fun involved.



Fishing does not necessarily require a lot of expense. The two girls took turns with one rod and reel, and the bait was captured in grass around the pond. The trip was certainly less than two hours, but the memories will last a lifetime.

Take a young person fishing. Build some memories.

Spring Snakes

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If you enjoy spending time outdoors in nature, do not let the fear of snakes interfere with your enjoyment. Most of the snakes you might encounter will be harmless to humans, and absolutely as much afraid of you as you might be of them. Almost always they will simply try to get away.

The snake you are most likely to run across is the common garter snake--longitudinal yellow or orange stripes which make them appear faster than they actually are! Both garter snakes and water snakes can be found around any area of water. Both will bite if handled.

An interesting snake to encounter is the Eastern hognose snake (a slightly upturned snout). When they feel threatened, they put on a fierce, harmless, and comical display. They will spread their neck (similar to a cobra), hiss loudly, and feign strikes (they very rarely actually bite). When harassed, they will "play dead", rolling onto their backs, displaying their whitish bottoms and opening their mouths. The comic



Photo courtesy of Missouri Department of Conservation

part happens when you roll them back onto their stomachs. They will roll back upside down---"see, I'm dead".

Of course, there are some snakes in this area which can be dangerous--rattlesnakes and copperheads. The rule is to be careful where you step, especially in tall grass, around logs, and rocky areas. Remember, snake bites are rare.

Snakes are as much a part of nature as squirrels and rabbits and play an important role in rodent control. Don't let them spoil enjoyment of the outdoors. Simply leave them alone and go on your way. They'll do the same.



When it comes time to set an asking price, don't let your emotions get involved. Prospective buyers don't harbor the same attachment to your property as you do, so a price that is set too high will only discourage them from making an offer.

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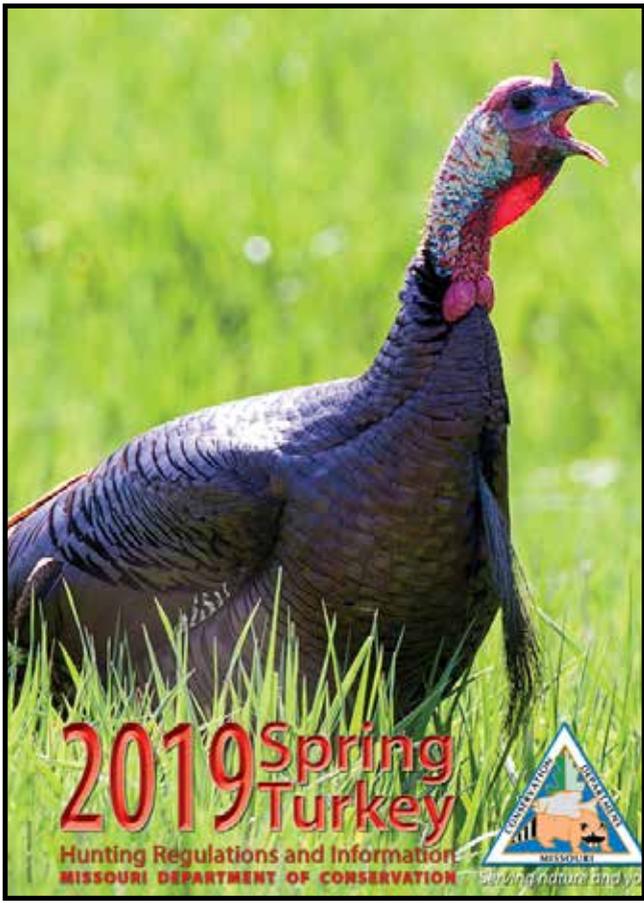
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MDC Forecasts Challenging Spring Turkey Season



about spring turkey hunting, visit MDC’s website at huntfish.mdc.mo.gov/hunting-trapping/species/turkey

Hunter Safety

Isabelle stressed that hunters can easily avoid the main cause of turkey-hunting incidents —mistaking or being mistaken by another hunter for wild game. “Each year, most turkey hunting incidents typically involve hunters who fail to positively identify their targets,” said

Isabelle. “Unless you are absolutely certain that what you’re looking at is a wild turkey, remember that any movement you see or any sounds you hear while you’re hunting could be another hunter.” He also advised hunters to wear some hunter-orange clothing when moving through the woods or fields, particularly when hunting public land. “Bringing along an orange hat is an easy way to stay safe”, said Isabelle. “Wear it when you’re moving

and switch it for your camouflaged hat when you sit down to work a bird.”

Isabelle also noted that many turkey hunting incidents involve members of the same hunting party.

“If you’re hunting with someone else and you split up, be certain you know where your hunting partner will be at all times,” he advised.

Brag a Bit

MDC hunting certificates are great ways to

memorialize a hunter’s first turkey harvest. To create free MDC commemorative certificates, go online to huntfish.mdc.mo.gov/hunting-trapping/trophies-certificates/certificates.

Hunters can share photos of their harvests through MDC’s Hunting Bragging Board by using #mdcbragboard when posting pictures to their social media accounts. Learn more at mdc.mo.gov/huntingbragboard.

Submitted

Missouri turkey hunters can expect a challenging spring season according to the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC). The spring turkey hunting season starts with a youth-only weekend April 6-7. The regular spring season runs April 15 through May 5.

Although the good hatches of 2011, 2012, and 2014 helped bolster turkey numbers in much of Missouri from a low point during the late 2000s, poor production in recent years will have an adverse effect on the 2019 spring turkey season. “A great deal of what makes for a good spring turkey season depends on the hatch two years prior because it affects the number of two-year-old gobblers on the landscape,” MDC Turkey Biologist Jason Isabelle said. “These young gobblers are not associated with hens as often as older, dominate birds and are more likely to respond to hunters’ calls.”

Unfortunately, poor production throughout the state during 2017 will result in fewer two-year-old gobblers during this year’s spring hunting season. Isabelle added that poor production in 2016 and last year will also contribute to this year’s challenging conditions. “We’ve had three years of very poor production,” said Isabelle. “When that happens, you’re going to see the effects on turkey harvest for several years until production and turkey numbers rebound.” Considering the prospects for the 2019 spring season, hunters should be prepared to put in a bit more effort to be successful this year.

“When turkey numbers are down, it becomes even more important to do your homework” said Isabelle.

“Hunters should get out to their hunting areas as much as possible before the season to listen for birds gobbling at daybreak.”

Isabelle noted that it gives hunters an advantage to know where turkeys are spending most of their time after they fly down. “Using binoculars to spot turkeys feeding in open areas or looking for signs of where turkeys have been feeding in the timber can help hunters be in the right area when the hunting season gets here,” he said.

Although the prospects for this year’s spring season aren’t encouraging, this isn’t the first-time poor turkey production has reduced turkey numbers in Missouri. After reaching a population peak in the early-to-mid 2000s, Missouri’s turkey population experienced four years of poor production from 2007–2010, causing the population to decline. However, Isabelle noted that turkey numbers rebounded following several years of improved production. “In much of the state, production rebounded in 2011, 2012, and 2014,” said Isabelle. “As a result, turkey numbers increased, and hunters generally had better hunting seasons in the years that followed. The variability of turkey production can result in wide fluctuations in turkey numbers.”

Get More Information

Get detailed information on spring turkey hunting from MDC’s 2019 Spring Turkey Hunting Regulations and Information booklet, available from MDC offices and nature centers, other places where permits are sold, and online at huntfish.mdc.mo.gov/spring-turkey-hunting-regulations-and-information.

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Basic Sizing for Bow or Firearm



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Choosing the proper equipment makes a massive difference in your hunting experience. When you are first starting out, standing in front of a large selection of bows and firearms can be overwhelming. Local hunter and owner of the BowHut, Richard Oitker has some advice.

When selecting a bow:

Begin by determining which eye is dominant. Being a left handed or right handed archer is about your eyes not your hand dexterity. A simple exercise is to find an object on the wall, hold your arm out straight in a thumbs up, line your thumb up with the object. Now close your left eye and notice how far your thumb appeared to shift from the object. Open your left eye, then repeat the process by closing your right eye. Whichever eye you had open where your thumb moved off the target least is your dominant eye. The bow you purchase should be shot from the side of your dominant eye.

Next measure your draw length. According to Richard, an easy way to do this is to make a fist and then place your fist with knuckles flat against the wall. Measure the inches from the wall to the middle of your shoulder. This is your draw length.

Next evaluate the pounds you are capable of pulling and also the purpose of your shooting. If you are hunting, you want to make sure the poundage is enough to bring down your target quickly. Though it is no longer required the state used to recommend a minimum of a 40-pound pull for hunting and that is still what Richard recommends, "you've got to respect the animal and shoot through them if you can". If you are target shooting you may opt for a lighter weight as the repeated draw is likely to cause arm or shoulder fatigue. Typically, Richard uses a "draw bow" and will have a person try a couple different draws and adjust until they find the right fit.

"You've got to be comfortable pulling the pounds and the draw width. Those are the major two things on a bow," emphasized Richard. According to Richard, bows

are far lighter in and of themselves now and with different gear available an archer can easily draw more poundage with very little effort. "A lot of these bow now are 80 percent let off and with so many shoulder problems a bunch of people are moving to crossbows". Prior to two years ago you had to be disabled or handicapped in order to hunt with a cross bow but now ages 6 and up can hunt with a cross bow. According to Richard a lot of people including girls and women

have taken up hunting now that crossbows are permitted. "The crossbow makes it that much easier for a lot of people and offers a distinct advantage when turkey hunting; same as a shotgun".

According to Richard, "You pretty much want to be on the ground hunting turkey. You don't want to be up in a tree. The owls and the hawks are their primary predator and turkey are used to looking up. They have great eyesight and good

ears. When they see you move to draw that's it...The advantage of a crossbow is like a shotgun, it's already cocked". Crossbows do not require any special measurements. As long as you can hold it up and cock it you can use it. Richard has been an avid bow hunter for 48 years and has run the BowHut for about 23 of those years. "I never thought archery would be where it's at now...just the speed out of these bows...and the price...they can cost more than a gun," mused Richard.

Sizing firearms really depend on a person's age and size. Youth should have a youth gun; a good 410 with a choke or a full choke is about right for most youth hunters. Older youth that are slighter in stature and many beginning lady shooters are likely best with a 20 gauge. Those of more solid stature tend to use a 12-gauge. All hunters, including youth must be able to hold their gun up and shoot it themselves.

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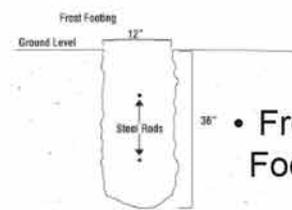
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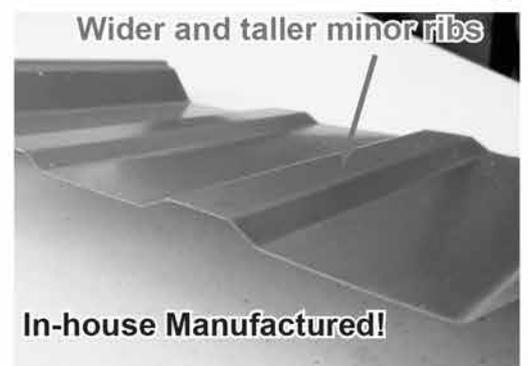
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Where to look and how to approach

Many fish are constantly on the move, looking for food. You can either intercept them or wait for them to come to you. If you know you are in a good spot—for example, where you have seen other people catching fish or have caught them yourself—then it might be best to wait for them to return.

Be patient

If you are fishing unfamiliar waters, then it is often wiser to search for good fishing spots. Keep in mind, however, that even the best fishing holes do not produce nonstop action. Patience has always been a virtue among anglers.

Be sneaky

Being quiet is almost as important as being patient. The bigger the fish, the more

skittish they are. Commotion on a dock, along the shore or in a boat can scare fish away or cause them to stop feeding. Conversation is fine but jumping or running or banging equipment will reduce your catch. Think sneaky. You can usually get closer to fish under cloudy or windy conditions or in flowing water. When trout fishing in streams, wear muted colors and keep a low profile. Try not to let your shadow fall over areas you are fishing. Stealth also applies to the way you present your bait or lure. Don't cast directly to the spot where you think the fish are. Instead, cast beyond them and reel until your bait or lure is among the fish.

Learn to recognize a bite

Fish may hit a bait or lure ferociously, tentatively or somewhere in between, making it difficult to predict how you may see or feel a bite. Bobbers could jiggle, plunge downward or skate across the water. If the fish swims upward after taking the bait, your stick bobber may lay flat or float higher in the water.

When bottom fishing, you may see your rod tip plunge downward or quiver, or your line may unexpectedly go slack. If you are holding your fishing pole, you may feel a tap, a tug or a pull, or the line may go slack.

Set the hook

When you suspect a bite, reel up any loose line and drive the hook home with a powerful upward sweep of the rod. Setting the hook



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with a slack line or a loop in the line usually won't make the hook penetrate and probably will cause the fish to drop the bait. If your drag is set correctly, you can set the hook vigorously. Stretch in your line, the drag and the bend of the fishing rod will absorb much of the pressure of the strike to keep you from ripping the hook out.

Fight and land your fish safely—for it and for you. Keep the rod up high, so your arms and the bend of the fishing pole absorb some of the power of the fighting fish. Allow the fish to run, taking line from the reel. Recover line by lifting the rod handle and then lowering the rod tip as you reel in, pumping the fish closer. A fish's last-moment struggles can surprise you and make you lose the fish. When playing a large fish, loosen the drag slightly as the fish gets close.

Net fish head first

Place your net in the water and pull the fish toward it. When the fish is over the bag, lift the net firmly and quickly.

If you have no net, play the fish until it is tired and cradle it in your hand. Black bass, crappie, carp, suckers and catfish can be grasped and lifted by their lower lip, which tends to paralyze them. Avoid the sharp teeth of other species. Be careful not to hook yourself when you grab the fish. You can lead fish up the bank with your fishing rod or by backing slowly away from the water, letting the exertions of the fish help you bring it ashore. Do this only if you are planning to keep the fish.

Be careful handling fish

Most fish aren't dangerous, but careless handling can result in unpleasant cuts or punctures. Handle fish firmly but carefully or use

a landing net to stabilize fish while you unhook and measure them. The catfishes, especially the minnow-size madtoms, possess a mild but painful venom that can be introduced when a person touches spine at the front of the pectoral or dorsal fins. Protect yourself by holding the fish from the underside, with your fingers firmly beneath the pectoral spines. The barbels of catfish are harmless.

You can safely hold bass, crappie and small catfish by putting your thumb into their mouth and pinching their lower lip. Walleye, gar and large trout have sharp teeth that can inflict a painful wound when lipped. Grip these fish around the back of the head, above the gills.

White bass and stripers have sharp edges on their gill plates that can slice a finger inserted beneath their gills.

The fins of sunfishes, bass and the walleye family become rigid when the fish is threatened. Slide your hand down over the fins of small fish and hold them firmly. Grasp larger fish over the back of the head, above the gills.

Don't let a struggling fish sink your own hooks into you. Keep hands and legs away from flopping fish and use hemostats or needle-nose pliers to safely remove the hooks from fish.

Hang-ups happen

It's hard to imagine moving a hook and sinker through the water for any length of time without occasionally getting hung up on a rock, a stick, a log, a dock, a cable, weeds or some other object. Snags are part of fishing. When you get snagged, try to free the hook by holding your rod tip high and jiggling it. Often it helps to move to one side or the other to change the angle.

If the hook won't free, you'll probably have to break your line. Don't just pull hard with your fishing pole, or it may snap instead of the line. Better to wrap the line several times around your wrist and hand, preferably around a shirtsleeve or glove, point the rod tip at the snag and steadily pull or back away until the line breaks or the hook pulls free. Should the latter happen, check your hook and replace it if it is bent or broken. If the line is frayed near the hook, cut it off and retie.

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Geocaching

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“There is an adventure happening all the time and all around you” and it’s called geocaching (“jee-oh-cash-ing”). People all over the globe receive coordinates to cleverly hidden caches nearby. When the cache is discovered, the finder opens it, records their visit onto an enclosed log, and replaces the cache for other adventurers to find. According to Geocaching HQ, there are approximately 3 million players spanning 190 countries that use the Geocaching™ app and GPS enabled device to find the caches and share their experiences with others. Geocaches are often well hidden but are never buried and need to be put back at the location they were found for the next person to discover.

According to geocaching.com there are 41 geocaches around Cameron. Quite a few more than when local resident Denise Maddex started geocaching eight years ago. “There were only seven or eight caches back then”. Denise first heard about geocaching at the Missouri State Fair from one of her daughter’s friends. On the way back we saw that there was supposed to be one near a rest area off of I-70 so we decided to stop there for fuel”. They didn’t end up finding the cache but when they



Kickin’ It Old School (GC50NW5):

Logged by: St. Rock
Found it Date: 07/03/2018
Location: Missouri, United States
Type: Traditional Cache
Log: We are out picking up a few more Missouri counties today and although we already have the three counties in this area, we needed to make a pit stop. We decided to find this cache before hitting the road again. Nice history here and the only

problem was the hiding spot was a little hot to grab today. Signed the log. Thanks for the cache!

Logged by: HikingSeal
Found it Date: 11/26/2018
Location: Missouri, United States
Type: Traditional Cache
Log: After being unsure if I really found the cool one down the street because it was frozen in place, I thought I’d better sign my name here just to be sure I left some ink in the county.

Thanks for the cache!
Logged from Cachly UTAG Member Utah GeoTour Volunteer Podcacher Club Member Cachetur.no Ambassador and Contributor

Logged by: suntse
Log Type: Didn’t find it
Date: 01/16/2019
Location: Missouri, United States
Type: Traditional Cache
Log: not today did find the benchmark tho. Thanks

returned to Cameron, they spent may nice days trying to locate local caches. Denise now helps maintain a cache near the Old School with fellow geocacher Dusty Dhone. According to Denise the more difficult part about keeping a cache in the middle of town is when people discover the cache and remove it or take it because they don’t realize what it is there for. The best part is reading the log

entries either on the physical log in the cache or in the online log. “I was amazed at how many people stop in Cameron on their way to a conference because we have so many caches”.

The game began in 2000 by a GPS enthusiast, Dave Ulmer, who wanted to test the accuracy of the recently improved GPS signal. He hid a container, recorded the

location and shared the coordinates online for others the same. Three days later someone did, and the game began. There are nearly a dozen cache categories. Some of the more popular being:

- **traditional caches** consisting of at least a container and a logbook located at the posted coordinates.
- **puzzle caches**, where a complicated puzzle must be

solved in order to determine the caches correct coordinates.

- **multi-catches** involving two or more locations with clues leading to with the actual cache in the final location.

Many traditional geocaches also contain a small trinket for trade and if a geocacher removes an item they are to replace it with another item of equal or greater value (called SWAG). Some caches will contain a “trackable”, an item with a unique tracking number engraved on it, which will be transported from cache to cache by geocachers towards a goal. All said geocaching is a fun, family-friendly activity designed to inspire exploration, discovery, and adventure.

To begin geocaching simply create an account on geocaching.com (or download the app), use the app to get coordinates to a geocache nearby, use GPS to find cache (make sure GPS is set to use WGS84 datum coordinates as most North American maps use NAD27. The difference between the two datums can lead to faulty coordinates so make sure you are using the correct datum), sign and date the logbook, and place the geocache back where you found it, and move on to the next adventure.

In the words of Sherlock Holmes, “the game is afoot”.

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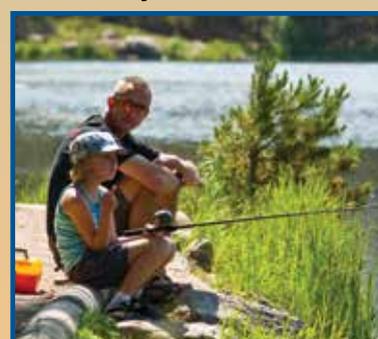
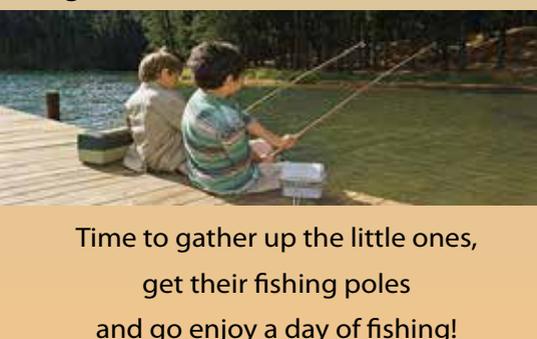
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Turkey Tales

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Turkey hunters are a little different from other hunters, maybe even a little off-center. After all, grown men dress in camouflage clothing, hide in the woods, and pretend to be a female turkey in hopes they can entice a male (Tom) turkey into coming into gun range. Think about it.

Another odd aspect is that while turkeys are considered to be "dumb" birds, they often outsmart even the most capable hunter. They have certainly made a fool of me many times. That is because, although they are not too bright, they are extremely wary, and blessed with excellent eyesight and hearing. Certainly, far superior to my own.

One time I slipped into the woods near a roosting tom. He would gobble from time to time, and when daylight slowly appeared, I could clearly see him on the roost. From time to time he would raise one leg to scratch some part of his body. Twice he lost his balance and almost fell from the tree. It was comical.

Another time I sat with my back to a large tree and using a slate call when I heard strange noises behind me. Peeking around the tree, I saw two gobblers in full strut. The noise was their wings dragging on the

ground. Both birds saw me but did not take off. Both began walking toward me as I slowly rotated my gun. This was going to be easy. Then I pulled the trigger too soon and completely missed at the range of about 10 feet! Then they hightailed it.

A hunting friend set up a turkey decoy about 20 yards in front of his hiding spot and began calling. From the corner of his eye he saw movement. It was a coyote, and his eyes were intent on the decoy. It slowly and cautiously approached, and at about 20 feet it charged forward and bit the plastic turkey. Immediately recognizing his mistake, he ran off, tail between his legs, and yipping loudly.

Being in the spring woods is relaxing. More than once I've found a warm spot in the sun and taken a nap. Can't beat that!

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Many hunters are in the woods before dawn, and most turkeys are killed before 8 a.m. However, turkey hunting after 8 a.m. can be rewarding. Most people leave the woods by 10 a.m. If you have the patience to stay late, there are fewer hunters in the woods competing for available birds.

Location

It is important to start your hunt from a good location. Be careful not to hide too well. You want to be able to see in every direction in order to spot approaching hunters. Consider any movement in the woods to be another hunter until you can positively identify the object.

Attracting a Bird

Hooting like a barred owl or cawing like a crow usually encourages a turkey to gobble and are preferred ways to locate the birds early in the morning. Hooting and cawing may get him to gobble without making him look for you.

Various Calls

Variations of the yelp are the most frequently used calls. Most spring turkey hunters yelp from 3 to 7 times—it's not critical how many times, but rhythm is important. It really does not matter



Hunting wild turkey gobblers is a spring tradition in Missouri.

whether the gobbler is still on the roost. **Cluck** —Turkeys frequently cluck while feeding and moving around undisturbed. You can make the clucking sound on any of the calls. This is also one of the easiest calls to learn.

Tree yelp— a very soft yelp that should be used when the gobbler is still on the roost. Turkeys hear much better than humans. Before the hen comes off the roost, she calls softly. After you get in position, try giving a tree yelp

while the gobbler is still on the roost.

Cackle — is a series of excited clucks that hens sometimes make as they fly down from the roost. The call gets faster and faster as she pulls off the limb and flies to the ground, then tapers off and slows down as she lands.

Cutting — is a sound turkeys make that is similar to the cackle. Cutting consists of excited, fast, short, sharp clucks and is frequently made by adult hens.

Purr — is the contented, soft call of the hen. Purring and clucking are the calls that will bring turkeys in the last few yards.

Putt — is a sound both sexes make, typically consisting of a series of hard, short, loud clucks, which serves as the alarm call.

Whine — is a soft, high-pitched, drawn-out call of the hen, usually used in combination with putts and clucks.

Gobble — can be imitated with your voice, a box call, a diaphragm call or a shaker-type of call designed specifically for gobbling. Beware of gobbling during legal shooting hours, because you might attract other hunters.

Spit and drum (or thrum) — is done while displaying for the hen. The drum sounds like a giant rubber band vibrating in the woods. It is a very soft call. If the drumming gobbler is hidden by brush, it can be difficult to pinpoint his location.

Lost call or assembly call —is a series of pleading yelps that tend to get louder and more pleading.

Kee-kee —is the whistle of a young turkey. The kee-kee run is the voice of a young turkey changing from a whistle to a yelp and is usually heard in the fall.

It takes Practice

Sometimes you can use every call in the book and you still have trouble getting the gobbler to come in those last few critical yards. Possible reasons and solutions: A physical barrier, such as a woven-wire fence between you and the turkey or another hunter or predator may have caused him to abandon you for the moment. You may have called too loudly. Generally, turkeys only call loud enough to be heard by another turkey. When your call is too loud the gobbler assumes the hen is close and he begins to strut and display. Try turning your head to project the call behind you, and the gobbler may move closer.

Be patient, you may be able to wait him out. If the gobbler has hens with him, eventually the hens may leave, and your periodic calling will start working on the gobbler's mating urges. How often and how loud you want to call varies with the situation and will come naturally to you with more experience. Keep the turkey interested. If he loses interest, he may move out of the area or go to another hen. Remember, the gobbler responds to stimuli and to lure him in, you must emit the strongest, most seductive stimulus while interacting with him.

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Area Angler

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Where are the best fishing holes in the Cameron area? According to local veterinarian and avid angler Nada Woodworth, "Hamilton Lake is pretty good. Cameron's Reservoir #3 is really nice for catfish and I've heard if you have a small boat you can get some decent crappie. Maysville Lakes are nice". Her preferred fishing spot being her own pond and a neighbor's pond which are both stocked with a healthy supply of bass, crappie, and bluegill. Nada began fishing with her older siblings as a small girl living in Kansas. "It is an enjoyable pastime," said Nada and she goes fishing whenever she has a chance.

Her favorite species to fish for is bass. "It's a thrill," she said, "when you fish for catfish, you fish off the bottom and wait. Usually you will get a catfish or sometimes a snapping turtle – that is an adventure! With bass you fish off the top and there is really nothing like it. Bass see the bait skittering along the top and will come up and out of the water to grab the lure. The challenge is to keep them from jumping again which is their natural defense mechanism. There is kind of an art to it".

Nada admits that many people do not care for the taste of bass but says that she found an excellent recipe in a game fishing cookbook she bought once on impulse. The recipe is for Parmesan Bass Fillets and according to her they "are awesome and very easy to make". The largest fish that Nada has personally reeled in are an 11 lb. catfish out of her sisters' pond, a 1.5 lb. crappie, and a



6 lb. bass. Her goal is to catch and 8 lb. bass but she "hasn't been that fortunate yet".

Nada's advice to novice anglers is to find somebody slightly knowledgeable about fishing and see if you can tag along. The sport itself is a relatively inexpensive pastime (though you can make it as expensive as you like). She does recommend using two or three poles rigged for different types of fish. She often has one set up for catfish, one for bass, and another for crappie or bluegill. This approach takes a lot of frustration out of fishing and uses your leisure time most effectively. If one type of fish isn't biting simply switch poles.

"Fishing is a nice pastime," Nada said and with more than a million anglers in the state of Missouri she is not the only one that thinks so.

Outdoor Day Trips

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Remington Nature Center

A 13,000 square foot natural history museum located in St. Joseph features both indoor and outdoor sensory experiences. The tours are set up to have visitors experience the progression of time from the caveman day to the onset of the western migration of the United States. There are a variety of displays depicting natural animal habitats, artifacts from Native American tribes that located in Northwestern Missouri, a rock and fossil display, a 7000-gallon native fish aquarium, and even a Woolly Mammoth. With monthly scavenger hunts and Friday fish feeds and walking trails through the prairie and wildlife areas there is enough to keep the family engaged for an entire day.

fishing pond, Native American Display, playground, and one-room school house are well worth the drive over to Overland Park.



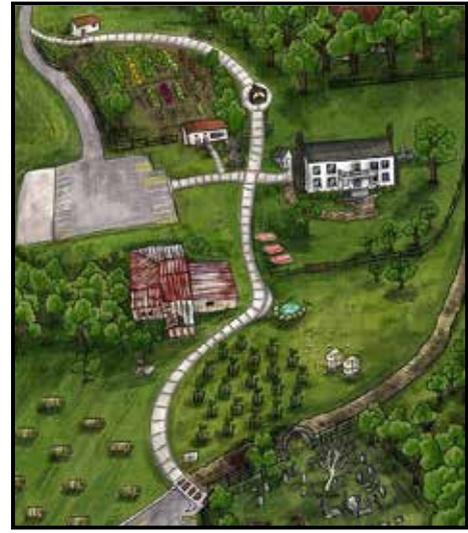
Shoal Creek Living History Museum

This makeshift village sits on 80-acres of Hodge Park in Kansas City. Historic log cabins and homes were relocated from surrounding counties to the park. All but four of the buildings date back to the 19th century (1807-1885). Though there are many special events and reenactments that run spring-fall the town is open for self-guided tours from dawn to dusk each day. Make it really special by bringing a picnic.



Deanna Rose Children's Farmstead

One of my kids' favorite places to visit in the spring is the Deanna Rose Children's Farmstead. The farm animals, butterfly gardens, nature trail, wagons and pony rides,



Atkins-Johnson Farm and Museum

Visiting the Atkins-Johnson Farm in April is the official start of spring around our house. The home is one of the oldest continuous residences in Clay County. A quick look at their online calendar assured me that we would be making the short trek to Gladstone at least a couple more times this year to enjoy the heirloom garden, the church and cemetery tour, and one of their themed exhibits.

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Fully automatic weapons are prohibited for all hunting.

Firearm restrictions during deer firearms season

During the November and antlerless portions, other wildlife may be hunted only with a shotgun and shot not larger than No. 4 or a .22 or smaller caliber rimfire rifle. This does not apply to waterfowl hunters, trappers, or to landowners on their land.

If you are hunting furbearers during daylight hours during firearms deer season, only deer hunting methods may be used.

Poisons, tranquilizing drugs, chemicals, and explosives

Poisons, tranquilizing drugs, chemicals, and explosives may not be used to take wildlife.

transportation

Motor driven transportation may not be used to take, drive or molest wildlife.

A motorboat may be used to hunt wildlife, except deer, if the motor is shut off and the boat's forward progress has stopped.

All-terrain vehicles (ATVs)

It is illegal for anyone (except landowners and lessees on land they own or lease and certain agricultural workers) to drive all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) in Missouri's streams and rivers unless the ATV is on a crossing that is part of the highway system. Violators could lose their fishing and hunting privileges.

With limited exceptions, all-terrain vehicle use is prohibited on conservation areas. Other vehicles are restricted to graveled and paved roads and established parking areas, unless otherwise posted.

Artificial lights

Artificial lights may be used to hunt:

- bullfrogs

- green frogs
- raccoons and other furbearing animals when treed with the aid of dogs

Landowners and lessees may use artificial lights on their property, but while doing so may not be in possession of — or be in the company of someone who possesses — a firearm, bow, or other implement used to take wildlife.

Artificial lights may not be used to search for, spot, illuminate, harass, or disturb other wildlife than the above.

You may not possess night vision or thermal imagery equipment while carrying a firearm, bow, or other implement used to take wildlife.

Calls

Mouth and hand calls may be used any time.

Electronic calls or electronically activated calls may be used to pursue and take crows and furbearers. They may also be used to take light geese during the Conservation Order. Electronic calls may not be used with artificial light or night-vision equipment.

Dogs

Dogs may be used in hunting wildlife -- except deer, turkey, muskrat, mink, river otter, and beaver. Learn more about the rules for hunting with dogs.

DURING A HUNT

Furbearer dens or nests

The dens or nests of furbearers shall not be molested or destroyed.

Hunter orange

For your safety, you are urged to wear hunter orange whenever you are hunting. You are required to wear hunter orange at certain times and locations. Learn more about the hunter orange rules.

Hunting near flood waters or fire

Wildlife, except waterfowl, may not be pursued or taken while trapped or surrounded by floodwaters or while fleeing from floodwaters or fire.

Hunting and trapping on public roadways

You may not take any wildlife from or across a public roadway with a firearm, bow or crossbow. A Conibear-type trap may be used

adjacent to public roadways only if set underwater in permanent waters.

AFTER A SUCCESSFUL HUNT

Excessive waste

It is illegal to intentionally leave or abandon any portion of any wildlife that is commonly used as human food.

P o s s e s s i n g , transporting, and storing wildlife

You must keep any wildlife you take separate or identifiable from that of any other hunter.

You can possess and transport wildlife as part of your personal baggage. It may be stored at your home, camp, place of lodging or in a commercial establishment.

Proper labeling

When storing deer and turkey, it must have the hunter's:

- Full name
- Address
- Date taken
- T e l e c h e c k c o n f i r m a t i o n number

When storing wildlife other than deer or turkey, it must have the hunter's:

- Full name
- Address
- Permit number
- Species
- Date it was placed in storage

When transporting wildlife other than deer or turkey, it must have the hunter's:

- Full name
- Address
- Permit number
- Date it was taken

Buying and selling pelts, feathers, and other parts

Unless federal regulations prohibit, you may buy, sell or barter:

- feathers
- squirrel pelts
- rabbit pelts
- groundhog pelts
- turkey bones
- turkey heads

- deer heads
- antlers
- hides
- feet

They must be accompanied by a bill of sale showing:

- the seller's full name, address
- the number and species of the parts
- the full name and address of the buyer

Wildlife and wildlife parts, after mounting or tanning, also may be bought and sold.

People who receive or purchase deer heads or antlers attached to the skull plate must keep the bill of sale as long as the heads or antlers are in their possession. The bill of sale must include the transaction date and a signed statement from the sellers attesting that the deer heads and antlers were, to their knowledge, taken legally.

Giving away wildlife

You may give wildlife to another person, but it will continue to be a part of your daily limit for the day when taken. Wildlife received as a gift will be included in the possession limit of the person you give it to.

Deer and turkey must be properly labeled as outlined above.

All other wildlife being given away must be labeled with:

- your full name
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These methods are accepted for catching all species of fish, although additional restrictions may apply to specific fishing areas.

Game fish not hooked in the mouth or jaw must be returned to the water unharmed immediately, except paddlefish legally taken during the paddlefish snagging season. Game fish include:

- goggle-eye (commonly known as Ozark bass, rock bass, and shadow bass)
- warmouth
- northern pike
- muskellunge, tiger muskie, and muskie pike hybrid
- chain pickerel
- grass pickerel
- all species of catfish except bullheads
- all species of black bass (largemouth, smallmouth, and spotted)
- paddlefish (spoonbill)
- all species of crappie
- white bass, yellow bass, and striped bass
- trout

- walleye
- sauger
- shovelnose sturgeon.

ALLOWED ALTERNATE METHODS

You may use permitted alternate methods in designated waters to take certain species, including paddlefish (snagging/grabbing methods only) and nongame fish. Nongame fish include

- bluegill
- green sunfish
- carp
- carpsuckers
- suckers
- buffalo
- drum
- gar, all other species other than those defined as game fish or listed as endangered.

Permitted alternate methods for nongame fish include:

- bow
- crossbow
- gig
- atlatl
- snare
- underwater spearfishing
- snagging
- grabbing

Additional restrictions apply to specific species and fishing areas. See fishing seasons, paddlefish snagging season, and area specific



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regulations for more information.

All of the above methods of taking fish are considered sport fishing methods.

NUMBER OF POLES AND HOOKS

If you use more than three poles (or two poles on the Mississippi River) at any one time, the additional poles must be labeled with your full name and address or Conservation Number. Regardless of the method or number of poles, you may not use more than a total of 33 hooks at any one time; except on the Mississippi River the maximum is 50 hooks at one time. If fishing on the Mississippi River and on other Missouri waters at the

same time, no more than 50 hooks may be used and not more than 33 on waters other than the Mississippi.

Hooks on trotlines must be staged at least 2 feet apart. Hooks on any type of line, as well as the line itself, must be attended every 24 hours or removed.

PROHIBITED FISHING METHODS

No one may use any explosive, poison, chemical or electrical equipment to kill or stupefy fish. Such material or equipment may not be possessed on waters of the state or adjacent banks.

Spearguns may not be possessed on unimpounded waters or adjacent banks, and spears may not be propelled by explosives.

It also is illegal to attempt to take fish by hand, with or without a hook, and to intentionally leave or abandon any commonly edible portion of any fish.

ONLY LIVE-BAIT TRAPS ARE ALLOWED

Fish traps, including slat and wire ones, may not be possessed on waters in Missouri or on adjacent banks. However, live-bait traps are allowed.

LABELS REQUIRED ON TRAPS AND LINES

You must place a tag of a durable material with your full name and address or your Conservation Number on live-bait traps, trotlines, throwlines, limb lines, bank lines, jug lines and live boxes.

USE OF LIGHTS

As an aid to fishing methods, an artificial light may be used only above the water surface. However, while fishing by pole and line only, underwater lights may be used to attract fish. Underwater lights also may be used when bowfishing on lakes, ponds and other impoundments.

Youth Spring Turkey Hunting Season

Who May Participate:

- Youth hunters who are age 6–15 on opening day Season Dates: April 6–7, 2019

Shooting Hours: 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset Central Daylight Time

Valid Permits:

- Resident Spring Turkey Hunting Permit
- Resident Landowner Spring Turkey Hunting Permit
- Nonresident Spring Turkey Hunting Permit

NOTE: Landowner permits are valid only on the land for which they are issued. See Page 6 in the 2019 Spring Turkey Hunting Regulations and Information for qualifications.

Youth Season Limit: One male turkey or turkey with a visible beard.

Note: Youths who take a turkey during the youth season may not harvest a second bird until April 22. This is because the bird taken during the youth season counts as the first bird for the first week of the regular season.

Regular Spring Turkey Hunting Season

Season Dates:

April 15–May 5, 2019

Shooting Hours: 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1 p.m. Central Daylight Time

Valid Permits:

- Resident Spring Turkey Hunting Permit
- Resident Landowner Spring Turkey Hunting Permit
- Nonresident Spring Turkey Hunting Permit

Season Limit: Two male turkeys or turkeys with a visible beard may be taken during the season, with the following

restrictions:

- You may take only one turkey during the first week from April 15–21.
- If you do not take a turkey during the first week, then you may take two during the second or third week from April 22–May 5, but you may not take them both on the same day.

NOTE: If you harvest a turkey during a managed hunt, it counts toward your two-bird season limit. See pages 16–17 in the 2019 Spring Turkey Hunting Regulations and Information.

How Turkey Season Opening Dates are Set

The current formula for setting spring turkey season strikes a balance between the biology of turkey reproduction and hunters' desires for an earlier season, especially in southern Missouri. As a result, the regular season begins on the third Monday in April, which during most years produces an earlier season than what was set using the previous formula.

The youth season opens nine days before the regular season, except when that would make it fall over the Easter weekend. In those cases, the youth season begins the week-end before Easter.

Notch your permit immediately and Telecheck your turkey by 10 p.m. on the day it is taken.



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Youth Camp

June 28, 2019 8am–5pm

Boys & Girls ages 11-15

Hartell Conservation Area

Plattsburg, MO

Conservation Youth Camp is a FREE 1-day youth camp held by the Missouri Department of Conservation.

Conservation Youth Camp will give youth a supportive learning environment to actively participate in "hands-on" outdoor skills, led by experts in their field. One of the goals of camp is to instill confidence in the participants to explore Missouri's diverse outdoors on their own. Campers will become Hunter Education Certified and enjoy a fun-filled day of fishing, archery and fire-arm shooting/safety, and canoeing.

Limited spots. Applications will be accepted on a first come basis.
Application deadline is June 1, 2019
For more information and how to obtain an application form, please call the Northwest Regional Office at 816-271-3100





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