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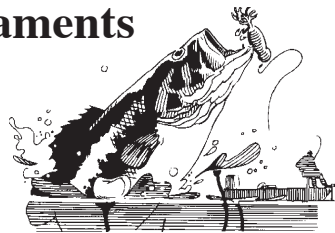
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Bryan Maynard, from Huntington, caught and released a 7 pound, 13 oz. largemouth bass at Upper Mud River Lake. This lake has a catch & release rule.

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There have been numerous text pics sent in this year. If you are not in the last couple of issues, look in future issues for your pic.  
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# Summer Catfishing

Current seams are created naturally by the obstruction of the water flow. Major structural elements in a river that create current breaks include points, wing dams, eddies, backwaters and deep holes.

Bait placement on a current seam Obstructions such as points and humps have developed on the river bank or river bed that will cause the water flow to slower, creating a seam between the fast flowing current and the slower diverted water.

In most cases deeper holes are created on the back side of these obstructions creating Eddy's [dead mostly slower water] the water is funneled from the tail of the Eddie towards its head creating a whirl-

pool effect. Current seams and particularly eddies can concentrate drifting food. Small forage fish will use the current seam to pick through the drift, in turn these current seams will also attract the trophy catfish as they feed on the forage fish.

Current speed will effect the way the seam develops on each break or structure, so the trick is to learn and understand when each spot (or spot within the spot) will be productive and when the fish will use them and only concentrate on these areas and fish these them during the correct water flow.

If the flow is to slow, the seams will just disappear and look non-existent and therefore not very productive in low water times.

In a nutshell, understanding where the catfish hold at during the different water levels and current speeds on this particular seam will help you catch them. When the flow changes the catfish will change so you should too.

However setting up or anchoring on these current seams can sometimes be tricky, boat placement is crucial.

If you anchor too far out in the fast side of the seam, this will cause your bait presentation to drift further out into the main current away from the seam, and if you anchor too far in on the slower side of seam, (the Eddie) will cause your  
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Jason Feltis got lots of crappie at North Bend Lake. Photo courtesy of Biat Shack in Harrisville

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bait presentation to drift further out into the main current away from the seam, and if you anchor too far in on the slower side of seam, (the Eddie) will cause your boat to spin in the whirlpool effect the eddy produces. There is a fine line between these two transitions, once you find your positioning you will drastically increase your chances of hooking into a trophy catfish.

#### CURRENT SEAMS AND SHORE FISHERMAN

Current seams and eddy's are not limited to guys who only fish from a boat, bank anglers can also fish these types of spots as there are many different size current seams created naturally from river bank erosion. Small points and cut away banks all create a current seam even in small rivers and streams. Setting up on a point with moderate current flow and casting your rig out, allowing the current to sweep it into the seam is the same as anchoring a boat on it.



Payton Berry hooked a bluegill at Barbourville Lake.



Peyton Meadows got a 6 point buck in Tyler County.

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James McVey, from Beaver, caught a big grass carp.



Matthew Butterfield caught a large flathead catfish.

## Flathead Fishing

Hooking into a flathead catfish should be characterized as the title refers. "The Fresh water freight train". The sheer brute strength and fight these fish give are challenging to say the least. Keeping the fish from taking you to a snag or jagged rocks once hooked is the challenging part. A forty pound flathead does what it wants, so using good equipment to turn and control the fish is a must.

One of Kentucky's least talked about flathead Catfishing river systems that actually hold our state record for flathead catfish is the green river. Not the lake!

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Targeting and catching a flathead catfish is a little more time consuming than fishing for the channel cats or blue catfish. I would categorize targeting flatheads as more of a stalk and hunt, understanding there patterns and feeding habits much like deer hunting, figuring out

where and when to intercept them.

Flatheads are loners and very territorial and their habits of ambush feeding is somewhat different than other catfish species however they are also an opportunist when it comes to feeding as is all catfish, but their appetite tends to be a bit more finicky than the other catfish species.

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A flathead catfish will take up residence in or around a good bait-fish attracter such as rock piles of log jams and protect and ward off any competing flatheads, generally the bigger fish calls the shots.

Other good ambush points are tributaries that feed the main river, scour holes, drops and ledges along the river channel, flathead will lay tight against the ledges and wait on an unsuspecting prey to pass by for

the ambush. A drop in the contour of the river bed as small as 1 ft. can hold a forty lb flathead.

Flatheads will tolerate current but prefer some slack water. I will generally target eddies, current breaks and current seams in the spring and summer when there is current flow. These types of places allow the flatheads to rest and take advantage of the food that washes by them in the current.

But this time of year the green river is pretty much void of current which makes anchoring on a hole or brush pile a little more difficult. A double anchor technique will be required to fish these spots efficiently.

The equipment required for targeting these fresh water freight trains is a medium heavy seven foot rod, either a bait cast or spin cast-

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The best rig for search for monster flatheads is the slip rig /Carolina rig, it allows the flathead to take the bait and feel little resistance. I like to use a short leader and at least a 4 oz egg or no roll sinker, the heavier weight and shorter leader helps keep the lively baitfish from swimming of into nearby cover getting you tangled up.

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Larry Cook went to Tyler Co. for this 10 point buck.

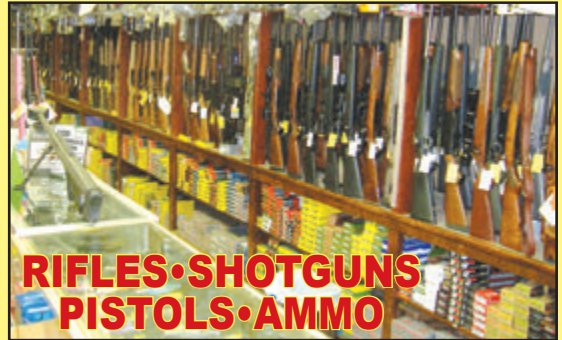
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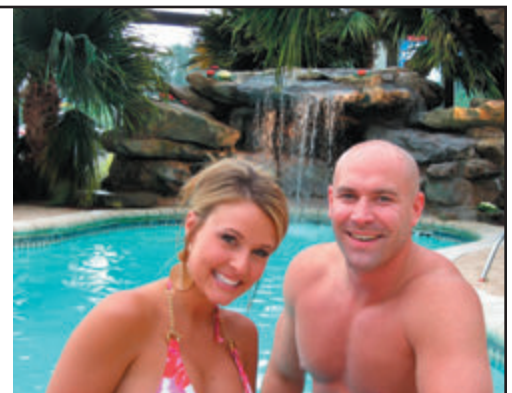
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## Choosing A Topwater Lure

I'm often asked how I choose the right topwater lure for a given situation, and that's a tough question. There are so many variables to consider – the weather, water color, type of cover. The list is long.

But it doesn't mean we can't narrow the possibilities a bit.

Here are a few guidelines that have worked for me over the years, and hopefully they'll help simplify things for you next time you're out on the water.

To start, it's important to break down the various types of topwater lures. Among them are poppers, walking baits, prop baits and buzzbaits. And while each of these are designed to draw fish to the surface, the way they achieve that is quite different. Here's why.

### LEARNING TO WALK

Let's take walking baits, for in-

stance. Unless you're throwing a really large profile model, or one with a loud internal noise maker, the actions for walking baits are fairly subtle. They simply move

from side to side in a smooth, gliding motion.

Of course, that's not always the case. They can also be worked ag-

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Jerry Phillips went to Deep Creek Lake for a 30" walleye.



Alex Nulter, from Cowen, caught a 22" largemouth bass.

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gressively to create more commotion. But for the most part, walking baits are the stealthier members of the topwater family.

They are excellent in deep, clear reservoirs and on natural lakes ... especially those with grass, docks or flooded cypress trees. They have the ability to catch larger than average fish. That goes for largemouth, spots and smallmouth. They also have the ability to raise suspended fish. So, for those reasons, I try them whenever conditions seem right.

When I feel a walking bait might work, I'll start with a steady, medium-speed retrieve – sashaying the lure next to or over various visual targets, like stumps, holes in the grass, etc. If I don't see a fairly quick response from the fish, I'll slow the retrieve and shorten the distance of each pull. When the lure reaches the target, I'll either make contact, pause it or both. If that fails, then I'm probably switching to another lure.

**POPPING FRESH**

Because the profile of a walking bait may be too large for certain situations, I'll sometimes drop down to a standard-sized popper. And depending on the mood of the fish, I'll work the popper accordingly.

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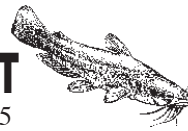
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On other occasions, I may work a popper more slowly ... much like a walking bait. In fact, by tying a loop knot, you can get some poppers to also walk from side to side. Their gait is obviously less, but they can still sashay enough to make fish mad, and that can generate strikes.

When less action is best, I'll pause a popper next to the target and let it bob. You'd be surprised how many strikes this can produce.

Poppers are good around grass, continue to the next page



Raylee Cunningham got her first buck in Calhoun County.



Wayne Lilly got a 20 pound gobbler in Greenbrier County.



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Of all the topwaters, I feel the prop bait requires the most patience. Too often, the tendency is to overwork the lure – continually pulling it so the props are sputtering and chirping, making excessive commotion.

The truth is most of the strikes I get on prop baits come as the lure is sitting still, or just as it begins to move after a lengthy pause.

Sure, there are times when bass will connect on a quicker cadence, but not usually. That's why I use the propellers to get the fish's attention, and then let the lure's profile do the rest. This slow, almost glacial-speed retrieve works par-

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ticularly well when there's a slight ripple on the surface. At that point, continue to the page 18



Jason Turner caught a 7 1/2 pound largemouth at Stonewall Jackson.



Jordan Burdette, from Fayetteville, used a bow for a 9 point buck.

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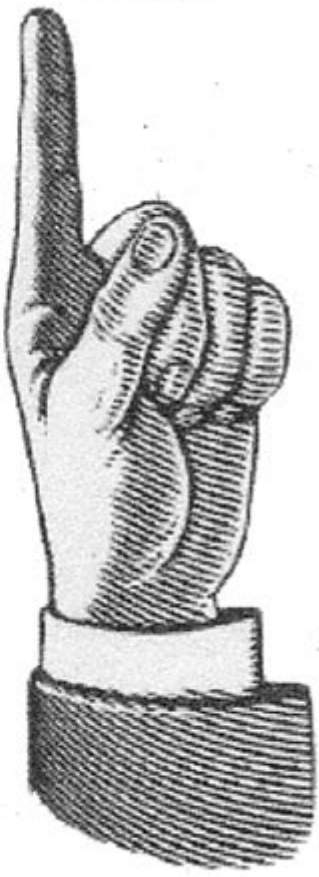


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the lure takes on its own action.

I like prop baits anytime there is grass, either emergent or submerged. They also work well around flooded brush, cypress and laydowns. The trick is getting the lure tight to the cover without fouling, then working it with patience.

It's important to carry both single and tandem-prop models. Sometimes one will outperform the other. And if you're throwing a tandem, I highly recommend those with counter-rotating props. To me, they are by far the best producers.

Lastly, be sure the hardware is loose so that the props can turn freely to create a subtle chattering sound. That drives bass crazy.

**SURFACE LURE SUMMARY**

Although I've tried to provide some separation from one group to the next, the truth is, these various types of topwaters can and will overlap each other. When a walking bait might work, so could a popper, and so on. So keep an open mind and let the situation and the fish help you make the best choice.



Ron Davis hooked a largemouth at Stonewall Jackson Lake..

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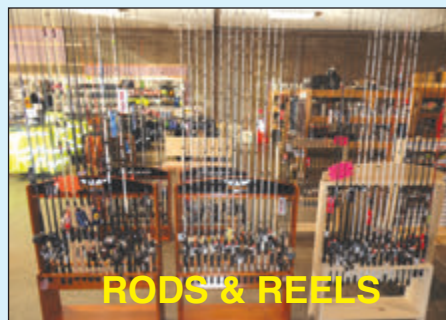
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TJ Smith caught a 4 1/4 pound smallmouth bass. Photo courtesy of PC Bait & Tackle in Hinton..



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Rick VanDyne used a bow for a nice buck.



Curtis Reed landed a nice Burnsville Lake largemouth bass.



Don Salisbury brought in a coyote. Photo courtesy of Crossroads General Store near Newark.

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The stocking will take place before West Virginia's Free Fishing Days, June 11-12, to enhance fishing opportunities for individuals

and families at state parks.

"Fishing with your family and friends is a great way to enjoy the outdoors," said Bret Preston, assistant chief of the Wildlife Resources Section. "Catfish in the Parks can provide the opportunity to introduce someone to fishing or reacquaint a friend or family member to fishing."

New to the program this year is the addition of a "mystery lake," home to tagged catfish.

"One of the state parks lakes will be stocked with tagged catfish," said Sissie Summers with the state

park system. "Lucky anglers who catch a tagged fish and submit the tag information are eligible to receive a free overnight stay at North Bend State Park."

The free stay is redeemable Sundays through Thursdays. Anglers receiving the free night reward may opt to stay Friday or Saturday night for a \$40 room rate.

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Luke Smith caught a 48" musky on the Hughes River. *Photo courtesy Crossroads General Store Near Newark.*

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Additional information about the catfish tagging programs can be found at [www.wvdnr.gov/Fishing/Fish\\_Tagging.shtm](http://www.wvdnr.gov/Fishing/Fish_Tagging.shtm).



Danny Stutler hooked a 47 pound flathead catfish. *Photo courtesy of Crossroads General Store near Newark.*

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## Summer Bluegill Fishing

What are the key things to consider for awesome summer bluegill fishing?

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How to fish for those bull slabs of bluegills in the summer time?

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spawning and breeding habits, the best time frames, and a brief introduction leading to more information about baits, lures and the proper tackle to use.

Summer is a great season to take advantage of fishing for bluegills, redbreasts and shellcrackers. The following tips will help aide you into figuring what you should look for during the hottest days of the year.

**About Bluegill Spawning Habits**

Their spawning and breeding habits play an important roll for us fishermen looking to successfully locate and catch them.

When do bluegills spawn?

Some panfish may begin spawning during the spring, barring that the conditions are right for them to do so. They begin to breed once the water temperatures reach right around 70 degrees, which usually heats to that comfort zone by June and July.

Bluegills spawn any from in 2 to 15 feet of water, but most likely and more often from 2 to 6 feet. The hotter it is, then the deeper the beds will be due to lower oxygen levels. The 'gills nest up their spawning beds in creek mouths and sloughs of main rivers, lakes, reservoirs and ponds, and much prefer to build their spawning beds on sandy or gravel bottom flats.

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to spawn multiple times during the season. The ones that do spawn a second time are often found to be the larger sized bull bluegills.

Those bigger bluegills may most likely be found out deeper in the water column.

**Summer Bluegill Fishing Tactics**

So, what does the panfish breeding habits have to do with catching bluegills in the summer?

Well, now we know exactly where to find most of the bluegills, continue to the next page



Drew & Jacob Johnson were in on a fish catch.



Frank Sauchuck, from Beaver, caught a big walleye on the New.

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including the big bull bluegills. It's just a matter of getting out on the water to catch them suckers.

Without pulling directly on top of your fishing spot, position your boat just outside of the area. I would recommend to begin working the deeper water first. The reason is because, and as with a lot of other fish, bluegills tend to head straight for deeper waters when hooked, thus spooking those other fish that might be out there.

Best Times For Bluegill Fishing

The full moon is an excellent time

frame for summer bluegill fishing. Search out their beds and fish them as you normally would.

During the regular daylight hours as the sun is up, fish with your favorite bluegill lures. During dusk and dawn, plug away with your top water baits. Bluegills have somewhat similar feeding habits as bass do, so bluegill fishing is sometimes referred to as a scaled down version of largemouth bass fishing tactics. Summer Bluegill Bait And Lures

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## Spring Gobbler

ELKINS, W.Va. – Spring turkey hunters harvested 10,369 gobblers this year, up 14 percent from 2015, according to Keith Krantz, wild turkey and upland game biologist for the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources (DNR). The 2016 season, April 18 through May 14, started on the third Monday in April for the first time in recent history, a week earlier than usual.

Youth hunters checked in 380 gobblers during the one-day youth season held April 16. Preston County had the highest reported harvest of 16, followed by Raleigh and Upshur counties with 15 apiece, Wyoming County with 14 and Nicholas and Greenbrier counties with 13 each.

All six DNR districts showed an increase in overall harvest compared to 2015. District 1 in the northern part of the state recorded the most birds checked with 2,093, followed by District 4 (1,979), District 6 (1,926), District 5 (1,811), District 3 (1,622) and District 2 (938).

Mason County in District 5 led the state with 379 gobblers checked. Preston County (372), Nicholas (330), Wood (326) and Wyoming (320) counties rounded out the top five.

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Krantz said. “Good weather during much of the season, coupled with an earlier starting date, likely affected the harvest in 2016. Now we’re hoping we will have the proper brood-rearing conditions for high poult survival this year.” Krantz said.



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# Fishing For Summertime Musky

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tips below.

Muskies have only one species, but found in 6 different patterns that include Clear, Barred, Silver, Pure Leopard, Spotted Black Panther and Spotted Leopard. Spotted Black Panther is one of the rarest patterns and only found in Lac Seul. Pure Leopard is the rarest

and only can be seen in few lakes in Ontario.

Muskies are greatly affected by climatic changes and usually prefer stable weather. During the summer, Muskies become solitary hunters. They either rest at the bottom, or hide under the weed beds or near rock piles. Once the water temperature hovers around 60 degrees, they start moving towards summer territories.

In early summer Muskies spend most of their time in shallow water feeding on ciscoes and whitefish. Late summer is the best time of the

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Gabe Sigman got a 21 pound gobbler. *Photo courtesy of WV Wild Outdoors in Birch River.*



Chris Grose bagged an 8 point with a muzzleloader in Cabell County.

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year to catch tiger muskies. They are on the go and generally very active during this period. They tend to react well to fast moving presentations and larger lures.

Selecting the right weed beds is an important factor when looking for summer muskies. They are known to be top of the food chain predators and always looking for prey. That is why you need to choose weed beds which offer plenty of food options and space to move around.

Lure Choices For Catching Musky In The Summer

When choosing the lure, versatility is the key, especially during summer. The main reason behind this is that the Muskie becomes familiar with their surroundings, and more often, with our lure presentations. Trolling or casting bucktails, crankbaits, jerkbaits or large minnow baits are most effective when you are fishing around rock humps as Muskies stay on the shallow water, not far from the spawning area.

Look for the emerging weeds patches, as these are known as musky hotspots. This early season weed growth means rising water temperature and bait fishes, it also offers cover for the muskies to hide in. Good lures to target fish around these early growing weed patches are bucktail spinners and minnow baits, especially in overcast days

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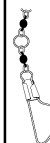
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The reels that you choose are one of the most important components of your musky tackle, and can make a huge difference between a successful Muskie fishing trip or a disappointing one. Some of the most popular Muskie fishing reels includes Shimano Calcutta D Series, Okuma Isis Round Baitcast Musky Reels, Daiwa Lexa High Capacity Baitcast Reel, and Shimano Corvalus Round Casting Musky Reels.

Other Factors to Consider When Fishing For Muskie In Summer

As the air temperature touches 65 degrees, muskies are scattered all

over the lake. You will find them on the rocky piles, island clusters, rocky reefs, and cabbage weed beds near deep water. During peak summer, lake surface temperature hovers above 75 degrees; because of this reason muskies become very active due to high metabolism and feed more often than any other time of the year.

During the day, they stay in deeper water. Trolling with deep running plugs or large bucktails is the most effective way to cover a lot of area. The ideal speed for trolling in the summer should be 6-8 miles per hour. Be sure to use a top electric trolling motor for best results. For a better result you need to troll fast with a long line along the weed

beds near deep water. It also helps to use a portable cheap fish finder to determine water depth and temperature.

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Bill Blake shot a 20 pound gobbler.  
Photo courtesy of Tri Lakes in Walkersville.



Drew Parrish got a nice gobbler.

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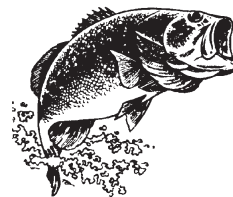
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"We feature the program every year, and every year it is wonderful," says Cheryl Boggs, seasonal naturalist at Watoga State Park. "Birds, and particularly raptors, are fascinating."

Three Rivers Avian Center is scheduled to present "Wings of Wonder - Birds of Prey" at these West Virginia state parks and forests. Location and presentation times are posted on each park's events website, or call the park for times.

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July 30, 2016 - Watoga State Park - 304-799-4087

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Jerry Spencer got a big Ohio buck.



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Three Rivers Avian Center started presenting programs in West Virginia State Parks in 1993. Its popularity and response has been outstanding. "People are genuinely interested in raptors, conservation of birds and visiting a state park and being outdoors," says Sissie Summers, programming coordinator for West Virginia State Parks.

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Joshua Judge caught a 19 pound carp. Photo courtesy of PC Bait & Tackle in Hinton.



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