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Elk River Musky Study

BACKGROUND

Muskellunge angling opportunities in West Virginia are a cornerstone of the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources (WVDNR) warmwater fisheries management program. Self-sustaining native populations are available to anglers in tributaries of the Ohio River such as the Elk River and Middle Island Creek. A variety of streams, rivers, reservoirs, and small impoundments with introduced or enhanced populations are also maintained by the WVDNR through stocking efforts under varying strategies and regulations. The Elk River has historically been a favorite angling destination in West Virginia yielding among other state records, Lester Hayes Jr.'s 1955 state record muskellunge (52 1/2-inches, 43 lbs). This fish remained a state record for nearly 50 years. In 2008 the WVDNR began a multi-year study on Elk River muskellunge due to angler interest, the desire to investigate the potential of riverine

By Jeff Harsbarger, DNR Biologist

trophy fisheries, and a general lack of current survey data. Through a tagging study, muskellunge will be followed over a five year period (2008-2012) to determine their distribution, growth, and movement patterns throughout the Elk River watershed below Sutton Dam to Charleston (101.2 miles). The goal of the project is to establish current baseline information on Elk River muskellunge.



Jeff Harsbarger is releasing a tagged (black mark on dorsal fin) musky.

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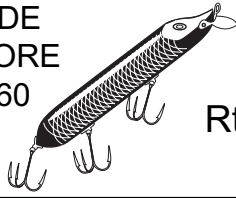
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Jason Brown hooked a 12 pound striper on the New River. Photo courtesy of Three Rivers Edge in Hinton.

also use the secondary metal tag. The tag is easily read by anglers for about a year, after which skin grows over the tag making it more difficult to read. Anglers should carry a small sharp pocket knife to help scrape skin away to expose the tag if needed. For the first two years of the study, a fin clip was taken from all captured muskellunge for genetic analysis. Prior to release, we also take a piece of a fin for aging. The piece of fin is cataloged and placed in a coin envelope to be processed at a later date. Once back in the lab, we section the fin allowing us to count rings similar to a tree, and assign an age estimate to that fish. Age and growth data allows us to model what actions might or might not be needed to successfully manage a particular fishery.

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RESULTS

From 2008 to December 2010, West Virginia Division of Natural Resources crews have captured 110 muskellunge and 39 recaptures. Anglers have supplied an additional 22 recaptures. A number of interesting recaptures occurred during 2010, they include:

- 1) An angler caught and released fish no. # 628 (46" female) four-times over a 5 month period during the summer/early fall from the same pool.
- 2) Fish no. # 658 was recaptured on 4/14/10, 7-miles upstream of her original tagging location on 4/23/09. A week later (4/20/10) she was recaptured again 20.1 miles downstream.
- 3) Fish no. # 673 has been caught and released by two different anglers and re-captured twice during WVDNR surveys since his initial capture in the fall of 2009.
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Elk River muskellunge growth appears to be very good in comparison to other WV waters. More sampling and recapture events will help answer this objective further.

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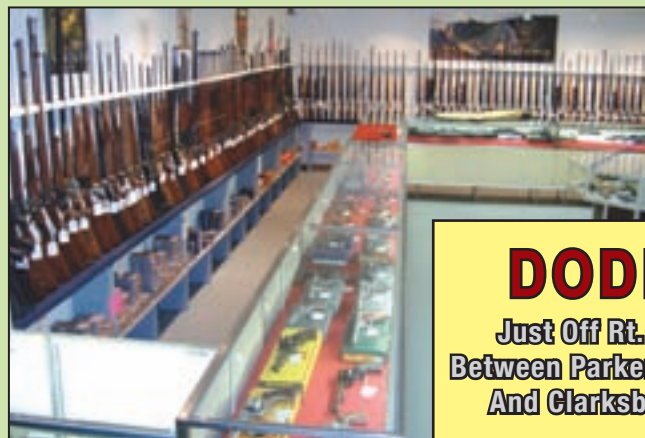
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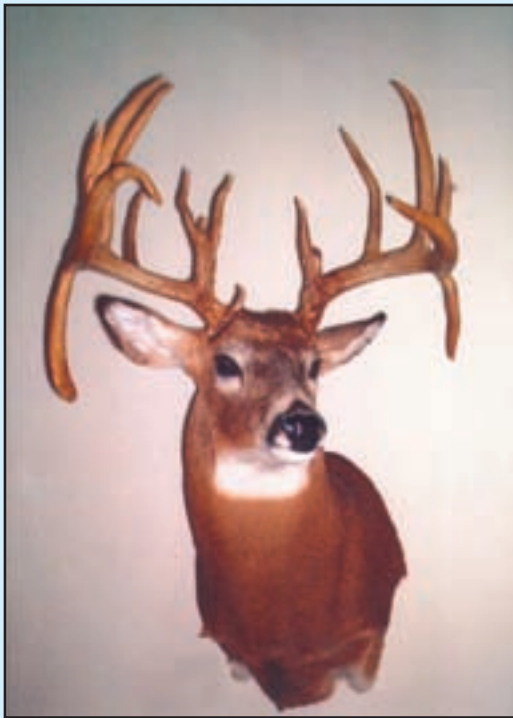
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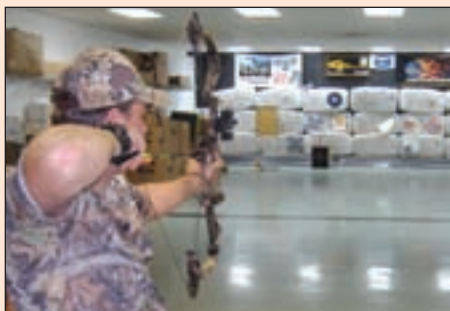
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This time of year, when the water temperatures fall back into the 60s and high 50s, shad schools in the big feeder creeks of some lakes will move deep before they start migrating on up the creeks. I use my electronics to find wads of shad, and the closer they are to the bottom, the better. Sometimes you'll actually mark bass feeding in the shad or close by. For these bass in 25 to 30 feet of water, a drop-shot rig with a leader of about 2 feet long really works well. My favorite bait is a 5-inch white Lake Fork Magic Shad on a 4/0 or 5/0 wide-gap hook and fished off a 7-foot flipping rod and 14- to 17-pound-test fluorocarbon.

What's different about my rig is how I fish it. I let the sinker and the bait get to the bottom, and I just leave the weight there and only pull the bait up and let it flutter back down on the slack leader. The purpose of the weight is just to get

the drop-shot rig to the bottom fast. Once there, essentially I'm fishing a weightless soft jerkbait on a 2-foot line. The bass love it.



Woody Minor, from Proctor, caught a 45 pound catfish. It took 25 minutes to reel in the big fish.



Brian Hill bowed an Ohio buck.



A nice buck was checked in. Photo courtesy of Jerry's Sporting Goods in Horner..

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Approximately 280,000 licensed hunters will be in West Virginia's woods during this season.

Hunters should review the 2010-2011 Hunting and Trapping Regulations Summary for detailed instructions concerning bag limits and season dates. The regulations are available at license agents, DNR district offices, or online at www.wvdnr.gov.

A list of wildlife checking stations in West Virginia can be found online at www.wvdnr.gov/hunting/check_stations.asp

The firearm antlered deer bag limit during the two week buck season is two (one on the base license and one on an RG [resident] or RRG [nonresident] stamp). A hunter may take no more than three antlered deer per calendar year in all archery and firearms seasons combined.

The last day to purchase an additional deer gun tag (Class RG/RRG Stamp) is November 21. Class RG and Class RRG additional buck stamps can only be used to take an additional antlered deer in firearm buck season. Unused Class RG and Class RRG stamps may not be

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All private land in counties having a firearms antlerless deer gun season (Class N for residents and Class NN for nonresidents) will be open Nov. 22 – Dec. 11 and Dec. 29 - 31. All public lands having an antlerless deer season will be open
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Tashawna Rollins used a bow for this nice buck. *Photo courtesy of Jason's Country Corner in Mullins.*



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Black bear seasons have been expanded with 10 counties open Nov. 22 – Dec. 4 during the buck season and concurrent antlerless deer season. A hunter may bag one bear and one deer on the same day during the concurrent seasons in those counties. See the 2010-2011 Hunting and Trapping Regulations Summary for details.

All deer must be field tagged and checked in within 72 hours of the time of kill or within 24 hours of the close of the season, whichever comes first. Additional deer may not be taken until all previously taken deer have been checked.

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Wayne Harper shot a 13 point buck.
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In 2009, deer hunters in West Virginia harvested 62,986 bucks during the two-week buck season, a decrease of 6.5 percent from the 2008 harvest. The 2009 antlerless season deer harvest decreased by three percent from 2008 for a total of 54,414.

WVDNR forecasts that buck hunters should experience a similar harvest in 2010. Some slight overwinter mortality may have localized impacts on populations but will not have a tremendous effect on the overall buck harvest. Buck seasons are less affected by hard mast conditions compared to other seasons due to the total number of hunters afield during that time. Therefore, the abundant mast crop of 2010 will have less of an overall impact on the harvest. However, hunters should scout and notice the acorn crop prior to hunting. Available mast during the gun season should still have deer feeding on

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Hunters are required to wear at least 400 square inches of blaze orange (about the size of a vest) as
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Young Nickolas Milhoan, from Ravenswood, shot a nice 8 point buck

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Jeff Douglas arrowed a bear in Fayette County. *Photo courtesy of Crooked Creek Archery in Williamstown.*

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Jim Duckworth, from Parkersburg, went to Ohio for a bow buck.



Steve Scarbrough used a bow for this 7 point buck. *Photo courtesy of WV Wild Outdoors in Fayetteville.*

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Education Program.

The new bow simulator program will be used with the Laser Shot Firearm Simulator purchased last year by the Law Enforcement Section of DNR for training of Natural Resources Police Officers. It is also programmed to do hunting simulations for hunter education.



A laser bow simulator was donated to the DNR.



Kayla Bain shot a nice 9 point buck. Photo courtesy of Jarret's Bait in Elizabeth.

“This has been a popular attraction at several hunter education classes and other events, including a Boy Scout camp event in Virginia,” Coleman said. “DNR thanks the following organizations for their generous donation: Consol Energy Inc., WV Bow Hunters Association, WV Hunter Education Association, and Elkview Kmart.”



Kelly McFarland, from Walker, used a bow for this 10 point buck.

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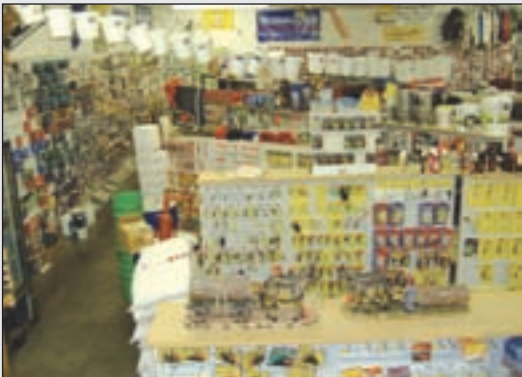
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Tom Berga landed a 5 pound small-mouth and a big largemouth in November. *Photo courtesy of Backwater Bait in Newport, Ohio.*



Mark Barney took a nice 10 point in Mason Co.. *Photo courtesy of Tri-County Sports in Point Pleasant.*

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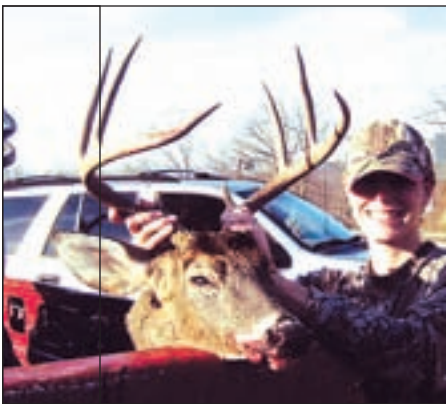
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Gary Stevenson used a bow for this 9 point. *Photo courtesy of Crooked Creek Archery in Williamstown.*



Misty Parsons shot an 8 point. *Photo courtesy of Jarrett's Bait in Elizabeth.*

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Keith Gibb went to Wyoming Co. for this nice bow deer. Photo courtesy of Cardinal Pawnbrokers in Beckley.



The walleye were biting for Ryan, John and Bill Hogue. Their fish were 6 - 4 oz., 4, and 7-2 oz. and were landed in the Ohio River. Photo courtesy of Backwater Bait in Newport, Ohio.

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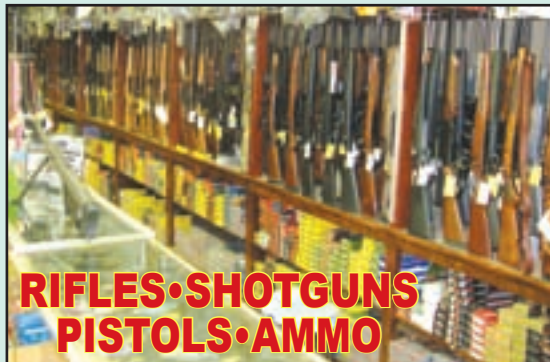
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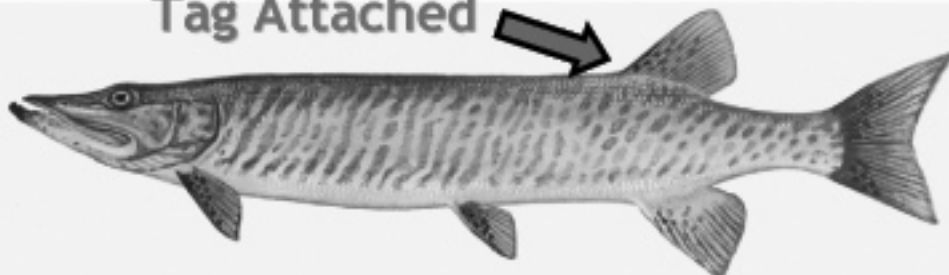
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State Park Getaways

SOUTH CHARLESTON, W.Va. - Holidays and getaways brighten wintry days. Many of West Virginia's state parks remain open and welcome visitors to what many consider the best season in a year, winter. Take advantage of what the Mountain State offers for recreation, retreats and relaxation at these West Virginia state parks.

Beech Fork State Park

Part of winter fun at Beech Fork State Park is staying in the cabins and going outside to make a snowman or snow angel. "Beech Fork is known more for its 275 campsites,



Jimmie Hart used a bow for this 8 point buck. Photo courtesy of MAD Sporting Goods in Boaz.

but there are also six vacation cabins at the park that are open year-round," said Park Superintendent Matt Yeager. Beech Fork currently has three cabin rental promotions.

"For this Christmas we've relaxed the cabin rentals length and offer a two-night stay with a free consecutive third night during the Christmas week. The only limitation is check-in can not fall on Christmas Day," Yeager explained.

Individuals planning vacation during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays in 2011 also have an opportunity to save money by reserving cabins early and recognizing a hefty price reduction. Beech Fork also offers a Wildlife Watcher's cabin deal from November through March, which includes a 20 percent discount and an additional free night based on rental times.

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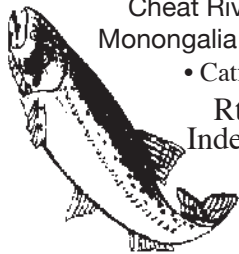
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Pipestem State Park

Frosty mornings break into great winter days at Pipestem State Park in Summers County. A popular winter discount offered for the first time last year is being repeated.

“Last winter we invited visitors to enjoy our winter mornings and, if they stayed on a Sunday or Monday



8 year old Jackson England, from Red House, got a deer on youth day.

night, we’d cut the standard winter rate by half. That was very popular, so we’re doing it again,” said Lodge Manager Dale McLaughlin. “The price break and the landscape in winter is a great combination for guests looking for a reason to visit us this time of year.”

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Israel Smith shot a bobcat. Photo courtesy of Crossroads general Store near Newark.

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West Virginia's state parks number more than 50 areas. Parks with lodges and/or cabins are generally open year-round. "You'll find parks with lodges and those lodge parks with cabins and cottages are open and are perfect places to enjoy winter getaways and vacations," said State Parks Chief Ken Caplinger. "Lost River, Beech Fork, and Watoga offer cabin rentals in winter months and generally offer discount winter cabin rates to encourage visitation in the winter months."

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SOUTH CHARLESTON, W.Va. – "The 2011 West Virginia Wildlife Calendars are now available for everyone to enjoy," according to Curtis I. Taylor, Chief of the Wildlife Resources Section of the Division of Natural Resources. "We apologize for the delay in distributing the calendars this year. We were expecting delivery from the printer by Oct. 20, but the printer has indicated that mechanical problems have kept them from delivering the calendars until now."

The cover of this wall calendar features an outstanding painting of an adult bald eagle. Other paintings

include a gray squirrel, a buck running through a stream, and an English setter with a ruffed grouse. A rainbow trout, hooded merganser, Eastern chipmunk also grace the pages of this large-format calendar. A brief description of the subject accompanies each painting.

Feature articles highlight white-nose syndrome, which is causing large-scale die-offs of bats; ruffed grouse hunting; and a biographical

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sketch of the late Tom Allen, along with 15 of his paintings which have been in the calendar over the years. The calendar also contains the 2011 hunting and fishing license fees.

“The calendar is full of interesting daily facts, best fishing days and times, and monthly helpful tips to help you fully enjoy the outdoors. Its \$10 price tag makes it a terrific bargain and a great holiday gift. Everyone who enjoys and ventures into the outdoors will find it beneficial,” said Taylor.

The 2011 West Virginia Wildlife Calendar is available at WVDNR district offices, department stores, newsstands, convenience marts and food stores throughout the state or through the WVDNR, P.O. Box 67, Elkins, WV 26241, phone 304-637-0245. Make checks payable to WVDNR in the amount of \$14 for each calendar, which includes shipping and handling (W.Va. residents add \$.60 for tax; VISA, MasterCard, Discover and American Express are accepted).

Organizations, clubs and civic groups can also profit by selling the Wildlife Calendar as part of their fund-raising activities. Interested organizations should contact the WVDNR at the above address for more information.

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SOUTH CHARLESTON, W.Va. – West Virginia trappers will be allowed to sell live foxes to hound coursing pens in West Virginia during the 2010-2011 trapping season, according to Curtis I. Taylor, Chief of the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources, Wildlife Resources Section. All foxes used in hound coursing pens must be live-trapped in the county in which the pen is located.

“This action will help to avoid any additional westward spread of

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Young Casey Stanley, from Elizabeth, got his 1st buck - an 11 point.

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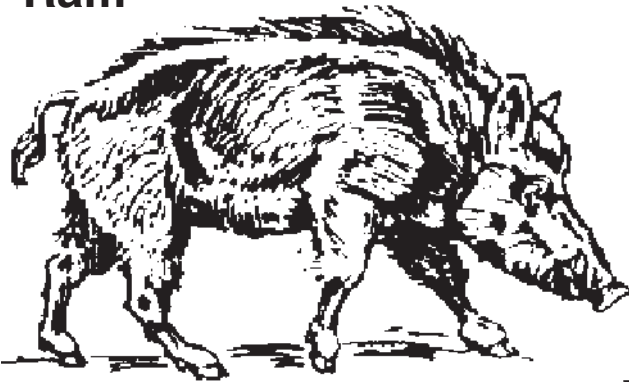
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rabies and reduce the possibility of moving diseased animals across the state,” Taylor said. “In addition, since raccoons are the primary carriers of the raccoon strain of rabies, the sale of live raccoon remains suspended for the 2010-2011 trapping season.”

Hound coursing pens are licensed in West Virginia and regulated by

best management standards which are designed to promote humane treatment of the wild animals being pursued. Trappers are urged to use extreme care when handling live animals due to the dangers of exposure to rabies and other diseases. Live animals may only be held by trappers during the trapping season and 60 days thereafter. Live foxes shall be held according to temporary or permanent housing requirements as specified by law.

Please contact your local District Wildlife Biologist for more information about the sale of live foxes. Division of Natural Resources offices are located in Farmington (304-825-6787), Romney (304-822-3551), French Creek (304-924-6211), Beckley (304-256-6947), Point Pleasant (304-675-0871) and Parkersburg (304-420-4550).



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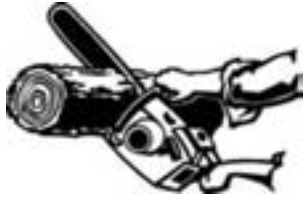
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12 Rabbit Hunting Tips

Although most rabbit hunters bag a few cottontails or swamp rabbits on each trip afield, certain techniques can bolster your success. These 12 tips should help you better enjoy the experience of rabbit hunting this season.

Leapfrogging

As farming operations and urban development encroach on prime rabbit hunting areas, large contiguous blocks of hunting territory are harder to find. This has caused many rabbit hunters to abandon the traditional method of hunting all day in one large swath of brushy territory. Instead, many now opt for "leapfrogging," where hunters cover one brush patch or overgrown fencerow in an hour or so, then drive on to another rabbit hideout. By leapfrogging throughout the day, hunting first one spot then another, chances are good you'll locate more rabbits.

Farm help



Cameron Roberts hooked a 7 1/4 pound walleye. *Photo courtesy of Three Rivers Edge in Hinton.*

Farmers are an invaluable aid for finding cottontail concentrations. Since they work their land daily and see rabbits regularly, farmers know where huntable populations are likely to be. Most are eager to keep cottontails thinned out so they don't cause crop damage.

It's a simple matter to cultivate your own contacts in farm country. Remember these things. Ask permission before hunting, every time you visit. Follow all rules the landowner asks you to abide by, like passing up shots at the coveys of quail he's nurturing. Leave ev-

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Sunrise and sunset scouting

Driving rural roads near dawn and dusk is another good way to find potential hunting sites. Cottontails are most active early and late in the day, especially along the fringes of fields and roadside cover, where briars and thickets provide sanctuary near favorite feeding areas.

Drive slowly, and note any spot where you see several cottontails. Then inquire at nearby homes for the name of the landowner so you can request permission to hunt.

Dress for success

Most good cottontail thickets have one thing in common -- thorns. Whether you're hunting behind dogs, kicking up rabbits yourself or retrieving downed game, some type of sticker will be clawing at your ears, fingers, thighs and other tender parts. Wearing protective

clothing can do wonders to make your trips afield more enjoyable and less painful.

Blue jeans are preferred by many rabbit fans, but offer little protection. A good pair of briar-busting breeches with thorn-proof material covering the front should be considered essential equipment no matter where and how you hunt. It also helps to wear a briar-resistant hunting coat, gloves and some type of hunting cap with flaps that can be pulled down over your ears.

Remember the orange rhino

A good pair of briar-busting breeches with thorn-proof material covering the front should be con-
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Billie Blevins used a bow for a 7 point. Photo courtesy of WV Wild Outdoors in Fayetteville.

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Remember the orange rhino

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A buddy of mine often describes dense rabbit cover by saying, "You couldn't see a blaze orange rhino in there." In some locales we hunt,



Kirk Blankenbeckler, from Sutton, took a nice 9 point buck.

this is darn near true. Cover is so thick, you can only see a few feet. For this reason, we wear hunter orange hats and bodywear on every trip.

Safety should be the foremost consideration on all your rabbit hunts. Remember the orange rhino, and make hunter orange clothing a must for everyone in your party.

Barrels and bullets

When stomping for cottontails in thick cover, use a shotgun with an improved cylinder choke and No. 6 or 7-1/2 shotshells. Since cottontails jumped in thick cover usually are close and moving fast, a wide, yet sufficiently heavy, shot pattern is needed to put a rabbit down without excessive damage to the meat.

When hunting cottontails with beagles, you may want to switch to a modified or full choke. A pack of dogs will push rabbits across fields and woodlots, and the shots you'll make are usually farther than those presented when you flush rabbits yourself. Use the tighter patterning choke and increase your shot size

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To find bad-weather bunnies, think like a rabbit. Where would you go to escape the cold if all you had to wear was a light jacket? Hunt places that are sheltered from wind and open to warm rays of sunshine, then move to other locales offering protection from adverse conditions.

Look 'em in the eye

Stalking rabbits as they sit in their forms is great sport, especially when hunting with youngsters not yet adept at bagging running rabbits. The trick is to spot the rabbit before it spots you. Considering the rabbit's superb camouflage, this can be tough.

Old hands at this endeavor have a rule: look for their eyes instead of their whole bodies. A rabbit's round, dark eyes look out of place against the crisscross of cover, and are easily spotted by a hunter who walks slowly, carefully examining all brush and weeds. You may overlook rabbits huddled in their forms, but you'll also bag a few at close range after spotting the eye.

Watch over your shoulder

Look for cottontails and swamp rabbits in brushpiles, honeysuckle patches, fallen treetops, cane brakes and other forest cover.

In isolated patches of cover, a cottontail may head directly away, disappearing from sight, then circle well behind the hunter. Others sit tight until the gunner passes, then squirt out behind.

Look over your shoulder every few minutes, and you'll glimpse

some of these renegades before they make good their escape. Snap shooting is a must, so be careful to continue to the next page



Aaron Moore had bow success in Ohio. *Photo courtesy of Boone's Bow Shop in Parkersburg.*

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Woodland rabbits

Most hunters think of thickets and field edges as the places to go for a rabbit race. Some fail to realize woods harbor rabbits, too. Look for cottontails and swamp rabbits in brushpiles, honeysuckle patches, fallen treetops, cane brakes and other forest cover. Because such areas usually receive less hunting pressure, they often hide extraordinary numbers of rabbits.

Take a kid hunting

To get the most out of your next rabbit hunt, take a kid with you -- a son, a daughter, a niece, a nephew, a grandchild or maybe a neighbor's child. It was in the cottontail fields most of us were trained as young hunters. We may have dreamed of deer or more exotic game like grizzlies and lions, but with cottontails, we learned the crucial basics about hunting, nature and ourselves.

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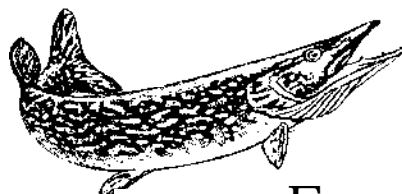
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