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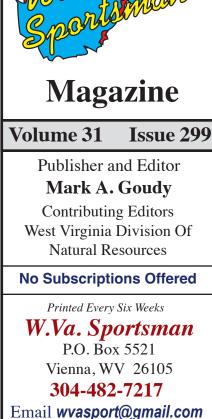


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### **Cover Photo**

The weight and length records for WV musky have been broken by Lucas King, from Burnsville. Fishing in the tailwaters below the dam, Mr. King hooked this 51 pound even musky. It measured an impressive 55 1/16".

Aaron Yeager, DNR officer, planted a chip in the fish and it was released. The chip is used to identify the fish if it is caught again with no added record.

# **20 RV Tips And Tricks**

RV can be daunting. Like anything else in life, it gets easier with experience.

compiled this list of 20 RV tips and tricks that are bound to get you out and safely enjoying RV life, without having to go through the experience part. These are hacks that every camper should know, regardless of their experience level.

1. Use an RV departure checklist

There is nothing like getting on the road and finding out that you forgot to unplug your shore power

Getting started with your new cord. There are a lot of things to remember before you pull out.

A visual checklist, either printed or on your smartphone, will To give you a head start, we've help to ensure you don't forget anything. Print out this free RV Departure Checklist and keep it somewhere easy to access.

2. Know the height of your rig

Find out how high your rig is. Write the height on a label or piece of masking tape, and put it on your dashboard. Watch for low-hanging branches and take note of the height of overpasses before you proceed. Use an RVsafe GPS to make sure you have



a safe route.

3. Level your RV before filling your freshwater tank.

Leveling your RV before filling continue to the next page



Clay Hupp, from New Martinsville, caught a 32" walleye ...



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for a big 11 point buck.



Caden Cook. from Young Fairdale, bagged a nice buck.





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6. Replace your RV showerhead

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7. Use an Instant Pot Pressure Cooker

The Instant Pot pressure cooker will allow you to make almost effortless, delicious meals in a lot less time than traditional cooking methods.

You simply put the ingredients continue to page 7



Brylee Hatcher (14) from Wood Co. brought in a 10 point buck.



Lacie Davenport used a bow in Braxton County for her fine buck. April/May 2022 ~ Page 5



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in, set it, and the Instant Pot takes it from there. Bonus: You can vent the Instant Pot outdoors, so cooking won't add to the humidity levels in your RV.

8. Bring a basic tool kit

Be prepared to make minor repairs if you need to by having a basic tool kit with just the essentials. This includes a screwdriver or cordless drill, a few different bits, some screws, an electrical tester, and wrenches like a torque wrench.

9. Pack a hairdryer

A hairdryer can be used for more than just giving you good hair. You can use a hairdryer to thaw frozen pipes or to blow warm air onto cold kindling when lighting a campfire.

10. Pack some pine cones What? Pine cones?

Yes! Pine cones aren't just for Christmas decor. Pine cones are also nature's perfect firestarter and readily burst into enough flames to start kindling when you put a flame to them.

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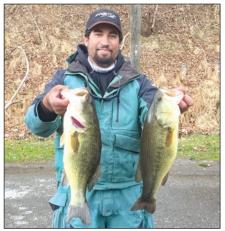


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tions and lines can come apart as 12. Turn the propane valve off we travel. This definitely presents continue to the next page



John Christopher landed over 16 lbs. to win a bass tournament at Stonecoal Lake. Big bass too.



a fire hazard in your RV.

13. Pack a first aid kit

Be prepared for emergencies (including the four-legged family members) by packing a first aid



kit for both humans and pets.

14. Bring a collapsable storage tote or two

Collapsible storage totes can be used to tote campfire supplies like s'mores ingredients, napkins, glasses, and beverages, and make decent impromptu tables to put campfire essentials on.

15. Bring board games and other activities for family fun

Board games will help your family enjoy time indoors if the weather gets too ugly to play outside. Here are a few great board and card games that you can easily play in the RV.

16. Pack a pizza stone

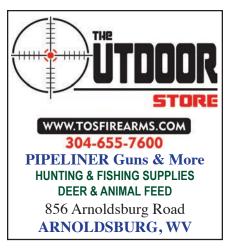
A pizza stone will help to even out the heat in your RV's propane oven so you can bake amazing meals. And of course, you can always use it to make pizza! Pizza stones do break, so be sure to protect them by wrapping them for travel.

17. Repurpose your dishwater

When you are boondocking, your time off-grid and unhooked will be much better if you don't run out of water. Washing and rinsing dishes uses more water than anything besides your RV toilet, so it makes sense to repurpose your dishwater. Use a basin to wash your dishes, and then use gray water to flush your toilet. 18. Make sure your campfire is really out before leaving it

Abandoned campfires are one of the leading causes of forest fires. Not all of these fires were intentionally left smoldering.

Campfires heat the ground underneath them hot enough to reigcontinue to page 10 April/May 2022 ~ Page 8





Chris Davenport arrowed a nice Braxton County whitetail.



Young Ryder Barton got an Ohio buck with his family members.



gnite anything combustible in your firepit hours later. No one wants to be "that guy/girl" so use lots of water or dirt to thoroughly smother your campfire when you are done with it.

As a rule of thumb, you should be able to put your hand comfortably on the ground in your fireplace before you leave.

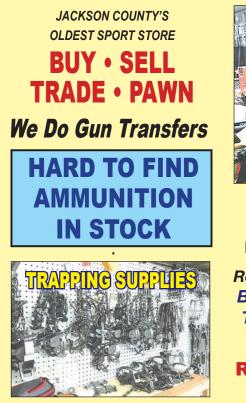
19. Make a headlamp into a lantern

Strap a headlamp (light side in) to a 1-gallon jug of water to make a lantern that lights up your camp-Opaque, white jugs work site. best for this camping hack.

Wash your clothes as you 20. travel

Put dirty clothes, water, and laundry soap into a five-gallon bucket with a tight lid. Make sure the lid is on snug because if it isn't it makes a huge mess. Find a place in your rig where you can make sure the bucket will stay firmly in place. If you have a place to secure it, even better.

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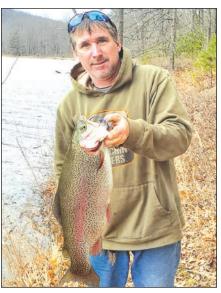
you take will agitate the clothes in clothes will be perfectly clean, the bucket as you drive, just like ready to be rinsed and hung to dry



Bill Anderson survied cancer and was happy to go hunting again.



Scott Swink harvested a nice 10 point in Fayette County. April/May 2022 ~ Page 10



Steve Delaney reeled in a large rainbow trout.

#### WVDNR Habitat Restoration

GLADY, W.VA. — More than 2,000 acres of wildlife habitat in the Monongahela National Forest is being restored thanks to a collaborative project between the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources and United States Forest Service.

The work is being done on the Beaverdam Wildlife Management Area in Randolph County as part of the Beulah Wildlife Enhancement Project, a major effort between the WVDNR and US Forest Service to better manage the area's upland game wildlife, streams and fisheries.

"We're grateful for the opportu-

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85 year old Delbert Taylor bagged a Pleasants County 8 point buck.

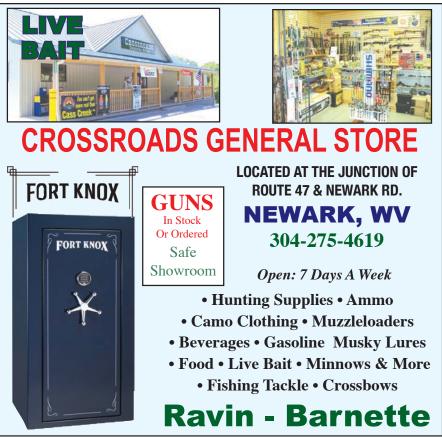


nity to work on this project with the Forest Service and with our game managers to improve the different types of habitat here," said David Thorne, state trout and stream habitat biologist for the WVDNR.

The Beulah Wildlife Enhancement Project area covers 2,287 acres of National Forest land in the West Fork Glady Fork watershed.

Habitat improvements include vegetation diversity enhancement, wildlife opening management, timber and wildlife stand improvement and vernal pool creation. Fish and wildlife species that will benefit from the work include brook trout, ruffed grouse and American woodcock.

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"Our work is going to benefit brook trout in the streams all the way up to the game and non-game species that call this area home," Thorne said.

The area was once timberland and habitat had degraded over the years due to logging, railroad operations and grazing.

"We are working along stream banks and above the stream to create early successional habitat and diversity on the landscape," said Kaylee Pollander, a wildlife biologist for the WVDNR. "We've gone through cutting and uprooting trees to create wetlands and young forests that a lot of species need."

Thorne said the area is in the initial stages of revegetation, but years to come.

"One day, this area will reach a point where you won't even know the land had been disturbed," he said.

For more information about the



Josh MacHensey hooked and released a New River musky. Photo courtesy of Richmond's Meadow Creek Hideaway in Meadow Creek. April/May 2022 ~ Page 12

will provide much-needed habi- WVDNR's wildlife conservation tat for upland game species in the efforts, WMAs and other programs, visit WVdnr.gov.

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Tony McCumbers caught an early season largemouth bass.



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# **SpringTurkey Hunting Tips**

1. Hunt During the Day

The early bird catches the worm, so if you want to catch an early bird, you'll have to wake up even earlier.

Turkeys are known to start their days relatively early. Ideally, you should be at the hunting site and preparing your gear at least one to two hours before the sun rises.

One of your biggest openings to attack flocks of turkeys is when they're searching for food and water.

2. Scout the Area

Mastery of the hunting site will prove to be useful when looking for vantage points and hunting spots. Remember that turkeys are very alert and cautious. You'll have to maximize all the rocks, curves, and hill elevations to effectively hide your presence and remain undetected.

3. Learn to Predict the Weather

Turkey activity tends to decrease during rainy or windy days. Ideally, you should go turkey hunting on fair, sunny days with enough clouds to keep the temperature fair and cool.

Avoid hunting on days with strong winds as well. Not only do strong winds mess up a shooter's accuracy, but the wind might also continue to the next page



Doody Cook caught a great bass at R.D. Bailey Lake recently.



Stacy McCoy landed a 36" carp at the Belleville Dam.



Delana Haught bagged her deer with a side hammer muzzleloader.

overpower the gobbling noises that turkeys make.

4. Avoid Busy Turkey Seasons Have you ever had a turkey run away at the sound of your bird caller? There are two reasons why gobblers might dislike the sound of a bird call.

First, the hunting field might be oversaturated with hunters. With dozens of hunters using different types of bird callers, gobblers start to get scared and associate

these sounds with danger. Second, turkeys aren't hypersexual. Callers only work on sexu-

al birds that are in heat and easy to attract with mating calls and sounds. 5. Locate Roosting Areas

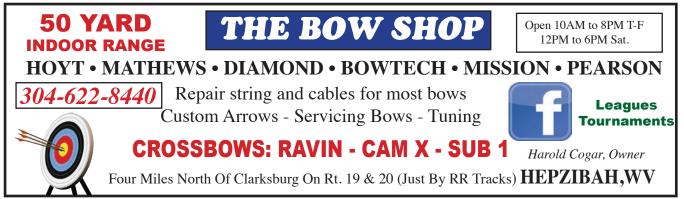
So even if you're a skilled call-



er or have the latest, most expensive gadgets for bird calling, you might not yield the results you're hoping for if you're hunting turkeys. Sometimes the best call for turkey hunting is no call at all.

5. Locate Roosting Areas Position yourself near roosting areas. Turkeys tend to roost in the same area multiple nights in a row—especially if there's a nearby food or water source. It's safe to bet that gobblers might still be around if you see freshly made roosting sites.

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A good approach here is to check for roosting areas one or two days beforehand. Make a map of all past, current, and possible roosting sites so you don't waste time locating them during the actual hunting trip.

6. Glass Gobblers on Ridges

Turkeys have a habit of strutting around ridges near crop fields. Shooters used to glassing can use this to their advantage because canyon slopes have many edges and creases to hide in. Stay two or three miles away from the prey to avoid prematurely flushing them. Also, bring a good pair of binoculars and scopes. Glassing is a relatively difficult technique only experienced shooters can perform, so be careful. Otherwise, you might end up wasting good shots. 7. Know When to Use Decoys

Have you ever experienced having aggressive gobblers attack your decoys? Contrary to popular belief, turkeys can be quite aggressive if they feel their territory is being invaded by an outsider especially if the outsider is also a turkey.

If you place a sole decoy in the midst of a band of aggressive jakes, they might attack the decoy thinking it's a solitary outsider intruding their area.

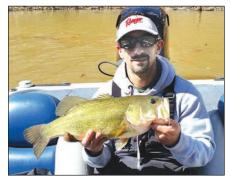
However, this isn't to say that you cannot use decoys anymore. Some turkeys actually enjoy being in the company of other gobblers as it assures them there are no predators or threats around.

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8. Know How to Find a Good Turkey Hunting Spot

Patience is crucial when it comes to turkey hunting. Find and build a comfortable hide to position yourself in so you don't get bored or uncomfortable while waiting for your prey.

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J.R. Hoops landed an early season 5 lb., 6 oz. largemouth bass.



Remember, gobblers aren't the strongest nor the smartest, but they're certainly one of the most observant. Seasoned hunters know that these birds will run away at the mere sound of a light stretch or cough.

9. Listen for Gobbling

Glassing turkeys near ridge lines, spotting freshly nested roosting sites, and locating feeding/drinking locations are all solid ways to track down turkeys, but nothing beats the basics: tracking down gobbling noises.

However, don't come rushing in at the faintest sound of gobbling. Remember that turkeys are very cautious, so even if you happen to track down their gobbling, you should still exercise caution when approaching them.

Note: Another reason not to use bird callers is these might overpower the gobbling sounds that turkeys make.

10. Familiarize Yourself With Turkey Hunting Laws

Bear in mind that different states have varying laws when it comes to turkey hunting. For example, states like Alaska do not allow the killing of turkeys for sport or recreation, while gobblers are fair game in states like Alabama, Florida, Indiana, Maryland, Minnesota, Texas, and Wisconsin, among others.

Similarly, most states do not allow the use of specific rifles. In fact, hunters can only use rifles to



Frankie Haught landed and released a quality largemouth this spring. He also has been busy selling boats at the new Bass Pro Shop in Morgantown. Stop in and see him. shoot down gobblers in Colorado, Maryland, Missouri, Montana, Oklahoma, Utah, and six other states.

Don't forget the maximum number of turkeys you can bring home. Most state laws allow hunters a season limit of two bearded turkeys.



Gary Murray landed a huge golden trout at Rollins Lake.



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SOUTH CHARLESTON, WV of Natural Resources (WVDNR) - On Saturday, March 19, Lu- public access site in the tailwacas King of Burnsville, West Vir- ter section of Burnsville Dam in ginia, caught and released a new Braxton County. The musky was state record musky. He was fish- caught using 6□ glide bait. ing from the bank of the Little Kanawha River at a WV Division inches long and weighed 51.00

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King's record fish was 55.0625







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pounds. The trophy musky eclipsed the previous WV length record of 54.0625 inches caught last year by Chase Gibson and surpassed the current weight record of 49.75 pounds previously held by Anna Marsh.

The record catch was measured by WVDNR fisheries biologist, Aaron Yeager.

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Anna Marsh is shown with her record musky - 49 3/4 lb. It was caught in 1997.

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Anglers who believe they may have caught a state record fish should check the current records in the fishing regulations at wvdnr.gov. Procedures for reporting a record catch also are included in the regulations.

Editors Note: I interviewed Anna Marsh in 1997 after her record fish was caught. She was in a lounge chair with her husband and was using a Zebco 33 with 10 pound test at Stonecoal Lake. She had a worm on her #6 hook and a bobber when the giant musky took her bait.

She let out a squeal and another angler from Elkins, Jim Norton, was nearby and came to help her. He advised her to loosen her drag and Anna didn't really know how to do that. He helped her and both of them tried to reel the fish in together. Anna soon tired out and gave the rod to Jim Norton.

He ended up fighting the fish for another 20 minutes and got it to the bank when another angler had a large net. Ronald Joe Collins netted the fish.

I had talked to the head warm water fishing biologist at the time - Bert Pierce. I thought that the record should have been shared. He said that she hooked the fish and she gets the record ....

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oldest for WV species.

Anna Marsh's weight record fish - 43 pounds even.

This current weight record lasted broke an even older record set over 25 years and was one of the in 1955 by Lester Haynes on a musky caught from the Elk River





Travis Neal bagged an 8 point in Mason County

#### **Total Deer Harvest** In WV

SOUTH CHARLESTON, W.VA Hunters harvested 105,278 white-tailed deer during the recent buck firearms, antlerless, muzzleloader, archery, crossbow, youth/ Class Q/Class XS and Mountaineer Heritage deer seasons, according to Paul Johansen, chief of the Wildlife Resources Section of the West Virginia Division of Natural 2021 deer seasons reveals a total Resources (WVDNR).



The total harvest was 1.5 percent below the 2020 deer harvest of 106,861 and was less than 1 percent below the five-year average of 105.718.

A breakdown of the combined of 42,143 bucks harvested during

the traditional buck firearm season, 27,614 antlerless deer during all antlerless firearm hunting seasons and 31,319 deer harvested during the urban and regular archery/crossbow seasons. In addition, 3,569 deer were taken during continue to page 22





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all antlerless firearm hunting seasons and 31,319 deer harvested during the urban and regular archery/crossbow seasons. In addition, 3,569 deer were taken during the muzzleloader season and 633 deer with primitive bow and muzzleloader weapons during the Mountaineer Heritage season.

ANTLERLESS DEER SEASON

During the 2021 antlerless deer seasons, which includes the youth/Class Q/Class XS deer season, hunters harvested 27,614 deer. The harvest was 12 percent less than 31,255 in 2020 and 10 percent below the five-year average of 30,708.

"It is important to note that the antlerless harvest is the key component to any deer management strategy, as it controls the future deer population," said Johansen.

WVDNR will hold in-person public meetings on March 14-15 for fall 2022 deer hunting regulations. The agency will solicit input on whether to increase, decrease or stabilize deer populations in each of the 51 counties where firearms deer hunting will be permitted for fall 2022.

The 2021 top-ten counties for bagged a quality 8 point buck.



antlerless deer harvest were Preston (1,327), Jackson (1,092), Mason (1,078), Upshur (1,048), Hampshire (1,031), Roane (945), Lewis (913), Wood (906), Monroe (891) and Ritchie (883). MUZZLELOADER DEER SEA-SON

The 2021 muzzleloader harvest of 3,569, which does not include 590 deer taken with side lock and flintlock muzzleloaders in the Mountaineer Heritage season, was 32 percent below the 2020 harvest of 5,227 and was 22 percent below the five-year average of 4,600. The 2021 top-ten counties were Jackson (140), Preston (138), Braxton (133), Upshur continue to the next page



Pauline Clark, from West Hamlin, bagged a quality 8 point buck.



(131), Randolph (125), Nicholas(116) Greenbrier (116), Lewis(111), Barbour (107) and Mason(107).

# ARCHERY AND CROSSBOW DEER SEASON

Bow and crossbow hunters harvested 31,319 deer, which does not include 43 recurve and longbow harvested deer during Mountaineer Heritage season. The 2021 harvest was less than 1 percent below the 2020 archery and crossbow season harvest of 31,594 and 8 percent above the five-year average archery season harvest of 29,058. The proportion of the harvest taken using a crossbow increased and was higher than deer reportedly taken by a bow for the fifth year. The 2021 top-ten counties were Preston (1,257), Kanawha (1,226), Wyoming (1,170), Raleigh (1,079), Randolph (1,023), Fayette (864), Upshur (850), Wood (844), Mercer (814) and Jackson (802).

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# **Anyalizing Bass In Prespawn**

The first thing we need to do when we analyze the prespawn is to understand when it happens, what it is and how it works.

Let's begin by thinking about it as a local or regional movement of bass. I live in southern Indiana. In late February, it's in the 30-degree range here. The water isn't a heck of a lot warmer. There's no such thing as the prespawn right now. But, maybe 100 miles or so south of here it's warmer. The very early prespawn has already started, out and it g



Dave Gregory has a huge rainbow trout. *Photo courtesy of Middle Mountain Sporting Goods in Elkins*.



Crystal Fleck has a 5 1/2 pound rainbow. *Photo courtesy of Middle Mountain Sporting Goods in Elkins*.

by Bill Lowen

although it's slow and sporadic. Down in the South, though, it's been happening for some time, and in some areas the spawn has already happened, at least most of it.

Where you live and fish matters. It's all local.

Having said what I just said, though, it won't be long before the prespawn hits the Midwest. Once the last of the cold moves out and it gets warm for a few days, there will be fish that start moving up towards the beds.

The best places to start your



search is on the outside breaks leading into the spawning areas. The big females tend to move up and then stop at the first available break. If the weather, and water, turns cold for a while they'll move out, but not very far. The move-

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The best advice anyone can give you about where they'll be on any particular day is to pay close attention to water temperature and to your electronics. If you find water that's warmer than the surrounding areas, fish it. And, of course, if you see fish on your SONAR fish for them.



Joe Carpenter shot a 9 point buck in Wood County.



Johnny Brown used a bow in Wyoming County for his buck.

Now, you'll note that I haven't talked about specific water temperatures. That's because trends at this time of the year are more important. Fifty-degree water is warm compared to 40-degree water. And 60-degree water is warm compared to 50-degree water. It's more relative than it is absolute.

My favorite and most effective bait at this time of the year is a flat-sided, balsa crankbait. I like some of the custom-made ones that are mostly sold locally. When I don't fish with them I usually go with a Strike King Chick Magnet Flat Sided Crankbait. It's not balsa, but it performs like it is.

I make long casts well past my target and then bring my lure back with a variety of retrieves until I



find bass and until I figure out what they want. I fish fast. I fish slow. I fish steady. I fish stop and start, and I vary the lengths of my stops.

There are more colors around than you can carry in your boat. I can't recommend any one of them over another. Everybody has his

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or her favorite. Pick something that the fish can see under your local water conditions, and remember that you won't ever go wrong when you match the local forage — in both color and size.

Fishing the early prespawn is much like real estate: It's all about location. Don't make something simple and straightforward into rocket science.

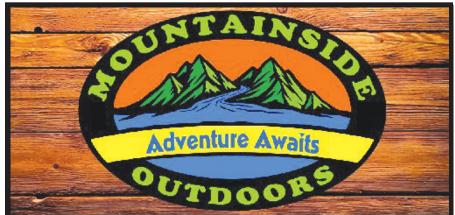
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Kevin Davis harvested a huge Jackson County buck



Jeremy McCoy hooked a 30 1/2" walleye at the Belleville Dam.



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### Be A Better Turkey Caller

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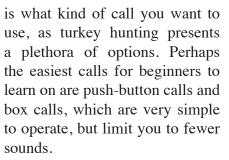
As someone who makes calls, I've spent a lot of time talking about how to call turkeys.

I've heard a lot of hunting stories about what works and what doesn't, and seen a lot of different types of calls. But at the end of the day, what really makes or breaks a turkey calling approach is discipline.

If you don't know how to effectively call in a turkey, your best bet at harvesting one would be to abandon the call all together. If you aren't well-versed in the art, you'll probably just end up doing more damage than anything, as subpar sounds or a misunderstanding of how much to actually call can completely blow your cover.

The key is to only bring your turkey calls into the woods with a substantial amount of preparation, meaning you shouldn't go light on research or practice.

Before you get started, though, the first thing you have to decide



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Don Salisbury went to Florida for an Oscelo turkey.



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Only once you've mastered both it with a box call? sounds and cadence will you want to advance to a diaphragm call, as these aren't the easiest to learn. However, once you do get the hang of them, you don't have to use your hands, which will enhance your ability to remain stealthy.

As soon as you've selected your call, you can start focusing on mastering the craft. Here are some of the best things to do to improve your ability to call in a big gobbler.

First and foremost you have to practice your turkey calling. Think of it like an instrument; you wouldn't pick up a guitar and go play a concert without practicing, so why would a turkey hunter do

The hunt is your concert; you need to practice and have each and every one of your calls down to perfection before you try them out on live turkeys.

Variation

I know this might sound like something you expect to hear from a callmaker, but variation really is a key part of turkey hunting, especially if you only have a small area to hunt in.

Turkeys are very smart and they will get used to the sound of your calls. If you only have one call and use it over and over, the turkey will stop responding, and eventually run the other way when they hear you calling.

Variation can be as simple as buying a few extra strikers for your pot call, different woods of



strikers will make different tones. Or you can be like many hunters out there and carry two or three of every type of call possible into the woods.

While this can get cumbersome, continue to page 34



Paige Powers used a compound bow for a Fayette Co. buck.





Cohen Carder (6) bagged his first buck.



Luke Humphreys caught an early season 4 1/4 pound largemouth. April/May 2022 ~ Page 32

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it can also lead to great results if you know how to use all of the calls together.

Another option is to incorporate decoys. A strong decoy setup will sell any gobbler on a half-decent sequence of turkey sounds and send them into full strut. You'll have even more success if you take their roost into consideration. Don't Overcall

Hunters sometimes get the wrong impression about using turkey calls. You don't have to call every No Need to Yell 30 seconds.

of patience and from seeing hunting shows where it appears that is what they are doing, but you have to remember, they tend to edit out the boring parts.

I have a general rule of calling no more than every 15 minutes if I am not hearing any gobbles. I have never once heard a hen just stand in the woods and yelp con-



Angelo Selino caught a flathead in th Kanawha River on a cold day..



tinuously, so why would that be off a shot. what I imitate?

Sometimes you will need to use I think this comes from a lack your calls as loud as possible. For example, if you are trying to locate, or if it's a windy day and you can see turkeys at a distance would both be good times to try to get full volume from your turkey calls.

> But when you are actively calling a turkey and getting response, soften up. Remember, most of your calling is as a hen that is supposed to be enticing a gobbler to come towards her.

> One of the better options out there is called a Purr Pot. It is just like a regular slate call or a pot call, just smaller and has a much softer sound, especially for purring. Everybody who tries it in the woods says that it does a great job of getting a gobbler to come the last 15 yards or so needed to get

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Not only friction calls will get the job done, though, as a mouth continue to page 36



Maci Kessler (9) hooked a 6 1/4 pound rainbow trout.



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call will bring in a wild turkey just as well.

Know When to Stop

The last piece of advice I have is to know when to stop calling. If you have a longbeard coming across a field directly towards you, you don't need to keep calling. Put down your calls and just wait.

The more you call, the more likely you are to mess up and send him running. If he stops or turns, then



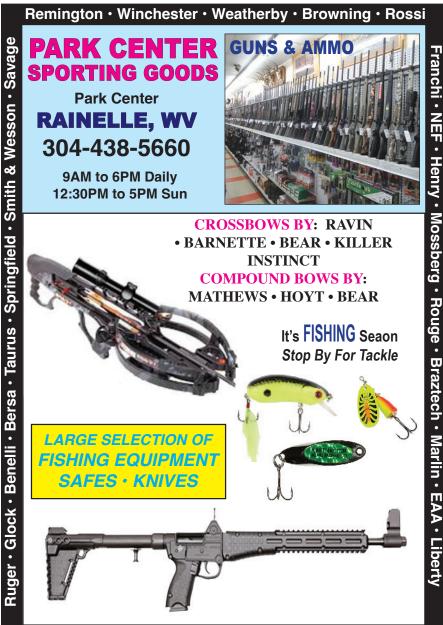
Zach Yeater harvested an 8 point in Tyler County.



Hunter Nelson reeled in a pretty golden trout.



by all means call a little more, but Hunt safely this season. Lots of if it is not necessary, don't do it. turkeys are avaiable in WV.



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Rick Westfall caught & released an early North Bend largemouth.



Diane Jones hunted in Tyler County for her 7 point buck.



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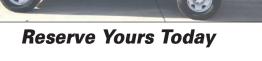
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