

Conservation

Get Outdoors!

Springtime is one of the best times to get outdoors because nature is coming alive after a long, cold winter. There is plenty to see and explore. Why not keep track of what you see by starting a Nature Journal? You can go out in your yard, or maybe to a nearby park, just to see what natural items you might find, like bugs or flowers or birds. And when you see something cool, write about it in your Nature Journal. It's also fun to draw a picture of what you found. Add whatever you want, because It's your Nature Journal!

Hunting Tip

Spring turkey hunting season arrives during April and May! There are two days reserved only for kids to hunt before everyone else can. Have you ever been turkey hunting? When you go, make sure to wear hunter orange when you are walking into or out of the hunt area. And never shoot at only a sound or a movement; you must see the entire bird to determine whether it is safe and legal to shoot.

Fishing Tip

Do you know how to tie a hook, lure or swivel to your fishing line? Fishing knots are special because they do not create sharp angles in the line, which can cause the line to break. Learn about knot tying at www.wildlifedepartment.com/oj/video-how-tie-fishing-knot.

for Kids!

Word Search: Oklahoma Fish

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Find the names of these fish that can be found in Oklahoma:

White bass

Gar

Crappie

Catfish

Largemouth

Walleye

Buffalo

Carp

Smallmouth

Sunfish

Striper

Trout

Some COOL FACTS about the Largemouth Bass:

- Lives in freshwater lakes, streams and ponds across the entire country.
- Usually olive green with a dark stripe along its side and a whitish belly.
- Mostly eats smaller fish like shad, sunfish and minnows.
- Sometimes might eat crawfish, frogs and even small water birds.
- Usually considered the top, or apex, predator wherever it lives.
- The most-sought-after game fish in the United States.
- Can see in color and is highly attracted to red.
- Begins life by hatching from eggs as fry that are about 3mm long.
- Can live about 10 to 16 years depending on its environment.
- Can grow to weigh more than 20 pounds in some parts of the world.
- Oklahoma's state record largemouth bass, caught in 2013, weighed 14 pounds 13.7 ounces.



Color a Critter: Largemouth Bass

