

Conservation

Fun Outdoors!

We know them as weeds. But some people find dandelions healthy and delicious! In spring, you can make dandelion tea from the young tender leaves. A delicate, slightly sweet herbal tea can be made with dandelion flowers. But there are some precautions to take. Learn all about it cupandleaf.com/blog/how-to-make-dandelion-tea.

Hunting Tip

Do you know about yelps, clucks, purrs and gobbles? They are all sounds made by turkeys, and replicated by hunters using turkey calls. Calling turkeys during a hunt is somewhat of an art and requires practice and knowledge. Whether you choose a box call, a slate call (pot) or a mouth call (diaphragm), take the time to learn how to use the call you have, when to use it during the hunt, and what sounds are most effective in various situations. Do these things, and you will up your odds of going home with a tom or a jake.

Fishing Tip

Every good angler should know how to properly tie something onto his or her line. It only takes a little time and practice to become proficient at knot-tying. A good basic fishing knot is called the improved clinch knot. It can be used to attach hooks, lures and swivels to your line. And it's easy and fun to do! Learn all kinds of fishing knots at wildlifedepartment.com/fishing/resources/learn-fish/how-tie-every-fishing-knot.

for Kids!

Word Search: Oklahoma Lake Names

N	M	O	J	F	C	M	C	Z	D	B	B	J	E	K	R
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Find and circle these names of lakes found in Oklahoma.

American Horse
Eufaula
Skiatook
Watonga

Broken Bow
Keystone
Texoma
Waurika

Elmer Thomas
Oologah
Tom Steed
Yahola



COOL FACTS About American Paddlefish:

- It is among Oklahoma's largest fish, with the state record at 164 pounds.
- The American paddlefish feeds on tiny microscopic insects by swimming with its mouth gaping wide open.
- A free paddlefish permit is required to fish for them in Oklahoma.
- American paddlefish are well-adapted to living in rivers and lakes.
- The species was swimming around when dinosaurs roamed the world in the late Cretaceous Period about 65 million years ago.
- In Oklahoma, they are found mainly in the Grand, Neosho, Arkansas, and Red River systems.
- In Oklahoma, an angler may harvest one paddlefish daily, and a total of two paddlefish per year.
- American paddlefish can live up to 50 years.
- They are found mainly in the central and eastern U.S. from Montana to Louisiana.
- Paddlefish have a long oar-like or spoonlike bill called a rostrum.
- They have smooth scaleless skin and broad tails that resemble a shark tail.
- Snagging is the method of angling most commonly used to catch American paddlefish.



Color a Critter: American Paddlefish

