

Conservation

Get Outdoors!

Spring has sprung, and it's a great time to go camping, hiking and fishing! If you live in Oklahoma and are 15 or younger, you can fish without a state license. Research state parks, campgrounds and recreation areas near you. Ask your parent or guardian to plan a camping or hiking trip, and take your fishing rod!

P.S.: Don't forget the bug spray!

for Kids!

Word Search: Oklahoma Springtime

Hunting Tip

May 15 is when squirrel hunting season opens in Oklahoma. Squirrel hunting is a great way for youngsters to start hunting and learn all about it. Oklahoma has two species of squirrels: fox and gray. If you are an Oklahoma resident 15 or younger, you can hunt squirrels without a hunting license, but someone at least 18 who is hunter education-certified (unless exempt) must be with you. You can learn how to clean squirrels and ask Mom or Dad to cook them for dinner! Yum!

Fishing Tip

When the water at your favorite fishing spot turns muddy, don't give up trying to catch some fish. Black bass might not be able to see your underwater lures in muddy water. So, change tactics. Fish with top-water plugs or fly-rod poppers, and make them splash and sputter as much as you can. That just might tempt that big bass to strike!

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

Tornado	Snakes	Fishing	Sunshine
Thunderstorm	Green	Bird Nest	Turkeys
Fawn	Frogs	Dandelion	Wildflowers

Some COOL FACTS about the Ladybird Beetle:

- They are commonly called ladybugs, but technically these beetles are not true bugs.
- Ladybird beetles are usually colored orange, red or yellow, with black spots and head.
- They mostly eat aphids and smaller garden pests, making them a gardener's friend.



- It is in the family *Coccinellidae*, from the Latin word for "scarlet."
- There are more than 5,000 species of ladybird beetles.
- These beetles have variable numbers of spots, stripes or no markings, depending on species.
- Ladybird beetles are found in temperate zones on every continent except Antarctica.
- It is a myth that the number of spots on a ladybird beetle tells its age.
- The dome-shaped back plates are actually two wing covers; ladybird beetles do fly.
- Seven-spotted ladybird beetles are the most common type in America.
- Seven-spotted ladybirds were brought to North America in the mid-1900s to control aphids.

Color a Critter: Ladybird Beetle

