

NDG&F April 30th Newsletter

Becoming an Outdoors-Woman Program Announces Schedule

The North Dakota Game and Fish Department's Becoming an Outdoors-Woman program has announced a schedule of events in 2012.

Hike the Maah Daah Hey Trail is June 15-17. This workshop is designed for women with previous hiking or backpacking skills, or who are in good physical condition. Participants will hike a 15-mile portion of the trail south of Medora. Activity is strenuous due to rough terrain. The \$30 fee includes lunch and dinner each day, plus group gear. Each participant must provide their own personal gear.

The annual summer workshop is scheduled Aug. 10-12 at Lake Metigoshe State Park, Bottineau. Participants may take several programs including archery, canoeing, introduction to firearms, fly-fishing, kayaking, navigating outdoors, global positioning system, plant identification, introduction to photography, and tracking and trapping. Workshop fees of \$135 cover instruction, program materials, use of equipment, all meals and lodging.

Turtle River State Park will host a workshop Sept. 21-23. Classes include mountain biking, wild game cooking, stream fly-fishing, nature journaling and archery. Workshop fees of \$135 include instruction in all sessions, program materials, use of equipment, and all meals and lodging.

Waterfowl hunting is scheduled Oct. 6-7 in Bismarck. Participants are instructed in firearm and waterfowl safety, shotgun shooting, waterfowl identification, water/field decoys and gear, and the techniques for decoying and calling waterfowl. A mentored hunt will be featured Oct. 7. Participants must possess a hunter education certificate, current hunting licenses and provide their own hunting clothing, boots or waders. Workshop fees of \$20 include instruction, program materials and use of equipment. No lodging is provided.

A bow hunting workshop for women with no or minimal archery experience is set for Oct. 24-28 at Lake Metigoshe State Park. Participants will achieve the necessary education, experience and confidence to archery hunt alone. Participants must have previously taken the beginning archery course or have demonstrated a minimum level of proficiency, and must provide their own archery equipment. More information on this event, including cost, will be available in midsummer.

BOW workshops are designed primarily for women with an interest in learning skills associated with hunting, fishing and outdoor endeavors. Although open to anyone age 18 or older, the workshops are tailored primarily to women who have never tried these activities or who are beginners hoping to improve their skills.

Women interested in attending a workshop can [enroll online](#), or print an [information brochure and enrollment form](#), at the Game and Fish website, gf.nd.gov. More information is available by contacting Nancy Boldt at (701) 328-6312, Brittany Fish at (701) 527-3075, or email ndgf@nd.gov.

Game Warden Exam is May 18

Individuals interested in taking the game warden exam scheduled for May 18 are reminded to submit a letter of intent to the North Dakota Game and Fish Department before 5 p.m., May 17.

Letters of intent should be addressed to chief game warden Robert Timian, North Dakota Game and Fish Department, 100 N. Bismarck Expressway, Bismarck, ND 58501-5095. The test will be given at 10 a.m., May 18 at the department's main office in Bismarck.

Applicants must be at least 21 years of age and have a bachelor's degree. Other requirements are a current North Dakota peace officer license, or eligibility for a license, and a valid driver's license.

Candidates must have excellent interpersonal skills in communications and writing, and must not have a record of any felony convictions.

Game wardens enforce game and fish laws and related regulations in an assigned district and other locations as determined by the department. Wardens normally work alone under varied conditions, at all hours of the day, night and weekends. In addition to law enforcement duties, wardens assist in the areas of public relations, education programs, and hunter and boat safety education.

Game warden duties also require the ability to perform physically demanding tasks involving lifting and carrying large, heavy objects, walking and running over uneven terrain and tolerating adverse weather and other environmental conditions.

Selection procedures following the test may include an evaluation of the application, a structured oral interview, background and reference checks, and psychological and medical examinations.

The salary for beginning game wardens through training is \$3,000 per month. Upon successful completion of training, the salary is \$3,550 per month. Wardens also receive the state benefits package, including travel allowance. Uniforms and other equipment are provided.

Game and Fish Pays \$484,000 in Property Taxes

The North Dakota Game and Fish Department recently paid \$484,822 in taxes to counties in which the department owns or leases land. The 2011 in-lieu-of-tax payments are the same as property taxes paid by private landowners.

The Game and Fish Department manages more than 200,000 acres for wildlife habitat and public hunting in 50 counties. The department does not own or manage any land in Traill or Renville counties. Following is a list of counties and the tax payments they received: Adams, 141.18; Billings, 0.00; Grant, 668.47; Ramsey, 3,706.43; Barnes, 4,687.02; Griggs, 388.62; Ransom, 1,220.33; Benson, 3,320.89; Hettinger, 3,020.48; Richland, 14,959.16; Bottineau, 4,313.42; Kidder, 9,671.99; Rolette, 18,860.49; Bowman, 1,470.22; LaMoure, 6,881.08; Sargent, 12,822.69; Burke, 748.67; Logan, 1,462.03; Sheridan, 60,835.64; Burleigh, 25,622.37; McHenry, 1,551.15; Sioux, 395.44; Cass, 6,508.24; McIntosh, 7,109.54; Slope, 1,583.42; Cavalier, 21,375.08; McKenzie, 32,468.02; Stark, 233.17; Dickey, 16,428.27; McLean, 50,570.15; Steele, 8,588.51; Divide, 1,407.01; Mercer, 10,874.90; Stutsman, 7,675.51; Dunn, 6,673.06; Morton, 16,583.30; Towner, 2,049.83; Eddy, 3,572.13; Mountrail, 9,088.82; Walsh, 8,652.13; Emmons, 3,330.99; Nelson, 4,766.52; Ward, 91.63; Foster, 2,983.80; Oliver, 2,475.03; Wells, 46,414.47; Golden Valley, 185.20; Pembina, 14,744.34; Williams, 7,647.71; Grand Forks, 11,837.01; Pierce, 2,157.23