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Make Your Own Carp Bait!

This summer, try out these three easy homemade recipes and see how many carp you catch. Be sure to tell us about your results and send us a picture of any carp your catch using these recipes.

PEANUT BUTTER BALL

- 1/2 cup of grits
- 1 cup of peanut butter
- 1/4 cup of flour
- 2 slices of white bread

Simply mash it altogether and form a tight ball around your hook.

BREAKFAST CEREAL

- 1 cup of Wheaties – or really any other cereal will work just as well
- 1 cup of flour
- stir in a little honey and a 1/4 cup sugar

Mix in a little hot water until you get the desired consistency.

KOOL-AID MIXTURE

- 1 cup of corn puffs
- 1 cup of flour
- 1/4 cup brown sugar
- 1 package of Kool-Aid – any color works but we like red the best

Mix the ingredients and slowly add in hot water. Once you get a thick dough like texture stop adding water and work the paste. Remember you want it to be firm.



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The 8 Best Fly Fishing Spots in West Virginia

The Appalachian Mountains have some of the wildest, beautiful and unexplored parts of the Eastern United States and provide some of the best places in the country for fly fishing enthusiasts. The pristine mountain streams flow down forming tributaries to West Virginia's rivers and are home to many species of trout including, brown, rainbow, and golden rainbow, as well as other fish. Check out the locations listed below for the best places to go fly fishing. When it comes to fishing, West Virginia truly is almost heaven.

CRANBERRY RIVER, RICHWOOD, WV

Once not capable of producing fish because of high acid levels, the Cranberry River near Richwood, West Virginia, now is one of the most popular fly fishing destinations in the state. Part of the Cranberry Wilderness and the Monongahela National Forest, and known for great trout fishing, it's been named one of "America's 100 Best Trout Streams." A tributary of the Gauley River in southeastern West Virginia, and with its start in the Cranberry Glades area of the state, the river follows the natural contour of the landscape through the nearly 36,000-acre wilderness that is the largest in the state. If you enjoy the serenity and enjoyment from fly fishing, you'll enjoy fishing for brook, brown, and rainbow trout along this beautiful and scenic river. Always be aware of your surroundings, though, since this area is a black bear sanctuary.

ELK RIVER, MONTEVALLE, WV

Affectionately known by local fishermen as "the Lady," the crystal clear emerald water that runs down from the Cheat and Gauley Mountains of West Virginia form the Elk River. Over 10,000 fish including brown, brook, rainbow, and golden rainbow trout are caught each year. This tributary to the Kanawha River is approximately 172 miles long and has everything a fisherman could want—slow, lazy pools and mountain rivulets form the perfect place to meet your next trout. The highest part of the river offers a great fly fishing destination for the serious fisherman because of the limestone creek bed.

DRY FORK, PARSONS, WV

Stocked with brook, brown, rainbow, and golden rainbow trout once in February, then every two weeks from March through May each year, Dry Fork is the 40-mile tributary of the Black Fork of Cheat River in eastern West Virginia near the Monongahela National Forest. Literally winding through above ground and underground caves, portions of this creek dry up during the summer months, giving it the name Dry Fork or Dry Run. Don't let the name fool you because this is one of the best places for fly fishing in the state.

SENECA CREEK, SENECA ROCKS, WV

The Seneca Rocks area of West Virginia is known for its raw and unspoiled beauty, and nowhere else can it be so clearly seen as along Seneca Creek. Joining the North Fork near Seneca Rocks Discovery Center, Seneca Creek, listed as one of the "Top 100 Trout Streams" by Trout Unlimited, lies within the Monongahela National Forest. There are restrooms and rangers at nearby Dolly Sods Wilderness who can point you to the best fishing locations along the small streams.

BUFFALO CREEK OF NEW RIVER, FAYETTE COUNTY, WV

Buffalo Creek was part of the massive improvement project that began in the late 1970s by the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers and Appalachian Stream Restorations to slow the flow of the water, allowing for pools of water and deflected currents. This, in turn, lured more insects, crayfish, and other trout attractors to the area. The creek is stocked once in February, then bi-weekly between March and May.

MILLIGAN CREEK, GREENBRIER COUNTY, WV

There are several hot spots for fly fishing along this state-supported and stocked fishing spot known as Milligan Creek, located in Greenbrier County just a few miles from Lewisburg, West Virginia. Rainbow trout and largemouth or spotted bass are plentiful since stocking is done on a regular basis. There is a one-mile section of the creek that is designated for fly fishing only, and Milligan Creek is the state's only natural home for the native Brook trout.

SECOND CREEK, LEWISBURG, WV

This freestone trout stream is near Lewisburg, West Virginia and is one of a limited number of catch-and-release locations for fly fishing. Easy to wade, there are several places with deep pools and walking is a must for most of the area because of private landowners. Fishing is good year-round, but water levels are usually lowest in the summer months. This Greenbrier River tributary has a gravel bottom and a section that is for fly fishing only on private property. There is a good number of aquatic insects like mayflies, caddisflies, and midges, making this a very popular site for locals and those who travel in to the area.

THORN CREEK, PENDLETON COUNTY, WV

Thorn Creek is a favorite location for fly fishing, and like many of the creeks and rivers in West Virginia, has a section dedicated to catch-and-release. Part of the Thorn Creek Wildlife Management Area and a tributary of the South Branch of the Potomac, this 25-mile waterway is scheduled for stocking, and rules apply to these areas, such as fishing is only permitted during the daytime, no live lures can be used, and no trout can be kept, but returned to the water immediately.

Summer Safety for Kids Who Love the Outdoors

- Apply sunscreen with SPF 15 or greater to reduce the intensity of UV rays that cause sunburns. Apply it 15 to 30 minutes before sun exposure.
- Drink plenty of water and fluids when you go outside to avoid dehydration and keep refueled.
- Limit sun exposure, especially between the hours or 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. UV rays are strongest at these times.
- Taking time to ensure outdoor play areas are safe will protect your from injuries.
- When you're out on the trail, whether hiking, camping or hunting, protect yourself from mosquitoes and other bugs by using insect and tick repellent.
- Enroll in a swimming class if you don't know how to swim. Always use the buddy system, swim with friends or family members.
- Always make sure you have adult supervision.

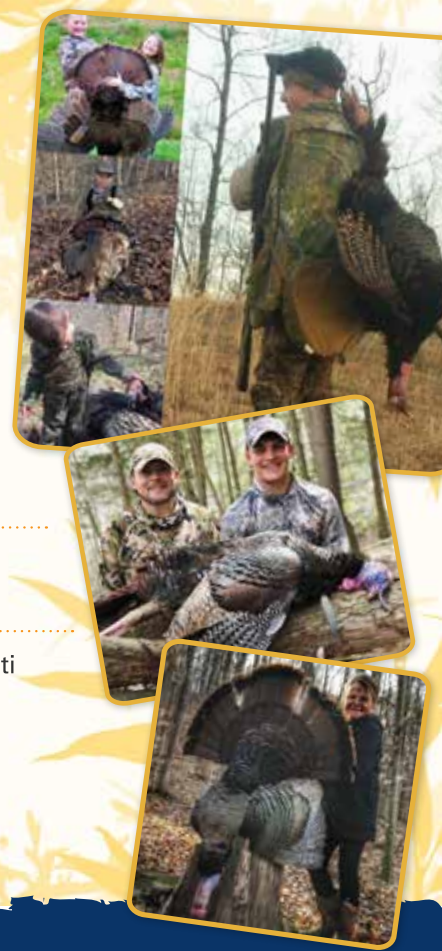
#BTBTurkeyHunt Photo Contest Results

This year, BeyondThe Backyard held a photo contest for our members. We asked everyone to submit pictures they took during their turkey hunting adventures. You all sure bagged some great gobblers this year!

The winner, and recipient of the \$500 prize, was Cole Mitchell

The runner-up, and winner of a Yeti bag cooler, was Liza Lucas

Congratulations Cole and Liza!



Did You Know?

The world's largest sycamore tree was in West Virginia? Called the Webster Sycamore, it was located near Webster Springs until it fell in 2010.



Become a Fan To Stay Up-To-Date

Beyond The Backyard is asking all of its members to become a fan of our organization at www.facebook.com/beyondthebackyard. This is a great way for us to share stories and photographs of our outdoor adventures. This also allows us to keep all of our members up-to-date on events around the Mountain State. We also post all of our hunting and fishing adventures on Twitter and Instagram. Find us at twitter.com/beyond_backyard and [instagram.com/beyondthebackyard](https://www.instagram.com/beyondthebackyard)

Member Spotlight

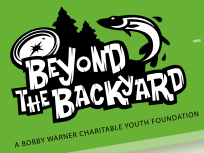
Would you like to be the next kid featured in our member spotlight?

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Samara McCormick

Name: Samara McCormick
Age: 11
Lives in: Charleston, WV
Siblings: Aiden McCormick
Parents: Seth and Rae McCormick
Activities: Fishing, ATV Riding, gymnastics and being with her dog
Favorite Food: Pasta
Favorite Hobby: Scrapbooking
Favorite TV Show: Anything on Disney XD



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Downtown Charleston

5K

RACE / WALK

Join Us This Fall!

Join us as BeyondThe Backyard and our co-sponsor, the City of Charleston, bring our first 5K race and walk to Downtown Charleston this fall. This event will be geared for kids and families, as well as professional runners. We are super excited to host this event. We will be giving away some awesome prizes that you won't want to miss out on. We hope that all of our members, as well as many new faces, will be a part of this event!

More details on this event coming soon!

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