

The Missouri Trekker

The Coalition of Historical Trekkers

Missouri Chapter

Tracy Smith - Missouri Representative

Fall Quarter Newsletter 2007

This will be a short one but I have some time sensitive stuff I want you to know about. We have some really good chances at some fall events coming up so below I'm including info on these. I have been able to make a few events and see some COHT and non COHT friends. Also lost one good rendezvous buddy earlier this month who will be sorely missed. The FETE moved to Ft. Osage this year and was really good and with construction finally winding down the grounds will be even better next year. The Bald Eagle Rendezvous at LaCompton KS was good we demonstrated for about 400 school kids on Friday and the public on Sat. and Sun. Spent many hours giving Ben Franklin (Gobler) grief about this and that. So a descent start to a very busy fall, if you have something going on let me know so I can help get the word out.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Strother Freetrappers Fall Rendezvous and shoot- Oct. 5-7 near Holden Missouri
See www.strotherclub.com for directions

Boyes in da Woode Hunt and Trek Oct. 12-14 details below

First Sante Fe Trails Plainsman Fall Rende Oct. 19-21 Near Overbrook KS
Including Nash shotgun shoot to raise money for youth activities- see below

Sunklands Conservation area Hunt and Trek Nov. 2-4 Near Eminence MO details below

Bulls Eye Gun Club Woods Walk Feb. 23/24th 2008 South of Desoto MO
Contact Merrick or Jeff 1-800-423-3204

Boyes in the Woode. 3 day hunt/foot scout

October 12-14, 2007

Mark Twain National Forest, Paddy Creek Wilderness Area
<http://tinyurl.com/2vv7cb>

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Meet at Jeff's house by 11 am on Friday, October 12. Jeff said folks are welcome to come down Thursday but his trailer is small, so there ain't much room. Please let Jeff know if you are coming early. We can consolidate vehicles at Jeff's. Around noon we'll head down for lunch and to possibly meet the local WCO and Forest Service Tech, then on to the trailhead. We'll come out Sunday morning and hit the diner again before we break up and head home. It's roughly 4 hours from Fort Osage to theBottiger's.

You can purchase your permits on-line, over the phone, at any Department of Conservation office or from over a thousand vendors around the state.<https://www4.wildlifelicense.com/mo/start.php>
Non-resident daily hunting is \$11 per day or \$75 for a years permit

Non-resident daily fishing is \$7 per day or \$40 for a years permit

I talked to the local WCO and as far as he's concerned if your gun is unloaded then you are NOT intending to shoot anything, therefore NOT hunting. He said that Paddy Creek is full of squirrels and they've had an excelent hatch of turkeys. He sounded pretty stoked for someone to bag a turkey with a flintlock. Wild pigs are another possibility. You WILL need a small game permit to hunt them. I would like to know who is coming so RSVP me by Tuesday October 9th. Both the WCO and forest tech asked how many will be there so I told them that I would let them know.

I hope this turns out to be an annual fall event. Also mark your calenders for the first weekend of March, 2008. We are planning a float in the same area. If you have any questions feel free to contact me.

YHS,
Bryan Everhart
Kansas State Rep., COHT

Nash Shotgun shoot at Overbrook

Earlier this month a friend of many Rendezvousers passed away. Bart Nash was a man who made an impression on everyone he met. His irreverent sense of humor, early morning coffee and prowess at the hawk block will be missed. Bart was very involved in teaching skills to scouts and other youths and to help this legacy continue the First Sante Fe Trails Plainsman Muzzleloader club is hosting a shotgun shoot in conjunction with their fall rendezvous. Proceeds will go to a fund that will help with future youth education projects. Their fall Rendezvous is Oct. 19-21st at their range near Overbrook Kansas. Contact Tracy Smith (816-250-2434), Richard Reipe, Danny Sutcliffe, or Randy Hittle if you need directions.

Sunklands Conservation Area Hunt/Trek

Tracy, here's the link for the conservation map of the Sunklands Conservation Area. It's massive, but, since I was there this spring, I located a couple smallish rock houses, and a great spring that should have a good water supply. Let do this trek the weekend of November 3 and 4. Its hardwood ridges and hollows, in season will be rabbits, squirrel, coyote, and birds, and deer and turkey with a bow. I'm not sure about furbears yet. Let me know what you think.

http://mdc.mo.gov/documents/area_brochures/9511map.pdf

John

Plan as it stands now is to leave KC after work on Friday, arrive after dark, set camp close to the truck. Get up Sat. Morn and hunt/hike into the area to set up camp farther in. Camp over Sat. night and hunt/hike out Sunday. We could meet others somewhere closer to the CA if they are not in the KC area.

You can contact me or John Meyer for details.
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