

Deer-vehicle collision season upon us

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Oh, deer. State transportation cabinet officials are warning drivers to be on the lookout for the animals along Kentucky roadways as both the fall mating season and deer-vehicle collision season have officially commenced.

Increased field activity by farmers as they harvest crops also puts deer on the move, which could make them more likely to come into the path of passing vehicles.

In the Bluegrass State, the odds of a driver being involved

in a collision with a deer is about 1 out of 107. However, those numbers double during October, November and December.

Kentucky ranks 15th in the country for deer-involved crashes and, according to statistics from the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, more than 3,000 such accidents were reported last year, down from 2017 when there were more than 3,200. In fact, deer cause more than 100 injury crashes and are to blame for about three highway deaths in the state each year.

Even though many

motorists are fortunate enough not to pay for deer collisions with their lives, the price of vehicle repairs can be costly. State Farm estimates that the average deer strike car insurance claim is approximately \$4,341.

To avoid becoming a statistic, officials offer the following tips:

- Slow down immediately when you spot a deer, as they tend to travel in groups.
- Don't swerve to avoid a deer; it can lead to a more serious accident with oncoming traffic or a roadside object.

- In the event of a crash, keep both hands on the wheel and apply the brakes steadily until stopped.
- Report all deer-vehicle collisions to the police so locations and crash numbers can be recorded. Traffic engineers use the data to aid in placement of deer crossing warning signs.
- Always wear a seat belt.
- Keep headlights on bright unless other vehicles are approaching.
- Drive defensively, especially at dawn and dusk when deer are more active.

10 pointer



Photo submitted

Breely Ervin, age 12, killed this 10 point buck youth weekend. She is the daughter of Brian and Tabitha Ervin.

Kentucky Afield Outdoors: Spotted Kentucky Bass schools are big in fall

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KENTUCKY AFIELD

They were not even recognized as a distinctive fish species until 1927. People for many years believed these fish only existed in Kentucky.

In 1956, the Kentucky legislature designated this species the "Kentucky bass" and made them the official state fish. Many anglers, especially in the south-central portion of the United States, still call the spotted bass a Kentucky bass.

They pale in reputation to their black bass cousins, the largemouth and smallmouth bass, but the spunk shown once hooked and their abundance should raise the profile of the overlooked spotted bass. They are also aggressive and readily strike lures.

It isn't hard to tell when a spotted bass strikes. They shake their heads violently and dive bomb toward the bottom. The larger ones -- 15 inches and up -- usually grow a pronounced belly as they mature. Spotted bass use that girth along with a powerful tail that pulls against an angler, producing as good a fight as any comparable largemouth bass.

Medium-light spinning rods with reels spooled with 6-pound fluorocarbon line is all you need for catching spotted bass.

Once the fall winds blow, spotted bass begin to school up. They locate along rock bluffs or suspend over points, submerged humps or channel drops.



Rachel Young, conservation educator for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, holds a nice spotted bass caught recently from Lake Cumberland on a Ned rig.

"At this time of year, if you catch one spotted bass, keep fishing that same spot," said Chad Miles, host of the Kentucky Afield television show and dedicated spotted bass angler. "There might be 40 or 50 of them there. Spotted bass really school up in fall."

In early to mid-fall, these schools of spots often trap a cloud of shad against the surface and rip into them. Large, chrome topwater lures tossed into this melee draw vicious strikes. These same lures fished over points, humps and channel drops can draw spotted bass from a good distance below the lure, especially on our clear water lakes such as Lake Cumberland or Laurel River Lake.

Lake Cumberland holds a bountiful population of spotted bass with many fish in the 14- to 16-inch range. Spotted bass make up roughly half of the black bass found in the lake.

The main lake points from Harmon Creek down to Wolf Creek

Dam hold spotted bass from fall through late spring. A 4-inch black finesse worm rigged on a 3/16-ounce Shakey head and slowly fished down those points is a deadly choice.

A hammered silver jigging spoon fished along the old Cumberland River bluffs in this section of the lake also produces spotted bass. Again, if you catch one spotted bass in fall, keep fishing the same area with the same technique. You might catch a dozen or more.

Large crappie minnows fished on size 1 circle hooks with two split shot lightly clamped on the line about 18 inches above the hook make a powerful choice for the large spotted bass in Laurel River Lake. The water of Laurel River Lake is as clear as the air and live bait works best.

The upper end of the Craigs Creek arm is a spotted bass hotspot on Laurel, as are the main lake points near the dam and in the lower section of Spruce

Creek.

The mid-depth reservoirs in southern Kentucky hold excellent populations of larger spotted bass. Barren River Lake and Green River Lake hold some of the largest spotted bass in Kentucky.

The channel drops along the submerged Barren River adjacent to Barren River Lake State Park and the Narrows Access Area make excellent fall spots to try for spotted bass.

In Green River Lake, rock slides and points in the lower sections of the Robinson Creek arm and Green River arm are the best fall places. Green River Lake holds an impressive number of spotted bass longer than 15 inches.

Anglers fishing for largemouth bass in Kentucky Lake often stumble across a football-sized spotted bass. Smaller profile 1/4-ounce football jigs in hues of green, brown and chartreuse attract these fish on Kentucky Lake.

Spotted bass make excellent table fare, by far the best tasting of the black bass species, similar to crappie in taste and texture. There is no minimum size limit on spotted bass statewide, but they still count toward the six fish aggregate black bass daily creel limit.

Hit the water and land some hard fighting and abundant spotted bass this fall. Keeping a few medium-sized spots for the table makes a delicious and nutritious meal.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Grant Administrative Services

The City of Greensburg, KY is requesting the provision of administrative services on a federal grant from the US Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration. Grant award number 04-01-07405. The grant award will be for the Green County Spec Building Build-Out Project. This project includes the build out of an existing shell building located in the Greensburg/Green County Industrial Park to accommodate a manufacturer. Services to be bid by the consultant include assistance with compliance with federal regulation regarding the administration of the grant including compliance with 48 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 31, 2 CFR Part 200 and Economic Development Administration's Standard Terms and Conditions for Construction Project. Services to be provided also include compliance with Department of Commerce and Economic Development Administrative requirements.

The consultant will be responsible for advising the city on all aspects of the proper administration of the project and filing of all federal reports and request for funds to the Economic Development Administration. It is anticipated that services will be required over a 3-year project period.

A Statement of Qualification and a not to exceed cost for providing of the services should be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked "Grant Administrative Services Proposal" to the Greensburg City Clerk at the following address:

to the attention of City Clerk
City Hall
110 W. Court Street
Greensburg, KY 42743.

The proposal must be received no later than **10 AM, ET on Friday, November, 29th, 2019, at which time all Proposals will be opened.**

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The Green County Emergency Planning Committee conducts meetings at Green County Rescue Squad Room, 203 W. Court Street, Greensburg, KY 42743, or at other locations, in accordance with the Kentucky Open Meetings Law. Members of the public may request to be notified of regular or special meetings as provided in KRS 61.820. Records of the Planning Committee, including the county emergency response plan, material safety data sheets, and inventory forms, or any follow-up emergency notices as may subsequently be issued, are open for inspection, and members of the public who wish to review these records may do so 8:00 – 4:00, Central Time, at Green County Rescue Squad Room, as required by the Kentucky Open Records Law. The local 24-hour telephone number for purposes of emergency notification, as required by SARA Law, is 270-932-4911.

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