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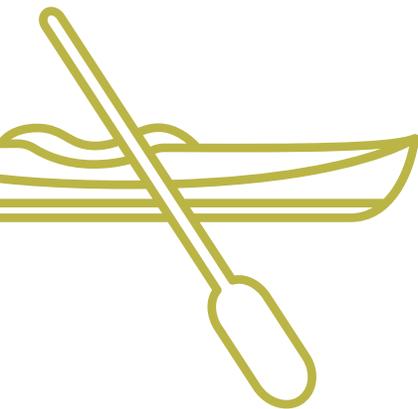
# Kansas WILD Outdoors

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## DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that we get the most visitors to Kansas in June; July is the hottest month; and December is the coldest month (even though I think January is colder)? Still, the very best time to explore Kansas is in October when the temperatures are perfect and the humidity is low. When you're planning for what you want to do this year, make sure you set several days aside in October for Outdoor Exploration. Anywhere you go will be a great place to be. So long as it's outside.



## SPOTLIGHT

Job opportunities in wildlife ecology and management is projected to grow 8% from 2016-2026 by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. To help the up-and-coming students prepare for their future, Ducks Unlimited created an Ecology Conservation & Management Certification, in 2019, designed to prepare individuals for a meaningful career in natural resources management. This certification meets industry standards in Ecological Principles, Species Identification, Wildlife Conservation & Management, and Habitat Conservation & Management. If you are interested in learning more about this certification go to [www.ducks.org/certification](http://www.ducks.org/certification).



DU T.R.A.P - Team Resource Assistance Program - provides discounted merchandise and professionally designed marketing materials for club fundraising activities that guarantee your scholastic shooting team retains 100% of the net revenue raised for immediate use! This is for all of you who have shooting sports/clubs.



## LOOKING FORWARD TO

Frank Audano, who teaches Hunter Education classes at Bass Pro in Olathe, has his classes posted at [Safehunters.com](http://Safehunters.com). I am looking forward to taking one of his classes this spring. If you want to see his class availability or other classes that may be near you, go to: [safehunters.com/kansas/default.asp](http://safehunters.com/kansas/default.asp)



## SAVE THE DATE

### Mountain Man Rendezvous around Kansas

1. Pipe Creek Station Tenth "FIRST EVER" Rendezvous February 17-19, 2023 North of Salina, Kansas
2. South Fork of the Solomon Valley Muzzleloaders Annual Rendezvous March 31-April 2, 2023 Osborne, Kansas
3. Kaw Valley Muzzleloaders Spring Thaw Rendezvous (Formerly Known As "Frozen Butt") April 14-16, 2023 near Frankfort, Kansas

eeCourses are available, starting Feb. 6, 2023. Sign up at [www.kacee.org](http://www.kacee.org)



## eeCREDENTIALS

KANSAS ASSOCIATION FOR CONSERVATION & ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

## WHERE IN KANSAS?

Lecompton, Kansas, was originally named Bald Eagle because so many bald eagles nested there each winter. Unfortunately, by the 1960s, pesticides harmed many eagles and bald eagles became endangered. Eventually, the bald eagles vanished from Kansas. Lucky for us, though, in 1989, the first bald eagles returned to Kansas and built their nest at Clinton Lake southwest of Lawrence. Now you can find bald eagles in many places around Kansas. Here, the winter months are the best times to see and observe bald eagles. A great place to spot America's national bird is at the Chaplin Nature Center in Arkansas City.

Chaplin Nature Center - Ark River Winter Bird Hike, January 28, 2023 10am - 12pm Free

This is a 1.5 mile hike to the Arkansas River. Along the way we will look for some familiar winter birds such as woodpeckers and wrens. Once at the river we'll look for hawks and eagles. Dress for the cold and windy conditions. If you don't have binoculars, the Center has several pairs that can be loaned out.

