

Underwater Arkansas



Saturday, June 20 • Greers Ferry

Spearfishing and Fish Habitat

Learn to build and place fish habitat and the safety, laws and techniques of spearfishing.

NOTE: We will not spearfish while diving.

Mark Oliver, AGFC, assistant chief of fisheries

Saturday, July 18 • Greers Ferry

Fish Identification and Underwater Survey

Identify native fish species and participate in underwater data collection within different habitat types.

Mark Oliver, AGFC, assistant chief of fisheries

Saturday, July 25 • Lake Ouachita

Aquatic Reptiles and Amphibians

Identify the reptiles and amphibians of Arkansas and their habitat requirements.

Kelly Irwin, AGFC, herpetologist

Saturday, August 1 • Lake Ouachita

Fish Identification and Management

Identify native fish species and learn about management practices on lakes in Arkansas.

Brett Hobbs, AGFC, assistant district fisheries biologist

Saturday, August 15 • South Fork Spring River

Stream Amphibians, Reptiles and Fish

Collect and identify amphibians, reptiles and fish living in an eastern Ozark spring-fed stream.

NOTE: Snorkeling only.

Stephen O'Neal, AGFC, Stream Team coordinator and Andy Turner, AGFC, Stream Team coordinator

Saturday, August 22 • Lake Ouachita

Arkansas Mussels

Learn about the life cycle and history of mussels in Arkansas.

Bill Posey, AGFC, malacologist

Saturday, August 22 • Beaver Lake

Underwater Fossils

The Ozark Highlands have a rich geologic history, the story of which is told in the rocks. Divers will be introduced to fossils typically found within the Ozark limestone, and will have the opportunity to discover long-extinct species under the waves.

Steve Dunlap, AGFC, regional education coordinator

Saturday, August 29 • Kings River

River Ecology and Fish Identification

Snorkel with darters, shiners and smallmouth bass of a blue ribbon Ozark river. Learn of its physical, chemical and biological attributes while getting wet. **NOTE: Snorkeling only.**

Dave Evans, AGFC, Stream Team coordinator and Steve Filipek, AGFC, assistant chief of fisheries

Saturday, September 12 • Beaver Lake

Fish Identification and Lake Ecology

Beaver Lake in Northwestern Arkansas has a rich variety of sport fish – bass, walleye, crappie, and catfish. AGFC fisheries biologists will provide divers a hands-on opportunity to identify fish species, and help them understand how the lake's ecology affects fish populations and reproduction.

Ron Moore, AGFC, district fisheries supervisor

Take us into the natural state

Explore a whole new world in the lakes and streams of The Natural State

Join us for **Underwater Arkansas** — a series of scuba and snorkel dives that will give you a new perspective of the underwater environment.

Nine sessions will be offered throughout the summer. If you're a certified diver, you're practically on the boat. If not, contact Ocean Extreme, SportsCo or Scuba Doo Dive Shop to get certified — it's easier than you think.

If you love to dive or always have wanted to learn, don't miss out. Make plans to dive with the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission this summer.



Keeping the Natural State natural.



For information or to reserve your spot, contact:

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