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Missouri Hunting App Makes Buying, Using, and Showing Electronic Permits EASY

Missouri - The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) announces that Missouri hunters, anglers, and trappers may use electronic images of permits on mobile devices as legal, valid permits beginning July 30. Prior to this, hunters, anglers, and trappers had to have paper copies of permits on them when pursuing these activities.

For fishing permits and most hunting permits, an electronic image of the permit -- such as a PDF (Portable Document Format) -- on a mobile device will be sufficient. The exceptions are for deer and turkey permits.

Use free MO Hunting mobile app for deer and turkey permits

Deer and turkey hunters must void their permits after harvesting related game animals and report their harvests using the Telecheck harvest reporting system. A simple electronic image of those permits is not sufficient to complete this process. MDC's free MO Hunting mobile app takes care of these requirements.

MO Hunting enables Missouri hunters, anglers, and trappers to purchase, view, show, and store current hunting, fishing, and trapping permits and associated details. It also shows permits purchased during the previous year. MO Hunting also lets deer and turkey hunters

electronically void their permits and Telecheck their harvests directly from the app. MO Hunting even uploads Telecheck confirmation numbers back to the mobile device and enables hunters to view details on all deer and turkey they have previously checked.

MO Hunting is available in the Google Play and iTunes stores. Get MO Hunting and learn more about the app at mdc.mo.gov/mobile/mobile-apps.

Deer and turkey tagging still required if hunters leave game

Deer and turkey hunters must still tag their harvested game if they leave the immediate presence of the harvested animal. Hunters using paper permits may simply attach the voided permit to the animal's leg. MDC suggests sealing the paper permit in a zip-top bag and attaching the bag with string, wire, or tape. Hunters using the MO Hunting app must attach a label with their full name, address, permit number, and date of harvest to the deer or turkey's leg if they leave the animal unattended.

Additional labeling requirements

After being Telechecked, harvested deer and turkeys may be possessed, transported, and stored by anyone when labeled with the permit or any label that includes the full name and address of the hunter, date taken, and Telecheck confirmation number.

Get more information on hunting, fishing, and trapping from MDC online at mdc.mo.gov.

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Missouri - The Department of Conservation (MDC) announces the following 2015 hunting season dates, hours, and limits for early-migrating game birds.

Mourning doves, Eurasian collared doves, and white-winged doves may be taken from Sept. 1 through Nov. 9 from one half hour before sunrise to sunset with a combined daily limit of 15 and a combined possession limit of 45 for all three species.

Sora and Virginia rails may be taken from Sept. 1 through Nov. 9 from one half hour before sunrise to sunset with a combined daily limit of 25 and a combined possession limit of 75 for both species.

Wilson's (Common) snipe may be taken from Sept. 1 through Dec. 16 from one half hour before sunrise to sunset with a daily limit of eight and a possession limit of 24.

Blue-winged, green-winged, and cinnamon teal may be taken from Sept 12 through Sept. 27 from sunrise to sunset with a combined daily limit of six and a combined possession limit of 18 for all three species.

American woodcock may be taken from Oct. 15 through Nov. 28 from one half hour before sunrise to sunset with a daily limit of three and a possession limit of nine.

Additional details about early migratory bird hunting regulations will be published in MDC's "2015 Migratory Bird Hunting Digest" available later this summer where hunting permits are sold, at MDC offices and nature centers, and online at mdc.mo.gov.

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Cape Girardeau, Missouri - From the alien-like jaws of dragonflies, to the ant lion's strange body-type, nature provides volumes of material for the imagination. The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) announces an event, Insectigations, Saturday, July 18, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Cape Girardeau Conservation Nature Center.

"We've been collecting bugs for our insect zoo for weeks and we can't wait to show them off at this event," said Jordi Brostoski, a Cape Nature Center naturalist.

Though they may be tiny, bugs have big stories to tell about adaptations and the many ways they survive. Certain types of cicadas spend more than a decade underground before emerging as adults. Some bugs, like water striders can actually walk on water due to the surface tension of the water and the strider's brush-like leg structure. A dragonfly nymph may be a bug, but that doesn't stop it from being a carnivore and devouring a tadpole.

"We may underestimate the lives of bugs, but I think folks will find there's a lot to discover about these little creatures," Brostoski said.

This event will explore those stories through insect hikes, a bug zoo and crafts.

No registration is required for this event and all ages are welcome.

Hercules beetles have amazing strength, as they're able to lift more than 850 times their own weight. Learn more fascinating bug stories at Insectigations, July 18, at the Cape Girardeau Conservation Nature Center. (MDC file photo)

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Dexter, Missouri - The Bootheel Solid Waste Management District will sponsor an eWaste Recycling Day at the Stoddard County Sheltered Workshop.

You may drop off eWaste from 10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 7th, Wednesday, July 8th, and Thursday, July 9th.

The following items will be accepted:

Computer Equipment: servers, desktop PCs, laptops, Netbooks, Apple computers, tablets, keyboards, speakers, modems, routers, cables, software, and all accessories.

Video and Photography: BluRay players, HD DVD, DVD, Laserdisc, VHS, Betamax,

DVRs, cable and satellite receivers, and digital and film cameras.

Audio: Receivers, amplifiers, speakers, MP3 players, CD players, cassettes, turntables, 8-Track equipment, radios, microphones, mixers, rack equipment, and DAW.

Appliances: Washers, dryers, microwaves, stoves, refrigerators, air conditioners, and water heaters.

Office Equipment: Printers, copiers, scanners, fax machines, and ink/toner cartridges.

The last eWaste disposal which was held less than a year ago in September of 2014 generated 11 tons of electronic equipment and more than 10,000 lbs of televisions.

The management district obtained grant monies from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources to help cover the cost for residents in disposing of eWaste items. As a result, NO FEES will be charged except on computer monitors (\$5.00), TVs (\$15.00), and big screen & console TVs (\$35.00).

The Sheltered Workshop is located at 1118 Center St., Dexter just 2 blocks north of Fiddlers.

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Don't Lose Your Independence This Holiday

Law enforcement seeking impaired drivers over Independence Day holiday

If you're thinking about driving impaired this week, the red, white and blue flashing lights of your Independence Day holiday may be those of a patrol car - and the view of the fireworks is not so good from a local jail cell.

The Fourth of July is one of the deadliest holidays of the year due to substance-impaired driving crashes. Local law enforcement will be out in full force July 3-5 seeking impaired drivers through increased sobriety checkpoints, roving and saturation patrols, and other enforcement methods. There are no warnings and no excuses. If you drive impaired you will be arrested. Don't risk losing your independence by choosing to drink and drive.

"Last year eight people were killed and 50 were seriously injured in Missouri traffic crashes over the Fourth of July holiday," said Bill Whitfield, executive committee chair for the Missouri Coalition for Roadway Safety. "Two of those fatalities and 11 serious injuries involved a substance-impaired driver."

Often, people have a hard time recuperating financially from the cost of an arrest or the crash itself. Violators risk killing or harming others, face jail time, the loss of their driver licenses, higher insurance rates and dozens of other unanticipated expenses from attorney fees, fines and court costs, car towing and repairs, and lost time at work.

The Missouri Coalition for Roadway Safety recommends these simple tips to avoid a drunk-driving disaster:

Before drinking, designate a sober driver.

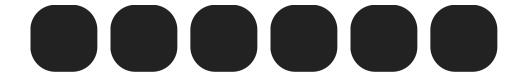
- If you're impaired, use a taxi, call a sober friend or family member, or use public transportation so you are sure to get home safely.
- If you happen to see a drunk driver on the road, don't hesitate to call local law enforcement.
- Always wear your seat belt. It's your best defense in any traffic crash.

For more information, visit www.saveMOlives.com, or find them on Facebook and Twitter at Save MO Lives.

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