



LDWF OUTREACH: FISHING PROGRAMS

GET OUT & FISH! COMMUNITY FISHING PROGRAM

LDWF's Get Out and Fish! provides easy and affordable access to quality fishing at locations close to cities and towns. Through this program, LDWF partners with local governments and community organizations to stock community fishing ponds with adult channel catfish in the spring and fall and rainbow trout in the winter, weather permitting. By stocking community ponds with fish, we hope to introduce new anglers to the sport of fishing and provide opportunities for current anglers to practice their skills and for former anglers to get back into fishing if they haven't been for some time. For more information, [visit our website](#) or [Facebook page](#).



FISHING WORKSHOPS

LDWF offers several fishing workshops and courses throughout the year. Based on participants' experience and comfort level, there are courses and workshops for everyone. For more information, [visit our website](#).

AQUATIC VOLUNTEER INSTRUCTOR PROGRAM (VIP)

LDWF trains aquatic volunteer instructors through a hands-on workshop on topics including knot tying, basic tackle, casting techniques, fish identification, fish anatomy, invasive species, fisheries management, and fishing safety. For more information, [visit our website](#).



Aquatic
VOLUNTEER
INSTRUCTOR
PROGRAM

FAMILY FISH FEST



A day of bank fishing and fun fishing activities including casting inflatable, fish identification, knot tying lessons, arts and crafts, and an appearance by Robbie the Redfish, LDWF's mascot. For more information, [visit our website](#).

NATIVE FISH IN THE CLASSROOM

LDWF and Louisiana Sea Grant partnered to create Native Fish in the Classroom - a hands-on, classroom-based aquaculture stewardship project for middle and high school students to learn about fisheries management, fish biology, and aquatic natural resources by growing native Louisiana fish (Paddlefish) from eggs to fingerlings (juvenile fish, about the size of a finger). For more information, [visit our website](#).



WETshop

Every summer, LDWF hosts the Wetland Education Teacher Workshop, or WETshop, a week-long, coastal awareness workshop for teachers. For more information, [visit our website](#).

BIG BASS RODEO & FISHTIVAL

LDWF and New Orleans City Park offers a family fishing rodeo and student fishing competition that attracts students from schools across Louisiana. Fishing activities, arts and crafts, music, and demonstrations are all part of the free Fishtival. For more information, visit the [Big Bass Fishing Rodeo website](#).

TEACHER RESOURCES

LDWF offers teachers free aquatic education activity books for their students. Books are correlated to the Louisiana Student Science Standards. Coming Soon - The Fisheries Mobile Museum, a traveling exhibit focusing on invasive species, fish identification, Sport Fish Restoration Program, fisheries management, and fish hatcheries. Currently in a limited pilot study through 2024. For more information, [visit our website](#).

For more information on any of these projects, email Fisheries Outreach at outreach@wlf.la.gov.



LDWF OUTREACH: WILDLIFE PROGRAMS

ARCHERY IN LOUISIANA SCHOOLS (ALAS)

The ALAS program, administered by LDWF and sponsored by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Foundation, is part of the National Archery in Schools Program (NASP), which teaches international target archery skills to students in grades 4-12. For more information, [visit our website](#) or contact Chad Moore at cmoore@wlf.la.gov or 318.484.2276.



YOUTH HUNTER EDUCATION CHALLENGE (YHEC)



Nationally recognized program designed to provide a safe, practical environment to reinforce and test young hunters' firearm, safety, and outdoor skills. For more information, visit the [LA Wildlife & Fisheries Foundation website](#) or contact Chad Moore at cmoore@wlf.la.gov or 318.484.2276.

TRAPPER EDUCATION WORKSHOPS

LDWF has partnered with the Louisiana Trappers and Alligator Hunters Association to offer free trapper education workshops to demonstrate trapping basics such as trap types and history, how to set traps, and how to handle them safely. For more information, visit the [Louisiana Fur Advisory Council website](#) or contact Tanya Sturman at tsturman@wlf.la.gov or 318.487.5415.

BECOMING AN OUTDOORS WOMAN (BOW)

Becoming an Outdoors Woman is a hands-on workshop that teaches basic outdoor education courses to women, 18 and older, over a weekend. For more information, visit the [LA Wildlife & Fisheries Foundation website](#) or contact Dana Norsworthy at dnorsworthy@wlf.la.gov or 318.345.3912.



BEYOND BECOMING AN OUTDOORS WOMAN (BEYOND BOW)

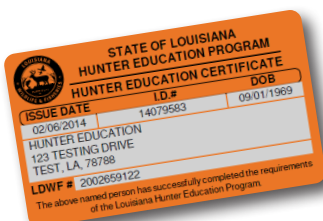
LDWF offers advanced hands-on outdoor educational workshops through Beyond Becoming an Outdoors Woman. These workshops provide participants an opportunity to practice and hone basic skills learned at a BOW weekend workshop in the real world, while still having supportive instructors to coach and encourage them. Beyond BOW workshops build on beginner skills, teach more advanced skills, and may be conducted almost entirely in an outdoors setting. For more information, visit the [LA Wildlife & Fisheries Foundation website](#) or contact Dana Norsworthy at dnorsworthy@wlf.la.gov or 318.345.3912.

FAMILIES UNDERSTANDING NATURE (FUN) CAMP

FUN Camp offers parents and their children an opportunity to spend a weekend in the outdoors, reestablishing bonds and honing outdoor skills. They participate in activities to develop a greater appreciation for the outdoors, become more comfortable in an outdoor environment, and simply have fun. Children must be between 10 and 13 years old to attend. For more information, [visit our website](#) or contact Theresa Cross at tcross@wlf.la.gov or 337.491.2575.



LOUISIANA HUNTER EDUCATION PROGRAM



The LA Hunter Education Course, taught by LDWF staff and volunteers, provides instruction on firearm and hunting safety, wildlife management principles, ethics, game identification, and outdoor survival. You must be at least 10 years old to receive Hunter Education Certification. For more info, [visit our website](#), or contact Eric Shanks at eshanks@wlf.la.gov or 225.765.2355.

NEW!

Check out our newest programs on social media or through LDWF News Releases!

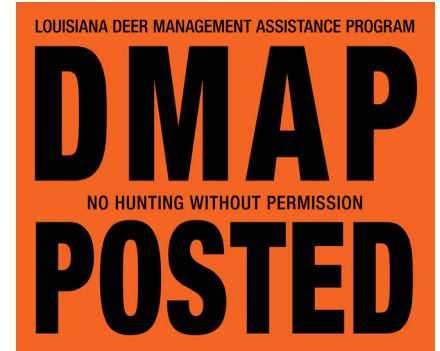
- Squirrel Hunting 101
- Wood Duck Hunting 101
- Introductory Shooting Classes (Bodcau Range)



LDWF OUTREACH: LANDOWNER PROGRAMS

DEER MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (DMAP)

The goal DMAP is to offer interested hunters, landowners and managers professional level technical assistance in managing deer populations and their habitats. The program is designed to educate, inform and disseminate information that promotes sound deer management and wildlife habitat principles across the state. Currently there are 675 participating properties totaling 1.4 million acres enrolled. The cooperative with hunters allows LDWF to gain detailed statewide harvest information, determine herd health and habitat conditions that help inform management decisions. Managing deer populations is vital for maintaining native plant diversity and viability, forest ecosystem health, public safety and traditional cultural richness. For more information, [visit our website](#) or contact Jimmy Ernst at jernst@wlf.la.gov or 225.763.2351.



PRIVATE LANDS PROGRAM

Over 90% of Louisiana is privately owned and LDWF recognizes private landowners as a group that must be engaged to improve habitat on a statewide scale. LDWF biologists are available to assist Louisiana landowners with habitat management practices that will help them achieve their wildlife management goals. Staff are trained to take into account a landowner's objectives and formulate and help carry out a plan of action tailored for each landowner. Additionally, biologists will point out other potential projects and funding sources, as well as opportunities offered by other government agencies, non-governmental organizations and private resource professionals. There are many resources available to help the private landowner deliver the conservation that is necessary to benefit the natural communities that we all value. For more information, [visit our website](#) or [contact your regional office](#): Minden 318.371.3050; Monroe 318.343.4044; Pineville 318.487.5885; Lake Charles 337.491.2575; Lafayette 337.262.2080; Hammond 985.543.4777; New Orleans 504.284.5269



LDWF Private Lands Program

FARM BILL PROGRAM

LDWF understands that in many cases, habitat management on private lands must occur alongside the production of food, fiber and fuel. Our agency has staff embedded with USDA-NRCS to facilitate planning and implementation of sound habitat management practices for the Louisiana landowner. The Farm Bill provides these avenues for landowners to receive technical and financial assistance to implement these conservation practices. We are also active at the national level, providing input as policy is crafted, to ensure that opportunities within the Conservation Title of the Farm Bill are applicable to Louisiana landscapes and accessible to the landowners that we assist. For more information, [visit the Farm Bill website](#) or contact David Breithaupt at dbreithaupt@wlf.la.gov or 318.473.7761.

WETLANDS RESERVE ACTIVITIES

For over a decade, LDWF has been active in the management of properties enrolled in the Wetlands Reserve Easements Program (WRE), a program administered by USDA-NRCS. Louisiana has over 1,000 of wetland easements that total over 300,000 acres. Biological staff provide the monitoring required as part of the management of this program. These same staff are available to provide technical assistance for habitat management on these properties. Most recently LDWF has become a restoration partner, active in restoring wetlands on WRE properties statewide. For more information, contact David Breithaupt at dbreithaupt@wlf.la.gov or 318.473.7761.

LONGLEAF PINE HABITAT MANAGEMENT



Staff biologists assist landowners in west and southeast Louisiana in the restoration and management of longleaf pine ecosystems. This forest type is one of the most diverse in North America and renewed interest in this iconic habitat type has fueled restoration efforts. LDWF Private Lands biologists work closely with USDA-NRCS to deliver their Longleaf Pine Initiative that provides technical and financial assistance to establish new stands, as well as manage existing forests. This habitat type is dependent on prescribed fire and other specialized practices that keep the understory suitable for the plants and animals it supports. Staff are able to guide landowners through the process of correctly implementing these operations. For more information, contact Cecilia Richmond at crichmond@wlf.la.gov or 337.239.2193.



LDWF OUTREACH: OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

OUTDOOR EDUCATION AT HOME

LDWF has created an educational site to encourage everyone to get outside and experience the wonder of our state. Viewers will find outdoor education resources for parents, caregivers, students, and teachers while at home. The at-home education page offers a variety of lesson plans, activities, virtual tours, videos, and interactive ideas for all ages. For more information please [visit our website](#).

BOATER EDUCATION

We encourage every boater to take a boater education course. There are several key requirements for certain age groups. Boater Education courses are offered for free, in-person, or online for a small fee. To learn more about boater education [visit our website](#).



GET OUTDOORS ON YOUR OWN

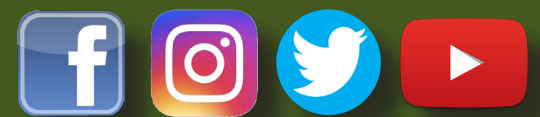
LDWF maintains more than 1.6 million acres of Louisiana's land and waterways as wildlife management areas, refuges, and conservation areas. LDWF manages these areas not only to conserve the state's wildlife and fisheries resources and their habitat but also to provide the public with an array of outdoor recreational opportunities, such as fishing, canoeing, hiking, ATV riding, birding, berry picking, boating, camping, horseback riding, shooting and hunting. To learn more about our WMAs, refuges and conservation areas, [visit our website](#).



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