

Taking a trip along Arkansas' White River

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"Fishy, fishy in the Brook;
Evan catch him on a hook
Momma fry him in a pan,
Evan eat him like a man"
Evan Daniel Migliore, age 3, on the White River in Arkansas with his mom and dad, let out a roar. He snagged another rainbow trout!

This guy had a good time. Under supervision earlier in the day, he was throwing rocks in the White river under the careful eye of his sister Abby Migliore and grandparents Henry and Mari Migliore of Jenks.

His older brother Channing, now 17, had made his first trip at the tender age of six weeks. The Whiter River Ozarks Adventure has been part of an annual family event for the last 40 plus years.

I spent my summers in the late 40's and 50's on the farm near Everton, Arkansas, with my Aunt Pearl, Uncle Beamon and cousin Lewis Jones. N those years the big event was fishing the Buffalo, White, Clear Creek, and Bear Creek.

Fishing is something that just gets into your blood, a family tradition now into

the third generation. Mari and I went early and stayed with PEO friends Clyde and Deborah. I fished on Friday with guide Jerrod Watts.

Mari went on a shopping adventure with Deborah.

Jerrod proved to be quite the interesting entrepreneur. He has his own company that makes lures and other types of artificial baits. He also was an excellent guide. If you want to fish with an excellent fishing guide call him at 1-800-615-1285.

Friday, Mari and I made our way to Marshall for the annual Ancestry Fair.

We visited the small town where my grandfather and grandmother W.T and Flora Moore raised their family. He was the only medical doctor in the area. We were surprised to meet several folks that were childhood patients.

Saturday morning I got up and as usual made the big Ozark breakfast.

We were staying at Sylamore Lodges right on the river near Mountain View, which was a great place to stay.(1-870-585-2221)

Son Roscoe, grandson Channing and I headed out and fished with Jerrod on Saturday.

We caught our limit of trout. I came in

for my normal nap, and Stacy, Abby, and Evan went out. Jerrod showed his flexibility and worked well with the whole family.

They caught even more and bigger fish that we had caught that morning.

Mt. View, Arkansas is a beautiful and interesting travel destination.

The area's biggest attraction is the White River boating and fishing but it is also home to the Ozark Folk Center State Park, which is dedicated to preserving and perpetuating the traditional Ozark Mountain crafts and music.

Mt. View is known as the Folk Music capital of Arkansas. Every Saturday night musicians gather in little groups around the Town Square to entertain the many tourists.

It is delightful to pull up a chair and listen the old timey songs being played on dulcimer, fiddle and mandolin. If adventure is your thing, there is the Blanchard Springs Caverns.

The local shops on the square and around town offer many unique items and wonderful restaurants.

One treasure was found in the back of an antique store on the square that was selling jewelry made in Africa using dried native grasses.



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Jenks resident Henry Migliore took his family on a trip to the White River in Arkansas.

Five-year fishing license a good buy for anglers this summer

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As summer heats up and families find more time for fishing getaways, many anglers are opting to spend \$88 on a five-year fishing license that is good for 60 months rather than purchasing a \$25 annual license that will only remain valid through December.

Close to 7,600 anglers have purchased a five-year fishing license or five-year combination hunting and fishing license since they became available at the start of 2009. The licenses, offered by the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation along with a five-year hunting license, provide

an alternative to purchasing an annual license without the expense of a lifetime license, and they save money compared to purchasing annual licenses and fishing and hunting legacy permits over the course of five years.

With approximately 78,500 miles of rivers and streams and 1,120 square miles of lakes and ponds in Oklahoma, much of which available for public access, a five-year fishing license is a worthwhile purchase for anglers who spend much time on the water.

Authored by State Rep. Randy McDaniel (R - Edmond), House Bill 2667 was signed into law in 2008, creating the five-year license. Senator John Ford (R - Bartlesville) was the Senate author. Rep. McDaniel is the

state's District 83 representative (northwest Oklahoma City) and serves on several House committees, including Tourism and Recreation, for which he is vice chair; Industry and Labor; Arts and Culture; Human Services; and Health. Sen. Ford represents District 29 (northeast Oklahoma).

Sportsmen considering a five-year license can choose between the five-year fishing license and the five-year hunting license for \$88, or they can purchase a five-year combination hunting and fishing license for \$148. Some of the money is earmarked for hunting and fishing access as part of the Hunting and Fishing Legacy Program.

The five-year license provides about a 30 percent savings over purchasing annual li-

censes and fishing and hunting legacy permits.

"Since angling opportunities are available all over the state right now, and with the fall hunting season just around the corner, now would be a good time to look into a five-year license," said Melinda Sturgess-Streich, assistant director of administration for the Wildlife Department.

Sportsmen who hold a five-year license are still required to purchase other applicable annual permits as such deer and turkey licenses, appropriate waterfowl stamps, land access permits and other permits where required. The five-year fishing, hunting or combination license is available online.

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