

Fish Snagging Currently Allowed at Squaw Creek Refuge

Squaw Creek National Wildlife Refuge opened water control gates recently on Eagle pool. The opening of the gates will provide fish snagging opportunities during the state wide season, running from March 15 to May 15, 2012. Fish snagging opportunities are available because of the refuges water management goals. This release of excess water from Eagle Pool is during the state wide fish snagging season. Recent rains have risen water levels are beyond proposed refuge management goals for the early spring season. The water level in Eagle Pool will be lowered ending when target water levels are reached likely by April 13 2012.

Excess water is being released south of the water control structure located at Eagle Pool. Other open public access areas along the auto tour route are authorized for fishing in addition to the Eagle Pool water control structure. There are no special federal permits required to fish at Squaw Creek Refuge only a valid Missouri State Fishing License. Only non-game fish as stated in the Missouri Fishing Regulations may be snagged on the refuge during the regulation season. Only pole and line fishing method is permitted on the Squaw Creek National Wildlife Refuge. Longbows, crossbows (archery equipment), and gigs are not permitted on the Refuge.

For more information visit the refuge headquarters open 7 days a week through May 6th 2012.

Squaw Creek Refuge headquarters' visitor contact station weekend hours are from 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. and weekdays 7:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. The ten-mile auto tour route is open from sunrise to sunset. Please call (660) 442-3187 to obtain further information. Squaw Creek Refuge is located 5 miles south of Mound City and 30 miles north of St. Joseph, Missouri. To reach the refuge, take I-29 to exit 79, then two and ½ miles west on Highway 159.