

## MDC schedules Feb. 23 ice fishing workshop in Andrew County

A long, bitter cold spell in winter has an upside, especially if you like ice fishing and catching fish on light tackle through a hole cut in the ice. Weather permitting, the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) will offer a free ice fishing workshop 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Feb. 23, at the Happy Holler Lake Conservation Area northeast of Savannah in Andrew County.

MDC staff will teach ice fishing safety and equipment, what species to fish for and where to get them, and fishing techniques. Staff will auger holes in the ice, demonstrate fishing techniques, and help anglers do some fishing on the ice. Bait and tackle will be provided. Anglers are encouraged also to bring their own gear if they have it.

This workshop is subject to ice conditions and will require cooperation by winter weather to occur. The workshop will be cancelled if ice conditions are not favorable or if the weather is too cold. Participants will need to dress appropriately for the outdoors in February.

Participants are asked to pre-register by calling MDC's Northwest Regional Office in St. Joseph, 816-271-3100. If calling after hours, participants may register by leaving their name, phone number, and the number of people in their party planning to attend.

For more information about fishing in Missouri, visit <http://mdc.mo.gov>.