

# Bass Pro Shops Outdoor World Tips for September

## TIPS TO USE IN THE DEER WOODS

There are plenty of scents available to today's bowhunter, but some hunters use them excessively. Too much scent will drive deer away, not bring them to you. The best scent is no scent. Working hard to keep yourself and your clothing scent-free is the best way to lure in the big bucks. It's hard to do, but if you can't see where a deer is looking, don't move! When you hear a deer walking in the dry leaves of fall, don't react quickly. Slowly turn your head until you see where the deer is. Any quick movement on your part will result in the deer's quick departure. A young deer hanging around your stand can be a good watchdog for you. If it suddenly stops browsing and starts staring in a certain direction with its ears up, get ready! In most cases, another deer is coming into your area and it could be the buck you're hoping for.

## FUN FALL FISHING FOR AGGRESSIVE SMALL-MOUTH

Early fall smallmouth can be aggressive. Usually 4" plastic tubes, worms, minnows and lizards in crayfish and minnow colors worked slowly are the best bait for fall smallmouth. For jigheads, use the rattling kind, and if you use tube baits, stuff them with rattles. Start and stop retrieves will also catch more smallmouth. Early fall smallmouth are getting themselves ready for the cold winter ahead by eating as much as they can. They gather in schools and roam around any type of structure until they have wiped out the food there and then move

on to the next structure holding food for them. If they stop biting, they have probably moved on, so you might as well move on too until you find them again. You can also get in on some smallmouth surface action in the mornings during early fall around weed beds.

## FISHING IN THE PITS

Many anglers overlook perhaps some of America's best fishing spots – strip pits. Strip pits were created when large amounts of ore and minerals were removed from the earth, resulting in open pits that now provide great fishing opportunities. Many strip pits have been reclaimed for use as recreational areas and most have been stocked with many species of fish. Some are managed by state fisheries while others belong to corporations or individuals. Some are open to fishing and others are accessible if you just ask permission. It may take a little work to find them. Check with your local Department of Natural Resources or conservation department. Do an Internet search to find these strip pits. A little work and a little courtesy can open up some of the most incredible fishing you have ever experienced. By Larry Whiteley, Host of the award-

## HOWTOHAVEANAMAZING ADVENTURE

The advantages to going hiking are exercise, getting to see nature, getting away from people, technology, jobs, bills, politicians and anything else you might be dealing with. Hiking is a great way to enjoy the fall foliage, especially if you live in an area that gets very colorful. Make sure to take your hikes at times of the day where you can

see specific types of birds or animals seen only this time of year. Research the area and find out the best camping areas and hiking trails. Take along binoculars, fall wildflower guides, bird identification books, and your camera. Use your smartphone to take pictures and to record the sounds of birds, flowing water, and wind through the trees that you hear on your hike. Looking at the pictures and listening to the sounds later will help you relive your captivating adventure.

## CATCHING CRAPPIE IN THE FALL

Have you been thinking about the upcoming hunting season? Even if you've been focused on getting ready for the upcoming season, don't forget that fall is an excellent time to catch crappie. Doesn't a bunch of fried crappie at deer camp this year sound good?

As the lakes and streams cool, crappie move from their deep water summer hangouts to 6'-12' depths and can be very aggressive.

Try different sizes and colors of jigs as you drift fish along drop-offs and at different depths until you find them. When crappie get tight-lipped, generally bouncing a minnow in front of their face will be enough to trigger them into biting. The best time to go fishing in the fall is prior to a major cold front. You can find crappie very shallow, filling up their stomachs on everything from shad to insects. As the front passes, expect crappie to move back off the bank, and possibly as far back to their deep-water drop-off.

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find last year.

## Game 4: Sweet Home (4-5)

The Huskies managed to defeat the Lions by a touchdown last year, and the team seems to have maintained its sturdiness. Sweet Home will have the same number of seniors last year and will also have the chance to gain a lot of momentum before starting league play. It will once again be a close game against the Lions, but with the more veteran squad, the Huskies should outlast Cottage Grove just enough to pull out a victory at home.

## Game 5: Sisters (7-1)

The Sky-Em champions will be back on the hunt for another league title, this time with a larger senior class. The Outlaws will have just played a tune-up game against Sutherlin (which should be a quick rout) and will be ready for a fight. Last year, Cottage Grove only lost 21-28 against Sisters. This year, the Lions have a very good chance

at causing an upset at home and perhaps securing the Sky-Em League with this victory.

## Game 6: Junction City (5-5)

The Tigers finished just ahead of the Lions in the league, though both teams went 3-2 and Cottage Grove defeated Junction City 19-14. With 14 returning seniors and home-field advantage this year, the Tigers should put up a good fight against the Lions, but ultimately be unable to stop Marty Johnson's offense led by Blake Sentman. With Kory Parent at receiver, Sentman should find a lot of success through the air.

## Game 7: Sutherlin (1-6)

The Lions defeated Sutherlin 44-0 last year, and with a depleted senior class, it doesn't seem that much should change this year. Cottage Grove should once again roll over the Bulldogs to an easy victory.

## Game 8: Elmira

Last year's match with Elmira

may have sparked a bit of a rivalry. The Falcons fell to the Lions, 55-28. Even Cottage Grove's bench was scoring near the end of the game, but Elmira head coach Justin Peeler felt Cottage Grove was piling on the points. If second and third-string players were able to produce touchdowns against Elmira's first string last year, there would have to be a lot of change on the Falcon's side to pull off an upset over Cottage Grove.

There it is, a prediction of Cottage Grove going 7-1 in the regular season. It's an ambitious prediction but definitely not out of reach for the Lions. Cottage Grove is only returning eight seniors after losing 14, but the additions of the two Johnson coaches are invaluable. Both coaches are extremely seasoned in the game of football, and it will be interesting to see what happens, especially in the first three games.

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