

# Everything You Need to Know About Fishing and Floating in St Francois County Missouri: The Ultimate Guide for Outdoor Enthusiasts

Welcome to St Francois County Missouri, a true haven for avid anglers and nature lovers. Nestled in the heart of the Midwest, this county offers an abundance of fishing and floating opportunities that will leave you spellbound. Whether you are a seasoned fisherman or just looking to experience the tranquility of floating on the sparkling waters, St Francois County has something to offer for everyone.

## Discover the Beautiful Waterways of St Francois County

In St Francois County, you will find a network of pristine rivers, lakes, and streams that are teeming with various fish species. The leading waterways in the area include the St Francois River, Big River, and Castor River, which provide endless fishing and floating possibilities throughout the year.

## The St Francois River

Stretching over 125 miles, the St Francois River is a meandering beauty that flows through the heart of St Francois County. It offers a diverse range of fishing opportunities, boasting an array of fish species, including largemouth bass, catfish, crappie, and sunfish. Whether you prefer fishing from the shore or casting your line from a boat, the St Francois River ensures a memorable angling experience.



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### The Big River

For those seeking adventure and thrill, the Big River is your ultimate destination. With its swift currents and rocky sections, this river is perfect for a thrilling floating experience. Grab your kayak or canoe and embark on an unforgettable journey through the scenic landscapes of St Francois County. Along the way, you can enjoy the mesmerizing views of limestone bluffs and abundant wildlife that call this river their home.

### The Castor River

If you're looking for a serene fishing spot, the Castor River offers a peaceful retreat amidst the St Francois County. This river is known for its crystal-clear waters and stable channel, making it an excellent choice for wading, fishing, and

relaxing. Anglers can expect to catch a variety of fish, such as smallmouth bass, rock bass, and goggle-eye.

## **Fishing Seasons and Regulations**

Before you cast your rod, it is essential to familiarize yourself with the fishing seasons and regulations in St Francois County. The Missouri Department of Conservation regulates fishing activities, ensuring sustainable fishing practices and protecting the fish population for future generations.

### **Fishing Seasons**

The fishing season in St Francois County typically runs year-round, with various species having specific seasons and limits. Some popular fish species and their corresponding seasons include:

- Largemouth bass: Open all year with a daily limit of 6 fish.
- Channel catfish: Open all year with a daily limit of 10 fish (15-inch minimum).
- Crappie: Open all year with a daily limit of 30 fish (10-inch minimum).
- Sunfish: Open all year with a daily limit of 15 fish.

It's essential to stay updated with the latest fishing regulations and check for any special permits or requirements before you head out to your favorite fishing spot.

### **Essential Fishing and Floating Gear**

To make the most of your fishing and floating adventures in St Francois County, it's crucial to have the right gear. Here are some essentials to pack:

- Fishing rods and reels
- Tackle box with a variety of lures, hooks, and lines

- Fishing line cutter and pliers
- Fishing nets
- Life jackets (mandatory for floating trips)
- Sunscreen and insect repellent
- Snacks and plenty of drinking water
- Cooler for storing your catch or refreshments
- Waterproof bags or containers for personal items and electronics

Remember to check the weather conditions and any additional equipment requirements based on your preferred fishing or floating activity.

## **Best Fishing and Floating Spots in St Francois County**

To help you find the perfect spot for your fishing and floating adventures, here are some top recommendations in St Francois County:

### **Clayton Conservation Area**

This area offers a serene fishing experience amid beautiful natural surroundings. With access to the St Francois River, you can fish for various species or enjoy a peaceful floating trip.

### **Goose Creek Lake**

If you're looking for a fishing paradise, Goose Creek Lake is for you. This 400-acre lake is stocked with bass, crappie, and catfish, making it ideal for anglers of all skill levels.

### **Little Rock Creek Conservation Area**

Known for its excellent trout fishing, Little Rock Creek Conservation Area offers a tranquil escape for fishing enthusiasts. The clear waters and scenic landscapes provide a picturesque backdrop for your angling adventures.

St Francois County Missouri is a true outdoor paradise for fishing and floating enthusiasts. With its pristine waterways, diverse fish species, and breathtaking natural beauty, you can immerse yourself in a world of serenity and adventure. So pack your gear, explore the picturesque rivers, and create unforgettable memories in the heart of the Midwest.

*This article is brought to you by St Francois County Tourism Board, promoting sustainable fishing and floating experiences in St Francois County Missouri.*



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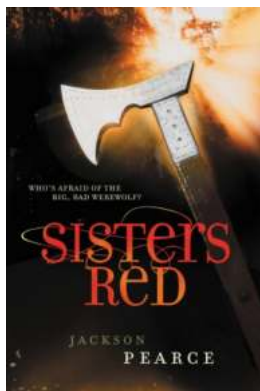
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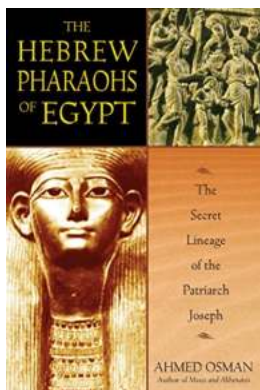
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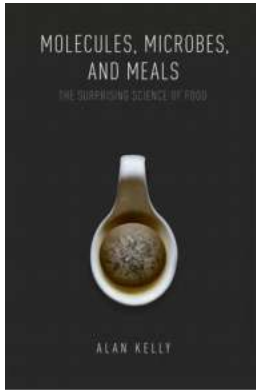
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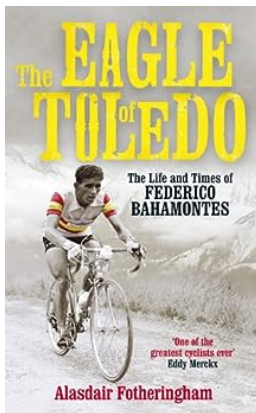
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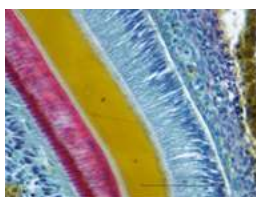
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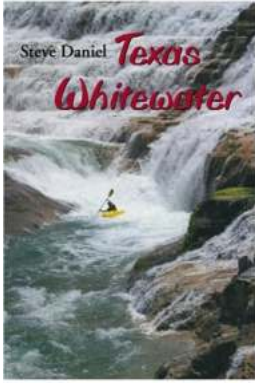
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