



Chickasaw Country partners with Oklahoma Department of Wildlife

Sportsmen can purchase Oklahoma hunting and fishing licenses at tourism centers in Murray County

OKLAHOMA CITY (March 23, 2017) – Officials with Chickasaw Country recently announced a new partnership with the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife that will provide additional access to hunting and fishing licenses in Murray County.

Under the new partnership, the Chickasaw Visitor Center in Sulphur and the Chickasaw Nation Welcome Center in Davis will now sell hunting and fishing licenses required by the state of Oklahoma for recreational hunting and fishing. Sportsmen can purchase all hunting and fishing licenses at the centers, the most common licenses are an annual combination hunting and fishing license, which includes the calendar year of Jan. 1 through Dec. 31, or a fiscal year combination license, which includes the period of July 1 to June 30 of the following year.

Revenue from the sales of licenses assist in funding the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation to manage the fish and game species across Chickasaw Country and the state. This has helped revive the wild turkey populations as well as bring new fish species including striped bass and trout to the state.

“Every license purchased helps fund wildlife conservation throughout the state of Oklahoma,” said Mike Chrisman, Oklahoma Department of Wildlife license supervisor. “The Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation receives no general state tax revenues and is proud to be funded entirely by sportsmen. We take our responsibility seriously to conserve the state’s wildlife for future generations and provide everyone with the best recreational opportunities possible, and license dealers such as this one make that possible.”

Paige Williams Shepherd, director of corporate development and tourism for the Chickasaw Nation, states that providing additional outlets to purchase a license supports Chickasaw Country’s overall goal of providing tourism services, including hunting and fishing locations to sportsmen visiting our 13 counties.

“Adding additional locations in Murray County to purchase licenses promotes tourism to the numerous fishing and hunting locations offered in Chickasaw Country,” said Shepherd. “There are many great areas for sportsmen to take advantage of in Chickasaw Country and now they can visit two of our tourism centers to acquire the licenses they need, in turn, giving them more time to discover the natural beauty of Chickasaw Country during their hunting and fishing adventures.”

Licenses can be purchased seven days a week at each of the facilities from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

For more information about hunting and fishing in Chickasaw Country, visit <http://chickasawcountry.com/family-attractions/chickasaw-visitor-center>.

About Chickasaw Country

Nestled in south-central Oklahoma, Chickasaw Country is a regional tourism organization representing 13 of Oklahoma's 77 counties. As the official destination tourism organization, Chickasaw Country includes 7,648 square miles, 11 percent of Oklahoma's total 68,597 square miles. Chickasaw Country, a division of the Chickasaw Nation, is a tourism source for visitors and communities within the region and promotes destinations, attractions and festivals. Chickasaw Country is a diverse and culturally-vested destination, with new adventures and experiences around every corner.

Chickasaw Nation Welcome Center in Davis, Oklahoma

The Chickasaw Nation Welcome Center is located at the southwest corner of exit 55 on Interstate 35 and has several amenities including a lounge area, an outdoor children's playground and a dog park. The Chickasaw Nation Welcome Center is adjacent to Bedré Fine Chocolate, and the hours of operation are Monday through Sunday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information about the center call (580) 369-4222 or visit Chickasaw Country's website at ChickasawCountry.com.

Chickasaw Visitor Center in Sulphur, Oklahoma

The Chickasaw Visitor Center is located at the northeast corner of Broadway and State Highway 7 and provides guests with a lounge area, a gift shop and multi-media video room. The National Park Service offices are located in the Chickasaw Visitor Center and park staff welcome visitor questions. The Chickasaw Visitor Center is across the street from the Artesian Hotel in Sulphur and serves as a gateway for the Chickasaw National Recreation Area. Hours of operation are Monday through Sunday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information about the center, call (580) 622-8050 or visit Chickasaw Country's website at ChickasawCountry.com.

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