



Neosho National Fish Hatchery

Quick Facts

- Neosho National Fish Hatchery was established in 1888 and is the oldest operating federal fish hatchery
- Nine fulltime staff
- The hatchery raises endangered pallid sturgeon for recovery effort in Lower Missouri River
- Neosho raises rainbow trout for the Lake Taneycomo mitigation program – almost a quarter million annually
- The hatchery supports conservation of the endangered blind Ozark cavefish
- The hatchery raises freshwater drum to serve as “host fish” for rearing fatmucket mussels and future endangered freshwater mussels
- Breeds endangered Topeka shiner minnows for recovery and restoration
- Neosho receives approximately 50,000 visitors annually including many international guests!



Public Use Opportunities

- The hatchery includes a blind Ozark cavefish display and portable display for off-site presentations.
- Public tours are available at the hatchery during normal hours of operation.
- Neosho offers off-site presentations and education opportunities.
- Walking/ exercise perimeter road inside its boundaries.
- Beautiful visitor center with aquariums and a historic display room.
- Large classroom available to the community for educational purposes.
- Four covered pavilions with picnic tables and barbeque pits perfect for outdoor gatherings.

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Location



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