



The Great American Hatchery Road Trip!

↙ Southeast Edition



WELCOME TO
Arkansas

There's nothing like cruising down the interstate, a fresh summer breeze blowing through the windows, the stereo blasting, and the anticipation of adventures ahead! The hardest part? Picking a destination! Don't worry, we've got you covered.

The National Fish Hatchery System has been improving recreational fishing and restoring aquatic species since 1872, so what better way to explore these cool sites than by starting with ones over 100 years old! Fish hatcheries have something for everyone in your group, so buckle those seatbelts and let's hit the road!



Mammoth Spring
National Fish Hatchery

Mammoth Spring National Fish Hatchery was established in 1903 in the Ozark foothills because of the cool flowing water from the spring and easy access to the railroad. Their current programs include recovery of endangered and threatened species like freshwater mussels and the restoration of Gulf Coast striped bass and rainbow trout. They also produce lake sturgeon, walleye, largemouth bass, golden shiner, and threadfin shad!



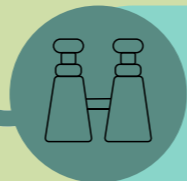
Get a full jam session in when you listen to the Grateful Dead's "Truckin'" as you coast through Arkansas.



Keep an eye on the hatchery's Facebook page to plan your trip around their annual kid's fishing day! If you're not there during a fishing day, stop at the display pond for a chance to feed the fish and see them up close!



If you've ever wanted to cosplay as Katniss Everdeen, then be sure to visit Mammoth Spring during one of their archery lessons! Scheduled events at the hatchery offer guests a chance to take aim with a bow and arrow and learn a new skill.



Birding abounds at Mammoth Spring! Don't forget your binoculars, because you'll get a chance to see plenty of our feathery friends, including blue herons and bald eagles.



Get up close and personal with the hatchery's past at the Aquatic Education Center and Aquarium! History buffs will love to get a peek at the items on display, including old fish transportation containers, fish dishes from the railroad cars, and more!



Hatchery staff recommend photography as the artistic outlet of choice! In addition to the wonderful critters on site, the hatchery also hosts occasional star gazing events where you can learn about astronomy while practicing some of your star photography!



MAP LEGEND

- The Angler
- The Explorer
- The Animal Lover
- The Historian
- The Artist



Mammoth Spring National Fish Hatchery is located near (SHOCKER!) Mammoth Spring State Park. But this isn't some ordinary spring...it's one of the largest in the world, with NINE MILLION gallons flowing through it every hour! This is also where the hatchery gets all of its water (DOUBLE SHOCKER!). There's really no contest, this detour is a must!



Before you hit the road, be sure to check the hatchery's web page for additional activities and call ahead to check opening status.

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