

OF THE OUTDOORS:

Hunting Is All About The Experience

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Last week, I was at a church breakfast when I stopped to talk with a friend I hadn't seen in a while.

Of course, our conversation was about the outdoors, as we both enjoy outdoor activities.

I'd had the privilege to hunt turkeys on his land in years past and wanted to check to see if there were still good numbers of the birds around.

He indicated that there were a lot of turkeys and that I'd be welcome to hunt, just to let him know when I'd be there.

As our conversation moved on, we started to talk about deer hunting as he was looking forward to the upcoming deer season and that he and the boys enjoyed the hunting, but really all it was about was the experience.

He mentioned how special it was to see the sun coming up, hearing the crows, pheasants and turkeys as they awoke, and seeing a deer in the distance.

The bagging of the bird or deer was also great, but just being there and seeing all of this made it worthwhile.

He was right, as the outdoor experience should be more than catching your limit or filling your tag.

We're extremely lucky to live where we do as the air is clean, we don't have to fight crowds and to get out into the outdoors we can do it in a very short period of time.

When I guided, we had clients from both coast as well as big cities in the Midwest and down south, and one of the comments that we heard often was

how beautiful our sunrises and sunset were.

Another comment was that our evenings were so pretty as where they came from, they didn't have the opportunity to see the stars as the skyscraper were all that was visible when they looked skyward.

If my clients wanted to get outdoors, they had to come to the Midwest as everything in their area was posted, "No trespassing," "Trespassers will be shot" and "Survivors will be shot again!"

If there was a place that they could spend some time in the outdoors, they had to pay some exorbitant fee, hunt pen raised birds, high fence animals and still have to fight the crowds.

Since we live so close to the river and lake, we can go fishing or waterfowl hunting by taking a short drive.

Like the friend I mentioned earlier, there are landowners out there that will probably

allow you to hunt if you simply ask.

They might have a relative or friend that hunts the early season, which means the late season, may be open to you by simply asking.

Both Nebraska and South Dakota have map, wildlife habitat improvement areas or walk-in areas that are open for hunting. These are areas that the state owns or pays the landowner a small fee to allow hunting.

Maps of these areas are available at no charge from permit vendors and Game, Fish & Parks offices.

These areas — whether they be public or private — should be left as they were when you first arrived and the quickest way to for you and those that might want to hunt after you to loose permission to hunt on the land is to leave a gate open or by not picking up your trash.

As one conservation group logo indicates, "Leave Only

Your Footprints Behind."

After you've gotten permission and hunted the land, it's not a bad idea to offer to share some of the game with the landowner or remember them during the holidays.

In many states, much of the land is privately owned and if it weren't for these landowners, many of us wouldn't have an area to hunt.

As I mentioned before, the hunting and catching is just a small part of the outdoors, a lot of it is spending time with friends and family and getting away from the every day stress of your job.

The outdoors is a great place for a father and son or

daughter to spend some quality time as there's no schedule that has to be met, so the old everyday grind is something that can be left behind and the peace and quiet of the outdoors can help bring family and friends together.

As a television producer, I spend a lot of time on the phone or in potential clients offices trying to bring them on-board "Outdoorsmen Adventures," and can honestly say that I've signed more sponsors while fishing or out hunting, as there's no pressure out there.

If you aren't one of the lucky ones that has already found the peace and tran-

quility of the outdoors, give it a try. It's great therapy.

Gary Howey, Hartington, Neb., is a former guide and tournament angler. He's the producer of the *Outdoorsmen Adventures television series that airs each week throughout the upper Midwest and on www.MyoutdoorTV.com* For more information on the outdoors, check out www.outdoorsmenadventures.com.

AUCTION

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- Hardware Store Auction, 10 am Sept. 16, Wagner, SD, by Krentz Auction Service.
- Kenneth and Barbara Bach Auction, 10 am Sept. 18, see ad for location info, by MCHJ Auctioneers.
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- George Ausdemore Estate Auction, 12:30 pm Sept. 21, Crofton Municipal Auditorium, Ivadell Burcham Real Estate.
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- Antiques Auction, 12:35 pm Sept. 25, Akron, Iowa, by Feauto Auction & Realty.
- Machinery Consignment Auction, Sept. 28, Girard Auction Facilities, Wakonda, by Girard Auction and Land Brokers.
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