



2024 Bill Morris Memorial Fishing Derby

Free Fishing & Park Entry Day - Saturday, May 18, 2024

Come join the fun during this FREE fishing derby in honor of Bill Morris, who was an Assistant Superintendent at Ponca State Park from 1973-2010. The event will be held on Free Fishing and Park Entry Day, an annual day where anyone can fish without a permit or visit a state park area without a park entry permit. Even though fishing and park entry permits are not required, anglers must observe all fishing regulations.



Rainbow Trout



Largemouth Bass



Bluegill

Tournament Rules:

- Tournament fishing will occur on Saturday, May 18, 2024 starting at 8 a.m.
- Individual entries only. Age groups: 6 & under, 7-12, 13 & older.
- The Ponca State Park pond is catch and release only; except for trout. Daily trout limit is 5.
- Anglers must take a picture of their fish appropriately placed on the tape measure provided by Ponca State Park. Pick up at the Resource & Education Center between 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
- All submissions must be emailed before 10 p.m. to katie.leware@nebraska.gov. Include your full name, age, hometown, fish species, length, and picture.
- Results will be posted on the Ponca State Park's Facebook page the following week.
- Tournament winners will be notified via email.



Bill Morris was an Assistant Superintendent at Ponca State Park from 1973-2010. He passed away suddenly in January of 2017. Bill had a passion for Ponca State Park, his family, and the sport of fishing. To honor his 37 years of service and his love of fishing, Ponca State Park hosts an annual Bill Morris Memorial Fishing Derby.

