

Branson Bow Bash
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Rick asked me to send you some info for the Branson bowfishing/turkey hunting trip

This year the Branson Bow Bash has been scheduled for the first weekend of the Missouri spring turkey season. Turkey season starts on the 21st of April this year, so the weekend will be the 26th and 27th. The carp spawn usually runs that approximate time also. In the past we have always went down for three or four days, returning on Sunday. It would be totally up to you when you come and go, this is not a structured event.

Hunters Friend Resort, located on Indian Point, is the rendezvous point for the weekend. Located in West Branson it is only a few short miles from Silver Dollar City. Table Rock's beautiful waters hold large numbers of GIANT carp for bowfishing and plenty of crappie for the anglers. Corps of Engineers property surround the lake in sections and is very huntable with good birds.

The weekend can be as action-packed or as stress-free as you make it. For those that may have already taken a bird by then, you can sleep in or enjoy the surrounding attractions in Branson. For those that will plan on turkey hunting, a pontoon will be available to shuttle hunters from the resort to the hunting areas on the lake shore. After a morning of hunting, we will return to the resort and change gears for bowfishing. The bowfishing is second to none during the spring spawn. Even on years when the water temp did not trigger the spawn during the Bow Bash, the bowfishing was still very good. For those that have boats available, bring them along. You will be able to cover more water for both turkey hunting and bowfishing rather than going with the masses. Though bowfishing can be done from the bank, it is difficult due to the steep rocky banks and shores.

All rooms come with internet, bbq, and pool access. There is general store just across the road for last minute supplies. Because it is pre-peak season the rooms are at a discount from the summer rates. Rooms range from \$36 per night (single) for regular rooms, \$50 per night (single) for rooms with kitchens all the way up to \$150 per night for condos that can sleep up to 12 (price based on 6). A regular room with two beds (two people) can be as low as \$21 per night per person, not a bad deal. If enough people are going and want to get the condo, it could be just as cheap with better rooms and a complimentary boat slip at the marina.

For more information you can call me (Joe) @ 573.368.1402 or Mike Kugler @ the resort: 800-338-2842 www.huntersfriendresort.com The website has more information about the rooms and local attractions.

Hope to see you there.