

Hoodown Island is THE place to be on Saturday nights

By Helen Price Stacy

In the deep fastness of Eastern Kentucky hills, valleys and rucks stands Hoodown Island. It is located in a hollow rimmed by rhododendron, hemlock and towering cypress.

This island of concrete is many things to many people, but to the shabby crowd, the do-it-yourselfers and the promoters, Hoodown Island is the place to be every Saturday night.

Hoodown Island in Natural Bridge State Resort Park, just off Mountain Parkway, is a square dance floor under the stars. It is surrounded by a lake formed by Middle Fork of Red River, ruffled with greenery and patches of blue overcast.

Saturday night square dancing started April 29 and will continue through Oct. 27. The weekly events are interrupted only by special dance events and competitions.

Richard Jett, a caller at Hoodown Island for many years, developed the dance program and continues to direct each session. Friday night square dancing starts June 1 and continues through Aug. 31.

The activity starts at about 7:30 each evening, but before the moon creeps Raven Rock to cast blue shadows in the sun's after glow. Guests at Hemlock Lodge on the mountainside above Hoodown Island first hear bits and pieces of "Dark Town Strutters Ball" or "Butterfly Fly" or "Mountaineer Loop", sweet music coming from the island calls diners to the balconies of the lodge, caregivers from the camp grounds and hikers from the trails.

It is an exciting time. Sponsored by the Kentucky Department of Parks, Hoodown square dancing at Hoodown Island has become a big reason for people from different locations, including returning guests from many states and other countries.

"We're just a happy, friendly gathering," said Jett, "who feel family fun here at the park. You don't have to know any one to enter into the action,

and you don't have to own a fancy dance outfit. We emphasize a low hour of activity with socializing all around that includes a good time for all ages, whether it's the 6-year-old set or Grandpa and Grandma."

The Ninth Annual MOUNTAIN-STYLE SQUAREDANCE FESTIVAL, June 15-16; First Annual MOUNTAIN-WESTERN SQUAREDANCE FOLK, July 7; 14th ANNUAL WESTERN SQUAREDANCE FESTIVAL, Aug. 31-Sept. 2.

While the emphasis is on square dancing, Jett says each weekly program includes not only "easy-to-learn" mountain and western square dances, but also folk, ballads, polkas and other dances. There are some dances just for children.

Programs are offered toward the entire family.

Going fishing? Try a Kentucky stream or river for size

By John Wilson

It seems that just about every major outdoor magazine I've picked up lately has contained an article on river fishing. Rivers are being "rediscovered" by some of the country's leading anglers and these trend setters are bound to influence a lot of other fishermen.

We Kentuckians are in a rather

enviable position. With more miles of running water than any other state outside Alaska, Kentucky can be a river fisherman's paradise.

While many rivers and streams in the state are job-hold or canoe sites, others are capable of accommodating the largest freshwater fishing craft and offer angling situations similar to lake fishing.

Kentucky's largest river by far is the Ohio. With its northern shore forming the border of the state, the Ohio meanders through 66 miles in Kentucky representing a body of water with 170,000 surface acres. That's equal in size to the combined surface areas of the Kentucky portions of Kentucky, Barkley and Dale Hollow Lakes added to Cumberland, Barren, Nolichucky, Green, Grayson and Harpington.

While far from being a "wild river," the Ohio has surprisingly good water quality and right now probably has better fish populations than at any other time in this century. In fact, the Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources thinks so highly of the Ohio's potential that it has assigned a research fisheries biologist to the river full time.

Access to this magnificent, Derrin Kimman, the Ohio represents our most under utilized fishing resource. Game

species present in the river, Kimman says, include sauger, crappie, white bass, largemouth bass (with some, but not as many, Kentucky and small mouth bass), and catfish.

Backwater areas of the river contain excellent sunfish populations. Kimman's research has revealed. These backwaters, formed by the new series of high dams on the river, provide some of the river's best fishing, according to Kimman.

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dams. Here, particularly in the spring, is where many fish and fishermen congregate. Tailwaters are the best places to catch sauger and white bass as these fish make their annual upstream spawning runs.

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Access to some sections of the river is good, although there are long stretches without launching facilities. Presently there are 30 launching facilities in Kentucky alone of the river. Part of Kimman's research is to determine where access points are needed and to investigate the ways of improving access for both bank and boat fishermen.

Kentucky residents may fish the Ohio with their regular fishing license, and there is a special \$6.00 Ohio River license available for residents of Ohio, Indiana and Illinois. Statewide Kentucky size and creel limits apply on the river.

If you'd like to try river fishing, either on the Ohio or on the many other streams in Kentucky, you might be interested in a new publication available from the Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. Called "Access to Streams," this 22-page booklet describes launching facilities suitable for a boat and trailer on Kentucky's streams and rivers. This free publication may be obtained by writing the Division of Publications, Dept. of Fish and Wildlife Resources, 992 East Main, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

Revised W-2 forms are ready

The Revised Form W-2, Wage and Tax Statement, for 1979 is now available from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), according to an IRS announcement.

Printing of the new six-part form was delayed because of changes in the law for reporting withheld taxes.

The IRS announcement also reiterates the requirement that employers provide copies of Form W-2 to employees within 30 days after payment of final wages when employment is terminated. That requirement was suspended temporarily last March because the new W-2 forms were not available.

To order the updated Form W-2, call IRS toll-free (Louisville, 566-1881; Lexington, 256-253; elsewhere in Kentucky, 1-800-295-6770).

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