

Glancing around the campfire, more often than not, you'll see more males than females sharing each other's company and love of the outdoors. Why?

A variety of barriers prevent women from participating in outdoor recreation. The Becoming an Outdoors-Woman (BOW) program wants to change that.

Our goal is to provide an atmosphere where women feel comfortable learning new skills associated with hunting, fishing, and other outdoor activities, in a supportive and non-threatening environment.

For more information, visit

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**Becoming an Outdoors-
Woman is a three-day
weekend workshop
designed for women.**

These fun, hands-on workshops are open to women, 18 years or older, to learn new outdoor skills, including hunting, fishing and other outdoor pursuits!



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A Becoming an Outdoors-Woman workshop is for you if ...

- you have never tried these activities but have hoped for an opportunity to learn
- you are a beginner who hopes to improve your skills
- you already do some of these activities but would like to try your hand at some new ones
- you are just looking for the camaraderie of like-minded individuals

Every BOW workshop includes a variety of classes balanced across three main areas:

- SHOOTING SPORTS (shotgun, rifle, handgun, muzzleloader, archery)
- FISHING (rod-and-reel, flyfishing) and WATER (boating, kayaking, sailing)
- OTHER ACTIVITIES (birdwatching, astronomy, plant identification, camping, backpacking, survival, etc.)

Workshops are conducted across the state, depending on scheduling and availability of hosting facilities. Workshops span a weekend, usually beginning on Friday around noon and lasting through noon on Sunday. The weekend is divided into four sessions, and you pick the classes in which you'd like to participate. Typically, 10 to 12 classes per session are offered.

The fee for participation will vary based on the fees being charged by the hosting facility. This includes two nights lodging, meals, instruction and equipment use. Although the atmosphere is "outdoorsy," it is comfortable. Participants stay in bunkhouses, cabins, or dorm-like rooms with modern conveniences, such as AC and hot showers.



There's a spot for you!

