



HOOKED ON THE OUTDOORS

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Say what you may about Punxsutawney Phil, but that groundhog sure nailed it right about 6 more weeks of winter when he made his “prediction” on February 2nd. In fact I almost feel like a groundhog, burrowed deep in a hole, afraid to peak my head up and see if winter has truly passed us by.

This is the 6th winter we have been through since moving here from Florida...and it has become obvious each winter has its own distinct personality....much like a person. Some winters have been icy, some have been cold, some have been all wet, and some have been snowy (flaky?). Without a doubt this winter will go down as a late bloomer....we had hit mid-February with nary a hint of winter....then BOOM!

Well, as this issue states on the front page.....it is SO time to just shake off those winter blues and get outside....and if you are like me it really doesn't matter what I am doing from this point forward....as long as it is OUTSIDE! Having trouble deciding what to do now....well we have that covered for you. Here is a handy dandy winter activity conversion guide, designed especially for our readers:

Winter Activity

Buying fishing tackle online

Standing by the fireplace

Hunkering down in the man cave

Telling winter to take a hike

Shoveling snow

Spreading salt on the sidewalk

The office Super Bowl pool

Skiing

Snow tubing

Snowball

Black ice

Now Activity

Using the stuff you bought all winter actually on a pond

Standing over the BBQ

Go explore a cave

Take a hike

Digging holes for new plants

Spreading fertilizer on the lawn

The neighborhood swimming pool

Skiing (water)

Tubing down a river

Baseball

Ice Cream

Hopefully by now you got the point(s)....and a bit of the humor. It is so good to be writing you again as the mercury rises, the days get longer, and the list of possibilities of things to do again looks limitless. We have a great summer line up of articles for you coming up, and even including the details of what will be our 2nd Annual Fishing Tournament. Until next edition all, get yourself, your loved ones, your friends, and even your pets outdoors....and if you happen to be one of those who fancies fishing once in a while....Tight Lines!!!!