

Benton County Conservation Foundation
Fishing Tournament Rules and Regulations
2025-2026



I. Event Overview

- **Event Name:** Benton Tag & Brag 🏆
- **Organizer:** Benton County Conservation Foundation
- **Purpose:** To get individuals to experience the parks and to raise funds for the Benton County Conservation Foundation for property improvements.
- **Target Audience:** Anglers, community members.
- **Time of Year:**
 - a. Permit sales: October 2025
 - b. Fishing Period: November 1, 2025 - April 30, 2026 or unless all tagged fish are caught prior to April 30, 2026
- **Location:** Hannen Lake Park and Rodgers Park
- All state and local laws apply for this event. In order to partake in this fishing tournament you must have a valid fishing license per code of Iowa and a tournament permit purchased prior to the event from listed locations below.
- All ages are welcome to participate with a permit.

II. Tagged Fishing Details

- **Permit Purchase:**
 - Angler permit sold prior to the fishing period.
 - Price for permit: \$25.
 - Sales Period: One month prior to the release of tagged fish (October 1st-31st, 2025).
 - Permit Sales Locations:
 - Cedar Valley Bank, Vinton, IA
 - Benton County State Bank, Blairstown, IA
 - Thys Chevrolet Blairstown, IA
 - Chelsea Savings Bank, Belle Plaine, IA
 - Payment Methods: Cash or check made payable to BCCF.
 - Permit Information Required (verified by ID or guardian at sale):
 - Angler's name, age, signature, purchase date, location of sale, seller name
 - Permit number
 - When purchasing a permit for this tournament, you give us rights to use your name and photos for social media and future purposes.
- **Tagged Fish:**
 - Fish species: Bluegill
 - Tagging: Fish are tagged before the fishing period begins.
 - Number of tagged fish: 25 per lake
- **Fishing Period:**
 - Duration - Fishing Period: November 1, 2025 - April 30, 2026 or unless all tagged fish are caught prior to April 30, 2026
 - Rules:
 - Angler permit must be purchased before the fish are caught.
 - Tag must be removed from the fish for prize eligibility.
 - Photo of the live fish, fish tag, and angler's permit tag must be photographed together.
 - Tag must be turned in to selected locations for the prize to be issued, along with all photo requirements.
 - All photos must be time-stamped and taken by the same device.

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- Individuals who cannot partake: Benton County Conservation Foundation Members and Benton County Conservation Staff and their immediate household.

III. Prizes

- **Prize Claim:**
 - **Prizes for fish caught at Rodgers Park will be claimed at** Cedar Valley Bank, in Vinton, IA during normal business hours. Tag must be turned in to selected locations for the prize to be issued, along with all photo requirements.
 - **Prizes for fish caught at Hannen Lake Park will be claimed at** Benton County State Bank, Blairstown, IA during normal business hours. Tag must be turned in to selected locations for the prize to be issued, along with all photo requirements.
- **Prize Structure:**
 - Over \$5,000 in cash and gifts will be given. Some cash payouts will be accompanied by prizes in addition to the cash.
 - Each tagged fish will be worth cash and/or prize - an individual tagged number is associated with cash/prize which you will find out when you turn in your picture and tag.
 - You are automatically entered to win a prize by purchasing a permit, one permit will be awarded a prize per month during the Benton Tag and Brag.
 - You may claim more than one tagged fish, each fish must meet all requirements.
Payouts per lake:
 - One tagged fish that is released is worth \$500
 - Two tagged fish that are released are worth \$200
 - Three tagged fish that are released are worth \$100
 - 19 fish are gifts and/or cash
 - Total payout: More than \$2400 cash plus prizes.
 - Prize examples include: Vexilar FL-18 ProPack II, John Deere Collectible Toy, \$5-100 gift cards to local businesses, car care packages, portable speaker, business specific gift baskets, and so much more.

V. How to know what has been caught and how many fish remain:

- **Keep up-to-date on tags that have been caught:**
 - Follow us on social media or the county website for the most up-to-date catches
 - Posts on prizes given will be updated regularly
 - Photos will be shared

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VI. Photo Examples:

Permit look like this:



Permit Number:

Name:

Number:

Age:

Signature:

Purchase Date:


Location of Sale:

Seller:

Terms & Conditions :

- You agree to complete Rules and Regulations with purchase of permit
- Must have valid license, permit, picture, and turn in tag for prize collection
- Rules and Regs and how to claim prizes found here: <https://www.bentoncountytia.gov/conservation/donate/>

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What you need to take a picture of (as well as turn in tag), to claim prize:

