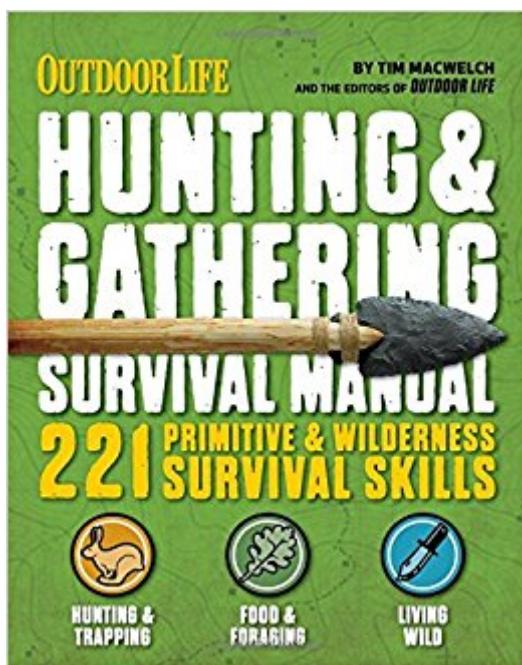


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# The Hunting & Gathering Survival Manual: 221 Primitive & Wilderness Survival Skills



## Synopsis

A manual for the modern hunter-gatherer, *Outdoor Life*'s Hunting & Gathering Survival Manual will teach you everything you need to know about foraging, hunting, and cooking in the wild. From finding wild edible plants to subsistence hunting, you'll learn how to live off the land while hunting like a caveman and eating like a king. With high-quality design, intricate detail, and a durable flexicover this manual is the perfect gift!

**HUNT AND FISH IN THE WILD** Whether you're using modern weapons, old-fashioned snares, or your own two hands, this book will show you the amazing range of hands-on (literally!) methods for catching and cooking your prey.

**HARVEST NATURE'S BOUNTY** Use the detailed field guides to gather edible plants, nuts, and mushrooms, then turn them into gourmet meals with field-tested camp cooking tips.

**BE A SURVIVOR** Prepare for any emergency, whether you're lost in the woods or surviving a natural disaster. Find local, organic foods, and grow them yourself. Learn the secrets of herbal medicine and traditional remedies. This book demystifies it all, with simple hints and step-by-step illustrations to make you a self-sufficient survivor in your backyard and in the wild.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Tim MacWelch has been an active practitioner of survival and outdoor skills for over 26 years. His love of the outdoors started at a young age, growing up on a farm in the rolling hills of Virginia. Eating wild berries, fishing, and learning about the animals of the forest were all part country life. Tim became interested in survival skills and woodcraft as an offshoot of backpacking as a teen--out in remote areas, it seemed like a smart plan to learn some skills. The majority of his training over

the years has involved testing survival skills and devising new ones, but the biggest leaps forward occurred as a result of teaching. Tim's teaching experiences over the years have been rich and diverse, from spending hundreds of hours volunteering to founding his own year-round survival school 18 years ago. He has worked with Boy Scouts, youth groups, summer camps, and adults in all walks of life, as well as providing outdoor skills training for numerous personnel in law enforcement, search and rescue organizations, all branches of the United States Armed Forces, the State Department, and the Department of Justice and some of its agencies. Tim and his wilderness school have been featured on "Good Morning America " and several "National Geographic " programs, and featured in many publications including "Conde Nast Traveler , " the "Washington Post," and "American Survival Guide ." Tim has written hundreds of pieces for "Outdoor Life " and many other publications. Tim's current and past articles can be found at [survival.outdoorlife.com](http://survival.outdoorlife.com) and you can learn more about his survival school at [www.advancedsurvivaltraining.com](http://www.advancedsurvivaltraining.com).

**TIP 55: SELECT YOUR TRAP** While you can build effective low-tech traps with materials you'd find in the wilderness, in some situations it just makes sense to use more modern options, such as cable snares, leghold traps, and body-grip traps to improve your odds of success. Choose from the following trap types, based on your needs and the animals in your area.

Â SNARES You can build primitive snares with materials gathered on-site, even weaving your own string out of bark fibersâ "but many animals will be able to chew through string. Cable snares made from braided steel cable are more secure.

Â FOOT HOLD TRAPS Common foothold traps are clamping jaws that grab an animal when it steps on the trigger. They do not kill the prey outright; the trapped animal is usually shot by the trapper.

Â BODYÂ GRIP TRAPS Two heavy springs move the trap bars together, snapping the animalâ "s neck, breaking its back, or strangling it. They can be treacherous to set.

Â LIVEÂ CATCH TRAPS The typical cage trap is a live-catch trap. This forgiving trap allows you to release animals that you didnâ "t intend to catch and is ideal for urban, suburban, or farm settings.

Review Â¢Â ª Hunting and Gathering Survival Manual Tim MacWelch (Outdoor Life)Â¢Â ªHunting and Gathering Survival ManualÂ¢Â ª is an ambitious book. And to a certain extent it succeeds. However, it tries to cover far too much material for one book and is somewhat glib about the difficulties of the skills it covers. To Tim's credit, he does make occasional reference to needing practice, especially in fire starting. But for one book to cover the basic survival skills (shelter, water, fire, cord and food) and then move on to hunting, fishing and foraging, food storage

for preppers, bee keeping, recipes for after the apocalypse, and other skills is too much. While I did not notice any factual errors, and did glean some good hints, I was put off by the extant of items covered. Tim attempts to cover both the wilderness and urban realms. The best use of this book is to have one book you can grab and carry in case of emergency or to have light in your pack, instead of an extensive library. The individual planning to use these numerous skills had best be proficient in them having read about them and practiced them individually for long days before attempting to rely on this book. But for the trained individual, this book is probably too basic. For an inexperienced, unpracticed individual this book is too breezy and too glib. I fear it will breed over confidence in very challenging realms. Tim's heroes for whom he allows several pages each are 1) Hugo Glass and 2) the Lykov family. Both of these are very extreme examples. Hugo Glass, hero of *The Song of Hugo Glass* an epic poem by John G. Nieharadt, part of his *Cycle of the West*, a compilation of 5 marvelous, well done, epic poems, was severely wounded and left for dead. He managed to survive crawling for weeks across the barren South Dakota Wilderness in the early 1800's and had a little help from Native Americans. Even in poem form, the story is exciting and well worth a read. The Lykov family left home after religious persecution and lived for 40 years totally isolated in south Siberia, near the Mongolian border. One star off for attempting too much in one book. Otherwise, the writing is clear and easily understood. The book is well formatted on my iPhone and easily followed. To my knowledge, the facts are correct and the skills are, while a little briefly described, well explained. Things like beekeeping and the long section on preppers food storage could be left to other books.

I have 11 year old twins & they adore this book. One of them actually purchased this locally first & we had to purchase this second one for the other one so they could quit arguing over the book. They spend time marking their favorite pages & creating different snares in the backyard. They run home from school to check their snares. Book seems durable with reinforced corners too which I appreciate.

Nothing new. Just a semi good read. It won't save your life. Don't get me wrong, the information is solid, just not the book to get you through a survival situation. Great coffee table book.

A awesome book, especially if your a begins enthusiast like me. great pictures, and information, the book even comes with a metal clip on the corners of the title page to protect your book from damage.

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great addition to my other books

Very good book. Bright colored pictures. Exactly as described.

This book is alright, but if you really are a hunter, fisherman, or a doomsday prepper, I would not recommend this book. If you don't know how to skin a fish or stuff like that, this book might be good.

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