Thanksgiving Deep Fried Wild Turkey

Deep frying a whole wild turkey is a fantastic way to cook the entire bird without drying out the meat. Not only is this one of the quickest ways to cook a whole bird, the novel presentation makes it worthy of holiday celebrations.



INGREDIENTS

- 1 10-12 lb Wild Turkey, cleaned and dressed with skin on
- 4 tsp Cabela's Open Season Mountain Man Bourbon Rub, divided
- 4 gallons rice bran oil

DIRECTIONS:

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- 1. Weigh turkey to determine deep-frying time.
- **2.** Dry turkey thoroughly with a clean dish towel and coat with 2 tablespoons Cabela's Open Season Mountain Man Bourbon Rub.
- 3. Pour rice bran oil into the pot.
- **4.** Heat oil to 400°.
- **5.** Place turkey, legs up, on to fryer rack and lower into fry basket.
- **6.** With a gloved hand, carefully submerge turkey in the hot oil.
- 7. Fry for 3 1/2 minutes per pound or until internal thermometer reads 155°.
- **8.** Regulate heat to keep oil at 350° during the cooking process.
- **9.** To check the internal temperature of the turkey, use a gloved hand to partially lift the fry basket out of the oil.
- **10.** Place probe into the thickest part of the breast meat.
- **11.** When done, remove turkey from hot oil and place on a carving surface.

Sprinkle with remaining Cabela's Open Season Mountain Man Bourbon Rub, cover with foil, and let sit 15 minutes before carving.

