

How long have turkeys been in the park?

There have been turkeys (*Meliagris gallopavo*) in the United States since before there were European settlers in the United States. It is a reasonable assumption that there have been turkeys in this area for at least the same length of time.

The wild turkey is the largest game bird in North America.

Benjamin Franklin wanted the wild turkey to be our nation symbol instead of the bald eagle.

Wild turkeys weigh about half what farm raised turkeys do.

Farm turkeys are so heavy that they can not fly.

Wild turkeys spend most of the day foraging for seeds, nuts and berries and roost in lower branches of trees at night. Wild turkeys can, and do, fly.