

Free State Fly Fishers Horsey Pond or Chipman Pond, Delaware

When: Wednesday, January 30, 2019

Where: Horsey Pond or Chipman Pond, Delaware

Outing Coordinator: Mike Mattia (mmmattia2013@yahoo.com or 443-570-4735)

Meeting Time/Location: Everyone should plan to meet at the Chipman Pond boat ramp at 11:00 AM. If you want to carpool/caravan, plan to meet at 8:45 AM at the parking lot of the Bay 50 Shopping Center, 1544 Whitehall Road Annapolis, MD 21409. The shopping center is just off eastbound Route 50 prior to the Bay Bridge and is east of Angler's Sport Center on Whitehall Road. The caravan will leave promptly at 9:00 AM.

Directions to Chipman Pond: Both Chipman Pond and Horsey Pond are near Laurel, Delaware and both ponds can be found in Googlemaps by entering their names. To get to Chipman Pond Boat Ramp turn left onto Rt 466 from Rt 13 S in Laurel, Delaware. Go a hundred yards and turn right onto Chipman Pond Rd. Just before the pond, turn left onto Old Cabin Rd. The boat ramp parking lot is up the road a couple hundred yards on the right.

Species of Interest: Pickerel, Largemouth Bass, and Crappie

Equipment Needed: Recommend a 4-6 weight fly rod. Recommend you include an ultra-light to medium spinning rod in your equipment as well.

Rods: Fly Rods from 6-8 wt with floating line as we will be fishing in 2-5' depths

Recommended Flies: Streamers such as Clouser Minnows, Bullethead Darters, Woolly Buggers and Crystal Buggers in hook sizes 2 through 1/0 for targeting pickerel. For anyone using Spinning gear and small spinners or spinner/fly combinations work well here as will very small minnow type lures.

License Required: Delaware license. A license is available on-line with credit card purchase. A seven day tourist (non-resident) license costs \$12.50 + \$1 handling, or \$20 for the whole year. The following is the link to website to acquire your Delaware fishing license:

<https://egov.dnrec.delaware.gov/egovpublic/dnrec/disp?doc=publicsubmenu&op=fwlicense&dept=5>

Follow instructions from this page forward, including printing of sample license, then proceed to link under step 3.

Safety Equipment: Please remember that if you are planning to fish from any type of water craft—boat, kayak, canoe, float tube—be sure you have a PFD that fits. And remember it is not a cushion for you to sit on—it's made to wear. Safety is a particularly important consideration this time of year. Recommend you also bringing some type of signaling device—a loud whistle works well or VHF radio. A first aid kit in your vehicle is always a good idea. And hand sanitizer is always useful if for nothing but to get the fish smell off your hands.

Please do be safe out there as it is your responsibility to stay within your capabilities and practice water safety at all time.