

Free State Fly Fishers Concord Pond, Delaware

When: Thursday, February 7, 2019

Where: Concord Pond, near Seaford, Delaware

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

Meeting Time/Location: Everyone should plan to meet at the Concord Pond boat ramp on Seipp Ln, near Seaford, DE at 11:00 AM. If you want to carpool/caravan, plan to meet at 9:00 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 9:15 AM. If you plan to carpool, be sure to let the Outing Coordinator know so that he can plan accordingly.

Directions to Concord Pond: Concord Pond is about a 1 hour 30 minute drive from Annapolis, located near Seaford, DE. There is a parking lot and boat ramp on Seipp Lane at the pond. For Googlemaps, you can simply enter "Concord Pond boat ramp, Seaford, DE, and it will come up. Actual directions are: Rt 50 east to Rt 404 east to Rt 13 south to Rt 20 East to Concord Pond Rd (if you pass the Liquor store you went too far) turn left to the pond.

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=fwlicen se&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. In the Winter and Spring when water is below 60 degrees it presents an acute, rapid onset hypothermia threat if you fall in; be sure you have a plan to keep yourself safe such as immersion protection clothing or some other strategy. We 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.

On all FSFF sponsored outings, please do be safe out there as it is your responsibility to stay within your capabilities and practice water safety at all time. Check with the above listed outing coordinator for more information on the fishing conditions if you have any concerns or questions. Most importantly, enjoy the fellowship of your fellow members through fly fishing and tight lines!