

Free State Fly Fishers Annual Trap Pond Picnic/Outing

When: Saturday, May 18, 2019 [High wind/rain date June 1, 2019]

Where: Trap Pond State Park, Laurel, Delaware

Outing Coordinator: Mark Bange, mbange54@gmail.com, 410-591-5254.

About Trap Pond:

This link provides all the information you need to know about the park including GPS Coordinates:

<https://delawarestateparks.reserveamerica.com/camping/trap-pond-state-park/r/campgroundDetails.do?contractCode=DE&parkId=360122>

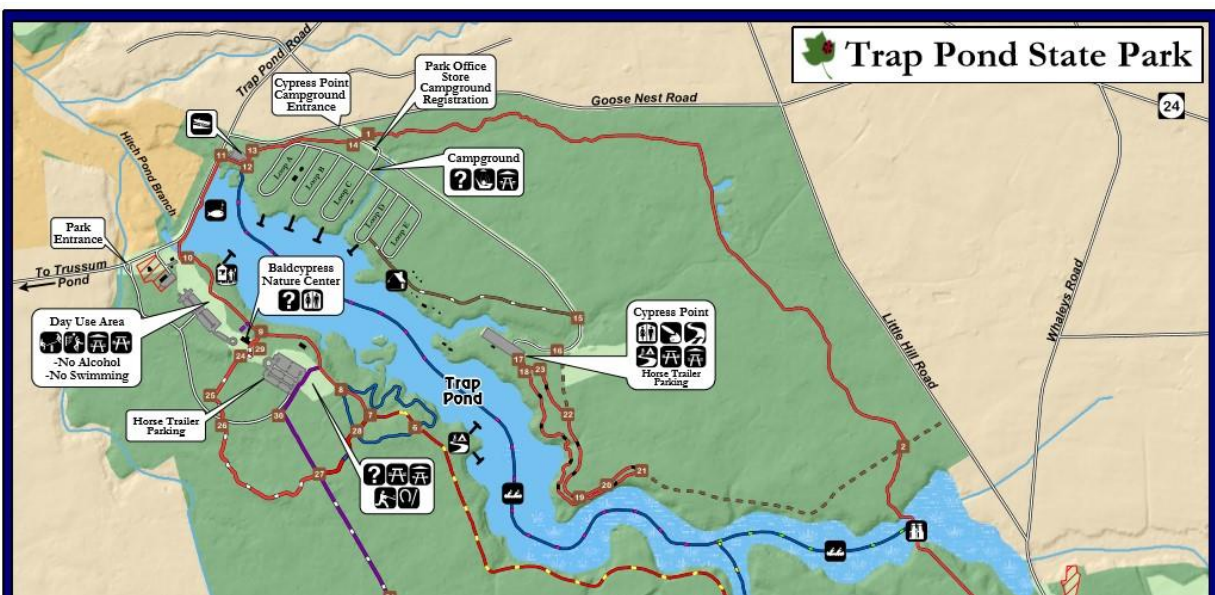
Trip Logistics and Fishing Information: Trap Pond State Park is located at 33587 Bald Cypress Lane, Laurel, DE 19956 and open daily from 8 a.m. to sunset. Basic directions follow:

US50 East across Bay Bridge toward Ocean City
Left on MD404. Stay on 404 into DE.
Right on US13 South
Left onto DE24 (laurel Road)
Right onto Trap Pond Road.

Trap Pond is roughly 75 miles from the Bay Bridge.

Access fee before official hours is honor system. Phone number to contact the Park is (302) 875-5153. Park Daily access fee is \$8 for the day - out of state. If you come early you need to bring the proper change or leave an IOU and return to the park interest at/after 8 a.m. to settle up.

We will meet at the Day Use Area of the park where lunch will begin around noon. See park map below:



Lunch will be served around noon at the Day Use Area. Note that we ask participants to bring and share the following picnic foods drinks and ancillary items:

Paper plates, cups, towels, napkins
table cloth
hand sanitary cleaner
plastic (knives/forks/spoons; serving spoons)
aluminum foil
drinks
ice chest/ice
meat (hamburgers, other protein);
rolls
salads
condiments (mustard, Ketchup, BBQ sauce)
potato chips
pretzels
desserts

Please notify Mark Bange, preferably by email, mbange54@gmail.com, if you intend to participate and what you will be bringing from the above list.

About the fishing: Shore fishing is available although limited. You'll need a canoe, kayak, rowboat, or powerboat to fish the entire pond. Typically, the park does not rent boats until Memorial Day. However, you can call the park to see if the rentals will be open on 18 May. If you are launching a trailered boat you must use the boat ramp. Otherwise, you can launch a cartop boat from the Day Use Area. However, your vehicle must remain in the designated parking lot. You cannot drive through the Day Use area to the water.

Species of Interest: Largemouth bass, bluegill, sunfish, pickerel, and crappie.

Equipment Needed: Recommend a 4-6 weight fly rod with floating line as most of the action will be with poppers on the surface or subsurface close to the shoreline. Best fishing is out on the pond, so bringing a canoe, kayak or other boat is recommended.

Recommended Flies: Small to medium sized poppers (e.g., chartreuse Sneaky Petes are a FSFF favorite), wooly buggers, terrestrials (ants, hoppers, beetles, etc.), dragonflies and especially Clousers, and deceivers and articulated bullethead darters for largemouth bass and pickerel.

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>

NOTE: Please get your Delaware fishing license before heading out for this outing. The park office does not issue licenses and vendors are a significant distance from the park.

Overnight Camping: Some FSFF members will camp overnight Friday (and even Saturday) night as the early morning and late evening fishing for largemouth bass can be fantastic. There are several options

available: renting a yurt, reserving a fully equipped site for an RV or trailer, or enjoying one of the many regular tent campsites. There are bath houses with hot showers located across the campgrounds

Alcohol and pets are not allowed in the Day Use Area. Trap is a tobacco free park.

Take Pictures: While you are enjoying the fellowship of fly fishing with your club members, please take plenty of pictures with your camera or cell phone, particularly of everyone catching lots of fish. We want to share the experience with other club members via the FSFF's web site and our Facebook page so they are encouraged to join on one of the many outings sponsored by the club.

All please do be safe during this outing as it is your responsibility to stay within your capabilities and practice water safety at all time.

