

Free State Fly Fishers Catoctin Creek Outing

When: Thursday, March 19 (Rain/Foul Weather date: Tuesday, March 24). Outing coordinator will determine if bad weather date will be invoked and will notify participants.

Where: Catoctin Creek, The stocked portion is located within the Catoctin Creek Nature Center located between Middletown and Jefferson Maryland, about 12 miles SW of Fredrick, MD. Catoctin Creek is a Delayed Harvest, stocked creek.

Outing Coordinator: Gary Grey, garygrey74@gmail.com, 443.795.1953.

Meeting Time/Location and Directions for Car Pool or “Caravan”: Those wishing to carpool can meet the Outing Coordinator between 8:00 and 8:30 AM in the parking lot of “The Church at Severn Run” (8187 Telegraph Road, Severn, MD). Note: both “The Church at Severn Run” and “8187 Telegraph Road, Severn” are listed in Google Maps. If you enter them, you will get directions straight to them. The Church is located about 0.25 miles north of the intersection of Telegraph Rd (Rt. 170) and Rt. 32 on the East side of Telegraph Road. The caravan will leave promptly at 8:30 AM. Given there are no boats/kayaks on this trip, this trip is a particularly good trip to carpool on.

Directions to the Fishing Location: It is 61 miles from “The Church at Severn Run” to the “Catoctin Creek Park and Nature Center”. We will take Rt. 32 West to I-70 to Fredrick, MD. The last 12.4 miles from Fredrick to Catoctin Creek Park and Nature Center has many turns and is too complicated to type out here. The efficient way to find it is to put it in your GPS; if you have trouble doing this, please contact the Outing Coordinator for help or carpool with someone.

Gathering Place at the Fishing Location: We will meet at the Catoctin Creek Park Nature Center. It has ample parking and bathrooms, which will no doubt be handy after a 1.5 hour trip with coffee! The carpool should arrive around 9:45 AM. It is an easy walk to the creek along paved paths from the Nature Center.

Species of Interest: Rainbow Trout and Brown Trout.

Equipment Needed: Waders (there is some fishing from shore).

Boating: No boating.

Rods: This is fly fishing for stocked trout. 4wt to 6wt in general should work, depending on what you are throwing.

Recommended Flies: Rising fish can be caught with CDC BWO size 18-20, but remember these are stocked fish so don't get too complicated. Woolly Buggers, Clousers, Muddler Minnows, Crystal Buggers, Hare's Ear, Pheasant Tail, and Caddis nymphs. Presentation accounts for more.

Timeline: Anglers should plan to begin fishing by 10:00 AM and should allow for roughly a 4-hour session, and then we will leave and get lunch.

Lunch: The group will collectively decide on a place for lunch.

Disclaimer: The Outing Coordinator has never been to this site and has never fished Catoctin Creek! All this information is based on information that has been passed to me from others that have fished the creek. I'm told it is a wonderful place. If we do poorly, I'll release the names of those that steered me there!! :-).

Photos: As with all FSFF events, participants are encouraged to take pictures during the outing to share with other club members via our website and Facebook page.

SAFETY: Safety is a paramount concern on all FSFF sponsored outings. On all FSFF sponsored outings, please 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. If boating, always wear your PFD and if water temperatures are below 60 degrees F, have a plan to protect yourself from cold water immersion hazards should you fall in. Most importantly, enjoy the fellowship of your fellow members through fly fishing and tight lines!

On all FSFF sponsored outings, we ask that our members and guests Pick up Five pieces of trash you run across wading the river or kayaking the pond—small trash bags to be provided.