

Free State Fly Fisher Janes Island Outing

Where: Janes Island State Park, Crisfield MD.

When: Thursday-Sunday, September 24-28, 2020

Species of Interest: Striped bass, speckled trout, redfish (rarely).

Equipment Needed: 7-9 Weight rod with sinking/intermediate or floating lines, preferred in that order. Luis uses an intermediate line almost exclusively; surface lures for spinning rods also work. A kayak, canoe or boat is necessary for full access to the fishing locations.

Recommended Flies: Clousers in blue/white or chartreuse/white my favorites. Deceivers, half and halves, alewife patterns, crease flies, surf candies, blue crab patterns and any baitfish pattern that resembles silversides.

Fishing Licenses Required: Maryland tidal (Baysport) license

Outing Coordinator: Luis Santiago. I will be camping in site B-36.

Contact Information: 209.485.5315 and/or lmsantiago05@yahoo.com. Don't hesitate to call/text/email with any questions/comments.

Trip Logistics: All members are invited to stay and camp. There are plenty of camp sites available as well as cabins if you choose to stay the weekend. Please reply and let me know: if you will be attending, what day you will be arriving, and how long you will be staying. I will be camping in site B-36.

Drive approximately 2 hours 30 minutes to the park. The following is the link to map for driving directions from Park and Ride:

<https://www.google.com/maps/dir/Harry+S+Truman+P+%26+R/Janes+Island+State+Park,+26280+Alfred+J+Lawson+Dr,+Crisfield,+MD+21817/@38.5155565,-76.5964967,9z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m13!4m12!1m5!1m1!1s0x89b7f130b9dc2d7d:0x674801808886e687!2m2!1d-76.554831!2d38.979023!1m5!1m1!1s0x89b99af7c54b80ed:0x8df1a88f3eca3762!2m2!1d-75.847844!2d38.010759>

Janes Island State Park is located at 26280 Alfred J Lawson Drive, Crisfield, MD 21817.

The boat ramp does not close but entrance to campground does have limited entree after dark. You will need a watercraft of some type (canoe, kayak, rowboat, powerboat) to access the water trails. Shore fishing is available, although you are limited. The crabbing is good from shore at the campgrounds.

Accommodations: All members are invited to stay and camp. Luis is in site B-36. There are still a couple campsites available in the campground, however, I urge you to book soon as these campgrounds are full almost every weekend during the summer. There are also

cabins and mini-cabins at the park, but they are quite popular and reserving them is difficult; they fill up quickly. Park information and camping reservations can be made at: <https://dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/pages/eastern/janesisland.aspx>
There are several motels in Crisfield to spend the night in comfort if you choose to do that.

Satellite View of the Park:

<https://www.google.com/maps/place/Janes+Island+State+Park/@38.0032497,-75.8692157,6628m/data=!3m1!1e3!4m2!3m1!1s0x0:0x8df1a88f3eca3762>

Water Trails

Janes Island State Park offers more than 30 miles of marked water trails that wind throughout the island's saltmarsh. Most of the waterways are protected from wind and current, providing ideal conditions for both experienced and novice paddlers.

Janes Island water trail system was named to the American Canoe Association's inaugural list of recommended water trails. Three back country camp sites are located along the trails for overnight expeditions.

Boat Rentals: Solo and tandem kayaks and canoes are available for rent through the park store on weekends only. Kayaks can be rented on weekdays from a vendor in Crisfield and they will deliver them to the Park. Contact Janes Island State Park for details at 410-968-1565.

Meals: Lunch will be on the water. We can have a picnic lunch on one of the beaches if members choose to take a break at the same time. Dinner will be coordinated at the one of the camp sites for each evening; most likely mine. On previous years everyone brought a dish to share and made for a wonderful dinner. I will have a BBQ grill and stove available.

Additional: This is an enjoyable trip I have several times in the past. The marsh land gives you opportunity to explore miles of water in a safe environment. The bugs may be problems during this time of year please dress appropriately. I recommend camping the night before as the fishing is best early morning. I have experienced great fishing at sunrise and sunset.