

Free State Fly Fishers

Deer Creek Shad Fishing

When: Wednesday, May 5th, 2021

Where: Deer Creek, Harford County, Maryland

Outing Coordinator: Frank Lenik; frank.lenik@me.com; 302.740.8120

Communication: Please let the Trip Leader know you are attending so that he can plan accordingly.

Meeting Time/Location: We will meet at 0700 on Wednesday, May 5th at the Deer Creek Pumping Station which is located ½ mile upstream of Stafford Rd. Bridge (over Deer Creek) in Susquehanna State Park. If you search for “Susquehanna State Park Stafford Flint Furnace” you will find Stafford Rd. bridge across Deer Creek. Stafford Flint Furnace is right next to it (Note: there are two “Stafford flint furnaces that come up on a Google Map search, one is on the Susquehanna River, the other is right next to Stafford Rd. Bridge; you want the one next to the Stafford Rd. Bridge). It is about a 1.25-hour drive from Annapolis

Carpooling: There is limited parking along Deer Creek. If you are comfortable carpooling (Covid issues) then please make arrangements to do so; if not, meet the group on site at the pumping station. A good spot to meet for carpooling would be the Park and Ride at the intersection of Rt. 50 and Rt. 424.

Species of Interest: Hickory Shad.

Access: There is easy access to the stream for a couple miles for wading fishing. As stated above, we will meet next to the Pumping Station near Stafford Bridge. This is wading fishing only; shore fishing would be extremely difficult as would kayak fishing.

Rods: 4wt to 6wt

Recommended Flies: Joe Bruce’s Hickory Shad Fly (red and yellow marabou).

Timeline: We will meet at 0700 on Wednesday, May 5th and probably fish 3 to 4 hours.

Lunch: will be determined by the outing attendees (Frank: you may just want to have a bag lunch along the stream (maybe at the pumping station parking lot) or if a late afternoon trip, maybe a bag lunch at 6 PM, or a bag lunch after fishing before leaving, or skip altogether)

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.

Questions: Contact the Trip Leader directly.

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!

COVID 19: Please observe all CDC and Maryland recommended precautions for controlling risks of transmitting Covid 19.