

# Free State Fly Fishers Annual Trap Pond Picnic/Outing

May 22, 2021

**When:** Saturday, May 22, 2021

**Where:** Trap Pond State Park, Laurel, Delaware

**Outing Coordinator:** Kristi Drake, [Kristi.drake@outlook.com](mailto:Kristi.drake@outlook.com)

**About Trap Pond: 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. It is listed in Google Maps as “Trap Pond State Park” in Laurel, Delaware. 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. As you know, Kristi Drake sent out an email on May 10 at 6:34 PM organizing who is bringing what picnic food and supplies; she provided a link in her email to “Signup Genius”, so please coordinate your offerings there. The link is:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C45AAA82FA0F8C07-may22>

**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 22 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.

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.

**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!