

Free State Fly Fishers

Adirondacks Outing (Revision 2)

When: June 22 to 26, 2024

Where: Newcomb, New York (Adirondack Park)

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

Overnight accommodations:

- Camping in Lake Harris Campground in Newcomb, New York
- Renting a cabin. There are several cabin options open. If interested ask Gary about it.

Length of Stay: The Club Trip will be from June 22 to 26. Club members are welcome to come for one night or all or any other combination that works for them. If a five day trip is too short, consider coming up early or staying beyond June 26.

Meeting Time/Location and Directions: This will be discussed and decided upon before the trip by the attendees. Google Maps claims it is a 7.5-hour trip (449 miles), but that is without stops. It takes me around 9 hours—I stop a good bit.

- Note: This is a trip where you may want to consider having your own vehicle (instead of carpooling) for two reasons:
 - There are multiple fishing locations. Without your own vehicle, you may not get to the water body you want to get to
 - You may be able to carpool easily with someone, but you may only be able to get one kayak on the roof of the vehicle. This will leave you without a way to transport your kayak. Almost all water locations we will fish require transporting a kayak to the location.
- If you plan to go, but are going on a different schedule, ie, different than June 22-26, please let Gary know.

Communication:

- Verizon cell phone coverage is fine in the campground and in town. I only have Verizon, so can't say about other carriers.

Fishing Locations: There are many places to fish. Some are Lake Harris, Rich Lake, Long Lake, Bog River, Tupper Lake/Raquette Lake, and many more (see the presentation I gave the club at the March 2024 club meeting. It is posted on our

website under "Library/past meetings, at this link: <https://fs-ff.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/Adirondacks-Presentation-FSFF-2024-March-6.pdf>).

Fishing Style: Fishing is almost entirely from a kayak or canoe. Shore fishing is extremely limited. Kayaks and canoes can be rented from Cloudsplitter Outfitters in Newcomb (www.cloudsplitteroutfitters.com). If you rent a kayak/canoe, make sure you have a vehicle to transport it! Also make sure you have a kayak cart to transport your kayak from the parking lot to the water body (some locations 50 yards, other locations well over a mile).

Fish target species: Northern Pike, Smallmouth Bass, Largemouth Bass, panfish.

Trip Logistics and Fishing Information:

- **Meals:** Meals are on your own. We will work out some ways to share meeting up for meals and telling lies about the day, for example, dinner in my campsite one night, dinner in a different campsite another night, dinner at someone's cabin another night, etc..
- **Weather:** Always be prepared for cold weather and rain. On a camping trip to the Adirondacks in mid-August one year, the morning temperature hit 33 degrees. Bring warm clothes!

Equipment Needed: Fly Rods, 4wt-8wt, depending on flies and species pursued. Spinning rods if you want.

Recommended Flies: Bass, Pike, and panfish flies.

License Required: New York fishing license. I'm not sure about a trout stamp, I've never fished for trout up there, so never pursued it.

Sign-up: The trip will be discussed at the May regular club meeting, and I will stay after the close of that meeting to answer any detailed questions anyone may have. Please email or call Gary if you want to go before June 15.

Directions to Lake Harris Campground and Cloudsplitter Outfitters: Lake Harris Campground in Newcomb, NY is searchable in Google Maps. Google Maps lists it as a 7.5-hour trip; it takes me about 8.5 hours.

Additional Information:

- Gary gave a presentation to the club at the March 2024 Club meeting. It has a lot of additional information in it and is posted on our club website at: <https://fs-ff.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/Adirondacks-Presentation-FSFF-2024-March-6.pdf>
- Call the Outfitter in Newcomb: Cloudsplitters Outfitters: 518.582.2583. cloudsplitteroutfitters.com

Contact Gary if you are interested in going: I will be setting up an email subgroup for detailed information for this trip and will add you to it.

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. It is mandatory that anyone coming on this trip, or any club sponsored trip, sign the FSFF Liability waiver form. 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!