

## **Free State Fly Fishers Pond Hop: Ingrams Pond and Millsboro Pond, Delaware**

**When:** Saturday, April 13, 2024

**Where:** Ingrams Pond in the morning and Millsboro Pond in the afternoon

**Outing Coordinator:** Mike Mattia ([mmmattia2013@yahoo.com](mailto:mmmattia2013@yahoo.com) or 443-570-4735)

**Meeting Time/Location:** Bay 50 Shopping Center 1578 Whitehall Rd  
Annapolis, Maryland (shopping center just prior to the Chesapeake Bay Bridge off  
Route 50) at 6:00 AM. Leave at 6:15 AM to head to Delaware.

**Directions to Ingrams Pond:** US-301 N/US-50 E across the Chesapeake Bay, left  
turn onto MD-404 E, DE-404 E, then right turn onto US-113 S/N Dupont Blvd, then right  
turn onto Rd 328/Sheep Pen Rd, then right onto Route 20/Hardscrabble Road, then left  
onto Rd 433/Country Living Rd and finally a left turn onto Godwin School Rd which  
takes you to Ingrams Pond parking lot and boat ramp.

**Trip Logistics:** We head south to Ingram Pond in Millsboro for the first pond in the  
morning. At noon, we go to lunch in Millsboro. After lunch we attack Millsboro Pond just  
a short distance away to finish up the day fishing. These ponds have limited shore line  
fishing but it can be done. We mostly use Kayaks or john boats, electric motors and gas  
powered boats are OK to use in these two ponds.

**Species of Interest:** Pickerel, largemouth bass, bluegill 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. If you  
have an intermediate line or sinking tip line and an extra fly rod, recommend bringing  
that outfit with you as well as the larger fish will be located a bit deeper below the  
surface this time of year.

**Recommended Flies:** Small to medium sized poppers (e.g., chartreuse Sneaky Petes  
are a FSFF favorite), wooly buggers, your favorite bluegill fly as long as it has rubber  
legs, terrestrials (ants, hoppers, beetles, spiders, etc.), Chuggers, dragonflies and  
especially clousers, and deceivers for largemouth bass and pickerel. Spinning gear  
lures include: rubber worms, spinners, and minnow looking stuff.

**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. For those who don't have a Delaware Non Resident license we can  
stop at Walmart at Route 313 and Route 40 and get one. If you are over 65 years old, a  
Delaware license is FREE!

**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!