



## Free State Fly Fishers Annual Picnic/Outing May 18, 2024

**When:** Saturday, May 18, 2024

**Where:** Lums Pond State Park, Bear, Delaware

**Outing Coordinator:** Frank Bowne, fsffmd@gmail.com, 410 798 5474

**About Lums Pond: Trip Logistics and Fishing Information:** Lums Pond State Park is open daily from 8 a.m. to sunset. Entrance Fees are In-state: \$4 Daily, Out-of-state: \$8 Daily. Boat rentals are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Weekends in May. We will be launching our own boats at the Boat Ramp located at 3180 Red Lion Rd, Bear, DE 19701. It is listed in Google Maps as “Lums Pond Boat Ramp”. Basic directions follow:

US Route 50 East across Bay Bridge  
US Route 301 North  
Take Exit 5 onto DE 71/895 North  
Right turn onto Red Lion Road  
Right turn into the parking lot for the Lums Pond Boat Launch

Lums Pond is roughly 70 miles from the Bay Bridge. You can also access the State Park via Interstate 95 North.

We will beach our kayaks, canoes and boat and meet at the Day Use Area 2 of the park where lunch will begin around noon. [Map](#).

**Sign up** for bringing cookout food, desserts, drinks and plates/utensils/napkins, charcoal, grilling utensils: Please sign up for what you can bring to the cookout/picnic at the May 1 club meeting or with the [Signup Genius](#).

**About the fishing:** Shore fishing is available although limited. You'll need a canoe, kayak, rowboat, or powerboat to fish the entire pond. If you are launching your boat you must use the boat ramp.

**Species of Interest:** Crappie, bluegill, perch, pickerel, largemouth bass. Striped bass is stocked periodically.

**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 intermediate line, bring a second rod as subsurface fishing will also be productive. The 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, bluegill bullies, terrestrials (ants, hoppers, beetles, etc.) and especially Clousers, bendbacks, 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. Acquire your [Delaware fishing license](#).

**NOTES:**

- 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.
- Restrooms are available. Alcohol is permitted in cans or bottles.

**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](#), group email system and our [Facebook page](#) so they are encouraged to join on one of the many outings sponsored by the club.

**Sign the Club's [Liability Form](#):** Before you participate in any club outing or any club sponsored event not located at the clubhouse, members are required to sign the club's release of liability form that came along with your membership application or renewal.

**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!