



Free State Fly Fishers Outing

When: Date Mid-April or Early May, 2025 tentatively set for April 11, 2025

Where: Piney Run Lake, 30 Martz Road, Eldersburg MD

Outing Coordinator: Andy Grosko, agrosko@gmail.com, 667-280-0422

Meeting Time/Location: 9:00 AM / Launch Ramp / Main Docks area

Directions to the Fishing Location: Piney Run Park is accessible via roads off Route 32 or Route 26 near Sykesville/Eldersburg MD. Park entry fee \$6 for Carroll County Residents, \$12 for out of county, free for ages 62 and older and free for military. Boat launch fee \$10. Good shoreline fishing possible from docks and several accessible shorelines.

Gathering Place at the Fishing Location: main boat docks area at the start of day.

Species of Interest: Largemouth bass, bluegill, black crappie, and yellow perch prevalent along shoreline structure this time of year. Low possibility of a stocked rainbow trout. Recommend targeting beaver huts, downed trees and emerging lily pads and the docks when casting.

Equipment Needed: Your choice of 5, 6, 7 or 8 weight fly rod and floating or intermediate fly lines. Electric or manual propulsion only for the boats, kayak, or canoe you may bring or rent. Fishing the docks is often productive and easy for anyone who plans for fish from shore. No wading is permitted but there are several areas with walk-in shoreline access. I recommend at least a 10 lbs. tippet, as there are plenty of submerged weeds, wood and pads to get a fly through. One exception is sometimes the dock bluegill are feeding on midges, zooplankton or hatching caddisflies. At those times, then a 4X tippet necessary to fish small flies.

Recommended Flies: Poppers, Clousers, streamers, wooly buggers, nymphs and flies that you can comfortably fish through weeds, pads and beaver huts/downed trees.

License Required: Maryland in non-tidal fishing license. Piney Run Park fee, or pass or free admission entrance fee for military and those 62 and older. Boat launch is \$10 for even kayaks and canoes. There is a floating kayak launch dock for single keeled kayaks.

Other Trip Logistics and Fishing Information: Be cognizant of the weather. Strong winds will sweep right down the main lake and make fishing anywhere but the coves a challenge. On the other hand, calm, warm spring day are easy and productive

here. A small anchor may be helpful to keep you in a productive location. During the last club sponsored outing here I caught many crappies by anchoring just off a submerged beaver hut.

Please do be safe out there as it is your responsibility to stay within your capabilities and practice water safety at all times. 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.

And please remember we are asking all outing participants to try and pick up five pieces of trash during each outing.