



Free State Fly Fishers Outing

When: Wednesday, October 9, 2024

Where: Smithville Lake, Maryland

Outing Coordinator: Mike Mattia, mmmattia2013@yahoo.com, 443-570-4735

Meeting Time/Location: 6:00 AM at the Shopping Center on Route 50 on the right hand side just past Anglers and just before the Chesapeake Bay Bridge or meet at Smithville Lake. Please let Mike know if you plan to participate in this outing.

Directions to the Fishing Location: Take Route 301 N/ Route 50 East over the Chesapeake Bay Bridge. Continue on US-301 N/US-50 E to MD-404 E to Noble Road. Enter the address "6300 Noble Road, Federalsburg, Maryland" into your mapping app.

Species of Interest: Largemouth bass, bluegill, golden shiners and pickerel are abundant at both of these ponds.

Equipment Needed: Recommend 5-6 weight of rods with floating and intermediate lines. The fish are not leader shy so recommend a 7-9' leader for casting with your floating line and a 6' leader with your intermediate line both with 2x or 3x tippet. If you are targeting pickerel on this outing, recommend adding 25 lbs. bite tippet. Strongly recommend bringing your kayak, canoe, SUP, or boat as both ponds have limited shoreline fishing for those without a kayak, canoe or a boat.

Recommended Flies: Bring a good selection of your favorite panfish flies including wooly buggers, crystal buggers, Golden Retrievers, bluegill bullies, poppers, gurglers and spiders along smaller sized largemouth bass and pickerel flies including Clousers, bendbacks, and bulletheads.

License Required: Maryland fishing license required.

Other Trip Logistics and Fishing Information:

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.

Liability Waiver: It is mandatory that any trip attendees of this trip sign the FSFF Liability Waiver and submit them to Frank Bowne, FSFF Membership Coordinator. Copies of the waiver can be accessed on the club's website at: <https://fs-ff.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/Liability-Waiver-With-Printed-Name.pdf>.

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