



FSFF Magothy River-Cockey Creek Outing – December 8, 2024

When: Sunday, 8 December, 2024

Where: Magothy River (Cockey Creek)

Outing Coordinators: Adam Bange adam_bange@yahoo.com (443)970-0515

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Meeting Time/Location: This is a kayak/canoe trip only. We will launch at 12:00 p.m. from the Laurel Acres Community Beach off of Laurel Drive in Pasadena, MD. Note this is a gated community property with access controlled by Laurel Acres residents. We will be guests of Adam Bange. Therefore, it is important that you let Adam and/or Mark know you are coming in advance so that he can allow you into the site on the day of the outing.

Directions to Fishing Location: Laurel Acres is reached by traveling east on Mountain Road (MD 177) toward Gibson Island. Turn right at the light from MD 177 onto Lake Shore Drive. The Laurel Acres Community is located in a heavily wooded area near the end of Lake Shore Drive. Please call Adam or Mark for more specific directions if you plan to drive to the site by yourself.

Or, to make it easier to find the launch site, you can be escorted there by Mark. He will be at the parking lot of the **Pasadena Post Office, 4301 MOUNTAIN RD PASADENA, MD 21122-9998**, at 11:15 a.m. on the morning of the 8th. He will depart by 11:45. So, please be on time if you would like to follow him to the Laurel Acres beach.

Again, register your attendance in advance with Adam or Mark. It will help them greatly to know how many to expect. Tell them if you will drive alone to the site or meet Mark at the Post Office to be escorted. Just be aware that if you drive there on your own and arrive late, you may discover that the gate is locked.

Species of Interest: Chain Pickerel

Equipment Needed:

Fly rods -- 6 to 8-weight. Floating line will usually suffice. This is mostly shallow water fishing. However, depending on weather conditions, such as a wind-rippled water surface or cooler than normal temperatures, intermediate lines or sink tips are helpful to get your flies deeper to where the fish may be holding.

Recommended Flies: Colorful streamer flies tied on large gapped hooks up to size 2/0 work best – Lefty's Deceiver, Clouser Minnows, Bendback Minnows, Bullethead Darters (regular and articulated), and Crystal Buggers (regular and articulated) to name few. A chain pickerel is not deterred at all by flies that are big, colorful and gaudy.

Other Helpful Gear:

- **Net** -- to control an angry chain pickerel at your gunnel.
- **Fish Grips/Towel** -- to control an angry chain pickerel in your kayak.
- **Forceps/Needle Nose Pliers** – to remove hooks from a pickerel without bloodying your fingers. (Also, de-barbing your hooks makes removing them from the pickerel and your fingers easier.)
- **Handheld VHF Radio** – nice to have to stay in touch with other anglers on the outings. Adam and Mark will have theirs.

License Required: Maryland Fishing License for Tidal Water

Other Information: Again, this is a Sunday outing. Also note that the launch time is noon. We did that to take advantage of the predicted tide that day, which should reach its peak shortly after we launch. We have found that a high falling tide leads to better pickerel fishing. A high tide also means more water to target. Lastly, recreational boat traffic is generally less on Sundays in the fall than Saturday. Perhaps those boaters are also NFL fans. Their absence from the water is much better for kayak anglers.

Safety: Safety is a paramount concern on all FSFF sponsored outings. This will be a cold-water outing. It is your responsibility to stay within your paddling capabilities and to practice water safety at all times. That means having the proper clothing to remain dry and warm in your kayak/canoe and to wear your PFD at all times while you are paddling and/or fishing. Finally, Adam and Mark reserve the right to postpone this outing to a later date due to a poor weather forecast, or to terminate it on day of the outing should a sudden weather change such as high winds or precipitation materialize. However, barring sudden extreme climate conditions, expect a pleasant outing of 3 to 4 hours.

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>