



Free State Fly Fishers Outing

When: Tuesday April 15, 2025

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

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

Time/ Meeting 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, however, free for ages 62 and older and free for military. Boat launch fee \$10. Bank fishing possible from docks and selected 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.

Equipment Needed: Fly rods 5-7 WT and floating or intermediate fly lines. Electric or manual propulsion only for boat, kayak or canoe. Bring your own or rent a boat. Fishing the docks is often productive and easy for anyone who plans for fish from shore. No wading is permitted but it is possible to hike into a couple of the better beaver huts and shorelines to fish.

Recommended Flies: Poppers, Clousers, Bendback and golden retriever streamers, wooly buggers, various nymphs and wet flies that you can comfortably fish through submerged weeds, emerging lily 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.

If strong winds develop, they can sweep right down the main lake and can make fishing anywhere, but the side coves a challenge. And strong wind may make returning to the put-in dock difficult. On the other hand, calm, warm spring days are easy and productive here. A small anchor may be helpful to keep you in a productive location like a beaver hut or lily pad field.

Trip sign-up deadline: To attend this event as part of the FSFF Outing you must sign up no later than Sunday, April 13. I need time to do behind the scenes work to including putting together contact information for the group and verifying that all attendees have a liability waiver on file with the club.

Communication: If you have one, bring your VHF mobile radios and tune them to channel 68. That will make on-the-water communication easier and maybe give you a hint on the fly of the day, lunch break time and help us find you at the end of the fishing day.

More Information: Outing will be discussed at the March and April FSFF business meeting. Or you can call Andy Grosko on 667 280-0422.

LIABILITY WAIVER: It is mandatory that any trip attendees sign the FSFF Liability Waiver. If you have not signed one, you cannot be part of this trip.

SAFETY: Safety is a paramount concern on all FSFF outings. Please be safe out there as it is your responsibility to always stay within your capabilities and to practice safety. Check with the outing coordinator for more information on fishing and boating conditions if you have any questions or concerns. If you go boating, always wear your PFD. The water will almost certainly be below 60 degrees F, so the water temperature will present cold-water immersion concerns. It is the attendee's responsibility to understand the danger of cold-water immersion and to have a plan to protect themselves should they fall in. If you have any questions, ask the outing coordinator.

Most Importantly: Enjoy life and the fellowship of your fellow anglers through fly fishing. And please remember "PUF" – Pick Up Five - we are asking all outing participants to try and pick up five pieces of trash during each outing. Thank you.