



# MO Fishing

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What are the opportunities to fish within the Springfield city limits or a short trip from Springfield? Lake Springfield is located in the southern portion of Springfield; actually the Nature center shores border this lake. The stream flowing into Lake Springfield with headwaters near Seymour is the James River. There are several accesses in Greene County to get on this river, which are maintained, or property of the state.

Another destination to the north of Springfield is Fellows Lake, a water source for the city. It is an 800-acre lake that is probably under utilized by fishermen. Fellows Lake does require a boat registration tag, which is \$35 a year. If you want more information on Fellows Lake, try the marina at Fellows Lake (833-2058). I was told to pay cash only and if you register a powerboat it must be under 40 hp. The lake is managed by City utilities and the hours to fish is dawn to dusk.

Our guest speaker on Thursday is Kara Tvedt. She is a fishery management biologist overseeing Greene County. Kara will provide more information of waters in Greene County to fish, which include Fellows Lake, Lake Springfield and James River. Kara will tell of the lakes and stream in the area, and what to expect to catch if you fish them. So, if you're looking for a place to fish with a short drive. Kara will provide you with good information to get you started.



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## MTFA Calendar of Events:

Oct 6	6 PM	Regular Meeting at the Springfield Nature Center
Oct 6-8	9 AM -4:30	FFF Southern Council Conclave - Mountain Home, AR
Oct 22	Noon	Chili Feed - Shepherd of the Hills Hatchery (Lake Taneycomo)
Oct 22	4 PM – 5 PM	Library Station on Kansas Fly Fishing presentation
Oct 28	4 PM – 6 PM	South Gate Baptist Church

**Greetings from Ralph:** Busy, busy, busy. That's what September has been. MTFA held our MSU Fly Fishing class on Thursdays and the class seemed to be successful again. Of course, as I write this we still have our Roaring River trip. We did go to Mountain Spring with the class and though the fishing didn't seem to be quite as good as last spring, it was good for the students. I believe everyone caught at least one fish. I'll include a couple of pictures later. A couple of us started working with the young men at Good Samaritan Boys Ranch. And we have some members going to the Bois D'Arc Outdoors day September 24.

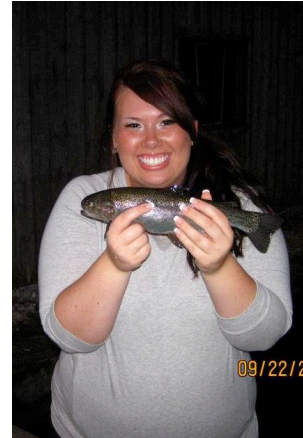
We have members who have fished in Alaska, Florida and Montana that I know of this month, so we ought to have some good stories at our meeting October 6<sup>th</sup>. Others have been galavanting around Europe with hopes of meeting the Pope and I'm sure some others have been traveling too.

Southern Council Conclave is October 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> and I'll be there and expect to see others. MTFA Chili feed will be at Taneycomo on Oct 22<sup>nd</sup> and South Gate Baptist Church has asked us to have a table on October 28<sup>th</sup>; so it looks like we'll be busy again this month.

Hope you've had a good summer and are ready for the fall. See everyone at the meeting.

*Ralph*

Pictures from Mountain Spring:



I know the young men also caught fish!!!

Many Thanks

I just wanted to say thank you to all of those who helped with the MSU Classes and the Outdoor Days at Bois D'Arc. Its volunteers like you that help make this club so good.

**Thank you Joe, Norm and Warren...** many thanks to Joe Simecek and Norm Collison for their time and talents to the Great Outdoor Day at Bois D'Arc. They have volunteered their time at this event for six or more years. They represent the members of our club and leave participates of this event glad to have spent some time with them learning to tie a fly, or just to chat. Norm won over the gals by giving away long saddle feathers for them to weave into their hair. Kara mentioned how people asked for the pavilion where the guys tie flies. And to these guys we say thanks.

Over the past three months our membership has increased by six members. Several of these new members are acquaints of Warren Wilkerson who has been enthusiastically promoting the club. I recall this summer at the Lake of the Ozarks helping the Discover Nature for Women event. Warren was talking up the club, with his humor and genuine interest for the club telling of our events, activities and interest to help others to get started on the water. Good job Warren!!

**New members since July:** Gene Smith, Harry McClintock, Steve Elrod, Joe Atteberry, Frank Chapman and Alan Carnes

**The Southern Council Conclave is Oct 6, 7 and 8...** and is located at the Baxter County Fairgrounds in Mountain Home Arkansas. Several of us will attend this event with others helping with some of the functions. The conclave is a source of ideas for better, fishing, tying and places to fish. There are forty to fifty tiers in the main room demonstrating their skills to a variety of flies with stories to fish caught on that fly. The general admission opens on Friday and Saturday at 9 AM and concludes at 4:30 PM.

For more information go to: <http://www.southerncouncilfff.org/conclave/2011/index.php>

**Chili Feed...**The annual Chili feed will be hosted by John and Dorothy Prugger. It will be on Oct 22 under the pavilion at the Shepherd of the Hills Hatchery next to Lake Taneycomo. There will more discussion at Thursday meeting, they will ask for help of three to four people to bring a batch of chili that will go into a large pot for all the enjoy. Dorothy said we would eat at noon and please bring a dish for others to share; it could be a dessert, salad, or appetizer. The club will provide chili, fixings for chili, and serve. This will provide incentive to fish early in the morning and hang around for lunch. Hope to see you there.

**The Library...** on north Kansas will provide a program: Exploring Outdoors in the Ozarks at the Library Oct 22-23, 2011. There will be programs for people interested in outdoor activities: Camp-Out Story lime, Dutch Oven Cooking Demo, Enjoy the outdoors, Tips and tricks, Fly fishing, Safety Sunday, and Outdoors in the Ozarks film series.

**South Gate Baptist Church...** Our club has been asked to demonstrate fly tying Oct 28 at South Gate Baptist Church. This is a program for the community. Ralph will provide more details at Thursday meeting.

**Club library...**The club library has added six books, which were donated by William Blondeau. The library has been updated on the excel file and posted on the web page. Hope you can take advantage of the library, which is located at:

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**Third Trip to Alaska...**First, I want to thank Rod for inviting me to fish with him on trips to Kodiak Island. The time spent in Alaska has been truly spectacular with the scenery; brown bears and fish providing a back drop of paradise and absolute wilderness. The trip last week was my third trip with Rod, and better with each trip. Rod invited his friend Dr. Taylor and I invited my son Sean. Needless to say we dialed into the fish right off, with several close bear encounters and hikes into river valleys where only a few have ever visited.



Rod with our guide Lem showing off a silver salmon caught at the lower hole in Saltery River.

Alaska is truly a trip worth making, even if you do not want to fish but to see the mountains, and wilderness. It should be on everyone's bucket list for places to see.

Did I mention the fish, the Coho or Silver Salmon made their way up stream from the salt water? Many still had sea lice and bright chrome in color. These fresh fish had vigor and jumping abilities that will make you reel sing and make one wonder if the salmon will come to hand. I am still drifting back to Saltery Lake in daydreams. If you want to read about it more detail read my blog: <http://ozarkfishing.blogspot.com/>

**Missouri Department of Conservation NEWS: Sept. 30, 2011**

**MDC bans porous-soled waders to help protect trout waters from invasive algae**

*Porous-soled waders are prime suspects in human transport of "Didymo," or "rock snot."*

**JEFFERSON CITY Mo** – In anticipation of winter trout fishing, the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) encourages trout anglers to help prevent the spread of a new threat to Missouri's cold-water streams and rivers. Called "Didymo" (*Didymosphenia geminata*) or "rock snot," this invasive alga forms large, thick mats on the bottoms of cold-water streams and rivers, reducing the quality and quantity of food vital to fish such as trout. Didymo also clogs water intakes and boat motors. It interferes with fishing gear and eventually makes fishing nearly impossible, with devastating economic and environmental consequences.

Didymo is native to northern parts of North America and Europe. While it has not been found in Missouri, rock snot has been found just south of the Missouri-Arkansas border in the White River. According to MDC Fisheries Biologist Mark Van Patten, Didymo is kept in check naturally in other parts of the country and world by lower pH, or acidity, levels in the water. Missouri's wealth of limestone creates higher pH levels in Show-Me waters. These higher pH levels can allow Didymo to spread unchecked. "Preventing the spread of this invasive species into Missouri is critical," Van Patten warns. "There is no way to control or eradicate Didymo once it gets established in the state." Van Patten emphasizes that recreational equipment such as boats, lifejackets and fishing gear--particularly porous-soled waders--are the most likely ways for Didymo to spread into Missouri.

"Porous-soled waders and wading boots, worn by many trout anglers, appear to be a likely pathway for the spread of Didymo," Van Patten explains. "The soles hold moisture for days and can harbor cells of this alga. Individual cells cannot be seen with the naked eye and only a single cell is needed to establish a stream-killing colony. Anglers who visit waters with Didymo can, unknowingly, transfer these cells to the next stream they visit."

The Missouri Conservation Commission has approved a regulation change banning the use of porous-soled waders or footwear incorporating or having attached a porous sole of felted, matted, or woven fibrous material when fishing in trout parks and other specific trout waters. Pending public comment through the Secretary of State's office, the new regulation will go into effect March 1, 2012, the opening day of catch-and-keep fishing at Missouri's four trout parks.

To help reduce the spread of Didymo, MDC encourages anglers to remember: **Check**, then **Clean** or **Dry**.

- **Check** all gear and equipment and remove any visible algae. Dispose of algae by placing it in the trash, not by putting it down a drain or into bodies of water.
- Then **Clean** all gear and equipment with a solution of 2-percent bleach, 5-percent saltwater, or dishwashing detergent. Allow all equipment to stay in contact with the solution for at least three minutes. Soak all soft items, such as felt-soled waders and wader boot cuffs, neoprene waders and life jackets, in the solution for at least 20 minutes.
- Or then **dry** all gear and equipment for at least 48 hours by exposing it to sunlight.

To help anglers clean their waders before entering Missouri trout streams, MDC has installed wader wash stations at Missouri's five cold-water trout hatcheries: Bennett Spring State Park near Lebanon, Montauk State Park near Salem, Roaring River State Park near Cassville, Maramec Spring Park near St. James and Shepherd of the Hills Hatchery by the upper portion of Lake Taneycomo near Branson.

All anglers are encouraged to replace their porous-soled waders with ones that have non-porous rubber or synthetic soles.

Anglers can adapt felt-soled and other porous-soled waders to comply with the new regulation by sealing the soles with solutions of contact cement or marine rubber cement. Van Patten notes the cement may

need to be reapplied after each use. MDC offers an instructional video for sealing waders at [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n\\_udcfZqA\\_w](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n_udcfZqA_w)

“Adapting waders is not a cure,” Van Patten cautions. “It is just one step in prevention. It is still vital to check and clean or dry all waders and all other gear that have had contact with the water.”

MDC held public open-house forums in March and April in communities near Missouri’s trout parks and hatcheries to help educate anglers, outfitters, retailers and boaters about the dangers of Didymo, the need to replace porous-soled waders and to get public feedback on the proposed regulation change.

For more information, visit [www.mdc.mo.gov](http://www.mdc.mo.gov) and search “Didymo.”

***Server limitations prevent the inclusion of photos as attachments to MDC News/All Outdoors media releases. PHOTO AVAILABLE AT:***

**<http://mdc.mo.gov/newsroom/mdc-bans-porous-soled-waders-help-protect-trout-waters-invasive-algae>**

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Monthly meetings at the Springfield Nature Center are the first Thursday of the month at 6 PM for Fly tying and 7 PM for programs and business meeting.

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