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# MO Fishing

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## **There is No April Meeting:**

There will be no April meeting due to the MSU Fly Fishing class.

The next meeting will be May 5 at the MDC Conservation Nature Center.



**Here is where MTFA members will be. Why not see if you can help? See you next month.**

**Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association - Springfield Chapter  
Calendar for April 2016**

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| April 2     | <b>Tri-Lakes Expo</b> , Brighton, MO 9 AM - 4 PM<br>It is at the Brighton Hwy Assembly of God Church Annex<br>(5403 Hwy F, Brighton, Missouri). |
| April 7     | MSU Fly Fishing Class 6-9:50 PM                                                                                                                 |
| April 14-16 | Sowbug Roundup, Mountain Home, AR 9 AM - 4 PM                                                                                                   |
| April 16    | Club fishing excursion to White River, Mtn Home, AR                                                                                             |
| April 21    | MSU Fly Fishing Class 6-9:50 PM                                                                                                                 |
| April 28    | MSU Fly Fishing Class - Mountain Spring Trout Park 6pm                                                                                          |
| April 30    | MSU Fishing Trip to Roaring River State Park 9 AM - 4 PM                                                                                        |
| May 5       | Monthly meeting 6-9 PM                                                                                                                          |

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**Club Notes from Bob Randall:**

**Club Fishing Opportunities:**

We had a club fishing opportunity on March 12 at Bennett Spring State Park. We combined it with the MTFA State Council pre-derby business meeting. The fishing was slow probably due to the recent frontal activity (that's my story and Howard Hawkins will back me up). Still, it beat mowing the lawn. Present for fishing were Larry Olson, Steve Young, John Bush, Howard Hawkins, Bill Burke, Charlie Collins, Harry Morgan, and myself.

We had planned to go to the White River or the North Fork of the White in Arkansas in April when the Sow Bug Roundup was held. We couldn't generate any interest. I guess we don't need to catch Arkansas trout. No matter, we still have an opportunity to fish Mountain Springs and Roaring River with the MSU class. Some of us are focused on white bass this month anyway. Maybe we can have a group white bass trip when we can focus on an area. Check out what Dick Solomon says about his white bass fishing trip here in our club FB page.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/MTFA.Springfield/>

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**Legal updates:**

**-First:** *Probably the most important piece of legislation (that's just my opinion) is SJR19 which would be a constitutional amendment to be voted on by the public in the next election if it passes the Missouri House and if the governor signs it. It has been officially read twice in the House but has not moved through the Agriculture, Food Production and Outdoor Resources Committee. It seems inconsequential at first thought, but I think that successful passage could start the ball rolling toward a fundamental change in MDC where politicians would gain control of conservation policies and MDC funding.*

**-Second:** *As fond as I am of public parks (I am a retired U.S. Park Ranger), I am slightly conflicted about HB2187 and SB1011. Both would require the Department of Natural Resources to sell any property it owns in Oregon County that could be used to create the Eleven Point River State Park. It is a technical legislative block to prevent the money from lead mining settlements in southeastern MO from being used to acquire land to offset damages. I've found it difficult to sort through the information swirling around the actual restoration projects. It doesn't seem that the restoration of affected areas is*

adequate, but the politics fogging up the park issue are clear and nasty. There is mudslinging in the legislature and accusations that the governor has a slush fund that will help him create a legacy. No matter what the politicians may say in their cat fight, it is legal to use the money in this fashion. I think the arguments against more public land, loss of taxes, and loss of economic benefit, as well as the implication that the county residents are solidly against the park are bogus and political trashing. I think those arguments are more than compensated for by the benefits of a state park. The only arguments worth considering are around the question of further restoration of lead poisoned land. I think the following article shows both sides' arguments very well.

<http://news.stlpublicradio.org/post/new-missouri-park-local-lawmakers-are-saying-no-land-purchased-around-eleven-point>

For another good article, <http://www.publicnewsservice.org/2016-03-11/public-lands-wilderness/fight-under-way-to-save-eleven-point-river-park/a50792-1>

Read the articles and make up your own minds.

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### **The top five reasons why I fish:**

5. Casting a fly rod is much more elegant than thrashing with your golf club in a water hazard .
4. You don't have to listen to irate parents arguing with the umpire when you're fishing.
3. No one knocks you down while trying to catch a fly ball.
2. I've never fallen out of my tree stand when I'm fishing.

*And the number one reason why I fish:*

Catch and release is much simpler while fishing than when hunting.

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### **From the MDC:**

#### ***MDC permits will have new look starting March 15***

"In mid-March, places that sell hunting, fishing, and trapping permits will switch from selling the familiar plastic-backed, rectangular, yellow permits to selling paper permits. They will also move from selling permits through a special machine connected to a phone line to using a regular computer or laptop with Internet access and a standard printer." ... "The most noticeable change for permit buyers will be that permits bought from vendors will be printed on a regular sheet of paper instead of the familiar plastic-backed, yellow tag," said MDC Permit Services Supervisor Nathan Bess. "These paper permits from permit sellers will be the same as the ones people have been buying online since 2011." Read the entire article at <http://mdc.mo.gov/newsroom/mdc-permits-will-have-new-look-starting-march-15>

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### **The Mountain Springs Trout Park Adventure:**

On Saturday, March 26, our club went to the Mountain Springs Trout Park near Highlandville, MO, to picnic and fish. I don't know how many club members attended, I was too busy having fun to count. The picnic was a hotdog and potluck event. My mother used to say that potluck meant exactly that: "Pot Luck. If we all bring beans then we all eat beans." As always, we had a great variety of great foods. More than we could eat. And the fishing ... well, what more needs to be said about fishing in a commercial trout operation. A great time was had by all who attended. Sorry for those of you who couldn't make it. You missed some fun.

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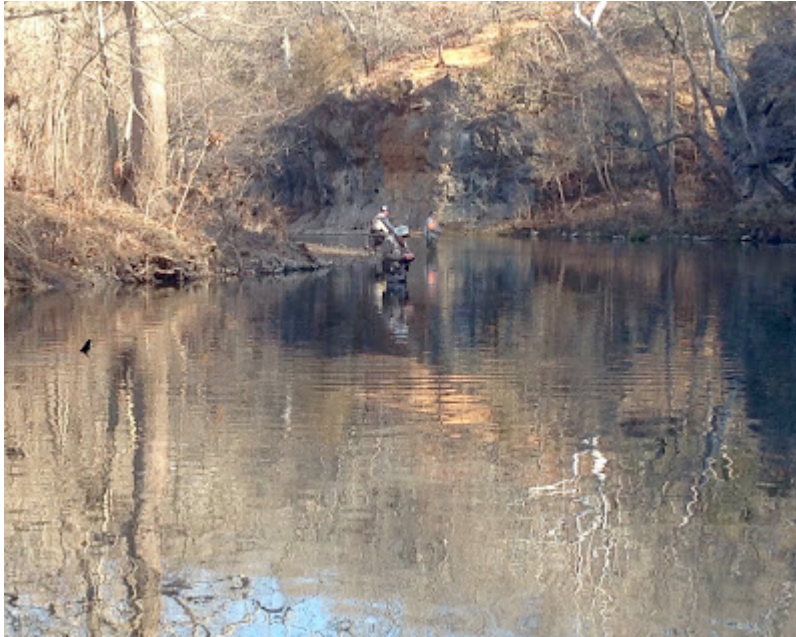
## The Mountain Springs Trout Park Adventure Photos:

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**From the Blog of Kim Schultz**  
**Saturday, March 5, 2016**  
**March: Early Spring, Mild Weather**



Bob tying on a fly

**March 3, 2016 Thursday:** Bob Randall stopped by my house at 7 AM; from there he drove us to Bennett Spring State Park. It was partly cloudy with the morning temperature in the mid-forties. We saw a few deer in the fields feeding and turkeys strutting in fields before with heads high and feathers out; it must be spring. I bought my 2016 fishing license at the Bennett Spring Park store with advice to purchase on line in the future (See their comments on Facebook). The MDC will be replacing the existing hardware with computers so all licenses will be on line and printed on paper.

It was after 8 AM; Bob and I started our day below the stone bridge near #4 outlet above the bend. I stayed with the soft hackles and managed to catch a few. My intentions were to catch a limit of trout and give them to Mary Henry for her 95<sup>th</sup> Birthday. I had four trout in a pack-pack cooler before 11 AM with the largest measuring 15.5 inches. I walked up the Ben Havens office and made final plans for him to visit the MTFA members at the Springfield Nature Center that evening. He planned to discuss the hatchery operation, provided a power point presentation showing flood photos from the event.

Bob and I managed to catch twenty-seven trout some were released brown trout. I did take Mary trout for her birthday and she was thrilled. I plan to fish next Thursday with my grandson.

**Editors Note:** I have missed Kim's fishing stories so I dipped into his blog and here is one about him and Bob Randall. I got a double score.

Have fun this Spring, and enjoy all the moments.

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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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