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# MO Fishing

**The Newsletter of the Springfield Chapter of the  
Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association**

**Formed in 1972 to serve all fishermen in the Springfield area**

**July 2025**

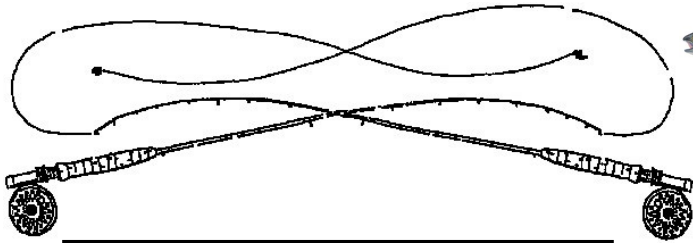
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**There is no regular club meeting in July, due to Independence Day, Friday July 4, 2025.**

**In June, the biggest event was the Fly Fishing for Beginners class hosted by The Missouri Department of Conservation at the Springfield Nature Center. Approximately 20 people attended this class. Additionally, Rudy Martinez, Springfield Nature Center is exploring having this event again, later this year. The club and members hosting the Chapter's fourth Thursday fly tying are adding a beginning fly tying segment to this monthly get-to-gather. The inaugural beginning fly tying class is scheduled to begin July 24, 2025, at Conference Room Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library 5:30-9PM. There is an Executive Committee July 16, 2025, at Noon and the Village Inn on S. Glenstone Avenue—topic is whether to sponsor another Fly Fishing Class with MDoC.**

***Happy fishing!***

***Pat Taggart***



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### ***Chapter News***



***Nature Center events needing Fly tying participants:***

***August 8 from 6:30PM til 9:00PM— Insect-O-Rama***

***December 30 from 1:00PM til 4:00PM***

## *Upcoming events and happenings:*

I talked with Rudy Martinez at the Springfield Nature Center and he is asking for fly tiers for the following dates:

August 8 from 6:30PM til 9:00PM— Insect-O-Rama

Current members committed to this event:

Bob Randall Pat Taggart

December 30 from 1:00PM til 4:00PM

Current members committed to this event:

July 8, 2025, area wide fly tying at Emmanuel Lutheran Church—  
monthly fly tying, see below in this newsletter.

October 10 and 11, 2025—White River Fly Fishers Expo at the Branson-Hollister Lions Club building, see further details in this newsletter.

**Fly Fishing for Beginners—sponsored by the Missouri Department of Conservation, Springfield Nature Center. Classes were at the Nature Center on June 14, 2025, and June 21, 2025. The Springfield Chapter had a fishing outing at Mountain Springs Trout Park for the students on June 26, and an outing to Roaring River State Park on June 28.**

**Comments from the lead instructor Bob Randall are as follows:**

The Beginning FF class is over. I would say it was a success even though I can think of changes that could be made for improvement. Attendance varied from class to class. Not everyone who signed up attended. Who knows why? Several people were very enthusiastic and said so. Membership applications were handed out the first day and Kim said he received 12 completed applications. Several people expressed interest in attending our meetings and I told them to watch for our newsletter.

Of the 20 we expected, 4 didn't show (changed their minds, forgot, family emergency) at all. Several people learned about it and asked if they could join and I allowed them to participate. First class attendance: 16, 2nd: 13, 3rd: 11, 4th: 6. We anticipated that it would be difficult to get people to attend both classes, as well as both field trips.

There were two classes with both classroom activity and casting practice. That was followed by two field trips, one to Mountain Springs Trout Park and one to Roaring River State Park. I'm disappointed to report that I do not believe MDC stocked the educational pool the night before the field trip even though I had been told that they would do so. Even so, most caught some fish.

Rudy Martinez, Nature Center manager, expressed interest in having the class again. He said he would check the Nature Center calendar for September. I told him to let me know and we would see what we could do. I would like to have this matter brought before either the Executive Committee or at a club meeting to see if we wanted to put on another class. I don't feel that I should make that decision on my own without group approval. I leave this to you as I don't expect to be able to attend the Ex. Com. meeting due to family plans. However, Rudy has to know sooner rather than later due to their schedule process. Several people have told me that they have friends who have expressed interest in attending a future class.

For the most part, we had enough mentors to assist the students. I called on several fly anglers from outside of our club, one from the TriLakes FF and two from SW FF to assist as mentors. I suppose one or two more for casting practice would not have hurt. I felt that the events created enthusiasm and a feeling of participation for both the club members and the participants. I am eager to do it again.

Bob Randall

Here are some pictures from Fly Fishing for Beginners:

These are from both class meetings





.June 21, 2025 class meeting:

Kim Schultz



Bob Randall





Outing at Mountain Springs Trout Park June 26, 2025





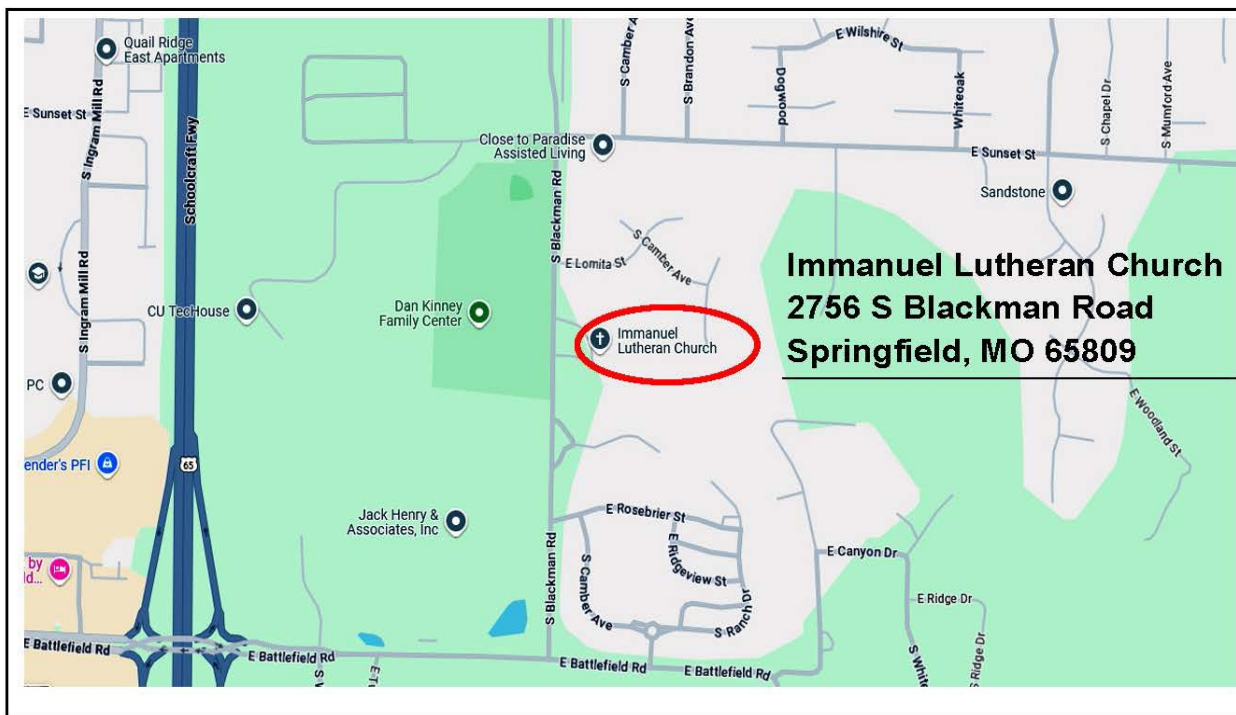
Fishing at Roaring River State Park:  
Linda's big fish!!





Christian Andrews and Dennis Stead have originated this event. This is a re-occurring event. The date is the second Tuesday of the month and the time/location remain the same. This is an opportunity to meet fellow fly tyers/fishermen and fisherwomen!

Fly Tying fellowship and tying event on June 10, 2025, 9:00am to 12:00 in the morning. All fly tying clubs are welcome.



This is Andy's (Christian Andrew) church. Andy makes the wood bobbins and Hair packers. It would be great to have this event once a month during the day. Bring your fly tying equipment and materials to tie your favorite flies.

We have a number of fly tying clubs in the surrounding area, MTFA, WRFF, TLFF, SWFF, MAKO and the Bennett Springs fly ties. You are invited. Not a member of one of these club, that is OK, you too are invited.

No officers, no club rules, no cost to come and join.

## JOIN US

## Fishing Reports:

From Pat Taggart:

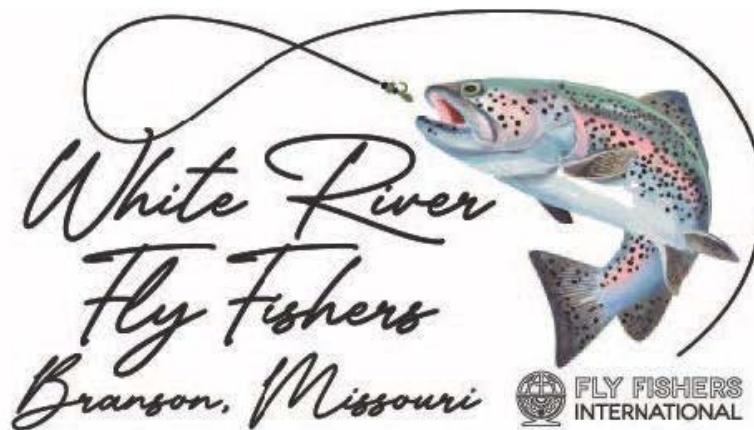
June 24, 2025, took this picture at Bennett Springs State Park, just before it started raining. There was fog coming off the water, the sun was shining, the storm clouds were gathering, and the temperature felt like it fell 15 degrees!



SAVE THE DATE

WRFF EXPO  
OCTOBER 10-11/2025

FLY TIERS  
VENDORS  
FLY TYING CONTEST  
DEMONSTRATIONS  
SILENT AUCTIONS  
RAFFLES  
GOOD FOOD  
GREAT FELLOWSHIP



## White River Fly Fishers Exposition 2025

When: October 10-11/2025

Where: Branson-Hollister Lion's Club

1015 East Hwy 76, Branson, Missouri 65616

Time: 3:00 PM Thursday 10/09/2025 for Vendor set up. 9-5 Friday 9-4 Saturday

All tiers welcome! However space may be limited so sign up soon!

Vendor tables @ \$50.00 ea. Or donation for raffle at equal or greater value.

There will be a fly box swap!

For those wishing to help us continue to host an annual event, the donation of a

“box” of flies or similarly related item would be greatly appreciated but is

Strictly voluntary!

Vendor table contacts: Howard Hawkins – pdgpcc@gmail.com

Matthew Peet – ozarkboy06@yahoo.com

Tiers sign up contact: Dennis Stead – dmstead@aol.com



### ***Schedule of Events:***

July no meetings—regular meeting canceled due to July 4

July 16, 2025: Executive Committee Meeting Noon at the Village Inn 2036 S. Glenstone Avenue

July 24, 2025: Fly Tying Benway Conference Room Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library 5:30-9PM

August 7, 2025: Monthly meeting Library Center 5:30PM-9:00PM Community Room B

August 8, 2025: Insect-O-Rama Springfield Nature Center 6:30PM til 9:00PM

August 28, 2025: Fly Tying Library Center Community Room B 5:30PM-9:00PM

September 4, 2025: Monthly Meeting Library Center 5:30PM-9:00PM Community Room B

September 25, 2025: Fly Tying Library Center 5:30PM-9:00PM Community Room B

October 2, 2025: Monthly Meeting Library Center Community Room B 5:30PM-9:00PM

October 8, 2025,: Executive Committee Meeting Noon at the Village Inn 2036S. Glenstone Avenue

October 23, 2025: Fly Tying Community Library Center Room B 5:30PM-9:00PM

November 6, 2025: Monthly Library Center Meeting Room Auditorium 5:30PM-9:00PM

November—no fly tying due to Thanksgiving Day

December 4, 2025: Annual Christmas Dinner at Golden Corral

January 2, 2026—**No Meeting—New Year's Day**

January 22, 2026: Fly Tying Library Center, Auditorium 5:30PM—9:00PM

February 5, 2026: Monthly Meeting Library Center, Community Room B 5:30PM—9:00PM

February 26, 2026: Fly Tying Library Center, Community Room B 5:30PM—9:00PM

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March 26, 2026: Fly Tying Library Center, Community Room B 5:30PM-9:00PM

April 2, 2026: Monthly Meeting Library Center, Community Room B 5:30PM-9:00PM

April 23, 2026: Fly Tying Library Center, Community Room B 5:30PM-9:00PM

May 7, 2026: Monthly Meeting Library Center, Community Room B 5:30PM-9:00PM

May 28, 2025: No Fly Tying due this being the week of Memorial Day

June 4, 2026: Monthly Meeting Library Center Community Room B 5:30PM—9:00PM

June 25, 2026: Fly Tying Lbrary Center, Community Room B 5:30PM—9:00PM



***Water levels:***

Roaring River water level: [National Weather Service Advanced Hydrologic Prediction Service](#)

Taneycomo water level: [National Weather Service Advanced Hydrologic Prediction Service](#)

Bennett Spring water level: [National Weather Service Advanced Hydrologic Prediction Service](#)

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