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

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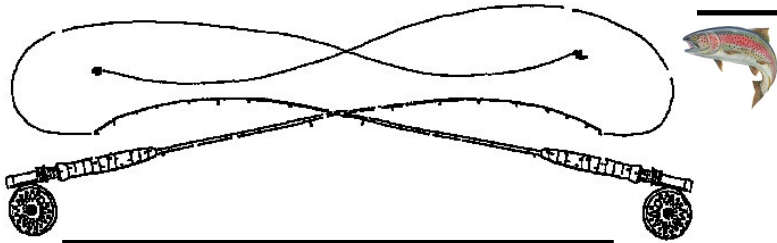
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The June meeting was held on June 5, 2025, at the Library Center.

The monthly speaker was member Ron Ward, again! Ron's topic this month was White River flood control. The topic covered the various lakes and dams along the White River and the need to control lake levels. The interconnectivity of the lakes and downstream river levels helps understand why the Corps of Engineers releases or retains water in these lakes. The ultimate goal is to prevent farmland flooding down stream. Many thanks to Ron for this enlightening presentation!

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

Our Chapter is partnering with the MDoC Springfield Nature Center to offer a Fly Fishing Class. See this newsletter for additional information.

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

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

June 10, 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.

Missouri Trout Fisherman's Association Derby details:

David Cook provided the following regarding the Derby:

The number of people in the derby was 117 and there were 25 drawings for prizes.



Sunday's raffle winners!



SPRINGFIELD CONSERVATION NATURE CENTER

FLY-FISHING FOR BEGINNERS

PART ONE • SATURDAY • JUNE 14
PART TWO • SATURDAY • JUNE 21
1-4 PM

Learn fly-fishing basics with the Missouri Trout Fisherman's Association! Learn some essential fly-fishing tips, a few knots to start with, and casting techniques. You will also get some hands-on practice.



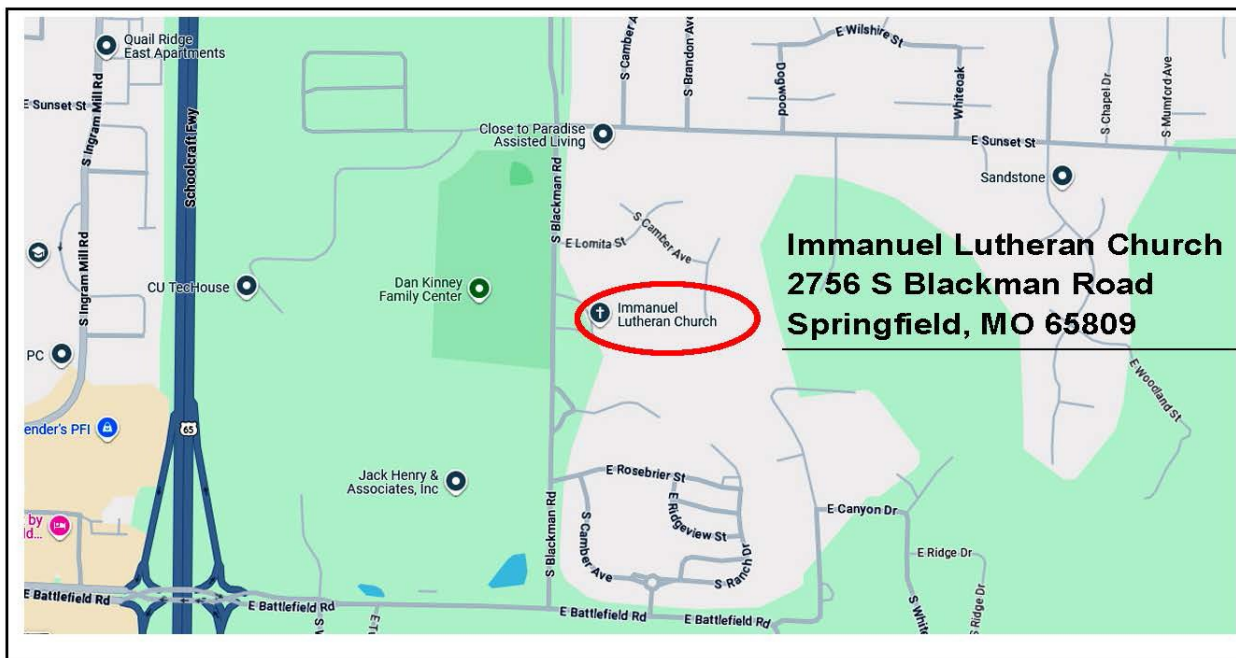
Registration required.
To register visit
mdc.mo.gov/events
For more information
call 417-888-4237

.The MTFA - MDC Beginning Fly Fishing Class will meet on June 14 and 21 from 1pm to 4pm at the Conservation Nature Center. Both days will have approximately 2 hours of classroom time and 2 hours of casting instruction/practice. The class will also go on two field trips as part of their educational experience. One trip to the Mountain Springs Trout Park on June 26 from 5:30pm until dark for C&R fishing and a picnic. All MTFA members are invited to attend that event. The second field trip will be for students and mentors to Roaring River State Park on June 28 for an educational fishing trip. We will meet at the park's educational pool at the upper end of the Roaring River near the hatchery at approximately 8:30am and fish until 2pm. Anyone interested in being a casting/fishing mentor should contact Bob Randall at 417-224-1104 or email at bobbyleensandy@gmail.com. Mentors assisting at the RRSP field trip should bring a lunch.

The Fly-Fishing for Beginners class is being taught by club member Bob Randall. Bob needs help on both dates specifically relating to casting a fly rod. Currently, the class size is approximately 20 people. The instruction will be done outside near the Nature Center. If you can help on either date, please contact Bob Randall at bobbyleensandy@gmail.com or call 417-224-1104. Bob would like to have an instructor for each student. This is an opportunity to grow interest in fly fishing at the local level and possibly grow our club's membership. Please sign-up!

Christian Andrews and Dennis Stead have originated this event. They envision this to become a monthly event, with members of all the local fishing clubs welcome to participate. This will be a great event and time 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:

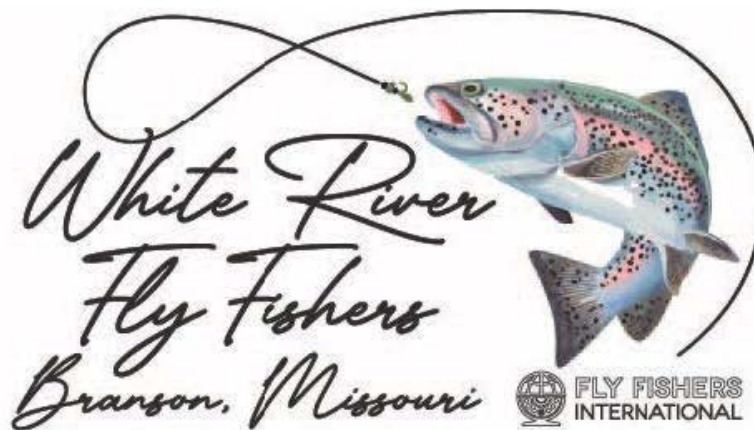
From Pat Taggart:

Camped and fished at Bennett Springs State Park May 27 thru May 31—the stream water was dingy and up about two feet. Caught a few fish on a Big Ruby and Black Wolly. I did not see hardly any fish, this seems to be an ongoing issue at this park.

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:

June 5, 2025: Monthly meeting Library Center 5:30PM—9:00PM Community Room B

June 14, 2025: Fly Fishing Class Saturday 1-3PM at Nature Center and Living Memorial Park (near Nature Center). Classes at the Nature Center and fly rod casting instruction at the park

June 21, 2025: Fly Fishing Class Saturday 1-3PM at Nature Center and Living Memorial Park (near Nature Center). Classes at the Nature Center and fly rod casting instruction at the park.

June 26, 2025: Picnic and Fishing at Mountain Springs Trout Park 5PM til dark

June 28, 2025: Roaring River State Park— fishing with the Fly Casting Class participants

July no meetings—regular meeting canceled due to July 4 and fly tying canceled due no room availability

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



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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If you would like to submit an article for the MTFA newsletter, please put MTFA NL in the email subject line and send to Pat Taggart: cptaggart@sbcglobal.net

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