

# TIGHTLINES

The Monthly Newsletter of the Miami Valley Fly Fishers



## June Meeting

The June 14th meeting will be a blockbuster - it's our MVFF Annual Auction.

Dayton FOP Shelter / Casting Pond  
4275 Powell Road  
(Directions on Website)

Meal Price - **Free**

Table sales will begin at 4:30 p.m. (see details in JD's column)

Dinner will be at 5:30 p.m.

The Auction will begin at 6:00 p.m.

**Dinner reservations are required** which is a change from prior outdoor seasons. Also, you will have to choose steak or chicken so we know how much to order. So please make your reservation at <https://mvff.us/reservation/> by 9:00 p.m. on June 10th

## Membership Update

These past fifteen months have been difficult for all of us and it's wonderful that we can now resume meetings.

Because of this unique period we did not remove members from the roster who had not paid their dues by March 1st as usual. However, as of May 31 unpaid members have been removed from the roster and email list. Those members who had registered on the website have had their accounts deleted. If you decide to rejoin later you will have to re-register.

We're sorry to see members leave and hope you might choose to join us again.



The FFI site is packed with information including content on casting, fly tying, fly fishing skills, conservation, FFI Women

Connect, travel, and more. Check it out at <https://flyfishersinternational.org/>

Also, consider subscribing to The Dispatch from FFI HQ. It's free . . . <https://mailchi.mp/flyfishersinternational/the-dispatch-from-ffi-hq-992741?e=82f4ac88e6>

## President's Thoughts ...



AUCTION TIME, AUCTION TIME, AUCTION TIME! No, we didn't time warp back to March. This year's auction is being held during the June

meeting at the Dayton FOP. As an added bonus, the club is paying for every member's dinner. You will still need to make your dinner reservation on the MVFF website and choose your protein, but there will be no charge. Dinner will also be served at 5:30 instead of 6:00 to make sure we have ample sunlight for the outdoor auction.

If you have items for the Auction you can do one of three things. First, you can bring your items to the June meeting *early*, so we have time to arrange and view everything. Second, you can bring it by my house, and I will make sure it gets sorted and ready. Thirdly, you can call me and arrange for a pick-up. What could be easier? We hope to have all items ready for your viewing pleasure by 4:45. Therefore, it is imperative we have all donations in time to arrange them. Please remember – NO JUNK! If you would not use it, chances are that no one else would either.

This year's auction will have several changes. Of particular note:

- There will be tables set up with \$5.00, \$10.00, and \$15.00 items to be sold prior to the auction starting. These items will go on sale at 4:30 and sold on a first come – first served basis. We will wait to open up the table sales until 4:30 in order to try and give everyone a fair chance to get there considering work schedules.
- All flies will have a starting bid of \$10.00 per dozen. I mean seriously, where else could you get hand tied flies for \$10.00 per dozen?
- This is the club's only fundraiser, so bid early and bid up! Hey, we saved you the price of dinner, so you all should have more to spend on the auction.
- All sales are cash or check only.

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## President's Thoughts (cont'd)

- The auction will start at 6:00.
- Bring lawn chairs and canopies as we will be having the auction come rain or shine.

Once again, I want to thank everyone for being flexible in these unprecedented times. Let's stay safe and enjoy our club. I am looking forward to seeing you at the June meeting/auction.

JD Dukes  
MVFF President

## Notes from the Library June 2021

We would like to start this month's *Notes* by thanking Kelly Kingery for suggesting we add Gordan Van Der Spuy's *The Feather Mechanic* to the MVFF library. Look for this unique perspective to be listed soon on the library roster.

In the upcoming auction two autographed books will be offered for someone's personal library. Jason Borger is no stranger to trout fishermen worldwide. What may not be so widely known is that Jason is an accomplished artist and illustrator. In the *Nature of Fly Casting* he brings both his teaching, writing, and art work to bear on the fundamentals as well as the accomplished casting skills. Signed simply "May a river always run through your life.", this volume will be a worthy addition.

In 1978 Earnest Schwiebert wrote a two-volume treatise simply entitled *Trout*. In 1984 Earnest autographed the new addition and gave it to his long-time friend and fishing buddy Jerry Schrader. Though they lived hundreds of miles apart for much of their lives they made time each year to fish together. Earnest wrote in that inscription "Who has seen the magic of

bright rivers tumbling toward the sea...". You can sense the depth of the friendship as well as the passion for their shared sport. At nearly 900 pages each this is not light reading but a foundational reference for the dedicated trout pursuer.

### Off the Shelf...

#### Books:

1. *Lake Fishing with a Fly...*Randall Kaufmann & Ron Cordes
2. *Fly Fishing Strategy...*Doug Swisher & Carl Richards
3. *Fly Fishing for Bass Handbook...*Illustrated for L.L.Bean by Dave Whitlock
4. *Weather for Sportsmen...*Thorn Bacon

#### Videos:

1. *I Was Born to Fish...* Lee Wulff on the Beaverkill Stream
2. *Great American Trout Streams III...*produced by Trout Unlimited Television
3. *The Unfair Tie...*Paul Van Reenan

Check it out, read it well, practice hard, fish like the best! J.W.

## New Creel Submission Capability Added

A new page, *Creel Submission* (<https://mvff.us/species-caught/>), has been added to the site in the Member Area menu. We developed a web page for members to easily submit their catch info in a way that would make it easy to gather and tabulate.

So give it a try. Just submit information on your catches for each day of fishing. You will be prompted to make a new entry upon submission which will take you to a new blank form - you would do this if you had multiple species that day (a separate submission is to be made for each species).

**By making a creel submission you are giving permission to share information with fellow club members.** (Emails will not be shared or published in *Tightlines*.)

We'll see how this goes and in the future may have a little competition to see who caught the widest variety of species over a set period of time, most fish, largest fish, etc.

~ Tom Arnold



# June Fly of the Month

## Gray Fox



Instructions by  
Bill "Woody" Woodward

Photography by  
Bob Cain

### Recipe

Hook ..... Dry, size 10-14  
Thread .... Brown or tan 6/0 or 8/0  
Wing ..... Lemon wood duck fibers  
Tail ..... Dark ginger or brown hackle fibers  
Rib ..... Brown thread  
Body ..... Pale Red Fox fur or tan, pale yellow, or gray dubbing  
Hackle ..... Grizzly and dark ginger or brown  
Head ..... Thread  
Back ..... Back of the fly can be colored with brown marker

1. Tie in the thread about 1/4 hook shank behind the hook eye and form a thread base for the wings. Let the thread hang 1/4 hook shank behind the eye.

2. Select a wood duck feather and remove the fluff. Preen the barbs from the tip back toward the butt to align the barbs tips. Once the barbs tips are aligned, grasp a section and cut them from the stem to create a sizeable bunch (50-60 barbs). You may have to cut several bunches to get enough barbs. Be sure to align the tips, then gather them together into one bundle and take them in your fingertips and roll them softly to further consolidate the bundle. Now place the bundle on top of the hook shank with the tips pointing out over the hook eye and, using a pinch loop, tie them in on top of the hook shank 1/4 of the hook shank behind the hook eye. (The wing should equal the length of the hook shank from the front tip of the eye to the middle of the bend.) Bind down the butt ends back to the middle of the hook shank. Trim the excess butts and return the thread to the wing tie-in point.

3. Carefully lift the bundle and make several tight thread wraps against the front edge of the bundle to make it stand upright. Now divide the wing bundle into two equal bunches using a bodkin and then pass the thread between them from front to back, crossing over the hook shank, then bringing the thread around the underside of hook and passing it forward between the wings in a figure-eight pattern. Make a second figure eight wrap. If the wings are not sufficiently divided, make ONE complete turn of thread around the base of the far wing bunch, then pass the thread under the hook shank and make ONE complete turn of thread around the near wing bunch. (Be careful to not apply too much tension as this will flatten the wings.) Now make several turns around the hook shank behind the wings and wrap the thread back to the hook bend.

4. Take several dark ginger hackle fibers (10-12), align their tips and tie them in on top of the hook shank at the hook bend as a tail. Wrap thread tightly over the butts back to the end of the wing butts forming a slightly tapered body. Trim off the excess hackle fiber butts. (The tail should equal 3/4 of the length of the hook shank.) Wrap the thread back to the hook bend.

5. Tie in a 3-4" length of brown 6/0 thread at the hook bend as rib material, then return the thread to over the hook bend. (You can double the thread if it appears to be too thin.)

6. Apply small amount of dubbing to the thread, then wrap the dubbed thread forward to slightly behind the wing, forming a tapered body.

7. Now wrap the thread rib forward in 5-6 equally spaced turns over the dubbed body and tie it off. Trim off the excess rib.

8. Select one appropriately sized grizzly hackle feather and one dark ginger or brown hackle feather and trim the fluff from their bases. Tie-in the hackle feathers at the end of the body with the bright side facing you and the tip pointing back toward the hook bend. Make several turns of thread to secure the hackles, trim the butt ends, then wrap the thread forward to one hook eye length behind the hook eye.

9. Grasp the tip of the grizzly hackle feather with hackle pliers and wrap it forward, making 2-3 turns behind the wings and 3-4 turns in front of the wings. Tie off the hackle and trim excess.

10. Repeat step 9 with the ginger or brown hackle feather.

11. Form a thread head, whip finish, and apply head cement.

12. The top of the body can be lightly colored with permanent brown marker, if desired.

## MVFF Auction

The MVFF Annual Auction will be held at the June 14th meeting (see President's Thoughts on [page 1](#) for the details as the meeting time and dinner time have been somewhat revised to accommodate the Auction activities). Table sales begin at 4:30 and items for viewing items will be available by 4:45 p.m.

Please bring as many items as you can and be prepared to bid on great deals!



# Casting Competition News!

There will not be a casting competition at the upcoming June meeting.

The May Dry Fly Casting Competition winners were:

First Flight - Zachory Frantz (new member)  
Seniors - Amy Aspenwall  
Masters - Greg Kiddon



At the May meeting we presented last year's Casting Competition trophies. The winners were:

First Flight - Jeff Davis  
Seniors - Chip Sutton  
Masters - Nathaniel Crossman

We'll pick up the competition at the July meeting.

~ Bob Zitney



## Re-Instituting the Mentoring Program

With COVID-19 restrictions being reduced over the next few months, we believe it's time to reinstate our Mentoring Program for new members who are interested in learning to cast, tie flies and get practice time on the water. New member letters have not included information about our mentor services since June of 2020, and I believe it would help us attract and keep more members who are new to fly fishing when they join.

Many of you had offered and volunteered to serve as mentors, and I know others will want to support our new members, as well. To build up our mentoring program, it has been suggested that we create a committee to work with Phil Clay, who had been coordinating the program before the pandemic, to share program coordination responsibilities and explore other opportunities for engaging and keeping new members.

Several members will be talking/sharing information with the Board about this program. In the interim, I invite you to consider what skills, talents and opportunities you could offer as a mentor or other volunteer with the Club.

Further information will be brought to our members in the next newsletter and at an upcoming meeting. We look forward to reinvigorating our mentoring program and know new members will appreciate the opportunity!

If you have questions or ideas, you are welcome to contact me.

Have a great time on the water!

~ Karen Via

## Get Your MVFF Emails

A number of members have had club emails blocked by their email applications. The best way to prevent this is to "whitelist" the club email address. The most common way to whitelist an email address is by adding it to your contacts or address book. Some email applications might have you add the email address to a safe list. There is no standard method and it might differ from application to application.

If you haven't already done so, add **mvffemail@gmail.com** to your contacts. In many cases that will do the job.

## FFI Virtual Expo 2021

Fly Fishers International (FFI) has transformed its annual International Fly Fishing Expo into



a virtual event for 2021, completely reimagining how fishing enthusiasts from around the world can enjoy the Expo from the comfort of their own home.

FFI is pulling out all the stops to make the Virtual Expo the premier fly fishing event of the year. Teaming up with some of the best instructors, presenters, and fly fishing personalities in the sport, FFI Virtual Expo 2021 will feature workshops and presentations on casting, fly tying, conservation, women in fly fishing, travel, and much more. Similar to fly fishing shows, there will be vendors, break-out rooms, and entertaining activities—something for everyone.

The FFI Virtual Expo 2021 will take place November 5-7, and will be unlike any fly fishing show in the past.

"Our goal is to have fun while learning and immersing ourselves in everything fly fishing,"

— Patty Lueken, Chair of FFI's Virtual Expo Planning Committee

<https://mailchi.mp/flyfishersinternational/the-dispatch-from-ffi-hq-992741?e=82f4ac88e6>

# Mid-Week Fly Fishing 2021

Ken Davy has put together a list of fishing spots and a schedule from March - October. Ken has included info on the fishing potential of these waters and there are links to a map for each location. They will not happen as a club activity until it is appropriate to do so.

They are on the club Calendar page of our website as well and there is a link on the Home page to get a [pdf file](#) of the schedule.

While there are many activities that must be limited due to the Covid-19 pandemic, we can still fish. It is still advised to adhere to all Covid-19 protocols such as social distancing (kind of a natural characteristic of fishing unless you're in a boat), wearing a mask when close to others, refraining from sharing equipment, etc. There has never been an issue of crowds at MWFF events! Lots of fishing spots and links to maps here. Go on the scheduled date and you might see a member or two. Or just check out places when you choose.

**They start at 4:30 p.m.** If you have specific questions about events contact Ken Davy at [tiggr75@gmail.com](mailto:tiggr75@gmail.com).

Location	Date	Special Considerations	Map	Fishing Info
Possum Creek Ponds	3/10/2021		<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/dBKMAwZhb3aHFwDR6">https://goo.gl/maps/dBKMAwZhb3aHFwDR6</a>	Fishing for stocked trout and early season crappies.
Carriage Hill - Cedar Lake	3/24/2021		<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/Svz7GDDIR9uSaGiu5">https://goo.gl/maps/Svz7GDDIR9uSaGiu5</a>	Fishing for early season bass, crappies and bluegills.
Deer Meadow Park	4/8/2021		<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/CquLJXGskM7Ug1766">https://goo.gl/maps/CquLJXGskM7Ug1766</a>	Fishing for early season bass, and big bluegills.
Madison Lakes	4/14/2021		<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/Uk4eVcLPLQ9QdXuN9">https://goo.gl/maps/Uk4eVcLPLQ9QdXuN9</a>	Fishing for early season bass, and bluegills. Olive Woolly Buggers and Zoo Cougars for the bass.
Eastwood Lagoon	4/21/2021	Kayaks	<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/7LSKUazx8fWwboSu5">https://goo.gl/maps/7LSKUazx8fWwboSu5</a>	Fishing for early season bass, and bluegills. Olive Woolly Buggers, Zoo Cougars, and Marsh Hares for the bass. Many SMB in this water.
Lofino Park	4/29/2021		<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/nfzb6JGFax84Neis6">https://goo.gl/maps/nfzb6JGFax84Neis6</a>	Fishing for early season bass, crappies and bluegills. Olive Woolly Buggers, Zoo Cougars, and Muddlers for the bass, both LMB and SMB. Green Wienies or tiny streamers for the Crappies. Popper and dropper for the bluegills. (Or, if you're Shawn, a sponge spider and a Higgs's SOS.)
Arthur Fisher Park	5/5/2021		<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/X45ziJDf6FYLzvb36">https://goo.gl/maps/X45ziJDf6FYLzvb36</a>	Fishing for early season bass, and bluegills. Olive Woolly Buggers, or Muddlers for the bass, poppers or foam beetles for the bluegills. Cast about 5 feet from shore for gills, up to 10 feet for the bass.
Rosewood Park	5/13/2021		<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/D8UQYVWmoxhcDGMRA">https://goo.gl/maps/D8UQYVWmoxhcDGMRA</a>	Never had any luck here but I saw plenty of fish activity both times I was there. This year I'm going with a hopper and dropper.
Wellfield Park	5/19/2021		<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/No37rseev1249o68">https://goo.gl/maps/No37rseev1249o68</a>	Plenty of fish here! LMB, SMB, bluegills, crappies and big carp.
Possum Creek - Argonne Lake	5/27/2021	Kayaks	<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/dBKMAwZhb3aHFwDR6">https://goo.gl/maps/dBKMAwZhb3aHFwDR6</a>	Kayak opportunity! Bass tanking up for spawning and bluegills on their beds. Topwater heaven!
Indian Riffle Park	6/2/2021		<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/t7wxsHcown9mLcdR9">https://goo.gl/maps/t7wxsHcown9mLcdR9</a>	Just a whole lot of bluegills!
Lofino Park	6/9/2021		<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/nfzb6JGFax84Neis6">https://goo.gl/maps/nfzb6JGFax84Neis6</a>	Bluegills and crappie, the bass will be spawning.
Deer Meadow Park	6/17/2021		<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/CquLJXGskM7Ug1766">https://goo.gl/maps/CquLJXGskM7Ug1766</a>	Bluegills and crappie, the bass will be spawning, although we may catch a few juveniles.
Miami View Park	6/23/2021		<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/to6nZiP9aqVDi3uM8">https://goo.gl/maps/to6nZiP9aqVDi3uM8</a>	Never fished this one, so you're on your own!
Stubbs Park	7/1/2021		<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/F8CE5FRgVzP07u9">https://goo.gl/maps/F8CE5FRgVzP07u9</a>	Never fished this one, either, so you're on your own!
Rip Rap Road Park	7/8/2021	Wading, Kayaks (long portage)	<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/79oLpdMUDLkNvGWQA">https://goo.gl/maps/79oLpdMUDLkNvGWQA</a>	Bring you waders and/or your kayaks! This one is on the Great Miami River in July. Kayakers, bring your portage wheels because it's about 300 yards from the parking lot to the river.
New Park	7/14/2021	Boats, Kayaks	<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/iDUzia3Z85z5Amxy7">https://goo.gl/maps/iDUzia3Z85z5Amxy7</a>	This one is primarily for the kayak and boat crowd. The bank fishing here is very tough. Boats are allowed but these ponds are very narrow and shallow, so you'll want to stay with the trolling motor. I have fished here a little, but I have not been able to discern any patterns as of yet.
Oak Grove Park	7/22/2021		<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/iBV9FWiR2wJtXsR6">https://goo.gl/maps/iBV9FWiR2wJtXsR6</a>	Fish quartering out from shore with poppers or foam bugs for big bluegills, or with Clousers, Buggers, or Zoo Cougars for bass. Some big bass in here. What to do for crappies is anybody's guess.
Delco Park	7/28/2021		<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/pgKZCeQVD5wcU2Mo6">https://goo.gl/maps/pgKZCeQVD5wcU2Mo6</a>	Tiny streamers or mayfly nymphs for the crappies. Foam beetles or beadhead nymphs for bluegills. Bushy marabou streamers or crawdad imitations for the bass.
Arthur Fisher Park	8/4/2021		<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/X45ziJDf6FYLzvb36">https://goo.gl/maps/X45ziJDf6FYLzvb36</a>	Woolly Buggers, Muddlers, Zoo Cougars or Clousers for the bass. Foam beetles and spiders for the bluegills.
Rosewood Park	8/11/2021		<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/D8UQYVWmoxhcDGMRA">https://goo.gl/maps/D8UQYVWmoxhcDGMRA</a>	No idea ... yet!
Eastwood Lake	8/19/2021	Boats, Kayaks	<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/hchrBeZyrd6SgYgB9">https://goo.gl/maps/hchrBeZyrd6SgYgB9</a>	Another kayak day! I plan to launch from the landing nearest Harshman Road. Fishing at the inlet pipe is strictly a roll cast proposition. Let's pile up some species this day! LMB, SMB, White bass, crappies, bluegills, perch and saugeye are all there for the catching.
Park across from Miami Valley Shooting Grounds	8/25/2021		<a href="http://bit.ly/3bdtVQ0">http://bit.ly/3bdtVQ0</a>	I don't know the name of this park, but it's close to Rip Rap Road Park in Huber. I have heard of crappies and bass here, but I haven't been able to validate either. I know these ponds get overflow from the Great Miami when it's up, so the available species should be the same.
Dr. Bowers Lake	9/8/2021	Kayaks (Long portage)	<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/8eYhxiTvezGdNjz5">https://goo.gl/maps/8eYhxiTvezGdNjz5</a>	This lake has a lot of species. I have seen catfish, bluegills, crappies, carp, LMB and SMB. come out of this lake. I have heard of wipers and perch here, and I have seen a photo of a pike that was reported to have been caught here. In September, the shad are usually schooling here, and the bass are actively pursuing them. If you bring your kayak, bring your wheels, because it's a long way from the parking lot to the nearest launch. Be careful when parking! Even one wheel on the grass will get you a \$36 ticket.
Delco Park	9/23/2021		<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/pgKZCeQVD5wcU2Mo6">https://goo.gl/maps/pgKZCeQVD5wcU2Mo6</a>	Late season crappies should be the ticket this day. Depending on the weather, we might still get a few bass.
Carriage Hill	10/7/2021		<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/ooWMe8eXMT5TnTV9">https://goo.gl/maps/ooWMe8eXMT5TnTV9</a>	Late season crappies should be the ticket this day. Depending on the weather, we might still get a few bass.
Kiser Lake	10/20/2021	Boats, Kayaks	<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/dbpECH5DnMBsXeh48">https://goo.gl/maps/dbpECH5DnMBsXeh48</a>	We may be able to catch the shad schooling. If so, this could be a real bonanza! Boats and kayaks are allowed, but no motors, so don't bring anything you can't row or paddle!



# The MVFF Flybrary

The "Flybrary" is an idea I stumbled upon while reading a fly fishing website this Spring. What it involves is a manner in which members and/or guests can share with each other the flies they use to catch fish. I can't tell you how many times someone has given me a fly and they have no clue the name of the fly, or how it's used, or the actual effectiveness of the fly. By sharing flies using the "Flybrary," all of those hurdles are overcome.

How the Flybrary works is by establishing a box displayed at our monthly meetings with cards in it. A person wishing to share a fly with others, gets a card, fills out some information about the fly, attaches the fly to the card, and returns it to the box. When another person sees a fly they might want to use, they can take the fly and the card out of the box. Now they have a fly that has been effective in catching fish, some information about how to use the fly, and they have the name of a MVFF member they can contact if they have questions about the fly, or the recipe to make it themselves.

You can get cards at the meetings (when they start happening again) or on the website at <https://mvff.us/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/MVFF-Flybrary-Project.pdf>. Complete some of these during this down time and bring them to the first in-person meeting, hopefully, not far away.

~ Shawn Johnson



## Blue Ribbon Flies

There is a fantastic company in Montana that makes and sells all kinds of flies for the Yellowstone River fisheries such as the Madison, Firehole, and Gibbon where those traveling to Buffalo Bill Camp in August will be fishing. I thought it would be a help to those going out. The company is Blue Ribbon Flies owned and operated for over 30 years by Craig Matthews who founded Yellowstone Forever, a non-profit dedicated to the ecological and environmental health of the rivers running through Yellowstone Park. He has also authored books on fishing these waters.

It's worth checking out .... <https://www.blueribbonflies.com>

## Want to Catch More Fish?

Come join Fly Fishers International Women Connect (FFIWC) and Ohio Women on the Fly (OWOTF) as we co-host several casting events in Ohio for **Women's Fly Fishing Month**. June 12th in Cincinnati/Dayton and June 19th in Columbus, we will be offering Casting and Casting Improvement events. We will have both FFI CI and fly club instructors helping at both events. A basic understanding of common casting faults to look out for and how to remedy them will help you focus on improvement during your practice sessions and, over time, develop good casting skills, which can lead to more fish.

Sign-up for either event will be through the OWOTF website, [www.ohiowomenonthefly.com/events](http://www.ohiowomenonthefly.com/events), open now. Registration for Cincinnati and Columbus events will be limited to 10 women at each.



**OHIO DEPARTMENT  
OF NATURAL  
RESOURCES**

Do you have your fishing license? There are all sorts of options including multi-year licenses, lifetime licenses and we've heard there is an auto renew option. Check it out at . . .

<https://ohiodnr.gov/wps/portal/gov/odnr/buy-and-apply/hunting-fishing-boating/fishing>

## 2021 Wagner Subaru Outdoor Experience Cancelled

**From: Five Rivers MetroParks**

We regret to announce that due to current precautions recommended to slow the spread of COVID-19, as well as the increased support and planning needed to meet current public health guidelines, the annual [Wagner Subaru Outdoor Experience](#) has been cancelled. The event was planned for Saturday, October 2, and Sunday, October 3, at [Eastwood MetroPark](#).

With the recommended public health measures taken into consideration, we have chosen to focus on planning an incredible event for 2022.

Thank you for your support!



## 2021 Ohio Free Fishing Days are June 19 and 20

On June 19 and 20, 2021 all Ohio residents are invited to experience Ohio's fantastic public fishing opportunities without purchasing a license. All size and bag limits apply during these two days.

More information is on the ODNR website -

<https://ohiodnr.gov/wps/portal/gov/odnr/home/news-events/events/wildlife-events-2021/ohio-free-fishing-days-2021>

# Little Miami Watershed Network Events

LMWN will have two big events in June and July.

In June, we have the Little Miami River Clean Sweep between June 12 and 26. Registration is open for walking and canoe-based clean ups. Send in your clean up photos to be entered into a drawing to win a prize!

Please visit the website for more information and to register: <http://littlemiamiwatershednetwork.org/june-clean-up.html>.

On July 17, we have the Trailblazer Adventure, a fun day of adventure near Yellow Springs, Ohio. The event starts with a hike through Glen Helen, then canoeing down the Little Miami River to Jacoby Launch, and biking back up to Glen Helen on the bike trail. Along the way, you will learn about the natural and cultural history of the area. We will have prizes and food. Canoes are provided.

You'll have to bring your own bike. The cost is \$30 per canoe.



To learn more and register, visit the website under the July events at <http://littlemiamiwatershednetwork.org/events-and-volunteering.html>

To register visit: <https://athenaadventures.redpodium.com/trailblazer-adventure-2021>

Visit the website events page to see all the events for 2021.

We look forward to seeing you at one of our events.

Thank you for supporting Little Miami Watershed Network!

LMWN Leadership Team

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## The 2021 GREAT Smallmouth Bass Fishing Challenge

Register for The 2021 GREAT Smallmouth Bass Fishing Challenge on the Great Miami River. Hosted by the Great Miami Riverway and the National Association of Professional River Anglers (NAPRA), this is a family-friendly, virtual fishing tournament from June 15th – July 15th.

This is a catch and release tournament only. Anglers can fish anywhere on the Great Miami River from Sidney to Hamilton, Ohio. Fishing is a great way to social distance and still get outside. There is no better river for smallmouth bass fishing than the Great Miami River. Win prizes for your record catch! During the tournament, anglers will use the iAngler Tournament app to photograph their catch and record basic information while on the water. All Ohio fishing regulations apply. Unlimited number of fish entries.



Registration Fee: \$25.00 (Early Bird registration through June 1st ONLY \$15.00)

### Tournament Rules and Regulations:

1. Fish must be caught on the Great Miami River between river mile 128 (Sidney) to river mile 33 (Hamilton).
2. Smallmouth Bass will be measured by length and must have measuring device in photo submitted.
3. Log all of your catches. The system will automatically cull and score your 5 largest fish.
4. Open to all ages.

### Scoring and Awards:

1. Top Slam: The total length of your 5 largest Smallmouth Bass - \$100 gift card
2. Biggest Smallmouth Bass (based on length) - \$50 gift card
3. 12 and under (Angler's age before June 15) Biggest Smallmouth Bass (based on length) - \$50 gift card
4. Top 5 bag get entered into random prize drawing (Fishing Gear valued at \$200+)
5. Top 5 (total catches) MOST fish logged get entered into a random prize drawing (Fishing Gear valued at \$100+)
6. First 5 logged fish get entered into a random prize drawing (Fishing Gear valued at \$50+)

### Awards include:

- Gift Cards from Fisherman's Quarters
- St. Croix Fly Rod from Ohio Fly By Knight Guide Service
- Orvis Encounter Fly Rod and other gear from ReelFlyRod

Here's the link for all the info... <https://ianglertournament.com/2021-great-smallmouth-bass-fishing-challenge>

# MVFF

Miami Valley Fly Fishers Inc., established in 1975 and re-organized in 2016 as a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization, is a non-profit organization dedicated to the improvement and preservation of fly fishing in Ohio. Our goal is cleaner water and brighter streams.

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## CALENDAR

Check the [MVFF Calendar](#) page or our Facebook Events page for updates & details

<https://www.facebook.com/MiamiValleyFlyFishers/>

Remember, you can find many photos of MVFF happenings on our [Facebook](#) page.

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/MiamiValleyFlyFishers/photos/>

## Project Healing Waters



MVFF & Dayton VAMC

The Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing program has been on hold since March 2020 when the lockdown orders were instituted.

Now the national Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing, Inc. (PHWFF) is taking significant steps towards a gradual process to resume specific outdoor in-person program activities. On April 19,

2021 the organization began multiple participant outdoor healing gatherings for all eligible PHWFF programs Nationwide - enabling a total of 10 volunteers and participants per outdoor healing gathering. Project Healing Waters Fly ... [Read more](#)

We're hoping that sometime in 2021 we will be able to get back to our important PHWFF activities. In the meantime, check out [ProjectHealingWaters.org](http://ProjectHealingWaters.org). There's lots of good information to find in exploring this site.

## Mad River Drift

Here is a link to the current TU Madmen Chapter newsletter archives. When you open the link it gives you access to current and previous newsletters. You can also subscribe here . . . . .

<https://us20.campaign-archive.com/home/?u=8049cc4f0cf9c67bcac699302&id=e41b50e209>

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