

TIGHTLINES

The Monthly Newsletter of the Miami Valley Fly Fishers



June Meeting

Our next meeting is June 9th

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

Meal Price - **\$15.00**

Fun begins at 5:30 p.m.

Dinner reservations are required. There are no standing reservations. You need to make a reservation each month. You can also cancel your upcoming reservation by going to the same page listed below.

Please make your reservation at
<https://mvff.us/reservation/>
by 9:00 p.m. on June 5th



May Raffle Winners

Our lucky winners

Mike Redmond ... Zanesfield outing

James Calvert ...TFO 4# rod

Eric Rice ... Loon Tying Kit

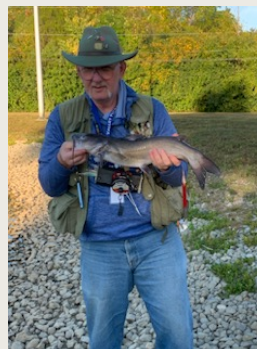
Jim August 3X glasses

Troy Bermel ... \$50 Kroger's gift card

Nathan Via ... \$50 Mad River Outfitter's gift Card

John Warner

President's Thoughts



The month of May brought a couple of safety concerns to light. 1) If you fish the white bass run in Anderson's Fork, make sure to net the fish. Otherwise, you might lose a finger or two to a ravenous musky. 2) Wellfield Pond contains snapping turtles and they occasionally attempt to eat the flies we throw. Please

be careful when handling these turtles! Not only are they dangerous, but they are also fellow anglers, so professional courtesy applies!

Upcoming fishing events . . .

o Mid-Week Fly Fishing outings: On June 5th, the Mid-Week outing will be held at the pond behind the Sinclair CC satellite campus on Clio Road. This pond contains sunfish and largemouth bass.

o June 11th will see the Mid-Week outing at Argonne Lake in Possum Creek MetroPark. Remember that human-powered watercraft (canoes, kayaks, etc.) are allowed in this body of water. Remember also that the main spawning area for the bass in Argonne is the moderately shallow area in the western end of the lake. Being in a kayak or canoe will make fishing that part of the lake much easier.

o June 17th will bring the outing at North Park in the Englewood MetroPark complex. So far all we know about this area is that it holds largemouth bass, sunfish, and crappies. The small pond in this area is open to human-powered watercraft, while the big pond has a boat ramp.

Some of our members, including yours truly, will be helping out with the Casting for Recovery Ohio retreat at their new location in Newark on June 1st. The fall outing will be held in September. They ask that any of you who

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Secretary's Notes for May 2025

The first outdoor meeting of the Miami Valley Fly Fishers was held at the Dayton F. O. P. Lodge with 48 members in attendance. President Ken Davy welcomed our guests, Arlene MacDonald and Logan Connally. Mike Redmond noted that Reel Recovery would hold its first outing of the summer on June 23rd. Jim Calvert updated information on the Waterfalls Canadian fishing outing. Currently sixteen members are signed to travel to Spanish, Ontario for the May 31-June 7 event. Nathan Via announced a veterans outing, Sunday May 18th at Possum Creek Lake. The Mid-Week Fly Fishing gathering is May 21st at Beaver Creek Pond off Factory Rd., Beaver Creek, Ohio.

V. P. Karen Via will head up organizing the MVFF 50th anniversary events. She asked for suggestions, ideas, and memories to share.

There will be a members and children's outing on May 31st at Tom and Sue Boice's farm off Turner Rd., Xenia, Ohio.

Thank you to Shawn and crew for another great cookout and Allen Berg and Bob Zitney for organizing the casting competition (winners listed in separate article). John Warner capped off the evening with a great raffle.

Respectfully, J. W. Davis

President's Thoughts (cont'd)

are so inclined file an application to become a guide in the future. The volunteer application can be found at: <https://castingforrecovery.org/how-you-can-help/volunteer/>

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Ken Davy
President, Miami Valley Fly Fishers



The June Mid-Week Fly Fishing events are on June 5th, 11th, and 17th. They start at 4:30 p.m., but you can show up anytime and stay as long as you like.

Join other members for some late afternoon fun . . . See page 7

Pam Allen — a 'mover and shaker' — earns Ohio Outdoor News' Person of the Year honor

Pam Allen gathers with all of the folks who are involved in her various fly-fishing endeavors. Allen walks the walk when it comes to giving back to the angling community while working with various groups.

Pam is a mover and a shaker in the fly-fishing world that involves Ohio. But, Allen stresses that she can't accomplish anything alone. Allen, of Lewis Center in central Ohio, was recently named this year's Ohio Outdoor News Person of the Year. The list of organizations and projects in which Allen is involved is lengthy.

<https://www.outdoornews.com/2025/04/26/pam-allen-a-mover-and-shaker-earns-ohio-outdoor-news-person-of-the-year-honor/>

Pam is very involved in the TU Mad River Chapter and currently publishes their newsletter. As an aside, her husband is Tom Allen, Lifetime MVFF member, who has been working for years on protecting and caring for our area's premier resource, the Mad River.





Miami Valley Fly Fishers

1975 - 2025

NO-NAME
FLY FISHERMAN'S GAZETTE

5/75

Dear Fly Fisher:

This is the first of what, hopefully, will be a long line of newsletters chronicling the activities of the Dayton Fly Fishers Club, or whatever its name may ultimately be. (There were a number of appropriate monikers suggested on your sign-up sheets, several of which will be voted upon at the next meeting.*). Although this newsletter will be relatively short, the contributions of various club members should make future issues veritable gold mines of fly-fishing information. Thirty-two of you signed up for membership and indicated on the sheets quite a panoply of interests and skills.

Our second meeting, on Monday, April 21 at the Brown Derby Restaurant, was highlighted by Bruce Hain's remarks concerning the April 19 and 20 Trout Unlimited Forum on the Mad River. Since most of us are concerned with the present and future of this important trout fishery, here is a brief resume of Bruce's talk:

The Mad River Valley was formed about 20,000 years ago when the last great glacier receded, leaving a vast alluvial deposit spread over portions of central western Ohio. This gravel bed fostered numerous cold springs, and the Mad River Valley, one of the most agriculturally rich in the nation, was formed.

In 1882 the first brook trout were stocked, followed in 1884 and 1885 by browns and rainbows. These stockings were all of fingerlings and restricted to small ponds. In 1931 the state Department of Natural Resources got into the act and for 12 years stocked catchable size browns and rainbows. The war years interrupted the state financed efforts and it wasn't until 1952 that stocking was resumed, this time with rainbows exclusively. This has continued until the present day, with the single exception being the stocking of 2,500 brown fingerlings in the Fall of 1973. Stocking by private individuals have augmented this and within a few years browns should become a more important aspect of Mad River recreational fishing. It is interesting to note that Ernest Schwiebert, in his most thorough book, Nymphs, mentions that the public trout waters in Ohio are exceptionally rich, but have been poorly managed. He suggests that if the rainbow would be abandoned in favor of the brown, perhaps the Mad and its tributaries could become another of the famous eastern limestone streams.

*Dayton Fly Fishers; Ben Grierson Fly Fishers; Mad River Feather Merchants (Webster describes this as a person who avoids responsibility and effort, a loafer, slacker)

1975 - The Founding Year of the Miami Valley Fly Fishers

May 1975 marked the debut of the club's newsletter. At that time, the organization was still unnamed. Interest in forming a local fly fishing club surged following a **February 17th letter** (see [May Tightlines](#)) from Jim Hawkins, which was distributed to Dayton-area members of the Federation of Fly Fishermen. As a result, **32 individuals signed up for membership.**

The **first official meeting** took place on **March 19th**, with members of the **Indianapolis Fly Casters** attending to share insights about the Federation and provide guidance. Their support was instrumental, and the club used their bylaws as a model for drafting its own.

During the **May 15th meeting**, the club adopted the name **Miami Valley Fly Fishers**. At that same meeting, the Steering Committee transitioned into the temporary **Board of Directors** pending fall elections. The interim board members were:

- **President:** Jim Hawkins
- **Vice President:** Ole Schioler
- **Secretary:** Dave Volin
- **Treasurer:** Bruce Hain

The river's characteristics were described by Art Talsman from the Ohio EPA, a most knowledgeable young man who specializes in water resources. His description included the following facts about the Mad:

1. Approximately 60 miles in length.
2. Clear and cold (52°F mean yearly temp).
3. Plentiful oxygen supply.
4. Very prolific insect life.
5. Alkaline
6. Very little self-propagation of trout.
7. Stream has been over-channelized for agricultural purposes.

As a result of that last little item, each time there is a substantial rain-fall the stream's bottom is scoured. This wipes out a good deal of the stream's insect life, especially in the spring months. In the latter part of the year, come August and September, the stream has had time to recover and substantial hatches of aquatic insects can be observed. The primary species are listed:

Mayflies

Stenonema Interpunctatum
Stenonema Pulchrelline
Baetis (several species)
Tricorythodes

Caddis

Hydropsyche Befeda
Hydropsyche
Cheumatopsyche
Psychomyia

Miscellaneous

Midges
Scud

Attached to the Newsletter is a more complete listing.

A few other facts of interest from Bruce's talk:

1. Easements are bought by the state for \$1.00. Some are due to run out in the 1985-1990 period and a few of the farmers are none too disappointed. The beer cans, candy wrappers and broken fences they have to put up with would make anyone irate.

2. DNR is taking a survey of browns caught in the Mad River. Let them know if you creel any of the spooky critters.

3. The Western tongue - tied Chub, a resident of King's Creek, is on the endangered species list.

The incredibly beautiful film "Way of a Trout" thrilled us all and made us perhaps a bit more cognizant of those last words "With no regrets the angler gently releases her and she slips back into the pool".

We thank Bob Tritsch of the Mickey Finn Shop for his generous donation of items to be raffled to help finance the club. They were just a small example of the goodies to be had at his unique Franklin Square Shop.

Our next meeting will be held at The Inn at 4120 Far Hills Boulevard. For those who care to partake, the cocktail hour will begin at 6:00 p.m., and dinner at 7:00 p.m. (Swiss Steak - \$4.50). The meeting proper will begin at 8:00 p.m., and we hope to have a 20 minute slide presentation on the Mad River. Come on out. You, your \$10 dues, and any fly fishing friends you may have will be most welcome.

An additional note:

FOR SALE: Antique Montague Cane Fly Rod Langley Reel call Ed Berger, 252-8364

The club's **first outdoor meeting** was held on **June 16th** at **Deeds Park**, featuring a **casting demonstration and class** by Dave Johnson of the Indianapolis Fly Casters. Deeds Park soon became the regular outdoor meeting location.

By **July**, the club had completed and submitted its **incorporation forms**, and **membership had grown to 43**, with an additional 11 expressing interest. It was clear early on that providing enjoyable, worthwhile experiences would be essential for sustaining and growing the membership.

Dues were set at **\$10**, and by the **September meeting**, **38 members had paid**.

Monthly **raffles** quickly became a popular tradition, and plans emerged to host an **annual auction** of donated fishing gear to support the club.

Programming was also a priority. Plans for **speakers and demonstrations** were in motion, though it was recognized that more members would be needed to cover associated costs.

In **December**, the club hosted a **bamboo rod building demonstration**, marking a highlight of the year.

Toward the end of the year, the **Board of Directors recommended amending the bylaws** to remove the word "**male**" from the membership requirements. A vote on the change was planned for the **January meeting**.

The club also established its first **lending library**, consisting of a single book: *The Stream Conservation Handbook*, donated by the Federation of Fly Fishermen and inscribed by its president, **Paul Collier**.

Magnified Giving

Sometimes in life you meet people by circumstance, common interest, or perhaps by chance. Charlie Uhl attended Miami Valley Fly Fishers' October meeting with an idea in mind. When we met I literally looked up to the 6'7" Alter High School Senior and inquired how I could help him, offering him dinner and a seat at the table. We soon learned that his unusual stature was not his only natural achievement. A polyglot of languages, ardent tennis player and budding entrepreneur, he had come to offer an opportunity to participate in his senior business class project.

Roger Grein, a Cincinnati businessman, began Magnified Giving (<https://www.magnifiedgiving.org/>) as a means to teach young students how to give back to their communities by financially supporting local non-profit organizations involved in meeting under-supported community needs. By supplying the monies and giving the students strict guidelines in vetting these organizations he empowered them to learn the benefit of local businesses giving back to their own community efforts.

Charlie explained that he had learned about Miami Valley Fly Fishers' efforts to teach environmental awareness in local schools and through the various local park districts. His intent was to give us the opportunity to apply for a \$1000 grant by making a presentation to his senior class and being vetted by Magnified Giving as a responsible non-profit. Dr. Justin Yankech, the class instructor, invited us to speak at

Alter High School on a very cold November day, sharing our outreach efforts and involvement with organizations such as Trout Unlimited and Fly Fishers International on river monitoring and preservation projects. Magnified Giving approved our application noting our sustainability and sound financial record.

December, January, February, all passed with no word from Charlie. Knowing that we were but one of ten organizations his class was considering and ultimately one of three that would be presented to the entire senior class, and that only one grant would be awarded from Alter High School, we considered our chances slim.

The first week of March Charlie called me to say that not only had his class been impressed with MVFF, but that the entire senior class had voted to award the \$1000 grant to Miami Valley Fly Fishers, Inc. in support of our continuing educational outreach.

On May 16th President Ken Davy and I were on stage before the entire graduating class and their families to acknowledge the award.

Sometimes the wisdom of youth finds the efforts of their elders worthwhile. We thank Mr. Roger Grein, the senior class of Archbishop Alter High School, Charlie Uhl and his classmate Jackson Neace for seeing value in what we as fly fishermen and responsible adults consider an ethical life style.

Respectfully, J. W. Davis

Magnified Giving Grant

Mr. Davis and Mr. Davy,

I just wanted to say Thank You! one more time for being part of our program this year. We cannot run our program if agencies are not willing to help our students. Your participation and support of our students is greatly appreciated.

We hope the funds from Magnified Giving make it to your organization promptly and that they help continue your important work.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to let me know.

Again, Thank you, and God Bless.

Justin Yankech and Holly Brady
Alter High School

Justin Yankech, Ph.D.
Theology Department

The club is extremely grateful to Jeff Davis for seeking out this opportunity and completing the documentation required to win this grant from Archbishop Alter High School through the Magnified Giving philanthropy and service training program.

Walt Konek, MVFF Treasurer



May 22, 2025

Dear Jeff,

Congratulations on being selected to receive a \$1,250.00 grant from the Archbishop Alter High School through the Magnified Giving philanthropy and service learning program. The participants had the opportunity to examine the community, identify a social cause, and through in-depth research, identify one agency to advocate on behalf of to receive funding. The goal of this educational program is to persuade their peers and administration to select their presentation and agency as the most deserving.

This year alone we are working with over 5500 students in the Ohio and Northern Kentucky region. The mission of Magnified Giving is to educate, inspire, and engage youth to develop civically minded community members, future volunteers, knowledgeable donors, and more empathetic individuals.

Our mission would not be possible without your support.

You will receive an email with a link to a grant recipient feedback form from jessica@magnifiedgiving.org. Your feedback provides information that is shared with our donors to allow Magnified Giving to continue touching more participants and non-profits in the community. Also, we take your comments and strive to improve the experience for everyone involved.

If you have any immediate comments, please feel free to email Becca Freyhof at becca@magnifiedgiving.org.

We kindly ask that you have the check cashed by no later than June 15th, 2025.

Again, CONGRATULATIONS and THANK YOU from all of us at Magnified Giving!

Your Friends,

Roger Grein, Founder
Kelly Collison, Chief Executive Officer
Alison Kaufman, Vice President Programs
Lindsey Barta, Director of Communications
Carey Kuznar, Vice President Advancement
Becca Freyhof, Program Manager
Tyler Rocquemoore, Advancement Manager
Jessica Robbins, Administrative Assistant

Casting

Outdoor Casting Competition

The May results for the casting competition were interesting. Wet, rainy and a little wind made it challenging for casting a dry fly for certain. There was a total of 8 casters braving the May conditions.

First Flight - Em Reeves

Seniors - Kelly Kingery

Masters - Bill Bennett

June is the nymph fly competition. JUNE – NYMPH (4 wt rod)

- o Here are the rules for casting the nymph. You will start with the fly in target #2.
- o You will pick up the fly and have unlimited false casts to target #1.
- o You will then only be allowed 1 false cast to each remaining target.

We look forward to having more folks come out and test their skills.

After the meeting I shall be available to work with folks to move up on their FFI casting skills. I imagine Bill shall also be available as he normally is to assist folks in their casting.



Nymphing

Fooing a trout to take a dry fly off the surface is the ultimate expression of fly fishing. Nymphing may just be the bread & butter trick to a lot of fish. Trout feed most of their lives sub-surface. Drifting a nymph rig under an indicator is the ticket a lot of times. When nymph fishing, “simpler is better” - the casting doesn’t need to be complex or difficult. Most of the time a tension cast, or water loaded cast, will accurately deliver your flies to a target in most situations.

Try to utilize the momentum of the river to aid in casting whenever possible. particularly when nymphing. At the end of your drifts allow the water to load the line downstream from you and build up the potential energy needed to make the next cast. Let the river “wind up” your cast for you. All that is needed next is to raise the rod and make a powerful downward stroke towards the target. This cast is sometimes called a tension cast, or water loaded cast. It is used almost entirely when nymphing from the bank.

One of the most important parts of any tool is the grip. This is true for axes, hammers, golf clubs and fly rods are no exception. The grip of a fly rod should be gentle and comfortable, not too large in diameter or narrow. Like swinging a hammer at a nail, identifying your target, using the correct amount of force, and following through with a smooth stroke. As you lift your rod tip towards the 12:00 o’clock position start accelerating your stroke towards the target. Don’t be afraid to use some real force. The rod was designed to flex and transfer your arm’s energy along the rod, through the tip, along the line and eventually to the fly. You need enough force to clear the line and nymph rig from the water and punch through any wind you may have. Forcefully swing your rod towards your target, following through directed at the target. It is especially important to follow through smoothly for the best accuracy.

When the rod tip travels in a straight line, loop size is controlled by a micro flick of the wrist just before the stop. This micro flick speeds up the rod tip and moves it out of the way of the following fly line. It tips the rod tip down a bit and controls the loop size. Otherwise, the “effective rod length” lengthens as the rod straightens at the stop. The rod tip moves above the level of the following line and a tailing loop develops. The size of this flick controls the loop size.

There are many styles of casting, and a lot of practice is needed to develop your skills, but the basics of a cast should be simple. It’s like swinging a hammer, grip your rod, pick a target, “wind up”, swing with a smooth stroke, stop and follow through. When you deliver your nymphs accurately your hookups will increase dramatically.

Good luck and see you out there on the river!

Allen Berg

TU Mad River Chapter – Stream Monitoring

Our next Quarterly Stream Water Quality Monitoring event will be held on Saturday, June 14th at 9:00 a.m. We hope you'll be able to join us!

Date & Time: Saturday, June 14 at 9:00 a.m.

Location: West Liberty Park, West Liberty, OH [Google Maps Link](#)

Bring the family and explore the Mad River with Trout Unlimited's water quality monitoring team! We'll search for macroinvertebrates in the river and assess stream health based on what we find.

What to Know:

- This is a hands-on activity that involves wading in the river.
- Children must be able to walk and stand in moving water.
- Wear closed-toe shoes and clothes that can get wet. The water will be cold - waders are recommended if you have them.
- Prefer to stay dry? You're still welcome to participate from the riverbank.

We're excited to continue this important work with your help. See you on June 14!

Red Fox Squirrel Nymph – proven to be appealing and active

<https://flyfishingthesierra.com/red-fox-squirrel-nymph/>

The late Dave Whitlock developed this pattern in the late 1960's and considered it one of his best nymph patterns. The pattern can be tied to represent October Caddis, Mayfly Nymphs, Caddis Emergers, and even Little Yellow Stonefly Nymphs.

Consistent Pattern

The impressive aspects of this fly is that it has been a consistent performer for nearly 60 years used upon a wide range of species of trout, char, and whitefish due to the impressionistic design. Dave was influenced by the fur-bodied nymphs tied by Polly Rosborough, Thom Green, and Ted Trueblood.

Not having the furs they used, he gravitated to the Red Fox Squirrel due to local availability. The material maintains a very appealing and active movement within the water. Using both the squirrel belly and the back fur makes this fly unique, giving it a reddish-brown appearance. Air bubbles and light on the fur give the fly a distinct halo of liveliness.

Whitlock Blends

Dave used a blend of fur and synthetic sparkle dubbing in a 60:40 ratio (natural to synthetic) for the abdomen and in a 70:30 ratio for the thorax for the best dubbing properties. For the thorax blend, cut or shave the back hair off the skin and mix it thoroughly in a small coffee-grinder-type blender. Cut yarn or synthetic dubbing into 3/8 to 1/2 inch lengths. Place the synthetic in the blender and mix it thoroughly. Take a 70/30 portion of fur and synthetic and blend those together.

For the abdomen blend, cut or shave belly hair off the skin and repeat the procedure outlined above except for the belly fur synthetic color and the 60:40 fur to synthetic ratio. The easier way – use the Synthetic Living Fiber (SLF) dubbing designed by Dave to match mixtures and colors for his world famous patterns. The series now has a touch of Wapsi's Prism Dubbing added. It's widely available. (<https://www.jsflyfishing.com/products/slf-dave-whitlock-dubbing>). They have all of his colorations for his nymph patterns. No wing case is necessary. His original RFSH nymph had a mottled dark brown wing case but tests have proven the fly is as effective, or even more effective, without the wing case.

Check out the original as written by Dave - <https://www.davewhitlock.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/RFSHN-story-and-tying.pdf>

The fly can be tied in many variations and of course newer materials can let you add your unique take on the pattern. Great fly for many fish species that has withstood the test of time. Dave said, "I trust that my Red Fox Squirrel-Hair Nymph will be a nice addition to the potential of your nymph assortment. These flies are incredibly effective on trout, sunfish, bass, crappie, perch, carp ... and more. Try tying them in several sizes and then use them with confidence whenever you are not sure of what fly will work best for that particular day. It's my hope that you'll soon discover their magic, too!"



June Fly of the Month



Mike's Honey Ant

Instructions by Bill "Woody" Woodward
Photography by Bob Cain

Recipe

Hook.....Dry, size 14-16 1XL
Thread.....Olive Brown 6/0
Abdomen....Sow Scud dubbing, Copper
Legs.....Flashabou Accent, Copper
Wing.....Antron, Dark Dun
Thorax.....Opossum dubbing, Rusty Brown

1. Place the hook in the vise, then tie in the thread in the middle of the hook shank and wrap a thread base back to the hook bend.
2. Dub the thread thinly and wrap a football shaped abdomen between the hook bend and slightly behind the middle of the hook shank, then wrap the thread forward to the middle of the hook shank. (You should now have a small empty thread-covered hook shank from the middle of the hook shank back to the front of the abdomen.)
3. Cut 3 strands of flash legging material and tie them in on top of the hook shank by their middle with x-wraps of thread at the middle of the hook shank. The flash "legs" should now be perpendicular to the hook shank. DO NOT TRIM THE "LEGS".
4. Cut a 2" piece of Antron and tie it in by one end on top of the hook shank in front of the legs as a wing. The length of the Antron should extend back over the hook bend. Wrap tight thread wraps over the butt ends of the Antron forward to behind the hook eye (ensure no Antron butts extend over the hook eye). DO NOT TRIM THE WING.
5. Thinly dub the thread and wrap a small ball shaped thorax between the front of the wing and the back of the hook eye. Tie off the dubbing behind the hook eye, do a whip finish, and cut the thread.
6. Sweep the legs and wing back past the rear of the hook and trim them even with the rear of the hook bend.



Members with great catches on past trips, Bill Bennett presenting an award, cleaning fish at Ohio Power, instruction to casters at Deeds Park meeting

Pics from the past!



Deeds Park Casting Pond

Mid-Week Fly Fishing 2025

Ken Davy has once again put together a list of fishing spots and a schedule from March - October. Ken has also included info on the fishing potential of these waters and suggested flies. There are links to a map for each location. These events are on the club Calendar page of our website and Facebook page as well (Events).

Lots of fishing spots and links to maps here. Go on the scheduled date and you can meet up with fellow members. Or just check out some of these places when you choose. We're hoping to get even better turnout this year.

They start at 4:30 p.m. If you have specific questions about events contact Ken at tiggr75@gmail.com.

Date	Name	Location	Notes	Special Considerations
25-Mar	Carriage Hill	https://goo.gl/maps/Syz7GDDjR9uSaGiu5	Bass, crappies, and bluegills	Kayaks, canoes
9-Apr	Eastwood MetroPark Lagoon	https://goo.gl/maps/7LSKUazx8fYWboSu5	Bass, crappies and bluegills. Olive Woolly Buggers, Zoo Cougars, and Marsh Hares (or similar weedless flies) for the bass. Many SMB in this water.	Kayaks, canoes
24-Apr	Oak Grove Park	https://goo.gl/maps/iBV9FWjR2wJTtXsR6	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.	
6-May	Wellfield Park	https://maps.app.goo.gl/imxBay3ZpyTDeyam6	This pond gets deep abruptly. It holds anything that is in Stillwater River.	
14-May	Deer Meadow Park	https://goo.gl/maps/CquLJXGsKM7Ug1766	The bass should be in pre-spawn appetite, and cruising for food.	
21-May	Beavercreek Community Park	https://maps.app.goo.gl/8j1rWa75WWGAocHB6	Also pre-spawn bass.	
5-Jun	Fuggin Pond	https://maps.app.goo.gl/ixNEBnDfWLRt2g2A	Plenty of bluegills. LMB. At the back of Sinclair parking lot.	
11-Jun	Possum Creek - Argonne Lake	https://goo.gl/maps/dBKMawZhb3aHFwDR6	Kayak opportunity! Bass tanking up for spawning and bluegills on their beds. Topwater heaven! You will definitely need a kayak or canoe for large bass.	Kayaks, canoes
17-Jun	North Park – Englewood MetroPark	https://goo.gl/maps/JDUzia3Z85zSAmxy7	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.	Boats, Kayaks
2-Jul	Arthur Fisher Park	https://goo.gl/maps/X45ziJDf6FYLZvb36	Fishing for early season bass, and bluegills. Olive Woolly Buggers, or Muddlers for the bass, poppers or foam beetles for the bluegills.	
17-Jul	Rip Rap Road Park	https://goo.gl/maps/79oLpdMUDLkNyGWQA	Bring your 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.	Wading, Kayaks (long portage)
5-Aug	Poplar Creek Ponds	https://maps.app.goo.gl/4jRSRdoaiZdfEpnW9	These ponds are right beside the Great Miami River and get flood water from that river nearly every year, so it likely has the same mix of fish that is in the river. There is also wading access to the GMR here.	Wading
20-Aug	Stubbs Park	https://maps.app.goo.gl/bRmrmX9RCJDeJfr5	This is new access. The ponds are all natural recruitment, so the species are anyone's guess. Also, fishing has not been allowed here for at least a few years.	
4-Sep	Rosewood Park	https://goo.gl/maps/D8UQYWmoxhcdGMRA	Bluegills, some are large, reports of bass.	
16-Sep	Delco Park Pond	https://goo.gl/maps/pgKZCeQVD5wcU2Mo6	There should still be some fish available.	
8-Oct	Carriage Hill MetroPark – Cedar Lake	https://goo.gl/maps/Syz7GDDjR9uSaGiu5	There are often bass and crappies chasing baitfish in October. A kayak would enable an angler to reach more of the active fish.	Kayaks, canoes

Save the Dates

Mid-Week Fly Fishing

June 5th - start at 4:30 p.m. (come anytime)

Fuggin Pond

Plenty of bluegills. LMB. At the back of Sinclair parking lot.

MVFF Monthly Meeting

June 9th - start at 5:30 p.m.

FOP Lodge, 4275 Powell Rd., Huber Heights

Grilled steaks and chicken, casting competition, and pond fishing.

TU Mad River Chapter – Stream Monitoring

June 14th - West Liberty Park - 9:00 a.m.

See the article above for more details. Hope MVFF members can join us.

Mid-Week Fly Fishing

June 11th - start at 4:30 p.m. (come anytime)

Possum Creek - Argonne Lake

Kayak opportunity! Bass tanking up for spawning and bluegills on their beds. Topwater heaven! You will definitely need a kayak or canoe for large bass. Kayaks, canoes.

Mid-Week Fly Fishing

June 17th - start at 4:30 p.m. (come anytime)

MetroPark North Park

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.

Ohio Fly Tying Guild Fly Tying Demos

Join us each month at the Ohio Fly Tying Guild Zoom meeting for live online fly tying and techniques demonstrations. These events will be held the 3rd Friday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Eastern time. So mark your calendars to plan ahead. If you missed the first sessions, you can view the recordings at the following YouTube link:

<https://www.youtube.com/@OhioFlyTyingGuild>

Subscribe and you should get notices when new videos are available.

Fly Fishers International member Gary Begley from the Buckeye United Fly Fishers club near Cincinnati, Ohio will be leading the sessions. Topics of discussions and demonstrations will cover tying tools, materials, hooks, and the techniques to put it all together to create a fly that will catch fish. These are interactive events, so don't be afraid to make comments, or to ask questions. We hope to see you at the meetings.

If you are an FFI member you can subscribe to the Ohio Council of FFI at the link below and you will get notification of the next session with the Zoom invitation.

<https://mailchi.mp/bb30fc8451a5/ffi-ohio-council-newsletter-10328552?e=e08d356fda>

Mad River Drift

Here is a link to the archive of the Trout Unlimited Mad River Chapter newsletter. When you open the link it gives you access to the current and previous newsletters. You can also subscribe here.

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



Little Miami Watershed Network

Visit our website for updates on activities and opportunities to support us in volunteering.

Keep in touch at . . . <https://lmwn.org>

Below is the link to Little Miami Watershed Network newsletter (current and past issues) and where you can subscribe. Learn how you can join our network in caring for the well-being of this beautiful river.

<https://us5.campaign-archive.com/home/?>



OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Ohio DNR Education Registration

The Department of Natural Resources regularly has educational opportunities on a variety of outdoor, wildlife and sporting topics. Check out the link below and click on Register to read more about particular events you might be interested in attending . . . <https://apps.ohiodnr.gov/wildlife/educationregistration/>

Find All Fishing Reports

Fishing reports are broken down by region – Lake Erie, central, northeast, northwest, southeast, and southwest – all of which can be found online.

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

Backyard Wildlife Documents

Some nice resources to check out . . .

<https://ohiodnr.gov/wps/portal/gov/odnr/discover-and-learn/safety-conservation/about-ODNR/wildlife/documents-publications/backyard-wildlife-documents>



FFI has made strides to grow the fly fishing community through the launch of a dynamic new Fly Fishers International website, including the revamped FFI Learning Center, accessible to anyone with a passion for the sport. This modern new website is easier to navigate and highlights FFI's strength in fly fishing education with an incredible repository of videos, articles, and manuals on casting, fly tying, conservation, and fly fishing skills.

<https://www.flyfishersinternational.org/Learn/Learning-Center-Resources>

The Connection is the official quarterly newsletter of FFI Women Connect. FFI Women Connect encourages female leadership in FFI Clubs and the fly fishing industry by creating a platform where women can develop fly fishing skills, network with other women fly fishers, and come together for fly fishing experiences.

<https://www.flyfishersinternational.org/Get-Involved/FFI-Women-Connect>

Looking for another way to dive into the world of fly fishing? Try *Fly Fish Forever*, the official podcast of Fly Fishers International. Find *Fly Fish Forever* on [Apple Podcasts](#), [Spotify](#), and [Amazon](#), or your favorite podcast source.

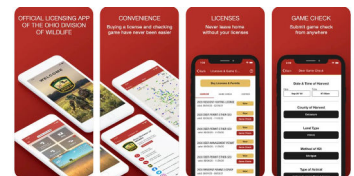
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Subscribe to the Ohio DNR Division of Wildlife eNewsletter by filling out the form below. Once submitted, check your email to confirm your subscription.

<https://go.ohiodnr.gov/downnewsletter>

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HuntFish OH is a mobile path for Ohio's hunters, anglers and shooters to licensing, game check, regulations, and communication with the Ohio Division of Wildlife.



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

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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/>



Did You See the 2024 Michigan Trip Photos?

A great trip. See the story in the November 2024 issue of Tightlines and check out the photos from this

trip - <https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.1066474248684380&type=3>

There are lots of other photos and albums on our Facebook page.

Help!

I always need and appreciate member-submitted material for this newsletter. So if you have been on a fishing trip and want to write an article and share pictures, please send info my way. Maybe you have tactics, equipment tips, a new fly pattern or some other knowledge you would like to share. We would welcome the contributions. If you have ideas on what you would like to see in Tightlines let me know. My contact information is on this page.

~ Tom Arnold, Editor

Dues!

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