

TIGHT LINES

The Monthly Newsletter of the Miami Valley Fly Fishers



August Meeting

Our next meeting is August 11th

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 August 7th



July Raffle Winners

Our lucky winners

- Eric Rice....Cortland 9', 5# rod & reel
- Everett Vanatta...\$100 gift card from Mad River Outfitters
- Nathan Via...Multitool
- Barry Schroeder...Dr. Slick pliers
- Randy Evans...Taco bag for waders
- Rick Sheehan...Simms gloves
- Kathy Williams... Trout yard flag

John Warner

President's Thoughts



July was rough on the outings, mainly due to the high heat and humidity. However, some hardy souls did show up and we managed to find at least a few fish apiece at each venue.

- The Mid-Week on the 2nd at Arthur Fisher Park boasted four anglers, and although the catch rate was not nearly the frenetic pace we usually see there, everyone caught at least a few fish, and more bass than usual showed up to add to the fun.

- The Mid-Week on the 17th at Carriage Hill also had only four anglers in attendance. The fish were also reluctant to attend, so nobody caught much.

- The No One Left Behind group held outings on the 9th and 23rd at the Grotto on the VA campus. Although the fish were grudgingly accommodating, turn-out remains a difficulty.

Mid-Week outings: The mid-week outings for August will be as follows:

- On the 5th of August, we will be visiting the ponds of Poplar Creek MetroPark. These ponds are next to the Great Miami River, so they contain the same mix of species as that part of the river.

- On the 20th of August, the Mid-Week outing will be held at Fairborn Community Park. This pond contains sunfish, crappies, catfish, largemouth bass, and we have had one unsubstantiated report of a hybrid striper.

Planning continues for the 50th Anniversary Bash at the December meeting. A bid was accepted for the new commemorative pin, and the contractor has been given the green light. The special meal has been arranged with the Kohler Banquet Center.

Also underway are invitations to many of our previous speakers to join us in our celebration.

The August meeting will take place August 11th, at 5:30 p.m. at 4275 Powell Rd, Dayton, OH 45424.

Ken Davy
President, Miami Valley Fly Fishers

Secretary's Notes for July 2025

President Ken Davy opened the mid-summer meeting at the Dayton F.O.P. Lodge recognizing guests Tom Russo and Logan Connally and new member Devyn Ostrander. Kelly Kingery gave an update on Casting for Recovery's September 19-21 event asking that if anyone is interested in helping there is an online application process. Karen Via is hosting a Zoom meeting on Monday July 28 at 7:00 p.m. (a Zoom invitation was emailed to all members) for anyone interested in helping with ideas for the 50th anniversary celebration. Walt Konek read the treasurers report. It was noted that member Dave Williams had created and installed a permanent exhibit of metal artwork depicting a tarpon entitled "Bowling to the Tarpon" at the Dayton Convention Center. Congratulations! Mike Redmond announced that Reel for Recovery had received a gift of \$6,000. Terie Gauvey spoke about the Orvis Fly Fishing 101 course she attended. The evening concluded with a great raffle conducted by John Warner.

Respectfully, J. W. Davis



No One Left Behind: August - September

Our activities for veterans are picking up some momentum again. Outings are scheduled for August and September, as shown below. Gear will be provided for veterans who do not have any, and instruction will be available as well! Please pass this information along to any veterans who might be interested!

- August 6th – Tom's Pond, 5:30 p.m.
- August 8th – Memorial Grotto, VA main campus, 5:30 p.m.
- August 20th – Tom's Pond, 5:30 p.m.
- August 22nd – Memorial Grotto, VA main campus, 5:30 p.m.
- September 10th – Tom's Pond, 5:30 p.m.
- September 24th – Tom's Pond, 5:00 p.m.

Contact Nathan Via (nocturn56@aol.com) or Ken Davy (tiggr75@gmail.com) for more information.

Share Your Memories

This year marks a special milestone - the 50th anniversary of the founding of Miami Valley Fly Fishers in 1975. We are reaching out to all of you to help us celebrate the incredible history and community that has grown over these many years.

We invite you to share your favorite memories, experiences, and reflections from your time as a member of MVFF. Whether you've been with us for decades or joined more recently, we'd love to hear . . .

- When you became a member of MVFF
- What the club has meant to you
- Some of your fondest memories from meetings, outings, clinics, or fly-tying classes
- Memorable members or friendships you've made along the way
- And maybe a special photo you'd like to share!

Your stories and images will help us capture the spirit and history of our great club. With your permission, we would like to feature selected submissions - with your name - in *Tightlines*, on our website, and as part of a special display at our December 2025 anniversary celebration.

Please send your contributions by email to mrvffemail@gmail.com. And let us know if you prefer we not use your name in *Tightlines*, on the website or in displays. You can also let us know if you have prints or memorabilia that we might include in the display at the December meeting.

Thank you for helping us honor the legacy of the club and the people who have made it such a special part of the fly-fishing community. We can't wait to hear your stories!

A Conversation with Dave Oertel

When you meet Dave Oertel, whether for the first time or the tenth, he always smiles. Names come to Dave like water, a necessity that gives him great pleasure to remember. His world has shrunk to a trapezoidal shaped room big enough for a single bed, reclining overstuffed chair, and a 50" TV hung on the wall opposite the doorway. Visitors must sit on the bed or bring a small chair in from the hall. He will tell you straight out that he is happy to be just down the hall from Sue, his wife of 61 years. Each day he takes the arm of his nurse and walks the few feet down the hall to the third door on the left for his daily visit. Time has taken his eye sight and diminished his hearing, but not the sharpness of his mind to remember a life full of adventures and friends.



Bluegrass music comes from the small speaker by the bed. A harmonica rests within arm's reach. When he lost sight in one eye at ten, a friend suggested he learn to play the harmonica as a way to cheer himself up. His skill with the instrument is a metaphor for all he has done in life. An accomplished fly fisher, golfer, and leading sales teams for Cargill, Inc. and Minnesota Corn Processors, and as an entrepreneur in business for himself, he succeeded at all he put his mind to.

Growing up in Minnesota he fished with his father for crappie, bluegill, and catfish using a cane pole. Graduating college in 1960 he began teaching high school biology. Though he enjoyed the young people and teaching he soon learned that it would not support a growing family. From summer jobs he learned the art of sales and made the transition to working for Cargill full time. When the owners decided to build a new plant in Dayton, Ohio in 1976, he convinced his wife to leave Chicago for small town life. Years later when offered a job in San Francisco, Sue told him Dayton was where they needed to stay. Their love of the Dayton Symphony and the Bach Society (Dave sat on the board), and singing in the Westminster Choir made the choice easier.

In 2009, Karla Riste, an occupational therapist for the Dayton Veterans Administration Hospital, read that an organization called Project Healing Waters was looking to partner with the V.A. in a program to help rehabilitate wounded veterans from U. S. wars and conflicts. This led to a call to Dave who was at the time president of Miami Valley Fly Fishers. The concept was to involve patients at the hospital in an outdoor activity. Fly tying, rod building, and learning to catch fish with the equipment they had made were the foundations of PHW. Dave realized the value to the veterans and the members who readily agreed to participate. Donating not only their time, but monies and with the help of the Albright Fishing Products Co. they purchased the materials to tie flies, fly tying kits, and equipment to build rods. Project Healing Waters provided fly rods and reels as encouragement. (Here Dave digressed to name members of MVFF who stepped up... Bill Bennett, Woody Woodward, Bill Grimpe, John Young, Mike Wolford, Jim Calvert, Jim Corbin, Ray Lee, John Raisbeck, and Carl Markstrom. (The author apologizes if any names are left out from those who helped start the local PHW program.)

Though Dave remembers well, still at 87 some names may not have been as vivid to him). Eventually other members also contributed and worked to make the project a success. Dave told us that he realized how much of an impact they were making when Karla asked him to speak with a patient who had not spoken for two years. Each time a family member or nurse entered his room he would turn away and completely ignore them. Dave visited and as expected the Korean War soldier turned away. But Dave was persistent and explained what he and others were doing, inviting the man to join them in making fishing flies. Slowly the man who had not spoken in two years mumbled, "When?". Dave knew he had made the sales pitch of his life.

Dave spoke often of the fond friendships and many outings he enjoyed with the Miami Valley Fly Fishers to Michigan, Canada, and the Dunwoody Big Bear Hunting and Fishing Club in Picture Rocks, PA. As a member of the Spring Run Trout Club he enjoyed many quite hours "in touch with the stream and trout."

Dave relishes visitors at his place at Bethany Lutheran Village. Additional information and interviews with Dave can be found in the Dayton Daily News articles of November 15, 2009 and July 15, 2010 by outdoors sports writer Jim Morris.

We wish to thank our mutual good friend and MVFF member, Jim August, for setting up the visit that brought this article to life. Dave was instrumental in Jim joining Miami Valley Fly Fishers.

Jim August (pictured above with Dave) and Jeff Davis met with Dave in July

Here is a link to archived DDN articles featuring Dave https://mvff.us/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/Dave_DDNDN_2.pdf



Miami Valley Fly Fishers

1975 - 2025

The Early Years of the Miami Valley Fly Fishers

The late 1970s marked an exciting and formative time for the Miami Valley Fly Fishers. With energy, ambition, and a touch of improvisation, the club laid the foundation for traditions that still endure today. Let's take a step back and revisit those early years - when Deed's Park hosted our outdoor meetings, graphite rods were a hot commodity, and a "telephone tree" was our high-tech solution for member communication!

1978: Growing Strong and Fishing Hard

In 1978, MVFF made a defining decision: from May through September, the club's monthly meetings would be held outdoors at Deed's Park. It was a smart move that encouraged camaraderie, casting practice, and time on the water. And that March, the club held its annual auction—heavily promoted and well-attended. Members were not only encouraged but *expected* to contribute items. The result? A then-impressive \$401 in proceeds (worth nearly \$2,000 in 2025 dollars!).

By April, MVFF membership had grown to 70 strong. Lee Wahl, serving as club president, was voted "Man of the Year" through a mailed questionnaire. Ever candid, Wahl thanked the club—then gently scolded them for the meager 19 responses returned. His humor and leadership were a hallmark of the club's spirit in those early years.

MVFF remained closely aligned with the Federation of Fly Fishermen (FFF), now known as Fly Fishers International. Clubs were incentivized to recruit new FFF members—with one graphite rod awarded to clubs for every 15 new recruits.

Trips, Trout, and Teamwork

April saw an adventurous group of MVFF members head south for a camping and fishing trip in the Smoky Mountains. Eight members from Dayton were joined by three from Cincinnati's new FFF club. Though the wild fish in the Bald, North, and Tellico Rivers proved elusive (and undersized), Lash LaRue and a fellow angler ventured further to find stocked trout on the Tellico—and returned to camp as heroes, fresh fish in tow, and a hearty meal for all!

Closer to home, the club remained actively involved in conservation efforts. In May, members volunteered to help stock 20,000 brown trout fingerlings into the Mad River. They needed many volunteers, and MVFF showed up in force.

The summer months were filled with memorable outings:

- **June:** A successful (if sparsely attended) bass fishing trip to a local farm pond.
- **July:** An eye-opening smallmouth outing on the Stillwater River introduced members to the thrills of warmwater fly fishing.
- **Ongoing:** Casting competitions at the Deed's Park casting pond began (once the pond was filled!) and fly-fishing films occasionally made appearances at the meetings.

No Internet? No Problem!

In the pre-digital age, MVFF had to get creative to keep members informed. Enter: the **Telephone Committee**. Each committee member was assigned part of the roster to call about meetings, trout stockings, and events. It may sound primitive by today's standards—but it worked. No emails, no websites, no Facebook groups—just voices over the phone, maybe the occasional answering machine. It beat smoke signals!

Conclaves, Tying & Community

MVFF's relationship with the FFF continued to grow. In 1978 alone, members attended:

- The National Conclave in Yellowstone (August)
- The Great Lakes Conclave in Grayling, MI (September)
- The Midwest Conclave in Arkansas (October)—where members fished the Norfolk River and caught plenty of trout.

Weekly fly-tying classes began in October and ran through November, further strengthening the members' skills and sense of community. That fall, about a dozen members headed to Stony Creek Farm for some memorable trout fishing.

The Early Years of the Miami Valley Fly Fishers (cont'd)

From Jim Hawkins.

Miami Valley Fly Fishers will be four years old this month. On February 10, 1975 a letter was sent to the nineteen FFF associate members in Dayton at that time, and our first meeting was held a few weeks later. In the past four years, we've had a lot of good times, made some new friends, and fished some great places together. This past meeting, in January, was, in my opinion, the most exciting one we have had in a long while. 1979 may be the year we begin to win our "good fight."

The State of Ohio has obviously come to the conclusion the Mad River is "special," and I think we can take partial credit for that change of attitude. This cold, clean, trout stream, just an hour's drive from Dayton, provides decent year-round fly fishing. It has been vastly improved by our volunteer stocking crews--made up of a devoted labor gang from Miami Valley Fly Fishers and Buckeye United Fly Fishers--who have distributed browns and rainbows throughout the system, so the fingerlings could escape the meat fishermen at the bridges and grow to respectable size.

Nineteen seventy nine will bring us to the first payoff for the work we have done. The State has purchased considerable sections of the Mad River, and they want our clubs to help them build habitat that will encourage a resident trout population. This is a giant step from the old "put and take" system.

This will also be the year of the Vibert Box. Our club has ordered some 25,000 brown trout eggs, which will be hatched in plastic boxes buried in the stream bed by our members. When these fish hatch, those that survive will be the closest thing to wild trout short of natural reproduction.

But to make these two programs successful, we will have to have volunteers . . . lots of them. You don't have to be an expert; just a pair of waders and a desire to help build a better trout stream in our own back yard is all that's necessary. Unless you're disabled physically, you owe it to yourself to pitch in.

There will be the usual negative attitudes by some members. Some say we shouldn't build habitat and plant eggs in a river where bait fishing, large creel limits and canoes are allowed. Baloney! In September and October, fly fishermen were catching good trout on dry flies in the Mad River. Let's not worry about the less-than-perfect regulations. Anything we do to help the trout will ultimately help our fishing. And if we do our job well, who knows? Maybe the State will see the light and do some more things favorable to sportsmanlike fishing interests.

When the Conservation Committee meets with the Division of Wildlife this spring, and finds out what projects are planned, let's back them up with manpower. Take a day off from fishing or golf and lend a hand. If every member put in a day or two, we could build enough cover to provide plenty of good fishing for years to come.

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1979: New Faces, Same Spirit

As the club entered 1979, Tightlines kept members on their toes - listing the names of those who hadn't yet paid their dues (a little public accountability goes a long way!).

That same issue featured a heartfelt message (left) from MVFF founder Jim Hawkins, highlighting the club's important role in promoting sustainable trout populations in the Mad River.

Spring brought a major highlight: renowned fly-fishing author Carl Richards, co-author of *Selective Trout* and *Fly Fishing Strategy*, headlined the club's spring banquet.

Plans were in motion for another year of adventures, including returns to the Smokies, Stony Creek, Mad River, and Grayling, Michigan to fish the Au Sable - just in time for the FFF Conclave.

Looking Back with Gratitude

These early years were full of growth, development of activities to meet member interests and establishing relationships. Whether mentoring of less experienced members; organizing trips across the country; or taking an active role in improving stream habitat and ensuring a

healthy trout population in the treasure that is the Mad River, the founding members of MVFF laid a foundation of fellowship, fun and responsible stewardship that still defines the club 50 years later.

~ Tom Arnold

My Orvis Fly Fishing Class Experience . . . by Terie Gauvey

I recently completed a series of engaging courses through Orvis called [Fly Fishing 101](#) that focuses on learning to fly fish for free. A group of three courses (FF101, FF201, and FF301) are designed to guide beginners through the fundamentals of fly fishing. I really appreciate how the courses accommodate even the most inexperienced participants and provide free use of all equipment. The environment is welcoming and inclusive in the spirit of inspiring people to get outdoors on their local waters with a fly rod.

FF101 (2 hours) Who, what, where, and whys of fly fishing. Meet at our local Cincinnati Orvis retail store (Kenwood).

- Gear
- Rods
- Reels (lines and leaders)
- Strike indicators
- Split shot
- Essential knots and tying
- Fly categories/selection
- Putting it all together: rigging
- Basic hands-on casting practice (parking lot)
- Technique and loops
- Aim
- Stripping line

FF201 (4 hours) The hows of fly fishing, putting theory into practice. Meet at a local pond to practice fly fishing in still waters.

- Overhead casting
- Catch: strike detection, setting the hook, retrieving
- Netting
- Release
- Fishing courtesies

FF301 (4 hours) The hows of fly fishing, with a challenge. Meet at a local river to practice fly fishing in a swiftly moving current.

- Roll casting and combinations adapted to fishing conditions (obstacles)
- Mending
- Wading safety
- Fly selection adapted to local hatch

Prioritization to individual instruction was maximized with a focus on small class size (<10) and a low student-to-instructor ratio, which facilitated learning to each student's abilities. Upon completion of the classes, students are awarded with a generous variety of coupons on Orvis gear and a free one-year membership to Trout Unlimited (\$35 value). Additionally, students are welcome to repeat any of the courses for free to reinforce techniques or refresh learning.

I consider myself a newbie to the sport. I found the way Orvis broke up the content and instruction into a series of 3 classes was effective because it allowed time for practice in between hands-on learning. For a FREE offering by Orvis, it's an incredible resource that I believe amateurs and those newer to the sport can learn from.

Javier and his entire crew at the Kenwood location are seasoned fly fishermen dedicated to top-notch professionalism, superb customer care, and sharing their knowledge through experience. I cannot recommend this instructional series enough! To register, visit the [registration calendar](#) or contact the store directly by phone at (513) 791-2325.

Outdoor Casting Competition

We've had increased competition over the last couple of months and hope more members will give it a try.

August is the bass bug competition. You will be using a club 7 weight rod.

- Start with the bug in hand and allowed unlimited casts to target 1
- Then only 2 false casts to all of the remaining targets

The competitions are for fun and to hone our skills. Hope you will join us.

Allen Berg



August Fly of the Month

Home Invader Streamer

Instructions by Bill "Woody" Woodward
Photography by Bob Cain



Recipe

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| Hook | Streamer, 3-4xl, size 2-8 |
| Weight | Lead wire, .20 |
| Thread | 6/0, color to match body |
| Eyes | Painted dumbbell, yellow or red |
| Tail | Marabou, Brown |
| Collar | Artic fox fur, tan or color of choice |
| Flash | Flashabou Accent, Copper |
| Hackle | Grizzly or variant |
| Head | Thread |

1. Place the hook in the vise then make touching wraps of lead wire starting about 2-3 hook eye lengths behind the hook eye back. Wrap the wire back toward the hook bend and cover the front 1/3rd of the hook shank. Tie in the thread behind the hook eye and wrap it over the lead wire to hold it in place. Finish with the thread on the lead wire about 1/4th of the hook shank behind the hook eye.

2. Take a pair of dumbbell eyes and tie them in where you left the thread on top of lead wire. Use tight x-wraps of thread to bind down the dumbbell eyes on top of the hook shank and lead wire, then wrap the thread back to the rear of the lead wraps.

3. Select 1-2 marabou feathers for a tail (you want the tail to be bushy) and tie them on top of the hook shank just past the rear of the lead wraps. The tail should be about twice the length of the hook shank. Cover the butts with thread back to behind the dumbbell eyes, then remove any excess marabou butts.

4. Form a 4"-5" dubbing loop, then cut swatches of fox fur from its skin, clean the guard hairs from the fur, then place the fur in the dubbing loop (spread the fur out in the loop and try to keep the fibers off center so that the tip side is longer than the butt side). Spin the loop into a fur chenille (you will need to brush out the fur fibers after you've spun it as the fur will flatten out in the loop and initially look like a fur rope.)

5. Now wrap the fur dubbing brush in front of marabou tail

forward to the dumbbell eyes, then x-wrap it around the eyes, finishing with 1-2 wraps in front of the dumbbell eyes. Tie off the brush, remove any excess, then brush the fur out again to get the best length possible. The fur should flow back over the tail like a collar. Leave the thread in front of the dumbbell eyes. Remove the hook from the vise and then place it back in the vise with the hook point in the up position.

6. Cut 8-10 strands of flash and tie them in by their middle in front of the dumbbell eyes on top of the hook shank, then fold the front half of the flash back over the middle of the dumbbell eyes and tie them down in front of the dumbbell eyes. Trim the flash to be slightly longer than the length of the tail.

7. Select two hackle feathers long enough to stretch from the dumbbell eyes back to the end of the tail. Remove the fluff from the base of the feathers, then tie one in on each side of the fly in front of and above the dumbbell eyes.

8. Form a thick tapered thread head in front of the dumbbell eyes (it should be thicker right in front of the dumbbell eyes and thinner behind the hook eye), whip finish, and cut the thread.

Note: The Home Invader is streamer pattern is intended to imitate juvenile trout, a sucker minnow, or common baitfish forage. It is commonly tied in brown, olive, tan, and black. It is the creation of Doug McKnight.

The next Mid-Week Fly Fishing events are on August 5th and August 20th. 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 8](#)

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 |
| 25-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/iXNEBNDfWLRl2g2A | 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 | Fairborn Community Park | https://maps.app.goo.gl/GQswDCigydg2a6qZ8 | This is a short hike from the parking area. Species include bass, sunfish, craappie, and channel catfish. I met a father and son who fish there more than I do and they reported that the boy has caught a wiper there. It seems odd, but then somebody might have transplanted it. | |
| 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/pgKZKceQVD5wcuJ2Mo6 | 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 Events

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

Poplar Creek MetroPark

These ponds are next to the Great Miami River, so they contain the same mix of species as that part of the river.

August 20th - start at 4:30 p.m. (come anytime)

Fairborn Community Park

This pond contains sunfish, crappies, catfish, largemouth bass, and we have one unsubstantiated report of a hybrid striper.

MVFF Monthly Meeting

August 11th - start at 5:30 p.m.

FOP Lodge, 4275 Powell Rd., Huber Heights

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

No One Left Behind Outings

August 6th - Tom's Pond - 5:30 p.m.

August 8th - The Grotto Pond on the VA Medical Center grounds - 5:30 p.m.

August 20th - Tom's Pond - 5:30 p.m.

August 22nd - The Grotto Pond on the VA Medical Center grounds - 5:30 p.m.

Mad River Water Quality Monitoring

August 23rd - 9:00 a.m.

West Liberty Lions Club Ball Park

Bring the family and explore the Mad River with the Trout Unlimited water quality monitoring team. We will look for macroinvertebrates in the river and then determine the water quality based on what we find! This activity involves river wading; children must be able to walk and stand in moving river water. Wear closed toe shoes and clothing that can get wet. The water will be cold, so you may want your waders if you have them.

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.

DOW eNewsletter

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>

Mobile App

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>

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/>



Did You See the 2025 Canada Trip Photos?

A great trip. See the story in the July 2025 issue of Tightlines and check out the photos from this trip -

<https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.1243770304288106&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

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