

Mending Lines

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July 2012

Mottville Outing - Sunday, July 29th

The Mottville outing is Sunday, July 29th at the Mottville Dam Canoe park. There will be a cook out for lunch.

I fished there today and caught several small Smallmouth. The water was low and not very clear today (7/21/12). Don't let the pictures scare you. The fishing is good!

Below are some pictures of the stream as seen on 7/21. As you can see the water is VERY low, but the water still is moving, albeit slowly.

There is still a lot of fishable water although the current is not as strong as you might like. I did well today on small ones. I saw several big ones rise but could not get them solidly take any of my flies.

The left picture is from the point of the Canoe launch stream where it normally joins the main, looking toward the dam. The right picture is looking at the point where the canoe launch stream joins the St. Joseph, looking toward the restaurant in Mottville.

The river is very wade-able and in some places deep. It is particularly deep toward the dam if you go up the small stream from the launch that leads to the St. Joseph at the dam. That stream is more like joined puddles right now and there is little to no flow there. It is easy to walk into the main stream and fish however.

You will see a lot of clam shells opened on the mud/rock. I think the raccoons got hungry here. There are more pictures on the next page.

Overall, today was good day of fly fishing. I had fun catching fish and the low water made it easy to get to areas I never fished before. Still, my preference is to have better water levels. - Kevin Macy



The AuSable River Outing by Don Privett

The June outing at Canoe Harbor was a great success. There were 10 members attending with people arriving at camp from Tuesday up until Friday night. Tuesday and Wednesday the weather was a bit warm but by Thursday the heat broke and it was more like you would expect for Michigan.

The fishing was not as good as it could have been. Everyone in the group did catch fish and had a really good time on the water.

On Saturday night we all got to gather and had a cook out. Derek was the grill master and he fixed hamburgers and brats for everyone.

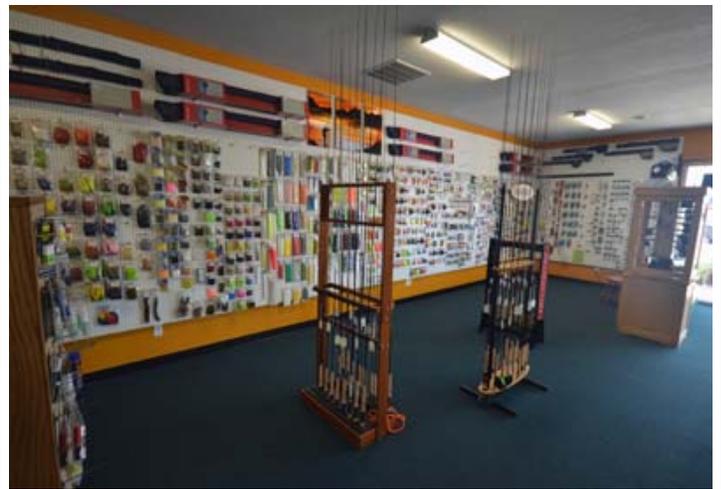
After we ate, we set around the camp fire and told stories. Some of the members went back out for a little night fishing.

Sunday, camp broke up and we all headed back. Everyone said what a great time they had and how much they learned from the other members in such a short time.

I for one am very happy that I didn't miss the opportunity to get to know more about some of the great people in our club. If you could not make the outing it was your loss but it was our loss also. Don

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Calendar Of Events

7/29/2012 Mottville, Mi St. Joseph
River Outing

9/2012 Tippecanoe River Outing

Please visit www.3rff.org to review old Club newsletters, fly patterns, and the club calendar. Our meetings are every third Thursday of the month including January, February, March, April, May, August, September, October and November.

Doors open: 6:30 PM Meeting Starts: 7:00 PM

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St. Joe Athletic Club
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