

Mending Lines

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June 2012

No club meetings till August but plenty of outings!

There are no club meetings until the third week of August. Plenty of time to fish including our outings.

First off is the AuSable River outing from June 22 until June 24. We will be at the Canoe Harbor campground. Check the next article for more information.

Then we have the Mottville, St. Joseph river outing in July. We will be having the cookout for lunch.

Then in September we have an outing arranged for the Tippecanoe River. We will be meeting in the State Park near Winimac.

Rex's Reelings By: Rex Lengacher, Club President

We have definitely entered the doldrums of summer, with high heat and nearly no rain at all. It's tough on the fishing.

One of my earliest memories of fly fishing is this time of year, on Lake Pleasant with my brother and an older neighbor who introduced us both to fly fishing. He took us out to the middle of the deepest hole in the lake in the last hour or so of daylight. With the surface of the lake like glass we would cast our poppers out and let them sit until the rings would be almost completely gone, then begin a slow retrieve.

Our reward was some of the biggest Red-Ear I've ever seen. What fun on that old fiberglass 6 weight rod, and even more fun on a 4 weight rod. The go to flies for those times when the rings start to appear on the smooth surface of the lake just before dark is the popper or foam spider. What fun to see and hear the fish take the fly and then fight like fish 3 times their size.

Next weekend, the 22nd-24th is our annual Michigan outing. We are camping on the South Branch of the AuSable River at Canoe Harbor campground. Please try and attend this outing and join in the fun, fishing, and federation.

More information is found elsewhere in this newsletter or you can contact any board member if you have questions. Next month is our Mottville outing for Smallmouth Bass. Meet at the Township Park in the town of Mottville and fish the morning with a shore lunch provided by the club around noon back at the park. Hope to see everyone there.

Rex



June AuSable River Outing Reminder!

This is your official reminder for the AuSable River outing. We will be there from June 22 until June 24. The official shotgun start will begin the evening of Friday June 22nd and continue through the morning of Sunday June 24th. Some plan to show up as early as Monday, June 18th.

Those who will be camping at Canoe Harbor at our June Outing should be aware of a new charge. The \$10 Recreation Passport has replaced your vehicle window sticker for entry into state parks, recreation areas, state forest campgrounds and non-motorized trail head and boat launch parking.

The Recreation Passport will get you into state parks, recreation areas, state forest campgrounds and non-motorized trail head and boat launch parking. You can not access metro or community parks with the Recreation Passport. The campsite is \$13 a night.

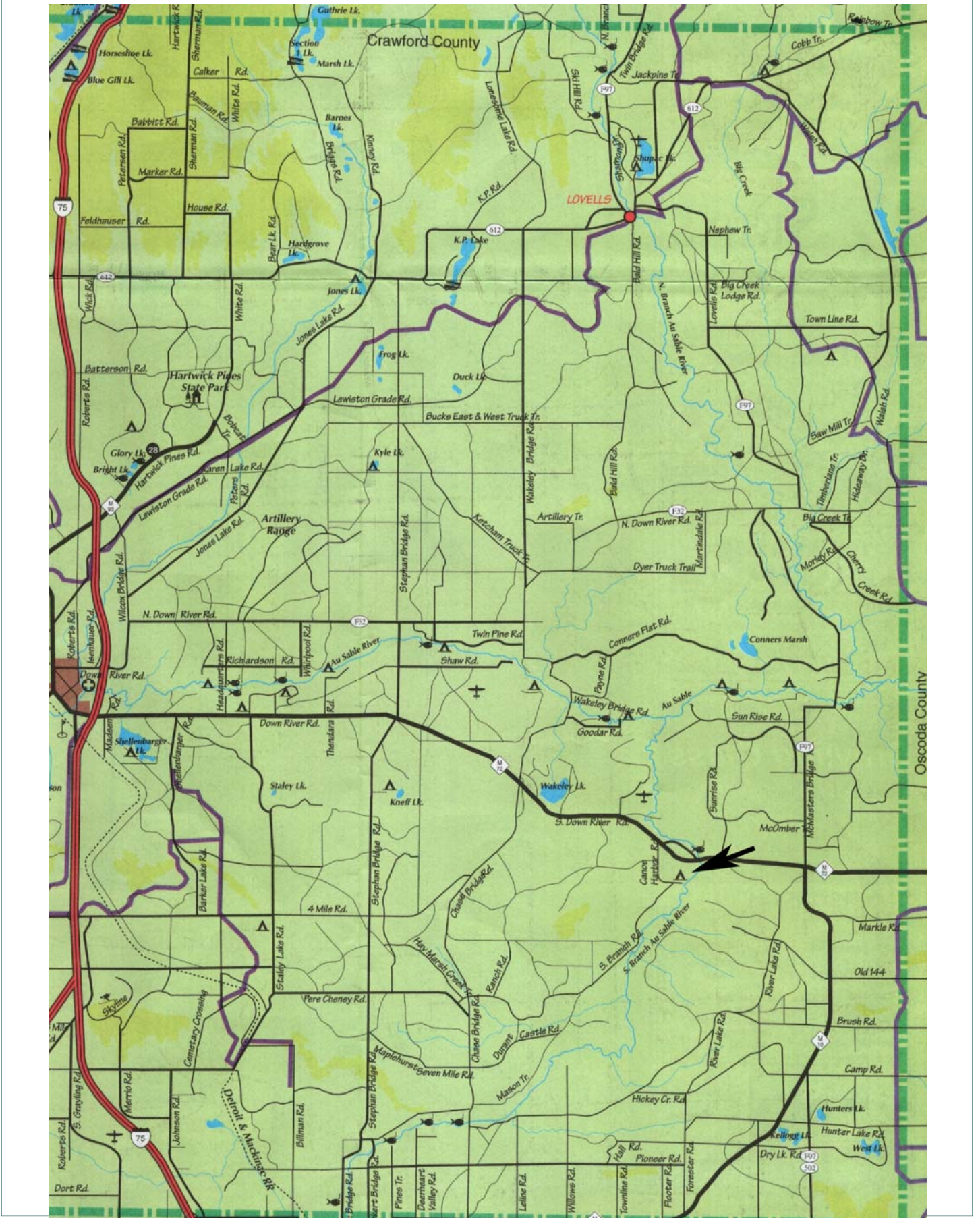
A quick check on the Michigan DNR site shows that Canoe Harbor is part of South Higgins Lake State Park. It is also within the Huron National Forest.

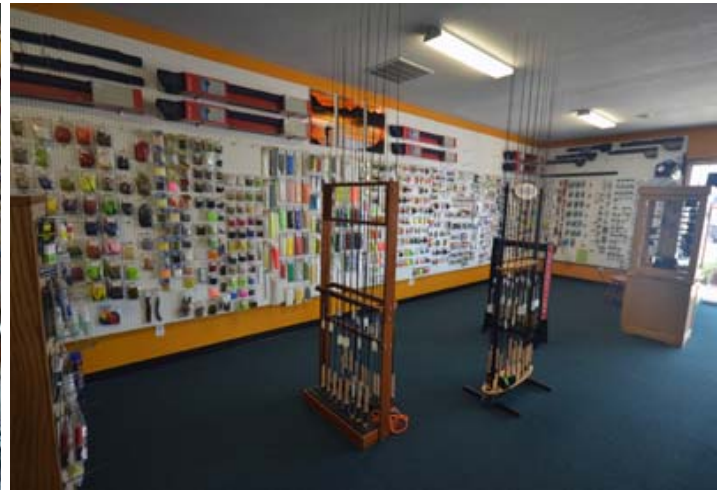
A map with an arrow pointing at the campground is on the next page. Canoe Harbor is a rustic State Campground in the Huron National Forest. There is no power. There are "vault" toilets, and a hand operated well pump for drinking water. The Spartan accommodations are well worth it considering the short walk to stream side for great trout fishing.

No reservations are accepted for this campground; however, there are 54 campsites available and Grayling is a short 15 minute drive from the campground.

Dinner will be provided on Saturday so be prepared for those fishing tales and sharing of true adventures. This is always a good time.

Do not forget you will need a Michigan fishing license with Trout stamp. You also will need that Recreation Passport as previously discussed. Also bring your waders, float boat (if you want to fish Wakley Lake!), camera, camping gear and the bug repellent!





Come check out our new store! We are located in the Tredway Pools Plus strip mall on Lima Road.

You will like the expanded fly fishing section. We have a separate clothing room too.

We have all of your fly fishing needs. If you do not see something, ask and we will see if we can order it for you.



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Calendar Of Events

6/22-24/2012 Fishing at the AuSable River
from Canoe Harbor

7/2012 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, November.

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

Where:
St. Joe Athletic Club
817 Anderson Avenue
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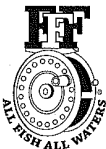
Did you know that the Three Fivers Fly Fishers is an affiliate Club of the Federation of Fly Fishers? The FFF is instrumental in promoting the sport of fly fishing and educating the public about conservation of our natural resources.

If you sign up for a new FFF membership, the club will take \$5 off your TRFF club dues if it accompanies the FFF membership. Complete the application form below. Bring your TRFF club dues and this form to our Club Treasurer Gary Sanders at the next meeting. Gary will collect the membership fee and forward to the Federation.

Membership Categories

- Individual..... \$35
- Family..... \$45
- Youth under 18.....\$15
- Senior +65.....\$25
- Disabled Veterans are Free (Proof of 50% disability required)
- Life Individual.....\$500
- Life Couple.....\$750
- 3 Year Individual..... \$85
- 3 Year Family.....\$100
- Sustaining\$200 (Commercial & Mfg. business)
- Retail shops/Outfitter....\$75

Canadian Membership — add \$5 year postage
International Membership — add \$10 year postage



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215 E. Lewis, Livingston, MT 59047
Apply online www.fedflyfishers.org
Join by phone 406-222-9369

Yes, I want to invest in the future of all fish, all waters!

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HM PHONE _____ WK PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

BIRTHDATE (for identification) _____

CLUB AFFILIATION _____

REFERRED BY _____

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Healing Waters Donation \$ _____ (write "Project Healing Waters" on check)

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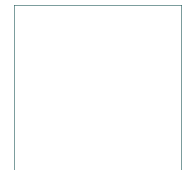
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