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***TWFF Business Update***

If you have not renewed your membership, please send in your dues as soon as possible. Angela has updated our membership roster and only those who have paid their 2005 dues are on it. **This will be the last email newsletter off our old membership list.** So make sure if you are interested in staying a member and continuing to receive newsletter, but haven't sent in your dues, you need to do so quickly before our next outing in May. It is easy, and cheap, just click on the membership form at our website: <http://www.twff.net/membership.html> print it, complete it and send it, and your payment to:

Angela Mendoza  
3125 Sand Shadow Dr.  
League City, TX 77573

***Welcome New Members***

Betty Gray, Friendswood, TX  
Rose Trost, San Angelo, TX  
Stacy Trimble, Austin, TX  
Sally Wolfe



## ***From the President – Sheila Anderson***

We are on our way to a spectacular year of outings. All the details have been worked out and are published on the web site so you may plan your schedule. The last two outings, Galveston and Oklahoma, have been added in the past month. Please take the time to review the schedule and make your reservations early so you won't miss out. Remember to contact the coordinators with your RSVP so they may complete their plans for the mullet mixer, guides, and possible goodie bags, etc.

We continue to grow, adding new members at each outing. It is a fantastic feeling to see our members perfect their casting and paddling skills, meet and greet each other at our gatherings, and nothing beats the smiles of satisfaction on the faces of those catching fish. Just check out the photos on the web site and see for yourselves.

Our first fund raiser for Casting for Recovery was very successful. We collected \$275 in donations from our luncheon that was provided at the Fredericksburg outing. Thank you all for your contributions to this cause, and a special thanks to Robert Anderson and Mike Noret for cooking the burgers and hot dogs for our lunch. Mary Rohrer participated in the Casting for Recovery Retreat and you may read about her experience later in this newsletter.

I would like to pass along the following information I received from the IWFF: The 10th Anniversary Celebration of the International Women Fly Fishers is scheduled for October 6 to 9, 2005. The Village at Squaw Valley, California will be the setting for the festivities in October 2005. This is a milestone anniversary and the hosts hope you will be in attendance. The village of Squaw Valley hosted of the 1960 Winter Olympics. For more information or to register, please contact me by email at [sanderson1165@austin.rr.com](mailto:sanderson1165@austin.rr.com) and I will provide further details.

I'm looking forward to our next outing at the Bud Priddy One Fly Memorial Contest. Hope to see you there!

## ***Back 40 Fredericksburg – Trip Report***

*By Sheila Anderson*

What a fabulous weekend we had in Fredericksburg! I think everyone caught fish, with Coco being the first, landing a 15" bass from her kayak. The Back 40 has a private lake shaped like a horse shoe around the beautiful grounds. There are several quaint cottages, a spa and pool, and several long horn cattle roaming in the pasture. The mullet mixer was well attended, and we were all presented with a gift of 4 flies in a nice fly box that were provided by Martin Pursch. Martin and his wife, Betty, also joined us at the mullet mixer.



Way to go Linda!



The weather Saturday started out very cold, with an unseasonable early morning temperature hovering around freezing. Jim Stephenson and Robert Anderson braved the cold to get an early head start with the fishing. They got cold hands and no fish. It warmed up quickly, though, and soon after coffee and breakfast we were all comfortably fishing. The fish were biting most of the day, a lot of perch and small bass. Occasional large bass was landed, the biggest I believe was caught by Linda Love. It measured 18 ¼ inches. Way to go, Linda!

Robert and Mike set down their rods so they could cook the hamburgers and hot dogs for our luncheon benefit for Casting for Recovery. Everyone had a good time and soon we were back to the water. There is a large water hole on the back side of the property that holds several large bass. We could see them from the cliffs, but they were not biting on anything we put out there after we wound our way to the lower area for access to the hole. What a challenge, but we just couldn't get them to take the bait.

Much to our amazement and awe, a baby long horn calf was born Saturday afternoon. We didn't witness the actual birth, but we watched everything else. Patricia, the owner, said she noticed all the long horns circle around the mother, she was down. As she retrieved her binoculars, the baby was born. It took some time to get up, and some of us were worried whether all was well. By Sunday morning, the calf was venturing out away from the mother and it looked rather healthy. And, the Pope died. It was expected, he passed away while we were fishing Saturday afternoon.



Mary Rohrer kindly made reservations for our dinner at Friedhelm's Bavarian Restaurant. Most of us met there at 6:30, while others stayed behind to fish. Friedhelm's has an excellent menu, the food was very good, and the service was outstanding.

Sunday we met at the Back 40 for an outside breakfast of homemade cinnamon rolls baked by Patricia, with fruit, coffee and juice. We held our meeting just after breakfast. Angela will contact past members for one last chance to re-join before the membership list gets reconciled for this year. We approved the budget that was prepared by our treasurer, Mary Rohrer, as well as the minutes from our last meeting.

We look forward to the Bud Priddy contest, where Audrey and Sarah will provide breakfast tacos, coffee, and juice to raise funds for CFR. Bring your money and appetite!



## ***Casting for Recovery***

*By Mary Rohrer*

The peaceful setting at Joshua Creek Ranch outside of Boerne was the perfect location for the first Texas retreat for Casting for Recovery.



The scenery is all "Hill Country", rolling hills, a rustic rock lodge and beautiful Joshua Creek. The creek has beautiful large cypress trees on either side of the banks, like the Medina River, and best of all was full of fish! A perfect setting for 14 breast cancer survivors to come enjoy, what we women fly fishers already know, that observing nature, learning new things, meeting new folks, and sharing laughter (and some tears!) are powerful healing forces.

The participants were from all over Texas, varied in ages and experiences, and now living their lives to the fullest, because of their encounters with cancer. What an inspiration these gals are! What a great time for them to have a weekend to share their medical experiences with others who had often times been through many of the same things. What a great time for me, as part of the staff, to teach them new ideas, and learn from them their zest for life and be in awe of each of their own personal initiatives. Their enthusiasm to learn about fly fishing was contagious. They learned to tie flies on Friday night...fun, yellow foam beetles. On Saturday, we conducted classroom lessons on equipment and knot tying, and a morning and afternoon session on casting. By before dinner on Saturday, the participants were all casting well, knew the difference between a leader and tippet, and learned how to identify the freshwater fish in the creek. Joshua Creek was full of beautiful rainbow trout, Guadalupe bass, plenty of perch and a few catfish lurking about.

Sunday was on- the- water day! Orvis provided everyone with "full" fly fishing outfits- rods, reels, vests with lots of stuff in all of those pockets, waders and boots. All the participants were paired with a "river guide" as we headed to the creek to finally FISH! Hushed tones were interrupted with laughter on the creek as lines tightened and fish were landed. All the gals caught

fish.....many on that yellow foam beetle tied on Friday night. What a great experience for all of us, participants and staff included. Thank you, TWFF for understanding the meaning of this retreat by sponsoring one of these women to participate in this wonderful event.



Stacy has a new phone number:

512-218-1876.



## 2005 Outing Schedule

May 13, 14, & 15 – Bud Priddy Memorial One Fly Contest

July 22, 23 & 24 – Homer Martin Ranch

September 16, 17, & 18 – Salt Water Outing at Galveston

November 4, 5, & 6 – Beaver's Bend Oklahoma

## May 2005: **BUD PRIDDY MEMORIAL ONE FLY CONTEST / TWFF Big Oak River Camp**

May 13, 14 & 15, 2005  
Camp Wood, TX

Coordinators: Sarah Valentine [sval@flash.net](mailto:sval@flash.net) and Audrey Ambrose [kc1jc2@flash.net](mailto:kc1jc2@flash.net)

Join us for a fun weekend of fly fishing the "one fly" and enjoy the crystal clear waters of the Nueces River. Visit [www.bigoakrivercamp.com](http://www.bigoakrivercamp.com) for further information about the campground or call (830) 597-5280. There are log cabins, full service RV sites and tent sites. The campground also has wonderful river access for those who prefer to wade fish. There is also 2-3 hour float trip from the bridge below Lake Nueces to Big Oak River Camp with wonderful fishing along the way, or you can take an all day float from the bridge to the next crossing provided the river has had recent rain. We had a great day on the long float last year, but remember to disembark at Big Oak River Camp unless you want to spend the whole day on the river.

For the article 'Bud Priddy Memorial' written by David Sikes for the Corpus Christi News about Dr. Bud Priddy (author of *Fly-fishing the Texas Hill Country* & Sarah's former internist ☺) click on the link: <http://www.caller2.com/2001/july/08/today/davidsik/4783.html> The Alamo Fly Fishers are located at <http://www.alamoflyfishers.org/>.

**Facilities:** The campground is south of the Hwy. 55 bridge about 3 miles below Camp Wood, Texas and is directly on the Nueces River. All cabins have bathrooms, a full fridge, stove, microwave, satellite TV, porch swing, BBQ pit and a queen bed and a futon. Big Oak will provide linens for a \$7.00 per night fee, or you can provide your own bed linens and towels. There is room for an extra cot/air mattress if needed. Cabins 1-11 face the RV sites and the river; cabins 12-16 are behind cabins 1-5. The RV sites have full hookups and are situated beneath beautiful shade trees. There are also sunny RV spots nearer the entrance to the campground.

We've talked to Terri at Big Oak and she is holding most of the cabins and some RV sites under the TWFF name. Please make your reservations as soon as possible directly with Terri and then send us an e-mail so we can keep an accurate count. Please note that the prices posted on the website aren't quite correct, now the price per cabin is \$75.00 for four people. The occupancy increase saves a cabin of four \$5.00 per night. Just ask Terri about the new pricing.

**Check In** is available after 3 PM on Friday. Check Out is by 11 AM on Sunday. This is our first visit to the campground and Terri has been very helpful, so please remember to call ahead if you plan to arrive earlier than 3 PM. Cell phones don't work too well up in the Canyon, so call before you leave Uvalde or before you drop below Interstate 10.

**What to Bring: Gear** - hat, sunscreen, wading shoes, sandals or booties, rain suit, lightweight waders (if desired - it will be hot), nylon or quick dry clothes, sun gloves, warm clothes (for possible chilly nights), camera and film, binoculars (for great birding and wildlife), swimsuits, water bottles and a lawn chair. Kayaks and canoes are wonderful options for this river. Sarah has also done a lot of fishing from a black inner tube, but a real float tube or a kick boat are fancier options that seem to be okay. A local outfitter, Marilyn Stoner, will deliver and pick up kayaks at Big Oak River Camp. You may contact her at Clear Creek Outfitters/Nueces Kayak Rentals at (830) 597-6400 or (830) 591-4889. Her shop is located at 115 S. Nueces in Camp Wood. You might ask her about delivery to the river just below the dam so that you could make the float trip down to Big Oak River Camp. Terri says that a visit to Marilyn's "cute" shop is worth it along with a visit to Angel Wings in Barksdale (antiques). There are also kayaks available in Leakey at Josh's Landing (830-232-6292) on US Hwy 83. Josh also stocks a nice selection of flies, fishing gear, clothing and gifts. The drive on Hwy. 337 from Leakey to Camp Wood is also spectacular.

**Suggested flies and lines:** Bring your 5, 6 or 7 weight rod and tie on some heavy fluorocarbon or monofilament leader and tippet. More adventurous members can try a 3 or 4 weight rod with 5x or 6x tippet. Great fun! The river is home to Guadalupe and largemouth bass, catfish and numerous varieties of bluegill, sunfish and the lovely Rio Grande perch. Prizes are usually awarded for most fish, largest bass, and largest perch. Favorite flies on the river are the Miss Prissy, Cypert's minnow (the one Coco taught us to tie in white, chartreuse, black/white or white/gold), Jackman's Zit (tied by a Canyon native & Bud Priddy's fishing buddy, Don Jackman), clousers, foam bugs, jig head nymphs, wooly buggers and just about any small popper. Sherri Ray caught over 50 fish last year using a popper! There were lots of other ladies who caught in the 20-35 fish range and Sarah caught nice catfish on one of the deeper stretches of water. TWFF ladies also seem to have a knack for catching the largest bass, something that drives the Alamo guys crazy. Just remember, only "one fly" all day. To be honest, most of us are pretty happy when that "one fly" breaks off-- so many flies and so little time! This river is a wade fishing dream; just use your regular weight forward floating fly line and enjoy watching your fly work the water. Check out the article mentioned above and you'll see just how clear the water is. You'll be provided a map of the river but remember, this river is subject to changes that may make the map out of date. Things had really changed after the floods last year but we still had a great time discovering the "new water" it had to offer. It made kayaking the long stretch possible.

**Food:** Mullet Mixer fare for Friday night at the group facility (if it is completed by then) or at cabin #11. Breakfast/lunch for Saturday, and breakfast/lunch for Sunday. Restaurants are also available in Camp Wood. Saturday night's dinner is provided as part of the entry fee for the contest. We will also sell breakfast tacos at the campground Saturday morning until 6:45 AM and then take them up to registration in the City Park. We're sure the Alamo guys will help us support Casting for Recovery.

Please note that Camp Wood is located in a "dry" county; Uvalde has lots of options for groceries and supplies (Super Wal-Mart, HEB, & Casal's, all located on Hwy.90 or Main Street). Evett's BBQ on the left just before HEB is a great spot to grab BBQ for Friday night. Lots of Mexican food restaurant are everywhere but the two local favorites are located on Hwy. 90 on the western edge of town: Los Alamos on the left and Mr. C's on the right. There are also wonderful antique stores around the town square located at the intersection of Main (Hwy. 90) and Getty (Hwy. 83). The Briscoe art and antique collection contains works by Rembrandt and Gainsborough, Another option for truly fine shopping for clothing and gifts is Julien's, just past the town square on Getty. Who knows, you might bump into someone surprising while you're shopping. Uvalde is the hometown of quite a few "famous" people.

<http://www.visituvalde.com/>

#### **Schedule of Events:**

Friday 7 p.m. Mullet Mixer at the group facility (if it's completed by then) or at cabin 11. Bring a chair.

Saturday: 7 a.m. Registration in Camp Wood at the City Park (\$10.00 entry fee includes dinner at Casa Falcone at 6 p.m., a map, measuring tape, pencil & zip lock bag). **Confirmation of entry fee amount has not been confirmed by Alamo Fly Fishers yet.**

Sunday: You are on your own for fishing or enjoying the campground.

**Directions from San Antonio:** (2.5 hours) Take Hwy. 90 to Uvalde. Go north from there on Hwy 55 (this involves a right turn at the town square onto Getty (Hwy. 83), then a left turn at the north edge of town just after the railroad overpass). Take Hwy 55 toward Camp Wood; Big Oak River Camp is just south of the Hwy. 55 bridge, about 3 miles before you get to Camp Wood. **From Austin:** Camp Wood is about 3.5 hours; check out Mapquest for directions. The drive through Vanderpool is noted as one of the most scenic in Texas but there are less adventurous routes available.

**Additional Accommodations Available:** (Please make your own arrangements for these)

Nueces River Motel 830-234-3648  
Woodbine Inn 830-597-2310  
Hill Country Motel 830-597-3278  
Lost Canyon Retreat 830-234-3250



## **July 2005: Homer Martin Ranch on the Llano River**

**July 22 – 24, 2005**

Coordinator(s): Kerri Stephenson

We love Homer Martin Ranch so much we're going back in July! Join TWFF at this historic 3500 acre ranch and hunting lodge in the heart of the Texas Hill Country. We'll have a variety of activities — including good food and friends, silent auction, wade fishing and kayak fishing — so there will be plenty to do regardless of the weather. In addition to scheduled activities, the ranch is a wonderful place for nature walks, hiking and bird watching and possibly dodging a few cows.

The Mullet Mixer will be held on Friday evening in the Lodge and as always please bring a little something to eat or drink to share with others and enjoy the weekend to come. We'll have pot luck dinner on Saturday evening. You could make a favorite dish and we could fire up the grill and have a summer evening cook out (I know Robert A. would be happy to grill). We can discuss the days catch and wading versus floating.

The ranch has nine cabins with air conditioning that will book quickly. There is one cabin that does not have a bathroom, but does have air conditioning. The other eight cabins all have air conditioning and bathroom facilities. Cabin rates are \$120 each for the weekend. Tent camping is also available and it rate is \$30 for the weekend. Bathroom and shower facilities are available for tent campers. Tent campers

need to provide their own towels, shampoo and soap or borrow from friends. The rustic Lodge House provides a fully equipped kitchen, dining room, social room and game room.

### **SILENT AUCTION**

As always we will hold our annual auction and raffle this weekend. A request for volunteers and more details will be in the newsletter.

### **MEALS**

Breakfast and lunch you'll be on your own. The lodge's full kitchen is available to use for all meals. The kitchen refrigerator and personal ice chests should be used for food storage only. Beer and wine can be kept icy cold in the deer locker. Our use of the kitchen and lodge is a community effort; please do your part to care for our shared space by picking up after yourself and sharing in area cleanup chores. It never hurts to bring some extra napkins, paper towels, and don't forget plastic wrap to put away all those great leftovers. We had a small problem with ants last summer and hopefully not this time. Keep the ants in mind when storing food in the lodge.

### **RESERVATIONS**

As stated above the cabins rate is \$120 for the weekend and tent camping is \$30 for the weekend. Please contact Kerri Stephenson to check on cabin availability. All reservations must be paid in cash or by check payable to Homer Martin Ranch. Kerri Stephenson will collect the money at the outing so be prepared and come with check or cash

Please do not call the ranch to make reservations. Contact Kerri Stephenson to make your reservations. ([kstephenson1@austin.rr.com](mailto:kstephenson1@austin.rr.com))

**Please note that no pets are allowed.**

### **TENTATIVE OUTING SCHEDULE**

#### **FRIDAY EVENING**

Check in and socializing at Lodge Dining Hall

#### **SATURDAY**

Silent Auction and Raffle (*More details to follow*)

Wade fishing

Self-Guided River Trip (9 am - ?) (we are looking for someone to lead the kayak trip)

#### **SUNDAY**

9 am General membership meeting in lodge dining. Please plan to attend.

11 am Clean up Lodge

### **WHAT TO BRING**

Pot luck dinner contributions and personal breakfast/lunch food.

Fly rod, flies (woolly buggers, poppers, clousers etc.) - 1x, 2x or 3x leaders or your own personal preference

Sunscreen & hat

River shoes & or wading boots

Waders or other weather-suitable fishing attire

Camera

Sense of humor

If you plan to go on the river trip, don't forget:

Canoe or kayak, paddle, pfd

Dry bags for storage on your kayak or canoe

Insulated food bags/small cooler to carry lunch and snacks on river

Water/beverage containers

## DIRECTIONS TO HOMER MARTIN RANCH

**From Austin:** Take TX 71 to Llano then TX 29 to Mason. (From north Austin, take US 183 North then TX 29 West to Mason.) As you enter Mason on Hwy 29, you will turn left at the Courthouse Square and go south on Hwy 87. Watch for RR 1723 on your right on the south edge of town (1.3 miles from the 29/87 intersection). Follow Ranch Road 1723/Simonsville Road for 9 miles to the ranch entrance, which is on the right, 1/2 mile after crossing the river. The ranch entrance is the very first right turn after crossing over the river and coming up the hill.

**From Dallas:** Take I-35 to Georgetown then TX 29 to Mason. As you enter Mason on Hwy 29, you will turn left at the Courthouse Square and go south on Hwy 87. Watch for RR 1723 on your right on the south edge of town (1.3 miles from the 29/87 intersection). Follow Ranch Road 1723/Simonsville Road for 9 miles to the ranch entrance, which is on the right, 1/2 mile after crossing the river. The ranch entrance is the very first right turn after crossing over the river and coming up the hill.

**From Houston or San Antonio:** Take I-10 to Comfort, then US 87 toward Mason. Go 8.5 miles past the 87/Llano River Bridge to RR 1723 (on your left as you approach Mason). Follow RR1723/Simonsville Road for 9 miles to the ranch entrance, which is on the right, 1/2 mile after crossing the river. The ranch entrance is the very first right turn after crossing over the river and coming up the hill.

*Upon entering Homer Martin Ranch, go past the ranch house and follow the signs to the camp. Please check the bulletin board outside the Lodge for information on cabin assignments, event schedules, and other information. See the Homer Martin Ranch website for a map and other detailed information about the ranch.*

[www.homermartinranch.com/](http://www.homermartinranch.com/)

### **Additional Accommodations**

Lodging and RV sites in Mason, TX can be found at the links listed below:

<http://www.hill-country-visitor.com/default.asp/city/26/category/Lodging/subcategory/Hotels%2DMotels>

<http://www.hill-country-visitor.com/default.asp/city/26/category/RV%2FCamping>



## **September 2005: TWFF Saltwater Outing, Galveston, Texas**

**September 16 - 18, 2005**

Coordinator: Kimberly Gaido

Come kayak fish West Galveston and Christmas Bay back country with Captain Scott Null of Let's Go Guide Service and Captain Chris Phillip's Guide service for speckled trout, redfish and flounder. This should be an excellent trip and a great way to learn new techniques of flats fishing from a kayak. Trip fee is \$35 per person payable at the Mullet Mixer.

### **Friday September 16th**

On Friday night, the Mullet Mixer will be held at Kimberly Gaido's house on Galveston Island off of Sportsman's Road. Feel free to arrive anytime after 5:00 p.m. There will be a shrimp boil with potatoes and corn. Feel free to bring any other snacks etc. For directions, please contact Kimberly by email and she will forward them to you. Chris, Scott and Ruben will be there to discuss fishing/casting/flyes and Kayak safety.

### **Saturday September 17th**

Saturday morning we will be out on the water by 7:00 AM. Depending on the group size we will split up into smaller groups and the guides will take us to different areas specified at the Mullet mixer. Between

8-10 Kayaks will be available at no extra charge on a first come first serve basis. Please contact Kimberly Gaido to reserve your kayak if you are not bringing your own.

Plan for a full day of fishing on Saturday. You will need:

- Sunscreen, hat and polarized glasses
- Water, water and water. Other beverages too.
- Lunch, snacks and power bars
- Fly rod 6-8 weight. Leaders 6-12#. Tippet 0X-1X
- Flies- clousers, spoons, crab and shrimp imitations
- Wading boots or tennis shoes. Oyster reefs are a great place to fish and can be rough on your feet without proper shoes.
- The water is still very warm in September. Sting rays and jellyfish are also back in the bay system during the summer months. If you have stingray boots wear them. Wading pants will protect you from jellyfish. You might want to bring Meat tenderizer; it is a temporary remedy to a jellyfish sting.
- Check the weather before coming to Galveston and adjust your clothing to the elements.

### **Fishing Contest**

Kimberly and Ellen are putting together a little competition for the trip.

There will be prizes for: Big Trout, Big Redfish, Big Flounder, Most fish caught by one person and one team and Best story told on Saturday night.

### **Saturday Night**

Group dinner at Gaido's Restaurant 7:30 PM

### **Sunday September 18<sup>th</sup>**

- TWFF Board meeting TBA
- Fishing on your own

### **Lodging Information**

Gaido's Seaside Inn	\$59.00 Beach front	\$45.00 Non-Beach
39 <sup>th</sup> & Seawall Blvd.	1-800-525-0064	409-762-9625
Galveston, Texas	Mention TWFF and the dates in September	

### **Campers/RV Park**

Galveston Island State Park	Dellanera Park
14920 FM 3005	10901 FM 3005
409-737-1222	409-744-2952

Please send an email to Kimberly Gaido ([gaido@pdq.net](mailto:gaido@pdq.net)) if you are planning to attend so we can get an accurate count for dinner and guides. This is going to be a fun trip. The one you don't want to miss.

## ***November 2005: TROUT FISHING ON THE LOWER MOUNTAIN FORK RIVER***

### ***Beavers Bend • Broken Bow, Oklahoma***

***November 4-6, 2005***

Outing Coordinator: Linda Love

Email: [lovelncc@ev1.net](mailto:lovelncc@ev1.net)

TWFF will travel to southeast Oklahoma over November 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> to fish for brown and rainbow trout in the stocked waters of the Lower Mountain Fork River at Beavers Bend Oklahoma State Park and Resort, near Broken Bow, OK. Broken Bow is approximately 200 miles northeast of Dallas.

The Lower Mountain Fork flows south out of Broken Bow Reservoir. This tailwater is the most noted year-round trout fishery in the state. Brown and rainbow trout are stocked regularly and may be found

throughout the stream and its tributaries. The designated trout area includes a 12-mile reach of the Lower Mountain Fork River extending from Broken Bow Dam downstream to U.S. Highway 70 bridge. About 5 miles of this designated trout stream lies within Beavers Bend State Park, which offers excellent fishing access.

Spillway Creek is a tributary of the Lower Mountain Fork River that is a part of the designated trout area. When you hike along Spillway Creek you feel as if you are in a Rocky Mountain stream. This 1 ½ mile stretch is the first section of the 12 mile designated trout stream and is one of the most popular fishing areas on the Lower Mountain Fork River. Several of our members have enjoyed successful trout fishing in this area. Several fish habitat structures have been installed throughout this section of stream to improve fishing quality and angler success. Trout are stocked near these structures, providing excellent places for angler to begin their trout fishing adventures. Habitat structures include boulder clusters, rock weirs and veins and medium stage check dams. These improvement areas are being stocked with trout on a regular basis to make your fishing better. A state record 9 pound 12.8 ounce brown trout was caught January 13, 2003 from Zone II of the Lower Mountain fork River.

Below Beavers Bend State Park there are public access points at the Regulation Dam and Presbyterian Falls as well as a fee access site located near the Highway 70 bridge. You will need a map and good instructions to get to Presbyterian Falls. Both of these places are more difficult to fish than Spillway Creek. If you have felt sole wading shoes with cleats, they will be very helpful as these rocks are extremely slick. Some guides will not even take you here without them. You must at least have felt soles. Be sure to bring your wading staff and keep it handy. Rob will give you more instruction concerning safety in these areas.

**TWFF Outing Headquarters** will be at Whip-Poor-Will Resort (<http://www.texhillcntry.com/whippoorwill/>), located 6 miles from Beavers Bend State Park (<http://www.beaversbend.com>) adjacent to the Ouachita National Forest.

Numerous other cabins and tent/RV campgrounds are located in the vicinity. For a listing of these and additional information about the area including other activities, see the [Beavers Bend Oklahoma State Park and Resort](#) web site.

Whip-Poor-Will Resort has 18 rental cabins that we can rent at last year's rates. Make certain you tell Cathy you are reserving for the TWFF outing to get the special rates. **Make your reservations soon because the cabins will book up quickly.**

(Whip-poor-will cabin reservations can be cancelled without penalty up until 7 days before your reservation date.) All cabins are air conditioned, and have fully equipped kitchenettes, charcoal grills, country decor, and cable TV. Reservations can be made by phone (580-494-6476) using Master Card/Visa, American Express, or Discover cards.

**Please make your reservations directly with Whip-poor-will or the resort/campground of your choice. Send an email to Linda Love when your reservations are confirmed, she needs a head count of persons attending.**

**RV/Tent Camping** is available at Beavers Bend State Park – (the park will fill up quickly and there are no guarantees that sites will be available for a Friday arrival during a busy time of year.) as well as the nearby Lake Pines (\$17/ night for full hook ups). Lake Pines is approx. 5 miles from Whip-poor-will, and is located approx. 1-2 miles outside of the park just past the turn on the park road. Tel. 580-494-6464 (no website).

### **Beavers Bend State Park**

The park has several beautiful locations for wade fishing with convenient parking nearby. The park also has a park store and a restaurant with a really good breakfast for your convenience. There is also a great museum there telling some of the history of this area.

### **Fishing License:**

Go to [wildlifedepartment.com](http://wildlifedepartment.com) for a lot of information.

Non Resident License Fee for 2005 as follows:

Annual \$37.00  
5-days \$18.50  
Trout \$10.00  
Legacy \$ 5.00

Texas residents 64 or older pay only the \$5.00 Legacy fee.

Online fishing license can be obtained at:  
Wildlifedepartment.com - an additional \$3.00 fee will be charged.

Plan on attending the Mullet Mixer at Linda Love's Cabin #10 on Friday night at 7:00. We will probably head out fishing early Saturday morning around 8:00 with a stop by the local fly shops and the State Park to purchase fishing licenses (if you do not already have them) and get maps. The area is best for wading. Kayaks can be used in some locations but not necessary for the best fishing. Plan on going out to eat on Saturday night at 7:00 at a restaurant near by. Then, more fishing on Sunday with meals on your on that night.

Remember waders and long johns. The water is cold year round but the air will be cold also. This is best time of year for trout fishing in this area. So be prepared to reel in lots of fish but also to be patient and courteous as the streams will most likely be filled with other fishers.

#### **What to Bring:**

Rod size: Spillway Creek 5-6 weight. You can also use 3-4 weight fly rod for a bit more action with smaller fish. (Pam had good action on #3 weight rod early this year)

#### **Flies:**

Olive wooly bugger, with/without bead head size 8-10. Black/olive also good.

Streamers: white or silver & white minnow style and white Zonker #6 long

Nymphs: Prince nymph #16; Pheasant tail, with/without bead #14-16. Flash back OK too. Gold rib hares ear #14-16.

Brassie and Copper John #14-16

Red fox squirrel tail size #14-16.

Midge - red, pearl, #20-22. Soft hackle in orange & olive are good colors.

Dry fly: Parachute Adams 14-16; Caddis in tan or gray #12-14. Blue wing olive #18.

San Juan worm - tan #12-14.

There are 2 fly shops in this area. One is The Beaver Bend Fly Shop located in the park and the other is the Three Rivers Fly Shop, [3rivers@pine-net.com](mailto:3rivers@pine-net.com), phone 580.494.6115, located near the Whip-Poor-Will cabins. You can obtain your license there or you can get it online at their web site prior to arrival. Sid at The Fly Shop is very helpful and is well stocked with flies.

Rob Woodruff will present a program Friday evening at the mullet mixer beginning around 7 PM (exact time will be provided later), including orientation to Beaver Bend OK. fishing, how to read the water, fishing different kinds of water, flies to use, technique and where to fish.

Saturday morning he will place us in strategic fishing spots, tweak the skills of those who are interested, i.e., mending the line, etc., and help with casting presentation. He will rotate to each group during the day to help as needed. Those with previous experience here may want less help than those who are new to the area. Trout fishing is a bit different than bass and pan fish and he will help us learn to fish for trout. Rob will tell us regulations regarding size, catch and release, etc.

#### **Information regarding our guide:**

Rob woodruff is a full-time licensed fly fishing guide. He holds a B.S. in Entomology from Texas A & M and has over 30 years fly fishing experience. He has been featured twice on ESPN's Fly Fishing America. Rob's techniques and flies have appeared in magazines such as Fly Rod & Reel, Warmwater Flyfishing, Fly Fishing and Tying Journal, Outdoor World, Flyfisher, Texas Fish and Game, Bassmaster and Southwest Fly Fishing. Rob hosts Salmon and Trout trips to the remote and beautiful Chilcotin district of British Columbia every July and September. He also guides on the fabulous Lake Fork, where he lives, and where you can fish for lunker bass. Also guides on Lake Monticello, Texas which is a power plant lake and on Glass Lake, Texas, a private access 73 acre lake. His rates are most reasonable [check out his web site]. He is a very easy person to talk to and get acquainted with and his instructions are easy to follow. You can visit his web site at [www.flyfishingfork.com](http://www.flyfishingfork.com) for more information.

## OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

### Oktoberfisch Fly Fishing Festival

21, 22 and 23 Oct 05 - sponsored by the Heart of the Hills Flyfishers  
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