

TROUT FISHING ON THE LOWER MOUNTAIN FORK RIVER

Beavers Bend • Broken Bow, Oklahoma

February 18 - 20, 2011

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Join TWFF as we kick off our 10th Anniversary by traveling to southeast Oklahoma February 18 – 20, 2011 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. This outing is over President's Day weekend, so if you have Monday, Feb. 21st off, plan on spending an extra day fishing. Besides our Anniversary Bash, we will also be ushering in our new board members and saying bye to our outgoing board members. All this plus fishing can't mean anything but FUN and FESTIVITIES!

Headquarters for this outing will be at Secluded Acres, 2 miles north of Beavers Bend State Park entrance. (Directions are at the end of this article).

Lodging and Headquarters:

Secluded Acres, <http://www.beaversbendsecludedacres.com/index.html#cabins>, (580-494-7301) offers 7 great cabins that will accommodate larger groups for those wanting to share space and lodge in near proximity of other members. The cabins are only 2 miles from the state park. There are also RV sites available. We will use their Meeting Room for our Mullet Mixer and presentations. Visit <http://www.beaversbendsecludedacres.com/maps.html> for a map of Secluded Acres. Please let Tom know you are reserving with TWFF. **Make your reservations soon because the cabins will book up quickly.** Please make your reservations directly with Secluded Acres or the resort/campground of your choice.

Also available is Whip-Poor-Will Resort, <http://www.okresort.com/>, (580-494-6476). This has been our headquarters in the past and the owners are always happy to see us. Whip-Poor-Will Resort has 18 rental cabins. Please let Margarite know you are reserving for TWFF. **Make your reservations soon because the cabins will book up quickly.** Please make your reservations directly with Whip-Poor-Will or the resort/campground of your choice.

RV/Tent camping is available at Beavers Bend State Park, (580-494-6300), <http://www.beaversbend.com/>, (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). Camping is also available at the nearby Lake Pines (\$17/ night for full hook ups). Lake Pines is approx. 1-2 miles outside of the park just past the turn on the park road. Tel. 580-494-6464 (no website).

There are many hotels/motels such as Broken Bow Inn 580-584-9103 and Microtel Inns & Suites 580-584-7708, along with a multitude of cabins and other places to stay in the area. See the attached link from the Broken Bow Chamber of Commerce. http://www.brokenbowchamber.com/cabins_cottages_rentals.html.

R.S.V.P.:

DON'T DELAY - Send an email to BrokenBowCoordinator@twff.net when your reservations are confirmed so we can plan for our activities and meal. Let us know where you are staying too.

Mullet Mixer, Friday, February 18th:

Friday night Mullet Mixer will be held at Secluded Acres at the Meeting Room.

(Directions at end of this article)

Please bring a dish to share and your favorite beverages to the Meeting Room around 6:30 p.m. Our speaker for the Mullet Mixer will be **Phil Rispin**, owner of Dutch Creek Fly Fishing, specializing in custom made fly rods, custom tied flies, and guided trips to the Oldman River Drainage in Alberta. Phil was born and raised in Alberta Canada and now resides in Longview. He began fly fishing with his Dad around the age of 6 and is the president of East Texas Fly Fishers. Phil attended the University of Alberta, University of Calgary and Pennsylvania State University. He teaches Aeronautical Science at LeTourneau University. **Phil's presentation will be on trout waters and reading trout streams.** Phil teaches fly fishing educational programs in both the United States and Canada and will be sharing his vast knowledge with us.

Activities, Saturday, February 19th:

Saturday breakfast and lunch are on your own. **Saturday night dinner is a catered BBQ dinner at the Meeting Room at Secluded Acres around 6:30 p.m.** It is a 3 meat plate for \$9.99 that includes choice of brisket, pork, chicken or sausage along with potato salad, green beans, baked beans or cole slaw and comes with tea and dessert. Our business meeting will follow the dinner.

Then, more fishing on Sunday with meals on your own that day.

About the Lower Mountain Fork River:

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. *We do not recommend fishing Presbyterian Falls area due to the remoteness of the area.* Always fish with a buddy if you visit this area.

Lower Mountain Fork River

Special Regulations:

Brown Trout Regulations (Entire Stream):

1. Daily limit: one (1); Size limit: 20-inch minimum.

Zone 1 (Broken Bow spillway downstream to State Park dam):

1. Rainbow trout - Daily limit six (6); Size limit none.
2. Use of bait and barbed hooks is permitted in Zone I.

Zone II (State Park dam downstream to reregulation dam):

1. Use of bait or barbed hooks is prohibited in Zone II. Fishing is restricted to barbless hooks, artificial flies and lures only.
2. Possession of any trout less than 20 inches in size is prohibited.

Zone III (Reregulation dam downstream to Hwy 70 bridge):

1. Use of bait and barbed hooks is permitted in Zone III.
2. Possession of any trout less than 20-inches in size is prohibited.

From the State Park Dam downstream to the Hwy 70 bridge (includes both Zones II and III):

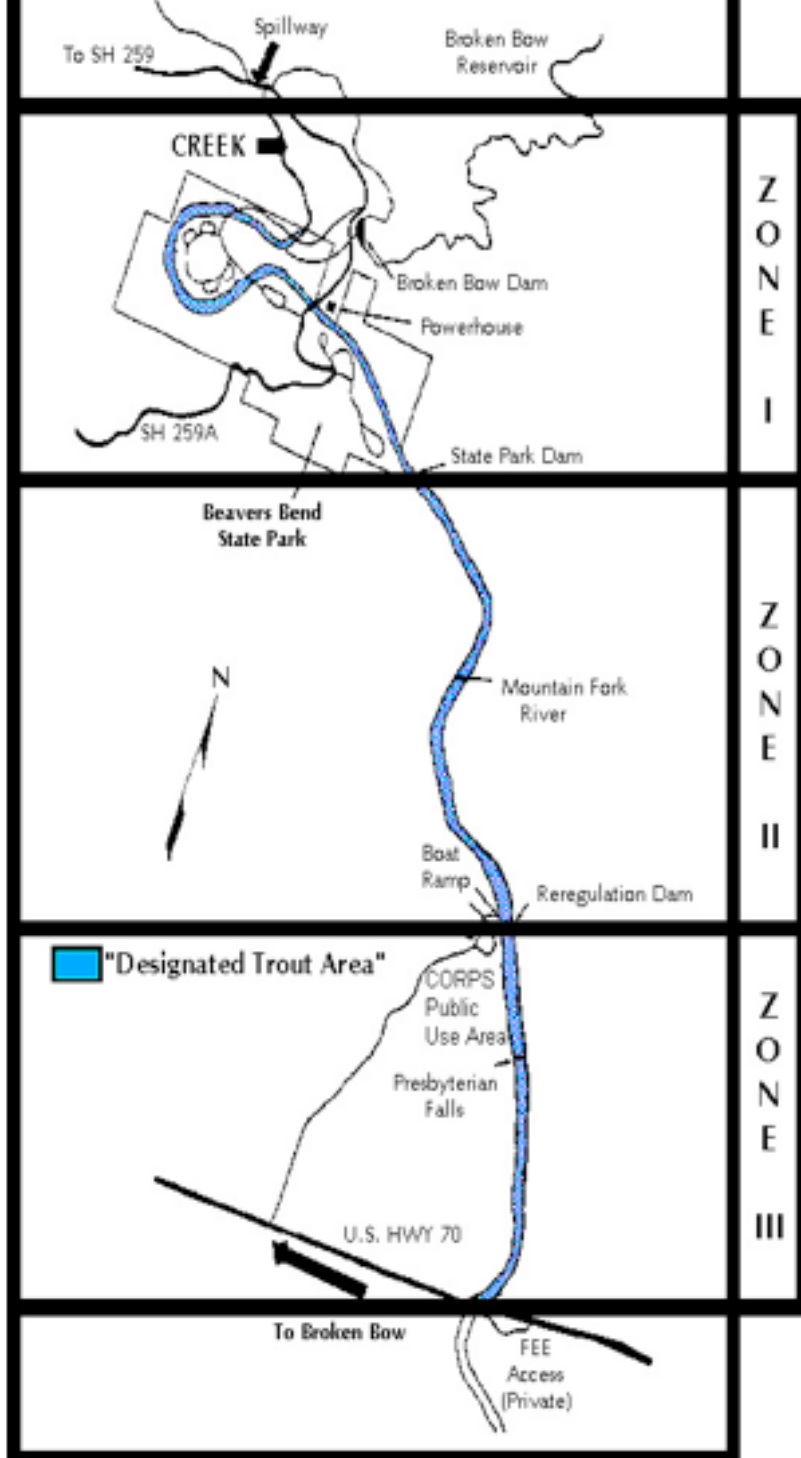
1. Rainbow trout: Daily creel limit - one (1); Size limit - 20-inches or longer.
2. Possession of any trout less than 20-inches in size is prohibited.

For more details on the regulations check out General Trout Regulations 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. Stop in at the park museum for some history of this area.

Lower Mountain Fork River Map

Lower Mountain Fork Trout Area



Fishing License:

Go to <http://www.wildlifedepartment.com/> for fishing license information.

Non Resident License Fee as follows:

Annual \$42.00

5-days \$23.50

Legacy \$ 5.00

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

Online fishing license can be obtained for an additional \$3.00 fee.

What to Bring:

Waders, Long Johns, Wading Boots with Felt Bottoms and/or Studs, Wading Staff, and Net: The water is cold year round plus we are visiting in February so dress accordingly. It will most likely be cold so dress in layers so you can “shed” some clothes as it warms during the day. You’ll need waders, long johns or fleece undergarments, gloves, a warm hat, and wading boots with felt bottoms and/or studs. The rocks are slippery and felt bottoms are a must. Make sure you have a wading staff and USE IT. This is a great time of year for fishing so be sure and include a net for landing your fish. Waders and boots may be rented from the local fly shops.

Rod and line size: Spillway Creek 5-6 weight. You can also use 3-4 weight fly rod for a bit more action with smaller fish. Use a 9’ 4x or 5x leader with matching tippet.

Flies: Olive wooly bugger, with/without bead head size 8-10. All white and black/olive are 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.

GRHE or Gold rib hares ear #14-16.

Brassie and Copper John #14-16, with or without legs.

Red fox squirrel tail size #14-16.

Midges: In red, pearl, black, #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.

Attractors: San Juan worm in tan, cerise #12-14; pink or orange egg pattern; use both as an attractor on a double dropper rig.

Guides and Shops:

- Rob Woodruff Guide Service (903) 967-2665
- Guide Jesse King (580) 241-5644 owner of Three Rivers Fly Shop (580) 494-6115 (across from park entrance)
- Beavers Bend Fly Shop (580) 494-6071, owner Sid Ingram; Guides are available through the shop (inside park).

Oklahoma Wildlife Department Trout Stocking Schedule:

<http://www.wildlifedepartment.com/trtstok.htm>

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DIRECTIONS TO SECLUDED ACRES

Traveling north on Highway 259 - north of Broken Bow – 259A turns right into the park.
Don't turn in.

Secluded Acres is on Old Hochatown Road 2.3 miles north of the main entrance to Beavers Bend Park. About a mile north of the main entrance there's another entrance – the Dam Road entrance into the park (also 259A).

Continue north on 259 –
Secluded Acres Country Store will be on your left.

Go into the store and check in.