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TWFF Business Report

The following women have been elected to the following positions:

Lavene Jones: First Vice President (Speakers, Raffles & Banquets)

Mary Rohrer: Treasurer

Cynthia Sudds: Secretary

Annette Blythe and Coco Davenport: Trustees

Additionally, Kerri Stephenson has been appointed to take over the position of 2nd Vice President of Membership. Angela appreciated the opportunity, but she has resigned from the position.

Membership renewal:

Our annual membership renewal begins in January. If you cannot renew in person, please use the form on our website and send your dues directly to Kerri Stephenson.

2006 Annual Budget:

The 2006 budget is complete and we are in very good financial shape. TWFF agreed to donate \$500 annually for the next five years to the Guadalupe Bass Restoration Initiative. We raised \$1136 in 2005 for Casting for Recovery 2006. New t-shirts are available, they cost \$15 for short sleeve and \$20 for long sleeve.

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Welcome New Members

Susan Batterton, Hot Springs, AR
Rose Burke, Wimberly, TX
Shari Parker, Montgomery, TX
Joan Swartz, Austin, TX



**From the President
Sheila Anderson**

Welcome to 2006, a year that I hope to see continued success for our organization. We can measure success in many ways, two of which I will endeavor to spend my energy, and I encourage all of you to help where you can. Growth of our membership is one area we can succeed with a small investment of money from our treasury and a little time from our members.

Very soon we will have 3.5" x 8.5" card stock (tri-fold size) fliers that contain information about our mission, our outing schedule for 2006, and our logo and web site address. I will ask women from many areas in Texas to take some of these fliers to the local outfitter stores and fly fishing shops so they can be made available to women who may be interested in joining the TWFF to begin participation in the sport. I understand we advertised successfully like this in the past and I hope to revive this simple program with your help.

Another area I would like to see us concentrate on this year is the growth in confidence of beginners and novices in the area of casting and basic fishing and equipment set up techniques. I would encourage our more veteran members and more experienced fisher people to set aside time at each outing to work with new members. Personally, I don't have any training experience and I do not feel very confident working with people because I may say or do "something wrong". But, I certainly can share my perception what I have been taught, and I can share my experiences of what I did to catch fish! I would consider myself successful if I can help one new member to get a good cast and get a fish on.

Perhaps at this year's mullet mixers we can match up newer members with someone that has the experience and desire to help them learn and improve their skills. This mentorship activity is one of the founding principles of our organization's mission: *Our mission is to create opportunities, educate and mentor women's responsible participation in the recreational sport of fly fishing.* If the coordinators of this year's outings think this would be valuable and need help, please let me know and I will do what I can.

I would like to express my gratitude to all the members who participated in our business meeting at the Guadalupe outing, thank you. We have set all our outings for the year and have coordinators for each one. In the past we have hired guides with TWFF funds at most of the locations selected for this year's outings. Women who have had the advantage of being guided in the past may wish to share their knowledge with others at the outings that have not. If members wish to hire a guide privately, please feel free to do so. We will publish some guide contact information on the web site for each of our outings.

Lastly, please go to the Casting for Recovery web site and click on "Support". Texas Women Fly Fishers is featured as the club of the month! Sarah Valentine wrote an excellent essay that describes who we are and what we do to support CFR. And, there is a group photo from one of our past outings! You can find the feature at <http://www.castingforrecovery.org/support.html>.

I hope to see you all in Athens at Fly Fish Texas. This will be an excellent opportunity for beginners and novices to learn more about our sport. And I hear the fishing on Lake Athens can be very good. See you there!

Sheila

Guadalupe River Trip Report

January 13-15, 2006

By Sheila Anderson



We gathered in large numbers at the Summit on the Guadalupe in January for our annual membership and officer election meeting. Without knowing the exact number of people, I would guess at least 40 members including family were in attendance. Several new members joined our group at this outing, we were pleased to have one woman come all the way from Arkansas.

It seems as if the Guadalupe River has never been very kind to us in January. Once again no trout were caught. Linda Love caught the only fish, while Betty Burleson landed an ultra light spinning rod and reel with the price tag still in tact. Although, for the first time in our history the flow of the river was a very reasonable rate for wade fishing at about 120 cfs. (In the past the lowest the flow has ever been was 380 cfs in January 2004.) A cold front came through one day early bringing Saturday morning temperatures down to a very cold 28 degrees. It warmed up fairly quickly, but the fish were not active. One new member, Joan Schwartz, tried everything in her fly box without any luck.

The Summit was as enjoyable as ever with the nice cabins and large meeting facility. Thank you to Sheila Hood for arranging this outing place for us. Most members went into Gruene for lunch and shopping. Gruene Outfitters is always a popular stop for most members. The ride on River Road to Gruene is very scenic, one that is always enjoyable.

We enjoyed a catered BBQ dinner on Saturday evening and followed that up with a very extensive business meeting. The first of each year is an important time to set outing schedules and business decisions for the coming year. Everyone's participation and patience was very much appreciated.

Sunday came all too quickly and while some members went fishing, others packed up to head home. Hopefully the fishing met with better success on Sunday morning.



2006 Outing Schedule

- March 3, 4, & 5** Fly Fish Texas 2006, Athens, TX
- May 19, 20 & 21** Bud Priddy Memorial One Fly Contest
Big Oak River Camp, Camp Wood, TX
- July 21, 22, & 23** South Llano River Outing, Junction, TX
- Sept 15, 16, & 17** TWFF Saltwater Trip, Aransas Pass, TX
- Nov 3, 4, & 5** Trout Fishing, Broken Bow, OK

Fly Fish Texas 2006

March 3, 4 & 5, 2006

Coordinator: Sheila Anderson

RSVP to sanderson1165@austin.rr.com

See Casting for Recovery information below

Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center

Athens, Texas 9 am to 4 pm

It's easier than you think!

<http://www.flyfishtexas.org/>

Seminars and classes begin at 9:00am, March 4, 2006 as the Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center hosts Fly Fish Texas - an all day fly fishing festival. Our 6th annual show, it just keeps getting bigger and better each year. Until 4:00pm, fly fishing enthusiasts from beginner to expert gather at this great Texas Parks and Wildlife facility to share skills and stories

about this exciting outdoor sport offering a variety of activities for all levels of anglers. Learn to cast the fly and then actually fish for rainbow trout, discover where to fly fish in Texas, check out the latest gear and even kayaking.

Interactive seminars, classes and demonstrations led by Texas fly fishing professionals will highlight the

show. Day long activities will include:

- ✚ A fly tier's round table (demonstrations of tying all types of flies)
- ✚ Fly action/fish pursuit demonstrations (actual fish taking the fly right before you eyes)
- ✚ Casting lessons (learn to cast or improve on what you know)
- ✚ Fishing for rainbow trout (we furnish the rods and flies)
- ✚ Basic Flyfisher Classes (kids 12 and up are introduced to fly tackle, rods, reels, flies, proper casting techniques, aquatic habitat, safety and ethics)
- ✚ Intermediate Flyfisher Classes (kids & adults identify fish, fish habitats, tie fly fishing knots and flies, learn fishing regulations, proper fish handling and safely perform 4-part casting)

 Product demonstrations (vendors with their goodies)

All these Fly Fish Texas activities are available at regular admission rates to TFFC: adults \$5.50, seniors 65 and over \$4.50, children 4-12 \$3.50.

The Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center is an innovative aquatic nature center and hatchery complex operated by Texas Parks and Wildlife located 4 miles east of Athens, TX on FM 2495. The Center is open to the public Tue-Sat from 9am-4pm and Sunday 1-4pm. Call 903-676-2277 or go on-line at www.tpwd.state.tx.us and click on fishing.

Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center is a unique facility which includes a 23,000 square foot visitor's center, 300,000 gallons of aquaria and a state-of-the-art hatchery with 45 rearing ponds covering 38 surface acres and is home to the ShareLunker and Angler Recognition Awards Programs. A new half mile long fly fishing stream meanders through and around several wetlands ponds before it meets a one-acre wadeable wetlands pond at the rear of the property. Kayaking and wade fishing will be done in this shallow pond. Other shorter bass streams join the main stream and all will possibly be stocked with bream, bass and/or trout for this event. A new fly fishing pavilion will be available. This promises to make this Center the envy of all Texans and fly fishers in the future.

SPECIAL HOTEL RATES IN ATHENS – RSVP to Sheila Anderson sanderson1165@austin.rr.com if you plan to attend!

Best Western on the Hill has special rates for our event, call and ask at 903/675-9214

Super 8 for special rates ask for Gari 903/675-7511

The Spanish Trace 903/675-5173 is offering \$44 single, \$49 double (regular rates are \$79/\$89)

Fishing on Lake Athens

<http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/fishboat/fish/recreational/lakes/athens/index.phtml?print=true>

This is the link to Lake Athens. The crappie and white bass or supposed to be really good March to May. For those who may want to split their time between Fly Fish Texas and fishing consider fishing Lake Athens.

More information about Athens, TX

<http://www.tourtexas.com/athens/>

Don't miss reading this, click on the link! Consider a day of shopping at Athens many specialty food stores, restaurants, and unique gifts & antique shops. Stop by the famous **New York, TX Cheesecake** bakery and get a taste of your own little piece of heaven. Athens is an old town and the houses are worth driving around and looking at. You'll feel nostalgic about the old Texas days

Austin-Athens approx 190 miles

San Antonio-Athen approx 260

Waco - Athens approx 90

Houston-Athens approx 180

Dallas-Athens approx 70

College Station-Athens approx 130

Casting for Recovery Fund Raiser

TWFF members will meet on February 25th for a fly tying get together in Austin. Members in other cities are encouraged to do the same. We will tie flies for sale at our table in the Anglers Pavillion at Fly Fish Texas to raise money for CFR and promote our club. If you plan to attend this event, please let Sheila Anderson know if you are available for an hour of the day to help man the table and sell flies. Also, if you can collect donated flies from your area stores to contribute to the cause, please bring them to our table.

May 2006: BUD PRIDDY MEMORIAL ONE FLY CONTEST

Big Oak River Camp – Camp Wood, TX

May 19, 20 & 21, 2006

Coordinator: Sarah Valentine and Audrey Ambrose; sval@flash.net; 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 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>

More details available later on the website.

July 2006: South Llano River Outing

Morgan Shady Park, Junction, TX

July 21, 22 & 23, 2006

Coordinators: Glenna Noret & Kelley Kazura

Email: michael.noret@cox.net or rkkazr@cox.net

TWFF will travel to Junction, Texas to fish the spring-fed South Llano River, home to native Guadalupe Bass and Rio Grande Perch as well as largemouth bass, sunfish, catfish, and other species. Outing headquarters will be Morgan Shady Park, located on the banks of the South Llano as the river pools to form Lake Junction.

With its grassy banks and huge pecan trees, the privately owned Morgan Shady Park is an ideal spot for summer camping in the Hill Country. Flowing out of the "Land of 1100 Springs," the South Llano maintains an adequate flow and the lake waters remain cool and refreshing even in the middle of our long, hot summers.

TWFF has reserved *The Party Barn* at Morgan Shady Park, for the headquarters for this outing. It has electricity, picnic table seating, and a misting system to help cool the area. Facilities at the park runs from basic camping to RV sites with full hook-ups. All sites have safe drinking water, electricity and a table and there are bathhouses with toilets and showers. Daily costs from \$18 to \$25 a day depending on the site. The park also has three "bunkrooms" which has been reserved for our outing. The bunkrooms cost \$60 a night and can accommodate 4 to 8 folks - depending how friendly you want to get! All rates are based on 2-person occupancy. Additional people are \$3.00 each. There is also a \$5.00 fee for day use only for those not staying at the park. For those who desire more modern conveniences, Junction has many moderately priced motels within a 10-minute drive of Morgan Shady Park.

Reservations

For bunkhouse reservations, contact Glenna Noret at michael.noret@cox.net or Kelley Kazura at rkkazr@cox.net. For tent or RV site reservations, contact Morgan Shady Park at 325-446-2580 or 325-446-2071. For motel reservations, please see the list below and make your reservations directly. Once your reservations are made, please contact either Kelley or Glenna and let them know you are attending the outing.

Dinner Reservations: To be Announced Later. Watch for more information in our next newsletter.

Directions to Morgan Shady Park.

Morgan Shady Park is located at 600 South 6th St., Junction, Texas 76849. Exit IH-10 at the 456 marker. Turn on to Hwy 377 / 83 to come to Junction. This becomes Main Street in Junction. Follow Main Street to the Kimble County Courthouse. Turn right on Sixth Street, the street just before the Courthouse. (There is no marker to tell you that this is Sixth Street until you go one block.) Stay on Sixth Street until you enter the park on the banks of the South Llano River.

Area Motels

Comfort Inn Located at I-10, exit 456 (325) 446-3572
800-228-5150

Day's Inn Located at I-10, exit 457 (325) 446-3730
800-329-7466

The Hills Motel, 1520 Main Street (325) 446-2567

Econo Lodge at Exit 465 on I-10 (325) 446-2475

La Vista Motel, 2040 Main Street (325) 446-2191

Lazy T Motel, 2043 Main Street (325) 446-2565

Slumber Inn, 2343 Main Street (325) 446-4588

Sun Valley Motel, 1611 Main Street (325) 446-2505
866-446-2505

The Legends Inn, 1908 Main Street (325) 446-8644
877-445-8444

Local Canoe & Kayak Rentals.

If you plan to rent a canoe or kayak from a local outfitter, please make your reservations early.
Peacemaker River Expeditions, 325-446-2363, 365 River Road Junction
South Llano River Canoes (& kayaks), 325-446-2220, 6 miles south of Junction off Hwy 377
Sonny's Canoes, 325-446-2112, 214 Patricia, Junction. Canoe rentals

OUTING SCHEDULE

Friday, July 11

Meet for Mullet Mixer at Morgan Shady Park

Saturday, July 12

Gather at Morgan Shady Park at 8 am and be ready to shuttle to our put in at South Llano River State Park. We will merge into as few vehicles as possible after loading our vessels on the shuttle trailer. Our group will paddle during the day back to Morgan Shady Park. It is about a 5 mile easy float with good fly fishing. Morgan Shady Park is suitable for both bank and wade fishing. If you prefer to or float fish the lake at Morgan Shady Park. Wade and bank fishing is also available at the river crossing near Texas Tech. Directions: Take Main Street north (left) to Hwy 377 and head toward the state park. About ¼ mile, you will see a sign on the right for Texas Tech University. Turn left at the sign; it is a few blocks to the low water crossing. A small parking area is available.

Saturday Night Dinner – To be announced later. Brief business meeting after dinner.

Sunday, July 13

You are free to fish or leave for home according to your schedule.

GUIDELINES & SUGGESTIONS

Bring your fly rod, reel, flies and extra equipment for those who may forget or need help. If you want to bring a spinning rod, that's fine too. Suggested Flies: Woolly Buggers, Jig Head Nymphs, Clousers, Sponge Bugs, Zonkers, Tarantulas, Miss Prissy, Spider Legs or use your warmwater imagination. Bring sunscreen, camera, rain jacket, polarized sun glasses, warm clothes because even in July it can get chilly in the evening. You will not need waders in July but if you

prefer wearing waders, wear breathable rather than neoprene. Nylon shorts and tennis shoes work just fine. Remember your hat too!

If you are paddling on the river trip you will need dry bags. Dry bags work and plastic bags do not. Try Austin Outdoor Gear & Guidance, REI, Academy and Bass Pro for dry bags. Everything gets wet inside a canoe or kayak on a river trip so please place your food and possessions in dry bags.

Bring food for the day and more water than you think you will need. If you fill a water bottle $\frac{3}{4}$ full, freeze (leave the cap off when you freeze it to allow for expansion) then put the cap back on just before you pack it, you will have ice water all day.

Please leave pets and loud music at home.

Bring food for your breakfast on Saturday and Sunday, check out several of the local restaurant on Main Street. If you plan to stay longer on Sunday bring food accordingly.

Rent canoes and kayaks in advance! Call now to reserve a boat! If you wait till the last minute there is good a chance they will all be rented. Call NOW to make your camping and lodging reservations now! Motels and campgrounds book up fast in the summer.

Helpful Links

Morgan Shady Park <http://www.msp856@verison.com>

South Llano River State Park <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/park/slano/slano.htm>

City of Junction <http://www.junctiontexas.net/>

September 2006: TWFF Saltwater Trip

Aransas Pass, TX

Sept 15, 16, and 17, 2006

Coordinator:

Come kayak fish Port Aransas Lighthouse Lakes or Brown and Root flats for speckled trout and redfish. This should be an excellent trip and great way to learn the tools and techniques of flats fishing at the Coast. Check out the website www.aransaspass.org for information, maps and links to the lodging and guide services below.

On Friday night, The Mullet Mixer will be held on the patio of the house at Neptune Motel, 1330 S Commercial St, Aransas Pass, TX 78336, (361-758-3766). In addition to the 3 bedroom house, 6 rooms are reserved for TWFF members and family for this outing. Other accommodations are available in the area if we fill the Neptune. Bring hors d'oeuvres to share, and any of your saltwater questions about fish, flies and equipment.

Kayaks are the preferred method of gaining access to the flats and to areas where the fish congregate. Dean Thomas of Slow Ride has kayaks available for rent and can bring them to the launch point on Saturday morning. Give him a call (361-758-0463) to reserve a kayak, if needed.

Plan for a full day on the water on Saturday. Bring a hat, sunscreen, polarized sunglasses, to keep protected from the elements, and water and lunch/snacks for energy. Fly fishing equipment should include six weight or heavier rod and 12# leader and tippets. Good flies to have in your fly box would be clousers, spoons and crab and shrimp imitations. Wading equipment should include booties, or wading boots with good soles, not sandals. Some of the areas of the flats are oyster shells, so the footwear needs to be sturdy. Depending on water temperature and the weather, bring along some light weight waders, if you have them available. Remember also that the wind always blows at the Coast, pack a long sleeved shirt or windbreaker. The Lighthouse Lakes area is a great place to try that new handheld GPS for navigation. Bring it along and see how good your skills are!

Saturday night dinner will be in Port Aransas at one of the many seafood restaurants, like the Crazy Cajun. A very short TWFF business meeting will be held directly after dinner.

LODGING INFORMATION:

We have arranged for hotel rooms for the TWFF group, as follows. Please get your reservations in, as space is filling quickly!

For campers- Please contact Fred at the Ransom Road RV Park 361-758-2715. The RV park is on the south side of Aransas Pass and is adjacent to the Hampton's Landing boat launch. The fee is \$25/day.

For non-campers- We have a block of rooms and a house at the Neptune Motel, 1330 S Commercial St, Aransas Pass, TX 78336, (361-758-3766) The rates are not set yet, but should be about \$64/night for a double room. To reserve a room, please call Eva directly at Neptune at 361-758-3766.

Please send an email to Mary Rohrer (rohrer@fbg.net) or Sheila Anderson (sanderson1165@austin.rr.com) if you are planning to come so that we can get a good count of the attendants. This should be a great trip for those interested in learning more about saltwater fly fishing.

GUIDE INFORMATION:

You may wish to arrange personal guide services with local guides in the Aransas Pass area. Here is a partial list of guide services available. Check the web for additional guide services.

<p>Slowride Guide Services Dean and Jennifer Thomas Owners 821 South Commercial Aransas Pass, Texas 78336 Call for your reservation today! 1-866-856-9477 (toll free)</p>	<p>Trimble Fly Fishing Billy Trimble Guide Service www.trimbleflyfishing.com 1-361-205-1266 Let's Go Guide Service Captain Scott Null 281-450-2206 www.letsqofishing.net</p>	<p>Captain Sally's Reel Fun Charters Captain Sally P.O. Box 1571 Rockport, TX 78381 361-205-0624 sally@CaptainSally.com</p>
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TROUT FISHING ON THE LOWER MOUNTAIN FORK RIVER

Beavers Bend • Broken Bow, Oklahoma

November 3-5, 2006

Outing Coordinator: Kathy Goodlett and Karen Mitchell

Email: kgoodusav@yahoo.com

TWFF will travel to southeast Oklahoma over November 3rd-5th 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. Last years trip was incredible and the fall foliage was at its peak.

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 regularly stocked 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 close to the golf course (<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 Kathy Goodlett 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 for a lot of information. Information for 2006 may change.

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 a location to be determined a little closer to the outing date 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 followed by a brief business meeting. 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 may 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, 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.

Information about will be provided 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 those with previous experience here may want to help those who are new to the area. Trout fishing is a bit different than bass and pan fish. You may want to hire a private guide for this day.

Information about available guides:

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 for more information or to book his services.

Jesse King has 30 years of guide experience. He will first teach you all of the ins and outs of fly fishing, and then as he will lead you to fishing spots that are sweeter than the ones you dream about!

He can provide fly fishing supplies, world class instruction, and equipment rental

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