

June Outing – To Georgetown to Fish the San Gabriel River



May showers brings great June fishing! Join TWFF for the June outing in Georgetown. We'll be fishing the San Gabriel and Brushy Creek in nearby Round Rock. These rivers are chock full of bass, perch and sun fish including the famed Rio Grande Cichlid. If you've never caught a Rio Grande Cichlid, you're in for a treat. While not the largest of fish, they fight like they are the biggest fish in the river! They are also one of Texas' true native fish.

The outing coordinator is Carol Olewin 512-789-0419 or c.olewin@gmail.com and Marilyn Young is on the host committee.

While the official outing is Friday, June 10 through Sunday, June 12, those who can come a day or two earlier can take advantage of some fun events. Here's the line up:

Wednesday, June 8. - If you want to travel in early or live in the area, join in on an evening of fly tying and fish talking at Living Waters Fly Shop, in Round Rock with Chris Johnson. There is always a lively group of tyers. Fly tying vices and supplies are provided.

Thursday, June 9. - Arrive a day early and book a guided fishing trip on the San Gabriel River or Brushy Creek through Living Waters Fly Fishing Guide Service: <http://livingwatersflyfishing.com/> or enjoy visiting historic and quaint Georgetown, or see the infamous Sam Bass hideout and the round rock in Round Rock, Tx, only 10 miles south of Georgetown on IH 35. Shopping and site seeing in and around historic Georgetown, TX. <https://visit.georgetown.org>

Friday, June 10 - Fishing along San Gabriel River or Brushy Creek on your own or book a guided fishing trip on the San Gabriel River or Brushy Creek through Living Waters Fly Fishing Guide Service: <http://livingwatersflyfishing.com>. Then meet for the Mullet Mixer at 6:30 p.m. Georgetown Parks Recreation Community Room, 1101 N. College St., Georgetown, TX 78626, our headquarters for the weekend. This room is along the south banks of the San Gabriel River. Bring a covered dish or snack along with beverage of your choice. After dinner, Chis Johnson, Guide and owner of Living Waters Fly Fishing Shop, will present information on local fishing sites and suggested tackle. "Where and How to fish the San Gabriel River and Brushy Creek."

Saturday, June 11 - Fishing on your own or participate in a fishing clinic along the San Gabriel River with Chris Johnson, 8:30 am – 12 noon, and 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm. If you've never fly fished but want to learn the basics, join one of the Introduction to Fly Fishing sessions with members from the San Gabriel Fly Fishers and Austin Fly Fishers Clubs. Meet at the Community Room to learn and practice casting along the shores of the San Gabriel River. Business meeting at 6:30. Pizza dinner at 7:30. Bring \$10 cash for pizza and tea. Spend the evening fly tying in the Community Room or visit downtown Georgetown.

Sunday, June 12 – Fishing on your own or travel home. Note that the Community Room will not be open that morning.



Event Headquarters: Friday night Mullet Mixer, Saturday classes and membership meeting.
Georgetown Parks & Recreation Community Room
1101 N. College St., Georgetown, TX 78626
512-930-8462
Reserved: Friday, June 10, 4-10 pm; June 11, 8:00 am until 10:00 pm.

Hotel

Comfort Suites

11 Waters Edge Circle (Hwy IH 35, Northbound Frontage Rd. Exit 262)
Georgetown, TX 78626
512-863-7544

Campgrounds

There are many public and private camping/RV venues in the Georgetown area .

Army Corp of Engineers Lake Georgetown Park has campsites. <http://www.swf-wc.usace.army.mil/georgetown/Recreation/index.asp>. The Cedar Breaks camp site is the closest to Georgetown. If you prefer alternative camping/RV to an Army Corp of Engineers site, see <https://visit.georgetown.org/category/lodging/camping>

Recommended Tackle and Gear for San Gabriel River

7-9 foot, 3-5 weight fly rod

Any fly rod in the length and weight range listed above should be more than adequate for all species of fish we will be targeting.

3-5 weight fly reel with a smooth drag. The reel is mainly just a place to store the fly line that is not in use; however, when a big fish latches onto your fly and runs for the next county you will be glad for high quality drag!

Felt or good rubber soled wading boots

The San Gabriel River has a solid limestone stream bed mixed with large limestone gravel in many places. Either sole will work fine — with the advent of rubber soles some boot manufacturers have done very well some not so much. Make sure the boots have a somewhat aggressive tread pattern so that you will not slip on the transitions from mud to rock. (We use Simms Streamtread soles)

Wet wading socks – preferably neoprene (warmer months)

This single item can make a huge difference when fishing on the San Gabriel or Brushy Creek. The neoprene wet wading socks that I use act as a barrier against sand and gravel and they add cushion to every step. Layer the socks for additional effectiveness and comfort. (We use Simms Guard socks as an outer layer with their standard Neoprene sock as an inner layer)

Call the fly shop at (512) 828-FISH if you have any questions regarding this setup.

Polarized Sunglasses with amber or copper lenses — gray is better than nothing but with the fish will be easier to see with amber or copper lenses. (We use Costa del Mar glasses with copper and amber lenses).

Brushy Creek

6-8 foot, 2-4 weight fly rod

Any fly rod in the length and weight range listed above should be more than adequate for all species of fish we will be targeting. The rule for Brushy Creek is eight foot and under, anything longer will for the most part be too long to cast in tight areas of the creek.

2-4 weight fly reel with a smooth drag.

Things to bring: Sunscreen, insect repellent, whistle, hat, drinking water, Texas fishing license, wading pants, boots and socks.

R.S.V.P. to twffoutingcoordinator@yahoo.com. When you respond, please put San Gabriel Outing in subject line.

To make your outing registration for the June 10-11, 2016 San Gabriel and Bushy Creek fly fishing weekend, send an e-mail to twffoutingcoordinator@yahoo.com with the following information. Put San Gabriel Outing in the subject line.

Your Name:

Cell number where you can receive texts:

E-mail address to send updates:

When will you be arriving?

When will you be leaving?

Where are you staying?

How many will be attending Mullet Mixer on Friday night:

How many will be eating Pizza on Saturday night: \$10 cash per person.

Name of guest:

Your experience level: Beginner, Intermediate, or Advanced.

Do you want to participate in fishing clinic with Chris Johnson? Beginners in the morning. Advanced in the afternoon?

Do you want help with: Casting, knot tying, rigging, fly tying?

Do you have a fishing partner?

Do you want a fishing partner?

Can you take a beginner/new member fishing with your group?