

The Fly Line

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Spring Thoughts

Spring is here! I hope the saying "April showers bring May flowers" only moderately rings true this year. I don't know about you, but I have seen enough rain to do me for several springs.

According to the *Old Farmer's Almanac*, Spring temps and rain amounts in the southern US will be at or slightly below normal. While the *Almanac* says that their weather predictions are "traditionally 80 percent-accurate", I hope that they are 100 percent-accurate towards the below side. My property needs some time to dry out and some of my favorite

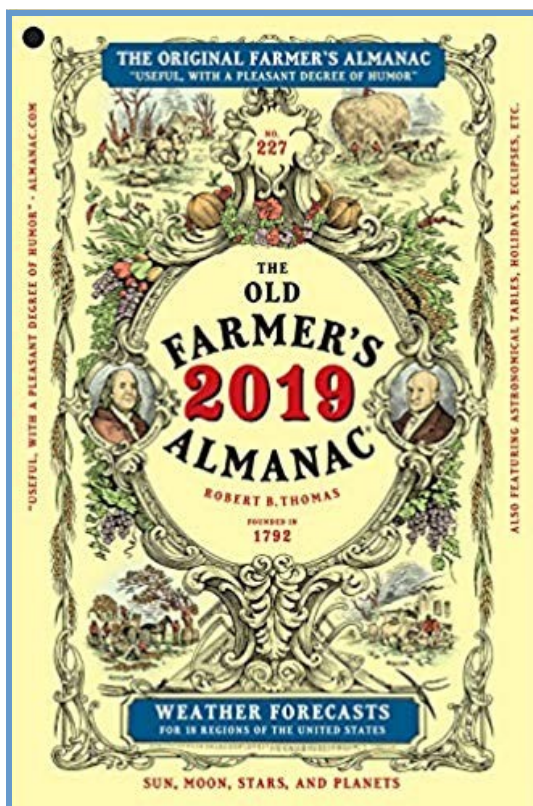
fishing holes need to return to normal levels.



Many area lakes and ponds are full, which is a good thing, but the creeks, rivers and bayous that they drain into are blown out due to the excess water. It's made springtime fishing a little hard. For ideas on where to go fishing, see page 9 of this issue.

Until your favorite fishing hole returns to normal, there are still plenty of fishing related things to do this spring. Several events have already taken place and several others are just around the corner. Check out the calendar section for the latest show updates.

And don't get so bummed out on the lack of fishing that you forget to get prepared to fish. No I'm not talking about buying more gear as you probably have more than what you need although I just purchased another kayak (the wife says the one I have is perfectly fine - not the point). I'm talking about tying. Go through your fly box(es), take inventory, sit down and tie one on!



Changes for The Fly Line Newsletter

This issue is the first in a change to our publishing model for the NLFF's newsletter, *The Fly Line*.

This change has been necessitated by the increase in the editor's workload. Having missed publishing an issue in December 2018 and now in March 2019, this change will allow for a much smaller version of the newsletter, a flyer if you will, to be published monthly to keep the club members in-



formed as to calendar events, meetings and important news that needs to still get out on a monthly basis.

The actual newsletter is changing to a **quarterly** publishing schedule. The format will be the same; however, each quarterly issue will have more information and more articles. It is hoped to increase the size of each issue to around 20 - 25 pages (starting with the next one) instead of the 8 - 10 for the previous monthly issues.

It is hoped that these changes will better keep our members informed on a month-to-month basis and continue to bring member fishing/trip reports, club event reports, and interesting articles.

Please bear with us through these changes.



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2019 NLFF Master Series**North Louisiana Fly Fishers
7th Annual Masters Series****Proudly Presents:*****Dave Hughes***

Dave Hughes is author of more than 20 books about fly fishing for trout. They include *Wet Flies*, *Handbook of Hatches*, *Reading Trout Water*, *Essential Trout Flies*, the classic *Western Hatches* (with Rick Hafele), *American Fly Tying Manual*, *Nymphs for Streams and Stillwaters*, *Trout From Small Streams*, *Pocketguide to Western Hatches* and the massive reference *Trout Flies*.

Dave's articles on fly fishing have appeared in *Field & Stream*, *Outdoor Life*, *Sports Afield*, *Gray's Sporting Journal*, *Fly Fisherman*, *Fly Rod & Reel*, *Northwest Fly Fishing*, and *Fly Tyer* magazines. Dave served as editor of *Flyfishing & Tying Journal* for eight years, and is currently a columnist for *American Angler*, and *Flyfishing & Tying Journal*.

Dave was founding president of Oregon Trout in 1983, and was awarded life membership in the Federation of Flyfishers in 1985. He was awarded the Pete Hidy honorary life membership in the Flyfishers Club of Oregon in 1992 for his literary accomplishments. Dave received the prestigious Letcher Lambuth Angler Craftsman Award in 2008 from the Washington Fly Fishing Club. He is a life member of his home club, the Rainland Flycasters in Astoria, Oregon.

Now living in Portland, Oregon, Dave is an accomplished amateur aquatic entomologist. His hobbies include collecting, identifying, and photographing the aquatic insects that are fed upon by trout, as well as tying and fishing the flies that match those insects and fool those trout.

**Tickets: \$40 each**

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Where and When:

***Red River NWR
150 Eagle Bend Point
Bossier City, LA 71112***

***July 27, 2019
9:00am - 4:00pm***

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Why I Learned the Art of Fly Tying

by Steve Mathewson

The art of fly tying – I may not be the best one to champion the art of anything.

Two decades ago, I learned to tie flies, and the flies I have tied over the years are truly wonders.

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I repeat, I am artistically challenged. So it's a wonder that I've

Here are five reasons I learned the art of fly tying. You can figure out which ones are silly and which are serious. Maybe this will inspire you to learn to tie flies too. Here we go, starting with number five (drum roll, please).



Now I'm not bragging.

My flies are mediocre at best. But they are wonders considering that I was born artistically challenged. And I still am. At age 54, I draw at about a 5-year old level. When our family holds its occasion-

ally-annual gingerbread house competition, the mansion I construct ends up looking like a shack in a third-world country.

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5. It would help me learn to say "tying flies" rather than "flying ties."

If you've never made that mistake, then you won't understand. But it's so easy to get tongue-tied

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Why I Learned the Art of Fly Tying - Cont.

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and talk about flying ties (think about that image) rather than tying flies. I figured that if I was around a veteran tie flyer, whoops, I mean fly tyer, I would learn to say it right all the time.

Alas, I was wrong. So this really is not a good reason to become a fly tyer.

4. It would put hoarded stuff to good use.

I'm not a hoarder, even though it runs in my family. But like most folks, I have a garage full of old extension cords, balls of yarn, and peacock plumage. Yes, peacock plumage!

One of my neighbors in rural Montana had peacocks, and my kids used to pick up some of the long feathers and bring them home. As any fly tyer knows, peacock herl is used in a lot of fly patterns. The yarn turned out to be decent dubbing, and the old extension cords have provided me with a lifetime supply of copper wire. The downside of this is that I've become a magnet for stuff people want to discard.

I could buy the top-of-the-line Sage rod if I had a five-spot for every time a friend said, "Here, I thought you might want this for fly tying material."

3. It would allow me to use the feathers and hides I collected from hunting trips.

One of my dreams has been to catch a trout on an elk hair caddis that I tied using the hair from a bull elk I would shoot with a bow. Believe it or not, that actually happened. However, my counsel is: if you want to tie flies from the fur and feathers of game you harvest, just stop. Those materials are harder to work with than the commercial elk hides or feathers you can buy for a handsome fee.

Here's a bonus tip. If you're stubborn and decide to use the fur and feathers from game you harvest, don't tell anyone your intentions. Otherwise, you'll have friends giving you deer hides, turkey feathers, pheasant feathers, and all kinds of other raw materials.

2. It would eliminate the need to shell out two bucks (and more!) for a hook with a bead and some wire.

Now we're getting serious. There are some fly patterns which are more than worth the two bucks I pay for them. But tying a bead head brassie only requires me to put a bead head on the front of the hook, followed by a couple turns of peacock herl, and then a few turns of copper wire. Even I can do that relatively quickly.

San Juan worms are the same. If you can tie on a piece of chenille, and then use a lighter to cauterize both of the ends, that's all it takes.

1. It would make me a better fly fisher.

This is the most important reason of all. When I learned to tie flies, I got more than I bargained for. I learned a lot about the feeding habits of trout, when certain flies worked (and when they didn't), and how much of a trout's diet comes from beneath the surface (something I needed to hear as a lover of dry fly fishing). Learning to tie flies is worth it for no other reason than becoming a better fly fisher.

Like playing the saxophone, fly tying is easy to do poorly. But even a poor imitation can catch trout. That's the key. My theory is that a lot of flies are tied to catch fly fishers, not fish.

I've never interviewed a trout, but I've caught a lot of them on some of the rather clumsy looking patterns I've tied. So don't be afraid to give the art of fly tying a try. If I can do it, you can do it, too.

Still not convinced? Then try something else. Perhaps tie flying.



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Why I Don't Tie My Own Flies

by Dave Goetz

Steve does. I don't. I do not tie my own flies. In this post, I make a case for why some fly fishers should not tie their own flies.

Steve, the other half of "2 Guys and a River" and I are life-long friends. In college, we hung out so much the haters called us "Bo and Luke" after the lead characters on the silly TV show "Dukes of Hazard." We even went on double dates together, though neither of us married our dates, much to the appreciation (on some days) of our wives.

But Steve and I could not be more different.

Steve is a first child. I am not. Steve is so much of a first child that when we take fly fishing trips, Steve will make the bed every morning at the place we're staying, even if it's the last day we're there. Yes, he makes the bed. Let's just say that I don't make my bed (though I will pull off the dirty sheets on the morning I leave).

We also differ on many aspects of fly fishing. We use different rods. We wear different waders. How we think about fly fishing brands, even, is so different. I tend to be practical and cheap; he is more brand conscious.

And we also differ on the topic of tying flies. Steve does. I don't. There are consequences to my decision, such as not having the ability to tie a pattern at the river's edge and feel the surge of emotion as I hook a brown with a woolly bugger that I tied. I don't get to feel one with nature because I caught a fish with something I created.

However, I'd rather buy than tie, and here's why:

1. We had too many kids.

We ended up with four, and with all their sports and school activities, I can barely get out on the river as it is. A lousy excuse, I know. But given the dizzying number of places to buy flies, I'd rather watch my sons play football or my daughters play soccer or attend one of my sons' wrestling meets.

I can't do it all, so I've made the choice to eliminate, among other things, tying flies.

2. I also love to hunt.

I've limited my sports to two – fly fishing and hunting. I'd rather fly fish and hunt upland game and waterfowl than spend time in a damp basement under a bright lamp with tiny hooks and peacock herl. Just sayin'.

Obviously, when I hunt is not generally in the evenings and in the winter, but even so, life is a series of trade-offs. And I've traded tying my own flies for other opportunities.

3. I'd rather write than tie.

In my free time, outside of fly fishing and hunting, I like to write. I've written two books, with another on [fly fishing](#) (with Steve, my podcast partner). I've written thousands of blog posts, it seems, and another hundred or so articles.

Writing is another choice I've made.

4. I'd rather work more than tie.

I've started a couple small businesses, so I'd probably rather throw my shoulder into landing one more client than spend an evening staring at a vise.

Again, it's another choice. It's probably more like a kind of illness, but I enjoy throwing my shoulder into what I feel I've been called to do.

5. The patterns on the market are legion.

I'm grateful for all those who tie flies, and the artistry that I can pur-

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chase amazes me.

Yes, I may be paying more per fly than I should, but you can't have it all in this world. I'm happy to pay for flies. I just am. And I'm thankful for the talent that ties the flies that I can buy.

6. We have too much clutter in our house.

Until the kids all leave (and it looks like it will be a while, even though the two oldest are in college), we need every square inch of our house for kid stuff. I don't have space for a bench and a corner for more boxes.

7. I can live with the ambiguity of who ties my flies.

Someone recently taunted me for my decision by saying that I'm contributing to slave labor, that most flies are tied in China (or Thailand) in a sweat factory, and that it is the dirty little secret of the fly fishing industry.

Whewda!

Just for starters, none of the flies I purchase are from big box retail stores. I generally buy from local fly shops. I know for a fact that at least some of the fly shops where

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Why I Don't Tie My Own Flies - Cont.

Steve and I fish regularly purchase flies from local tiers. For example, one fly shop in Montana has this on their web site: "We stock only flies & gear useful within fifty miles of our door, we designed and/or tie around half the flies we stock ..."

However, no doubt that many of the ties sold in both fly shops and big box retail stores are tied by, as a fly shop monkey said to me the other day, "a little old lady in Thailand."

So do individuals who tie flies in

bulk for that fly shop make a livable wage for their work?

I have no idea.

Do the folks at the factory who make your nets and leaders and tippet and vests make enough money to live on? I don't know.

Are the mutual funds that you invest in for your retirement comprised only of investments in companies with vetted labor practices? Do you know how your investments are used?

I have no angst about who ties my flies. I just don't.

8. I still catch fish.

Steve and I have fished together for years and years. I will admit that he is a much better fly fisher than I am – for a variety of reasons.

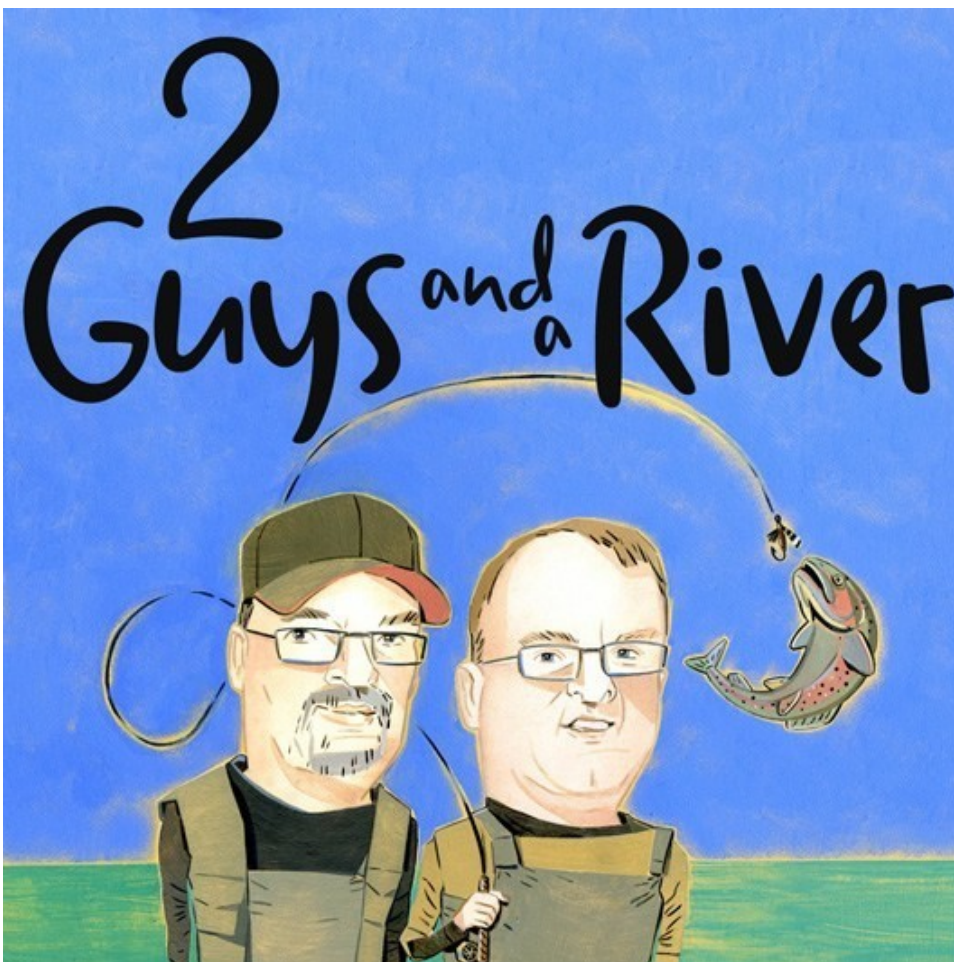
But somehow, I still seem to catch fish. I've never had a day where I think, "Man, if I just had some hand-crafted flies, I'd catch more fish." Just today, Steve and I each caught 20 browns before 10:30 AM. We fished different runs. We each caught a 20-incher. I guess he did catch two whitefish, and I caught none. So, there again, he is the better fly fisher!

Has there ever been a moment when I thought, "I sure wish I could run back to my truck and tie a fly that matches the hatch?"

In 35 years of fly fishing, maybe a handful of moments. And given what I am able to do because of my other choices, I am more than happy to concede the moment to another fly fisher who can.



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Area Guide for ARK-LA-TX Fly Fishers

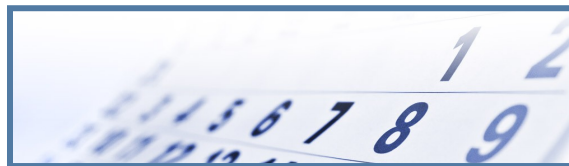
STATE	PARISH or COUNTY	BODY of WATER	ACCESS & INFO
AR	Lafayette	Lake Erling	5 Mi NW Of Springhill LA. 7100 Acres, Good Bass & Crappie and Outstanding Catfish Populations.
LA	Bienville	Kepler Creek	4 Mi E of Jamestown. 1988 Acres. Launch at Dam off LA 507. Many Stumps. Few Marked Boat Lanes. Clear with White Sandy Bottom. Excellent Bream, Bass, Catfish, Crappie Fishing. Nice Kayak Lake.
LA	Bienville	Mill Creek Reservoir	Just W of Saline, LA. Launch at Dam on Evans Rd/PR 707 off LA 155/LA 9. Deep Water. Few Obstructions. Known for Crappie. Good for Bass and Bream in Spring/Fall.
LA	Bossier	Black Bayou	10 Mi N of Bossier. 700 Acres. Launch by Bridge on Linton Rd. Bass, Bream, Crappie. Lots of Ski Traffic in Summer.
LA	Bossier	Bodcau WMA	North of Haughton, LA Off LA 157. WMA Contains Bodcau Bayou, Bodcau Lake and Many Other Areas. Excellent Bream Fishing With Kayak or Small Boat.
LA	Bossier	Lake Catherine	At the Red River NWR. Launch off Arthur Ray Teague Pkwy. Paddle and Electric Only. Closed During Duck Season and July/August Nesting Season.
LA	Bossier	Cypress Lake	10 Mi N of Bossier. 3000 Acres. Launch at Park. Upper End has Most Fishing Cover and Less Recreational Boats.
LA	Bossier	Ivan Lake	N of Bossier on Ivan Lake Rd off Hwy 160. Launch at Dam. Excellent Fishing From Stocking in 2011-2013.
LA	Bossier	Plain Dealing Lake	2 Mi NE of Plain Dealing on Lake Rd Off LA 3. Excellent Small Craft Lake. Numerous Small Bass and Large Bream.
LA	Caddo	C. Bickham Dickson Park	Entrance at Corner of Bert Kouns & 70th. Paddle & Electric Only. Frequently Closes when Red River Floods.
LA	Caddo	Black Bayou Lake	1 Mi W of Hosston. Launch at Dam Just Off Hwy 2. 4000 Acres. Boat Lane. Stumps, Trees. Excellent Bass & Bream.
LA	Caddo	Caddo Lake	Access in Oil City (West Side) & Uncertain, TX (East Side). Great Bass Fishery in Danger of Giant Salvenia Takeover.
LA	Caddo	Cross Lake	2 Mi W of Shreveport. 8575 Acres. Great Launches at Multiple Parks on South Side. Good Bass by Docks/Piers.
LA	Caddo	Kings Hwy Bayou	Launch Along Kings Hwy. Paddle Craft Only. Little Fishing Pressure. Good Numbers of Bass and Bream.
LA	Caddo	Wallace Lake	14 Mi S of Shreveport Off Wallace Lake Rd. Excellent Crappie Fishing. Some Ares Can Be Vegetation Choked.
LA	Claiborne	Lake Claiborne	5 Mi E of Homer, LA. 6400 Acres. Access at Lake Claiborne SP. Excellent Bass, Bream, Crappie and Some Hybrid Stripers.
LA	Claiborne	Corney Lake	10 Mi NE of Homer, LA. 2300 Acres. Access in Kisatchie Rec Area. Great for Kayak and Small Boat Fishing.

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State	Parish or County	Body of Water	Access & Information
LA	DeSoto	Sabine River	Boat Launch in Logansport. Launch Kayaks at Most Hwy Crossings. Excellent White Bass Runs Upriver During March Spawn.
LA	Jackson	Caney Creek Reservoir	13 Mi E of Jonesboro, LA. 5032 Acres. Access in Jimmie Davis State Park. Note for Large Bass and Crappie.
LA	Lincoln, Winn, Bienville, Grant, Jackson	Dougemona River	129 Mi River Best Navigated with a Kayak. Excellent Spotted Bass and Bream with Little Fishing Pressure. Access at Hwy Crossings. Area North of Winnfield is Best.
LA	Natchitoches	Black Lake	Just E of Campti, LA. Access at Hwy 9 Bridge. Excellent Bass Lake with Many Specimens in 5-8 lbs Range. Cypress Covered.
LA	Natchitoches	Cane River	38 Mi Oxbow Lake Through Downtown Natchitoches, LA. Numerous Boat Launches. Excellent Bass and Bream Fishing.
LA	Natchitoches	Kisatchie Bayou	Located in Kisatchie Nat Forest S of Natchitoches, LA off Hwy 117. Great Clear Water Stream for Wet Wading in Spring & Summer for Spotted Bass and Sunfish. Rock & Sand Bottom.
LA	Natchitoches	Sibley Lake	1 Mi W of Natchitoches, LA at Hwy 1 & Hwy 6 Intersection. 2003 Acres. Excellent Bass & Bream. Numerous Public Boat Launches.
LA	Ouachita	Bayou Disard	28 Mi Bayou Through Monroe, LA. Divided into 7 Mi sections with Earthen Dams. Numerous Launches. Great Bass & Bream.
LA	Ouachita	Black Bayou Lake	3 Mi N of Monroe, LA. 4522 Acres Part of Black Bayou NWR. Noted for Huge Bream and Redear Sunfish. Good Bass Fishing.
LA	Ouachita	Ouachita River	Forcythe Park in Monroe, LA. Flows South Out of Arkansas. Great White Sand Beaches Upriver From Monroe.
LA	Red River	Grand Bayou Reservoir	2 Mi E of Coushatta, LA. Public Boat Dock at Hwy 784 Bridge. Florida Hybrid Bass. Special Slot Limits. Excellent for Small Boats. Summer Bass Schools Taken on Topwaters Near Channel.
LA	Red River	Red River Pool 5	Numerous Oxbows S of Shreveport Accessible from Launches in Shreveport, Bossier City, & Caspiana. Great Spring Bass Fishing.
LA	Sabine	Toledo Bend	On the Border of Texas and Louisiana. Famous for Bass, Bream, Crappie and Stripers. Many Public Access Points.
LA	Union	Lake D' Arbonne	W & S of Farmerville, LA. 15,250 Acres. Many Public Launches & a SP. Spring White Bass Runs Up the Bayou. Bass & Crappie.
LA	Webster	Caney (Upper & Lower) Lakes	5 Mi N of Minden, LA in Kisatchie National Forest. 350 Acres Total. Good Bass, Bream & Crappie. Upper Lake is Paddlecraft Only. Holds 4 of Top 10 State Bream Records.
LA	Webster	Bayou Dorcheat	2 Mi W of Minden, LA Off Hwy 80 Just N of I-20 Exit 44. Nicely Shaded Spring & Summer Fishing for Bass, Bream & Catfish.
LA	Webster, Bossier, Bienville	Lake Bistineau	S of Minden, LA. 15,500 Acres. Many Launches & SP. Cypress Filled. Excellent Bass, Bream & Crappie. Giant Salvinia Problem.

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State	Parish or County	Body of Water	Access & Information
LA	Winn	Saline Lake	12 Mi NE of Natchitoches, LA. 8400 Acres. Numerous Public Boat Launches. Excellent Bass, Bream and Crappie Fishing.
TX	Angelina	Kurth Reservoir	6 Mi N of Lufkin, TX Off Hwy 59. 726 Acres. Lake Permit Required. Excellent Bass lake Good Crappie Fishing.
TX	Bowie, Cass	Wright Patman Lake	10 Mi SW of Texarkana, TX. 18,994 Acres. Numerous Public Boat Launches. Big Water/Large Boat Lake. Excellent Catfish, Crappie & White Bass. Good Largemouth Bass.
TX	Camp, Marion, Morris, Upshur	Lake O' the Pines	25 Mi N of Longview, TX. 16,919 acres. Numerous Boat Launches. Big Water Lake. Kayaks Best in Coves. Noted for Largemouth Bass, White Bass and Crappie.
TX	Harrison	Brandy Branch Reservoir	10 Mi SW of Marshall, TX off FM 3251 S of I-20. Concrete Ramp. Power Plant Three Season Lake.
TX	Harrison, Marion	Big Cypress Bayou	From Lake O' the Pines to Caddo Lake. Large Boat Access at Caddo Lake State Park. Kayak/Small Boat Access in Jefferson. Excellent Multi-Species Fishing Up/Down River From Jefferson.
TX	Morris	Little Pine Lake (Daingerfield State Park)	2 Mi E of Daingerfield, TX Off Hwy 49. Paddlecraft Only. 200 Acre Spring-Fed, Clear, Cold Lake. Excellent Chain Pickerel Fishing in Winter.
TX	Nacogdoches	Lake Naconiche	14 Mi NE of Nacogdoches, TX Off US 59. Take FM 2435 W 2 Mi & Turn onto CR 137. Excellent Bream and Bass Fishing.
TX	Panola	Lake Murvaul	15 Mi W of Carthage, TX. 3397 Acres. Public Access at Decker-Hill Park, FM1971 Bridge, Rosie Jones Park & Tinkle Park. FM 1970, FM 1971 & FM 999 are Access Roads. Excellent Catfish.
TX	Rusk	Martin Creek Lake	3 Mi SW of Tatum, TX on CR 2183 off Hwy 43. 4981 Acres. Only Public Launch is at the SP. Power Plant Lake. Good Bass.
TX	Shelby	Lake Pinkston	10 Mi W of Center. 523 Acres. Access at Dam (West) Off CR 1510 & Sandy Creek Park (East) Off CR 1211. Excellent Bass & Bream Fishery.
TX	Shelby	Timpson Reservoir	4 Mi NE of Garrison, TX on FM 2667 off US 59. Boat Launch. 14 to 21 Inch Slot Limit Produces Many Trophy Bass.
TX	Smith	Lake Tyler (East & West)	5 Miles SE of Tyler off Hwy 64. 2 Lakes Joined by a Canal. 2224 Acres. Numerous Public Boat Launches. Host to Many Bass Tournaments. 2-8lb Bass Common. Good Bream and White Bass.
TX	Titus	Welsh Reservoir	10 Mi SE of Mt Pleasant, TX. 1269 Acres. Public Access on FM 1735 N, Turn Right at Boat Ramp Sign. Power Plant Lake.
TX	Upshur	Lake Gilmer	4 Mi W of Gilmer, TX. 1010 Acres. Access at Hwy 852 Bridge. Excellent Bream & Bass in Spring Before Vegetation Thickens.
TX	Wood	Lake Hawkins	4 Mi NW of Hawkins, TX. 633 Acres. Launches on CR3440, CR 3497, FM 14 & FM 2869. Pickerel in Winter. Bass in Spring.

NLFF Calendar

Apr 9th: NLFF Monthly Club Meeting. Red River National Wildlife Refuge, 150 Eagle Bend Point, Bossier City, LA. Club business from 6:45 - 7:00pm. Presentation starts promptly at 7:00pm. Social hour starts at 6:00pm and involves fly tying and/or casting depending on weather.

Apr 18th: NLFF Monthly Fly Tying Session. Bass Pro Shops, 100 Bass Pro Dr., Bossier City, LA at 6:00 - 7:00pm. Fly to be announced.

Apr 23rd: NLFF Monthly Board of Directors Meeting. Bass Pro Shops, 100 Bass Pro Dr., Bossier City, LA at 6:00 - 7:00pm. Held in the meeting room on the second floor by the elevator.

May 14th: NLFF Monthly Club Meeting. Red River National Wildlife Refuge, 150 Eagle Bend Point, Bossier City, LA. Club business from 6:45 - 7:00pm. Presentation starts promptly at 7:00pm. Social hour starts at 6:00pm and involves fly tying and/or casting depending on weather.

May 16th: NLFF Monthly Fly Tying Session. Bass Pro Shops, 100 Bass Pro Dr., Bossier City, LA at 6:00 - 7:00pm. Fly to be announced.

May 25th: Bass on the Fly annual competition. Lake Fork Marina, Alba, TX. Details to come. Think about entering. We would like to field a couple of teams from the NLFF. For more information, go to www.bassonthefly.org

May 28th: NLFF Monthly Board of Directors Meeting. Bass Pro Shops, 100 Bass Pro Dr., Bossier City, LA at 6:00 - 7:00pm. Held in the meeting room on the second floor by the elevator.

May 31st - Jun 2nd: NLFF Flies & Fleas 2019. Purts Creek State Park, 14225 FM 316, Eustace, TX. Open to everyone. Fishing and shopping is the order of the day! A great family outing. Some will fish. Some will shop the First Mondays Trade Days in Canton. Some will do both. All will have a great time. There will be a hotdog/hamburger supper for everyone Saturday night. Bring a side and your own drinks. Book early as the Canton hotels and the State Park book up early. **NO TEXAS FISHING LICENSE IS REQUIRED!** Great for LA folks.



Artwork by Dave Whitlock

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SEND ITEMS TO EDITOR:
STORIES, PHOTOS, ITEMS OF
INTEREST ARE ALL
WELCOME!

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May 25th: Bass on the Fly annual competition. Lake Fork Marina, Alba, TX. Details to come. Think about entering. We would like to field a couple of teams from the NLFF. For more information, go to www.bassonthefly.org

May 17th - 18th: RSFF Spring Catch-n-Eat annual marsh fishing trip. Hwy 1 corridor - Galliano to Grand Isle. Friday evening gathering at local restaurant (optional) and Saturday evening gathering for fish/shrimp/veggie fry in Golden Meadow. Must be a member of RSFF or other fly fishing club to participate. For details, go to www.rsff.org

May 31st - Jun 2nd: NLFF Flies & Fleas 2019. Purvis Creek State Park, 14225 FM 316, Eustace, TX. Open to everyone. Fishing and shopping is the order of the day! A great family outing. Some will fish. Some will shop the First Mondays Trade Days in Canton. Some will do both. All will have a great time. There will be a hotdog/hamburger supper for everyone Saturday night. Bring a side and your own drinks. Book early as the Canton hotels and the State Park book up early. **NO TEXAS FISHING LICENSE IS REQUIRED!** Great for LA folks.

Jul 12th - 14th: Leeville Fly Fishing Weekend Leeville Fly Fishing Weekend Friday-Sunday, July 12-14, 2019 A great tradition since 1990. Members of fly fishing clubs in Louisiana and Mississippi gather for a weekend of marsh and inshore fishing. Hosted by the Red Stick Fly Fishers club. Saturday evening fish and shrimp fry to be held at Boudreaux's Waterfront Motel in Leeville, featuring fresh-caught fish contributed by attendees. *** Formerly the Grand Isle Fly Fishing Weekend, the venue was changed in 2018 to Leeville, with several other changes.*** Check rsff.org website for details.

Jul 27th: NLFF's Annual Masters Series featuring Oregon Trout's founding President, accomplished author and amateur aquatic entomologist Dave Hughes. Tickets are \$40 and a lite breakfast and hamburger/hotdog lunch will be provided. See www.northlaflyfishers.org for more details.



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It is the charge of the North Louisiana Fly Fishers to afford the general public and our members in particular, a better understanding of Fly Fishing, Fly Tying, and Rod Building. We wish to perpetuate the sport as a most pleasurable and exciting fishing method and provide education, instruction and the opportunities for relaxation to the membership.

The North Louisiana Fly Fishers (NLFF) Club serves the Ark-La-Tex area surrounding Shreveport. As the closest cold water fishery, we consider the Little Missouri (Little' Mo) River near Murfreesboro, AR our home waters. We also fish the local rivers and lakes. We even have a growing group of kayak fishermen that, as well as the local rivers and lakes, will fish the gulf coast marshes for some saltwater action!

We meet the second Tuesday of every month at the Red River Wildlife Refuge (150 Eagle Bend Point, Bossier City, LA). Meeting starts at 7pm but come about 6pm to visit, tie flies and practice casting when the weather permits. See you there!