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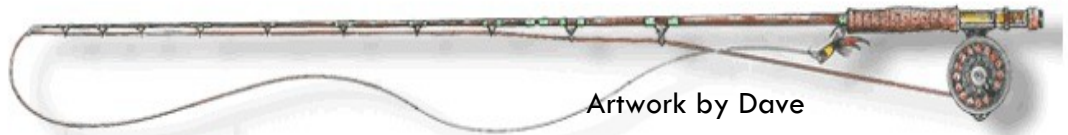


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It is the charge of the North Louisiana Fly Fishers to afford the general public and our members in particular, a better understanding of Fly Fishing, Fly Tying, and Rod Building. We wish to perpetuate the sport as a most pleasurable and exciting fishing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

NEWSLETTER ITEMS DUE!
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STORIES, PHOTOS, ITEMS OF
INTEREST ARE ALL
WELCOME!



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Reflections on the water

These are times we have never seen. Even some of you in your eighties, were only babies during the depression. The wars and recessions we have endured were all man-made. This form of coronavirus is unlike anything since, H1N1 virus, in 2009, and the Spanish Flu in 1918.

We hear hourly, how it is changing our lives. Schools, churches, retail stores, restaurants, medical offices, and more are closed or operating with very limited personnel.

All these are the negatives that I see. This event will pass and alter how we look at life. But this is a time for reflections.

Being part of the “essentials”, I get out on the streets during the week. Cautious of who I meet, most of my time is spent behind the steering wheel. But the things I see remind me of simpler days. People are evolving. Families are spending time together without the hustle of getting to the next school or social event. When the weather allows, kids are outdoors, playing. I have seen more bicycle clans rolling down the street. Family strolls with actual conversations taking place.

These simpler days are some of the reasons I fly-fish. It is the time spent on or near the water that gives me time to reflect. I may not catch many fish, but I have caught many

thoughts of my life. Not always easier times, but cherished times.

I am thankful for the friends I have made, in being a part of the North Louisiana Fly Fishers.

Please take this time to reflect on your faith, your family and friends. One more – reflect on fly-fishing and the joy that all these things have brought to our lives.



EVENTS

At this time, all organized events are postponed. We will stay in touch via emails, website, newsletter and text.

Will send out local fishing list.

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NLFF Calendar



May 12th Monthly Meeting.

May 21st - Fly Tying. Jamie Franklin. Mayfly. 6:00 Bass Pro

May 29-31: NLFF Flies and Fleas. Purvis State Park, Canton, TX. Coincides with First Monday Trade Days in Canton.

June 9th—Monthly Meeting.

June 18th - Fly Tying. TBD, maybe a June Bug!! 6:00 Bass Pro

July 14th—Monthly Meeting. “Guide to Aquatic Trout Food” book study and discussion. Led by Tom Bullock.

July 17-18: Leesville Catch and Eat.

JULY 25: NLFF MASTER SERIES. Mike Huffman—Topic is Warm Water Fly Fishing. Tickets on sale, now!

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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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 Hwy1 & 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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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	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.