



MO Fishing

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Our April 3rd meeting will be at the Springfield Nature Center beginning at 6 PM for fly tying and 7 PM for program and business meeting.

For the April meeting our presenter will be A.J. Pratt. He is a fisheries management biologist in the Ozark Region. The past 14 years he has worked for Fisheries Division and previously assigned to the Kansas City Region. A.J. will be speaking about Bull Shoals. He oversees Bull Shoals Lake and will provide a program discussing Bull Shoals with insight to the recent stripper plantings, information to white bass, walleye populations and his insight to the increase pool levels for Bull Shoals Lake to accommodate the minimum flow for the White River in Arkansas.



A.J. Pratt

Photo provided by www.ozarkanglers.com

Bull Shoals Lake is very diverse impoundment that is shared between Missouri and Arkansas. Bull Shoals Dam forms Bull Shoals Lake, Arkansas's largest lake with 45,440 acres of waters stretching along Arkansas's northern border and into southern Missouri. Anglers are drawn to the lake's catches of lunker bass, catfish, crappie, and bream. Water sports enthusiasts can enjoy boating and swimming in these clear open waters. A.J. enjoys fishing on Bull Shoals and Norfork lakes and spending time with his wife and two children. The normal pool level will be five foot higher this year and years to come. This will be good news for individuals fishing from a boat and more challenging for fishing the shore near the Pot Hole. If you have questions of Bull Shoals or other Ozark region waters, A.J. is the resource to excellent information. This will be an outstanding program.

For more information contact, [A.J. Pratt MDC](#)

Discover nature with MDC through women's outdoor-skills workshop. Weekend of outdoor fun will teach hands-on outdoor skills. Registration deadline is April 25.

JEFFERSON CITY Mo -- The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) invites women to have a weekend of fun while learning various outdoor skills at its annual "Discover Nature--Women Summer Workshop." The weekend of hands-on learning will be May 30 to June 1 at the Windermere Baptist Conference Center in Roach along Lake of the Ozarks. Registration deadline is April 25.

The workshop provides a safe and friendly environment where women learn hands-on outdoor-skills at the beginner level by selecting a group of four courses from the following offerings: archery, basic hunting, canoeing, introduction to firearms, plant-animal-tree identification, camping, fishing fundamentals, fly tying, map and compass reading, and shotgun shooting. Women attending for the first time are encouraged to attend the program a second year to complete four additional courses. The special weekend is targeted to women 18 years and older, along with young women age 14-17 when accompanied by a woman 18 years or older. The workshop is free, but a \$20 deposit is required at the time of registration and will be refunded at check in. There is no deposit fee for young women aged 14-17 when registered with an adult.

Participants are responsible for making room and meal reservations directly with Windermere by contacting 573-346-5200 or 800-346-2215, or online at windermereusa.org. Various lodging options are available at the Windermere Conference Center including lodge, motel, cabin, and camping. Accommodation prices will vary with the number of participants per room.

The weekend will begin with lunch on Friday and will end with lunch on Sunday. MDC will provide dinner on Saturday at no cost to participants. Workshop-weekend meal costs through Windermere are \$5.50 for breakfast, \$7 for lunch, and \$8.25 for dinner. To register, go online to mdc.mo.gov/node/3958 and download the brochure for full course descriptions and registration form. For more information, call 573-522-4115, ext. 3808.

Use or possession of alcoholic beverages or illicit drugs, firearms, and fireworks is forbidden on Windermere property. In compliance with the American Disabilities Act, this program will make all reasonable efforts to accommodate people with special needs. Please include a letter with the registration form describing any special needs.

MSU Fly Fishing Class by Kim Schultz

Our first MSU class was March 20, 2014. There are twenty students in the class with Ralph coordinating and is the representative contact person to the university. There were thirteen club members on hand to help out with casting and instructional fly tying. There are five four hour sessions with four of those on the MSU campus, a trip to Mountain Springs May 3th and to Roaring River State Park May 5th for a full day of fishing. There will not be a MSU class April 3rd and we will meet at Springfield Nature Center for a regular meeting. Many of you received parking permits from Larry at the last meeting, and if you did get one, please contact him or Ralph. This activity continues to be a success with members taking time to share their experiences on the water and knowledge of fly-fishing.

MSU Class



MDC explains winter fish kills are no cause for alarm

Common seasonal phenomenon is more widespread this year due to unusually severe winter.

MDC Resource Scientist Rebecca O'Hearn says winter fish kills are normal occurrences. What is not normal, she says, is the number and size of this year's winter kills. As bad as die-offs may seem, Stoner says they seldom have a serious effect on fish populations as a whole.

Stoner and O'Hearn urge people who see fish kills to report them to the nearest Conservation Department office. Such reports help MDC evaluate the extent and severity of losses. It is always possible that a particular fish kill resulted from pollution or some problem other than winter conditions. If pollution is suspected to be killing fish or wildlife, call the Missouri Department of Natural Resources Environmental Emergency Response Line at 573-634-2436.

Pre-derby Meeting

The March 8, 2014 members of the MTFA met for a pre-derby meeting at Bennett Spring State Park. After, an hour of discussion, paying dues, paying insurance and turning money over to St. Louis for derby prizes. We adjourned the meeting and assembled at the hatchery building where Brandon Grass treated us to a tour of the facility. Brandon is the newest member of the hatchery staff and he will oversee the egg, fry smolt production. It was very informative and a big thanks to Mike Mitchell, hatchery supervisor for his support.

Hatchery Tour



From the Editor:

The **MDC** has issued a number of interesting releases this month. We don't have the room to reproduce all the text. I am giving you the titles, contact information and whatever else I can fit in from each release that will give you something to work with. Hope it's enough. If you go to www.mdc.mo.gov and scroll to the very bottom of the page you will see a link in the left hand column called "Newsroom". All of these articles are there with many more. **EKA**

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Share your fishing skills by volunteering with MDC to teach others

Volunteer anglers needed around the state for MDC Discover Nature — Fishing Program.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. -- Fishing is a great way for kids and families to have fun outdoors, discover nature, and make happy memories together. For more than a million anglers, conservation makes Missouri a great place to fish. The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) needs experienced anglers from all around the state to help others learn to fish through its free Discover Nature — Fishing Program. The statewide program provides a series of four separate lessons to help kids and families gain skills and confidence to go fishing on their own. Each of the four, two-hour lessons is followed by hands-on fishing for participants to put their newly learned skills to work. Equipment and bait is provided for participant use. Class size is limited and classes are offered throughout the fishing season from April through October.

Lesson One: Equipment, Casting, and Proper Fish Handling

Lesson Two: How to Rig a Pole and Bait a Hook

Lesson Three: Aquatic Biology, Ecology, and Conservation

Lesson Four: Fishing with Lures

Volunteers can teach a single lesson or multiple lessons and training will be provided. The Conservation Department encourages experienced anglers interested in volunteering, and interested participants, to contact the following MDC Fisheries staff for more information on opportunities in their areas.

Southwest Region: Dave Woods at 417-895-6881 x1623, or Dave.Woods@mdc.mo.gov

Ozark Region: Mary Scott at 417-255-9561 x276, or Mary.Scott@mdc.mo.gov

Southeast Region: Salvador Mondragon at 573-290-5858 x4433, or Salvador.Mongragon@mdc.mo.gov

For more information on MDC's Discover Nature — Fishing Program, go online to mdc.mo.gov/node/27175.

Celebrate 25 years of Missouri Stream Teams keeping our waters clean

Participate in celebration events to earn prizes while having fun and forming friendships.

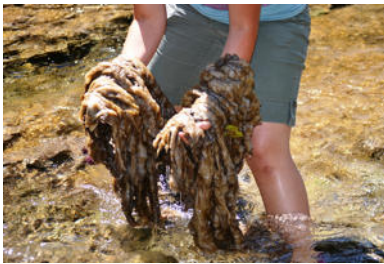
The Missouri Stream Team Program is a citizen-led effort to conserve Missouri streams. Sponsored by the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC), the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (DNR), and the Conservation Federation of Missouri (CFM), the Program focuses on education, stewardship, and advocacy for Missouri stream resources.

“Missouri is fortunate to have 110,000 miles of flowing waters, and the Stream Team Program continues to spread the word about keeping them clean, healthy, and safe,” Meier said. “Even seemingly little things citizens do to help streams makes big differences, such as planting trees and native vegetation along streams, picking up litter, performing water-friendly lawn practices, and educating others about the importance of clean water.”

The Stream Team Program is open to anyone in Missouri with an interest in streams and offers a variety of activities for individuals, families, schools, and communities regardless of age, background, or ability. For more information, visit the website at mostreamteam.org or on Facebook at facebook.com/mostreamteams.

news.yahoo.com/rock-snot-infestation-caused-climate-change-study

The above URL will take you to this story in total. Editor; 'Rock Snot' Infestation Caused by Climate Change, Study Suggests By Elizabeth Howell, Live Science Contributor March 5, 2014 9:19 AM



In 2013, the Duval River (tributary of the renowned Bonaventure River) experienced the most severe didymo ... A pesky species of algae — sometimes called "rock snot" due to the way its tendrils attach to rocks in waterways — is infiltrating parts of eastern Canada due to global warming and not accidental introductions from humans tromping around, a new study suggests. . . .

. . . **Washing waders:** A didymo mat several centimeters thick covers the rocky substrate of the crystal clear Duval River. Lavery performed the research at Queen's University in Ontario under the supervision of John Smol and his postdoctoral researcher Joshua Kurek, an avid fly fisherman who always heeded the advice to "wash his waders" to stop the transport of this algae from waterway to waterway. As an ecologist, however, Kurek knew that diatoms (single-celled algae) typically are present in many [ecosystems](#) because they're easily transported by the wind between different lakes. "If there's a bucket of water on the roof left overnight, it will be colonized by diatoms," Lavery told Live Science.

. . . The study was published in the Canadian Journal of Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences and includes participation from Queen's University, Brock University in Ontario, and Quebec's National Institute of Scientific Research. Follow Elizabeth Howell [@howellspace](#), or LiveScience on Twitter [@livescience](#). We're also on [Facebook](#) & [Google+](#).

Use the URL that heads the article to read the entire thing. Also wash your waders, boots, flip flops, boats...what ever touches the water. Didymo, Hyrdilla, Mussels... the list of nasty spreadable things just keeps growing and our waterways are too special not to protect.

Happy Spring

It really is on the way.



Calendar for April 2014

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| April 3 | Monthly meeting 6-9 PM Speaker: A J Pratt |
| April 10 | MSU Fly Fishing Class 6-9:50 PM |
| April 12 | Tri-Lakes Expo, Brighton 9 AM – 4 PM |
| April 24 | MSU Fly Fishing Class 6-9:50 PM |
| May 1 | MSU Fly Fishing Class 6-9:50 PM No Monthly Meeting |

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<p>Monthly meetings at the Springfield Nature Center are the first Thursday of the month at 6 PM for Fly tying and 7 PM for programs and business meeting.</p>		
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