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Outing Information

Elk River Clean-up and Outing February 22-26, 2012

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Conservation Project

Elk River Clean Up – Saturday, February 25, 2012 at 8:30am

The primary focus of our Elk River Outing is not actually fishing, but the conservation project we include in it. Each year our members (and usually a guest or two) show up below Tim's Ford Lake bright and early, gloves in hand, to clean the river banks up from near the dam down to the first bend in the river. We bag up left over debris and try to leave the area as clean as possible.

Our members are asked to show up for duty by 8:30am on Saturday morning, and most of the time we're all through and ready to fish before noon. Garbage bags are provided. Be sure to bring a good pair of gloves and wear a long-sleeve shirt. The clean-up is always followed by a fun afternoon of fishing. Members can choose to come down for the day, the full weekend, or just for a few hours.

Education

Introduction to Fly Fishing Class – Saturday, February 25, 2012 at 8:00am

This year, we will hold a Introduction to Fly Fishing Class in conjunction with the river clean-up and outing. There will be classroom session in the morning at Tims Fork State Park Shelter #2. After the class breaks for lunch, there will be a casting instruction hour followed by on-stream fishing lessons if river conditions allow.

We will be seeking volunteers to join the class after the clean-up for one-on-one assistance during the casting session. We will also need river helpers for one-on-one guidance during the on-stream fishing. If you are interested in taking this class, or you would like to volunteer as an assistant, please contact Joel Dean at j.dean@mtff.org.

River Information

Tim's Ford State Park, located on the Tim's Ford Reservoir in the rolling hills of southern middle Tennessee, is an outstanding recreational area and fishing paradise. Long before the construction of Tim's Ford Dam on the headwaters of the Elk River, the area was used extensively by the Indians as a hunting and fishing territory. Archaeological excavations uncovered numerous artifacts and occupational sites, indicating that man had occupied the area as much as 10,000 to 12,000 years ago.

The Elk River is an important Middle Tennessee trout river. Below Tims Ford Dam on Rt. 50, about 10 miles west of Winchester, TN, the cold tail waters support rainbow and brown trout for more than 15 miles downstream of the dam.

Fishing Species

Rainbow Trout and Brown Trout

Campground Location

Tim's Ford State Park

570 Tims Ford Drive, Winchester , TN 37398

Office: (931) 962-1183

www.state.tn.us/environment/parks/TimsFord/features/camping.shtml

Campground

Tim's Ford State Park offers a 52 site campground, with water and electric (30 amp service) at each site, and a dumping station available at the entrance to the campground. Campsites are available on a first-come, first-served basis and the maximum stay is two weeks. The camp sites can accommodate RV's up to 35 feet in length, and are able to accommodate both RV's and Tents. The camp site are limited to 10 people per site, and one(1) RV and one (1) Tent, or Two Large Tents per site.

Two of the camp sites are ADA sites, and are set aside for that reason. The camp sites are available year around on a first come first served basis. The campground has two bathhouses, central located that provide hot showers, lavatories and commodes. The campground is located on a point overlooking Tim's Ford Lake, with access to the lake. The campground has a playground located with in the campground, and several other playground located though out the park.

Cabins

The park has 20 beautiful cabins situated on the wooded slopes of Tim's Ford Lake. The cabins are completely equipped for housekeeping; including appliances, cooking and serving utensils, and linens. Each cabin features a gas fireplace, outdoor balcony, color TV with dish network and charcoal grills. Cabins have two bedrooms with two double beds in each bedroom. Reservation requirements are two night minimum stays and holidays are three night minimum stays. June and July are 6 nights extend stays beginning on Mondays. For cabin reservations: 1-800-471-5295.

www.tennessee.gov/environment/parks/TimsFord/#cabins

Driving Directions

To Tims Ford State Park from NASHVILLE, TN - 90 miles (1 hour 42 min)

www.mapquest.com

Take I-24 E toward CHATTANOOGA - 60.1 mi

Take the TN-55 W exit, EXIT 111 - 0.2 mi

Turn LEFT onto TN-55 W/MCMINNVILLE HWY. Continue to follow TN-55 W
- 12.0 mi

Stay STRAIGHT to go onto W CARROLL ST/TN-130. Continue to follow TN-130
- 0.8 mi

Turn LEFT onto WESTSIDE DR/TN-130. Continue to follow TN-130 - 3.6 mi

Turn SLIGHT RIGHT onto TN-476/AWALT RD - 5.5 mi

Turn LEFT onto MANSFORD RD/TN-476 - 1.6 mi

Turn RIGHT onto TIMS FORD DR - 0.6 mi

End at 570 Tims Ford Dr Winchester, TN 37398-4136

Directions from Tims Ford State Park to the TWRA RIVER ACCESS point at the Hwy-50 Bridge on the Elk River below Tims Ford Dam – 9.8 miles (12 min)
www.mapquest.com

Turn RIGHT out of Tims Ford State Park onto MANSFOD RD/TN-476. Continue on TN-476 – 4.8 mi

Turn SHARP RIGHT onto WINCHESTER HWY/TN-50. Continue on TN-50 – 5.0 mi

Turn LEFT into the TWRA RIVER ACCESS parking lot.

Directions from NASHVILLE to the TWRA RIVER ACCESS point at the Hwy-50 Bridge on the Elk River below Tims Ford Dam – 95.6 miles (1 hr 46 min)
www.mapquest.com

Take I-24 E via EXIT 213A toward CHATTANOOGA – 29.6 mi

Take the US-231 S exit, EXIT 81A, toward SHELBYVILLE – 0.5 mi

Merge onto TN-10 S – 22.6 mi

TN-10 S becomes TN-82/N MAIN ST – 0.2 mi

Turn LEFT onto E LANE ST/TN-82 BYP S. Continue to follow TN-82 BYP S – 0.2 mi

TN-82 BYP S becomes TN-82 – 0.7 mi

Turn LEFT onto TN-82/KINGREE RD. Continue to follow TN-82 – 12.8 mi

Turn RIGHT onto LYNCHBURG HWY/TN-55. Continue to follow TN-55 – 3.9 mi

Turn SHARP LEFT onto MAIN ST/TN-50 – 0.4 mi

Turn RIGHT onto WINCHESTER HWY/TN-50. Continue to follow TN-50 – 9.3 mi

Turn LEFT into the TWRA RIVER ACCESS parking lot.

Local Fly Shops

Tim's Flies & Lies Outfitters
#25 Mechanics Street
PO Box 8067
Lynchburg, TN 37352
(931) 759-5058
www.timsfliesandlies.com

Nashville Fly Shops

Cumberland Transit
2807 West End Ave.
Nashville, TN 37203
(615) 321-4069
www.cumberlandtransit.com

Fly South
1514 Demonbreun St.
Nashville, TN 37203
(615) 251-6199
www.flysouth.net

Game Fair Ltd.
5703 Old Harding Rd.
Nashville, TN 37205
(615) 353-0602
www.gamefairltd.com

Local Guides

Contact the local fly shops.

Gear

- For casting nymphs or smaller streamers, a 9', 3-5 WT fly rod with a floating line will work well.
- For casting heavy streamers, a 9', 6 WT fly rod with a floating line will work well.

Recommended Flies

Nymphs:

Pheasant Tails (14-18)
Copper Johns (14-18)
Prince Nymphs (14-18)
Hare's Ear Nymph (14-18)
Zebra Midge (18-22)
Yellow Soft Hackle (16-18)
Pheasant Tail Soft Hackle (16-18)
Orange Soft Hackle (16-18)
Purple Soft Hackle (16-18)

Streamers:

Krystal Buggers (10-12)
Slumpbuster (10-12)

Dry Flies:

Elk Hair Caddis (16-18)
Parachute Adams (16-18)
Blue Wing Olive (16-18)
Griffith Gnat (16-18)

Water Release Schedule / Information

You can check the generation schedule for Tims Ford Dam by calling 1-800-238-2264, Tims Ford Dam is #50 or check the website at:

lakeinfo.tva.gov/htbin/lakeinfo?site=TFH&DataType=All&submit=View+info

River Access:

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| • Highway 50 (The Dam) | Wading & Canoe Launch |
| • Farris Creek Bridge | Wading & Canoe Launch |
| • Old Dam Ford | Wading |
| • Shiloh Bridge | Wading & Canoe Launch |

Recommended Resources

Maps:

Tennessee Atlas & Gazetteer by Delorme

shop.delorme.com/OA_HTML/DELibeCCtpSctDspRte.jsp?section=10096

Lois Quadrangle by USGS

Huntland Quadrangle by USGS

Mulberry Quadrangle by USGS

www.usgs.gov/pubprod/maps.html

See the *Elk River Outing Resources* page.

Books:

Tennessee Trout Waters by Ian Rutter

www.randrflyfishing.com/pages/store.shtml

Home Waters by Mid South Fly Fishers

www.msff.org

Tailwater Trout in the South, 2nd Edition by Jimmy Jacobs

www.countrymanpress.com/titles/TailwaterTroutintheSouth2.html

Emergency/Medical Information

Hospitals:

Southern TN Medical Center

185 Hospital Rd

Winchester, TN 37398 [Map](#)

(931) 967-8200

www.southerntennessee.com

Always remember to only call **911** if you have a life threatening emergency.