



Kansas City Chapter



February 2021

Club Meeting Date:
February 23 (Canceled)
7:00 pm

Executive Board Meeting
February 2,
7:00 pm.
(Zoom Meeting)

Location
Fleming Hall
21906 SW Woods Chapel Road
Lee's Summit, Missouri

Next Club Meeting Date
March 23,
(To Be Determined)

March 1 - Opening Day Missouri Trout Season

Monday March the 1st will kick off the trout season in Missouri.

Daily limit: 4 (5 at Maramec Spring Park)

Possession limit: 10

Length limit: minimum 15 inches for brown trout, no limit for rainbows.

Bennett Springs is considered our home water but our club members also travel to Roaring River and Taneycomo.



It won't be long - Opening Day

A little history:

In 1837, the James Brice family built a mill at the stream and the spring became known as Brice Spring. The town that built up was known as Brice. The family of Peter Bennett soon settled near the spring and started their own mill. Originally, the families were rivals, but they soon intermarried. Both of these mills were eventually destroyed in a flood.

During the Civil War years, another mill was constructed by Peter Bennett. This Bennett Mill was larger and more successful than the Brice mill. The spring soon took on the Bennett name. Peter died in 1882 and his son William Sherman Bennett took over. The Bennett Mill burned in 1895.

Missouri's modern trout program began with a shipment of rainbow trout eggs in 1880 from the McCloud River federal egg-taking station on the McCloud River in northern California. The eggs arrived at Missouri's first fish hatchery in St. Joseph, where they hatched. The fry and fingerling trout were stocked in streams and spring branches along the railroad between St. Louis, Springfield and Joplin.

Some streams we know about: Meramec River, Spring River near Vernon and Crane Creek near Crane. Others, like Spring Creek, Little Piney River and Mill Creek, also might have been stocked.

In 1882, the Missouri Fish Commission reported Missouri rainbows spawning

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For More Information

Visit the website for the latest News and updates
www.mtfa-kansascity.org

Upcoming Events

February 2,
E-Board Meeting
(Zoom Meeting)
7:00 pm

February 23,
Club Meeting
(Cancelled)

February 26,
Fly Fishing Show
(See this Page)

March 1,
Opening Day Missouri Trout
Season - Go Fishing

2021 Membership Dues



If you have not done so please submit your application ASAP. We need to get our address book up to date. If you were a member of MTFA-KC in good standing in 2020 the E-Board has voted to carry over your membership through 2021. Please fill out the application with any changes you may have incurred this past year, *phone number, home address, or e-mail address*. If your information is current, please fill in your name and write across the application "NO CHANGE". If

you are a new member please print and fill out the application on page 6 and mail in with a check payable to Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association-KC. Our hope is to be able to get back to having meetings, speakers, club dinners, and outings in 2021.

The E-Board

Opening Day Cont'd

for the first time in Crane Creek and Spring River. Between 1880 and 1890, Missouri received several rainbow egg shipments before the St. Joseph hatchery shut down because of a declining water supply as the city grew.

The state purchased the spring and some surrounding area in 1924-1925 to create a state park. In the 1930s, the [Civilian Conservation Corps \(CCC\)](#) made various improvements to the park. The CCC built the dining lodge, cabins, trails, roads, shelters, gauge station, and the arched stone bridge across the spring branch.^[6] The bridge has 3 distinctive sideways "C's" to memorialize the men of the CCC who built it. The CCC also channelized the spring branch and constructed the dam just upstream of the stone bridge to make the spring more habitable to the non-native trout. The dam is used to divert water through the fish hatchery and to maintain a constant water level at Bennett Spring to this day. 100 millions gallons of clear cold fresh water flow out of the spring opening each day.

Some of this history information was taken from a article written by Spencer Turner of the Columbia Daily Tribune. It's a great read. *Gary*

Presidents Message

MTFA Winter Club Outing at Bennett Spring for Feb. 6th. is CANCELLED.

The last weekend of winter C & R fishing at the trout parks is forecast with highs in the teens. Most of February is forecast to be below normal.

The good news is urban lakes that are part of the winter trout program offer good trout fishing during February and March.

In other good news, the renovations at Roaring River hatchery are complete and they now have trout back in the hatchery.



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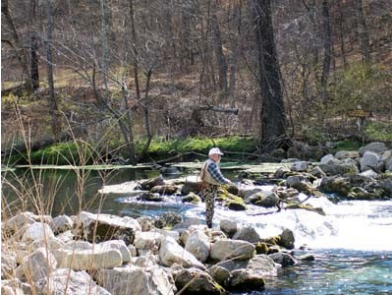
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Bennett Springs - February 5th - 8th MTFA Winter Club Outing



It's winter time, could be a little cold but lets go fishing. I have adopted a friend's saying "If it's 45 or below, Gary don't go". As I get older that number may be moved to 50 degrees. Really cold weather doesn't appeal to me that much anymore. Our club has decided to make a trip to Bennett Springs (**Weather permitting**) we will be watching the weather forecast and will send out a flyer to announce the plan of action when we get closer to the date. Plan to meet in the parking lot that is between the store parking lot and the new hatchery building, around 10:00 AM. Get your cold weather gear out and ready, check your fly box. This is the last catch and release weekend at Bennett and is a great time to learn and practice new techniques. If you are new to fly fishing and need some help we will be there to help you. For more information contact any MTFA Board Member. *Gary*

Presidents Message Cont'd

Pau Spurgeon, the manager of MDC's hatchery at Roaring River State Park said, "Although the hatchery is now fully back in operation, it will take a few months to see all the pools full of fish as fry come out of the hatchery building and other hatcheries haul in new fish."

Renovations at the Missouri Department of Conservation's Roaring River Hatchery are complete and the hatchery is once again producing trout.



Read the full press release and other news from the Missouri Department of Conservation online at MDC Newsroom <https://mdc.mo.gov/newsroom> .

In other fishing, I'd like to remind you crappie lovers that lakes usually thaw in February and you can find some good fishing opportunities at places like James A Reed. I caught these fish on Valentine's day a few years ago.

See you on the water — *David*

Special Dates to Remember:

February 8th - Last day for Catch and Release at Missouri State Parks

February 28th - Missouri Trout Permits Expire

March 1st - Opening Day Missouri Trout Season

You can purchase your fishing, hunting, etc. license's on line through the Missouri Department of Conservation web site or even from your smartphone using the Mo. Hunting app. Your valid permit will appear on the app. immediately after your purchase. You can carry your license with you wherever you go. Check out:

<https://huntfish.mdc.mo.gov/permits>



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(6 fish days - 7 nights) \$8125

April 11-17 - Swain’s Cay - Andros Bahamas
(5 fish days - 6 nights) \$3650.00 + VAT

Note: These are all Guided Trips and prices do not include tips and transportation.

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5pm cst

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Missouri
Trout Fishermen's Association
KANSAS CITY CHAPTER

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

DATE _____

I wish to become a member of the Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association, Kansas City Chapter and join in their endeavor to improve the sport of Trout Fishing in Missouri. **I agree to abide by the Constitution, By-Laws and Rules and Regulations of the Association.** These can be found on the chapter website **MTFA-KANSASCITY.ORG**.

NAME _____ NEW MEMBER () RENEWAL ()

ADDRESS _____ Cell Phone _____

(Hm)/(Wk) Other Phone _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____ Send Newsletter via email: Yes ___ No ___

BIRTH MONTH: _____

How did you hear about our club? _____

Have you ever been a member of any chapter of the MTFA? Yes ___ No ___

Year joined _____ Most Recent Year Paid Dues: _____

- ___ **Individual Dues:** **\$15.00**
- ___ **Family Membership:** **\$30.00**
- ___ **MTFA Legacy Member: (25 + years)** **\$10.00**

If a Family Membership (spouse and children 18 years of age and under), list those who should receive membership cards and individual email newsletters.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Birth Month</u>	<u>EMAIL</u>
_____	_____	_____
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_____	_____	_____

When this form is completed,
mail to:
Missouri Trout Fishermen's Assoc.
PO Box 3202 Harry S Truman Station
Independence, MO 64055

CODE OF ETHICS

To practice the principles of good sportsmanship and conservation of wildlife, and to encourage others to do the same.
To cooperate with the constructive efforts of the Missouri Conservation Commission and comply with the "Objectives and Purposes" of the Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association to the extent of using single point hook lures when fishing in Missouri trout water.
To assist in the expansion and development of trout fishing in the State of Missouri, including the wise utilization of available waters and their protection from agricultural and commercial encroachment.
To help conserve wildlife and its natural habitat, cooperating with Federal, State and private agencies directly concerned with the conservation of wildlife, forests, soil and water.
To lend assistance to the Missouri Conservation Commission and its representatives in the enforcement of the laws and regulations for the taking of fish and game in the State of Missouri.

The above has been read and agreed to by: _____