



Kansas City Chapter



October 2021

Club Meeting Date:  
October 26  
Fleming Hall – Chili Dinner  
6:30 pm

Executive Board Meeting  
October 5  
6:00 pm.  
DAV Building

Next Club Meeting Date  
December 7  
6:30 pm  
Fleming Hall - Christmas Party

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

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### Annual Chili Supper and Raffle - October 26

Fall is in the air and the annual club Chili Supper and raffle is this month. Club members and their guests are invited to attend the dinner which will be served between 6:30 and 7:00 p.m. Some of our best cooks have volunteered to bring pots of chili, there will be something to please everyone's pallet. If you would like to bring a pot of chili or a favorite Fall soup, please contact our president, David Cook at (816) 272-5194. Club members are asked to bring a side dish and or a dessert. *(Last names A-Q a dessert to share), (Last names R-Z a side dish to share).*

A raffle will be held, tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5. If you contribute to the dinner, you will receive a free raffle ticket. If you have any fishing or fly tying equipment you would like to donate please contact David Cook, our raffle coordinator.

Come hungry as we look forward to seeing you at the dinner.

### Presidents Message by David Cook: Fall Derby Report



The fall derby at Roaring River this September was planned as an informal event since we have to be fluid in making long term plans in our COVID world. The streamflow is running a bit below normal. The hatchery has finally completed their renovations and are raising their own fish this year. They are a little smaller this year compared to the last few years but

there were good numbers of fish available. 13 inches was the top fish reported on Saturday by Roger Theroux, Diana James, myself and Bob Randall from Springfield. Carol Cook reported 13" on Friday but Friday is outside the derby rules. Saturday night we gathered at Diana's campfire for dinner and roasting marshmallows.

Another change at Roaring River this year is that Zone 3 has moved upstream from the colapsed dam several 100 feet and thus reduced the length of Zone 2 in campground 3. So check the park regulations and be prepared for bait fishermen in a hole you used to fly fish. I haven't found this information online but the little regulation pamphlets you pick up where the daily tags are sold have a correct map. Also the wooden signs along the stream that tell you what zone you are in are correct.

## Upcoming Events

Oct 5,  
E-Board Meeting  
DAV Building  
6:00 pm

Oct 12 -  
Frontline Fly Fishing  
6:00pm DAV Building

Oct 19,  
Frontline Fly Tying 5:30pm  
Rainbow Fly Shop

Oct 26,  
MTFA Annual Chili Supper  
Fleming Hall  
6:30 pm (Ref to Pg. 1)



## Missouri Blue Ribbon Trout Slam

First, I would like to thank Mo-Outdoor writer Paul McCaslin for allowing me to reprint his article that he wrote on the streams, creeks and rivers that make up the Blue Ribbon Trout Slam.

Missouri's Blue Ribbon Trout Areas provide excellent trout habitat that supports naturally reproducing trout. These trout are wary of predators and provide anglers with a challenging and authentic experience.

MDC and Trout Unlimited invite you to go out and test your skills against these trout in the riffles and pools of Missouri's nine Blue Ribbon trout streams.

Blue Ribbon Streams: *Barren Fork Creek, Blue Springs Creek, Crane Creek, Current River, Eleven Point River, Little Piney Creek, Mill Creek, North Fork of the White River and Spring Creek.*

The Missouri Blue Ribbon Trout Slam honors anglers who can catch a trout in at least 5 of these 9 streams. Catch a trout in more than 5 Blue Ribbon streams and your level of achievement goes up. Participants who choose to, can have their successes listed on the MDC website:

[Blue Ribbon Trout Slam | Missouri Department of Conservation \(mo.gov\)](https://huntfish.mdc.mo.gov/fishing/trophies-certificates/blue-ribbon-trout-slam)

### Here's How the Trout Slam Works:

Missouri's Blue Ribbon Trout Slam has been divided into three levels of accomplishment.



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### Bronze

Catch a trout from **5** of the **9** Blue Ribbon Trout Areas.  
Award – certificate and bronze pin.

### Silver

Catch a trout from **7** of the **9** Blue Ribbon Trout Areas.  
Award – certificate and silver pin.

### Gold

Catch a trout from **all 9** Blue Ribbon Trout Areas.  
Award – certificate, gold pin, and medallion.

Trout of any size caught after January 1, 2020 will qualify for a Blue Ribbon Trout Slam, but trout under 18 inches must be released.

**Safeguard landowner goodwill. Never trespass, and always ask permission before floating or wading through private property. Only enter streams at public accesses or with landowner permission.**

<https://huntfish.mdc.mo.gov/fishing/trophies-certificates/blue-ribbon-trout-slam>

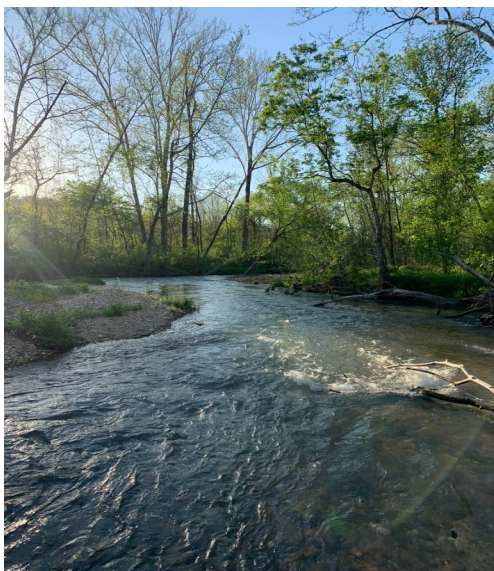
## Missouri Blue Ribbon Trout Slam Cont'd

**The Little Piney** is a beautiful, accessible creek with great populations of wild Rainbow Trout. There are several access points on the Blue Ribbon section, but we used Lane Springs Recreation Area. The gate will be closed during the off-season, but you can pull off to the right and walk the last ½ mile to the creek. Fishing is best downstream from the Lane Spring branch confluence. When we were there in February, we caught trout about everywhere. The most productive water seemed to be pools under riffles. We caught trout on various nymphs under indicators, and also on brown cracklebacks fished as dries. I've only fished here once, so I don't have a ton of information. When I go back I will fish in the morning, and focus on moving water.



**Blue Springs Creek** can be a really tricky creek. However, there are lots of fish to be caught there, including some decent ones. It is a small, narrow, clear creek. There are lots of overhead obstacles and brush on the banks. A shorter 3 or 4 weight is preferable, but not necessary. There will be fish in the deeper holes and runs all year. In the summer it is worth the effort to target the heads and tails of riffles, even if they are really shallow. Blue Springs can be a really tricky creek. However, there are lots of fish to be caught there, including some pretty decent ones. It is a small, narrow, clear creek. There are lots of overhead obstacles and brush on the banks. A shorter 3 or 4 weight is preferable, but not necessary. There will be

fish in the deeper holes and runs all year. In the summer it is worth the effort to target the heads and tails of riffles, even if they are really shallow. The access I use is right off Highway N just past the low water bridge on the left side. Drive slow, as the lot is easy to miss, especially in the summer. Fishing can be good upstream and downstream of the lot. It is important to eliminate unproductive water and focus on the deeper riffles and pools. Be sure not to trespass here. Look for the blue paint on the left side of the creek if wading upstream. I have caught fish every time I've fished here, but you have to work for each fish.



**Mill Creek** is one of my favorites of the small Blue Ribbon Streams. Like Blue Springs, it has tight, tree lined banks and lots of limbs to snag on. It also has lots of character, with bends and turns creating more fishable water. As usual, I found my success here nymphing with a prince nymph under an indicator. Park at Bohigan Conservation area in the lot and fish upstream or downstream. There are miles of good public water here, more than enough for a day of fishing. If you are planning on driving to the Wilkins Spring access, be sure to take a high clearance vehicle and go when it's dry. Last time I was there the dirt road didn't look usable.

**Spring Creek** is a unique stream, with a lot more slow pools than the rest of the creeks. Access is not well marked, but if you see a Blue Ribbon Trout Stream sign you know you are at the right place. I am aware of two access points, but there may be more. To find both, take Highway J south from I-44 past Highway M. For the first access, turn left just before the bridge over the creek and follow it to the end. For the second access, make the first left past the bridge onto County Road 6410. There will be a gravel

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pull off on the left in about a mile next to the creek. This creek is a little bit of a challenge to fish. **First of all**, the upper stretches are privately owned, so in the summer the public water gets pretty warm. I suspect many of the fish migrate upstream to private water. Secondly, the majority of the creek is slow, open water without a ton of fish-holding habitat. I've been twice, so far, and every fish I've caught has been in one of the few stretches of faster moving water. You may have to walk a ways to find these spots. This creek is well worth the effort though, as the average size of fish has been significantly larger in my experience.



**Crane Creek** has everything a good trout creek needs. There is great public access, high fish numbers, and an abundance of good cover and shade. This keeps the water cool and the stream narrow and swift. It is a good hopper-dropper stream in late-summer. There are supposedly good mayfly hatches and subsequent dry fly fishing. You can catch trout out of practically anything that looks fishy here, I did best in broken water and by undercut banks. One thing to note here is that we would catch fish in relatively shallow water if we fished tight on undercut banks. The access we used was at Wire Road Conservation Area. It is a good hopper-dropper stream in late-summer. There are supposedly good mayfly hatches and subsequent dry fly fishing. You can catch trout out of practically anything that looks fishy here, I did best in broken water and by undercut banks. One thing to note here is that we would catch fish in relatively shallow water if we fished tight on undercut banks. The access we used was at Wire Road Conservation Area.

**Barren Fork** is a tough creek to fish, maybe the most difficult of the MO Trout Slam streams. I was lucky to catch one nice trout on my visit, but a lot of people struggle here. Most of the creek is privately owned, and only about ½ mile is easily accessible. You can walk through the woods to access 2 more plots of public land. Consult a map of Sunlands Conservation Area to find the public water. Put Chrisco Cemetery into Google Maps. Once you turn off Highway A onto the dirt road, park at the Blue Ribbon sign right before the road crosses the creek. You will want to fish downstream, because Twin Springs adds some volume to the creek a little ways downstream. I caught my fish tightlining a hare's ear nymph in the one deep run I found. From what I've heard, the next downstream stretch of public water has the best habitat, but I didn't fish it. Even though it's a tricky creek, it is worth the stop. There is a cool little cave right off the water and I saw a lot of wildlife in my visit there.

**Current River** - (See Photo Pg 6) The Blue Ribbon section of the Current River is fun to fish, because there is potential for both rainbow and brown trout, including some exceptionally big ones. I've been a couple times this year, and while I've been able to catch fish there, I am always getting out fished by someone else. It fishes differently than most of the other Missouri trout streams. People have a lot of

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**Frontline Fly Fishing:**



**Calendar of Events**

**October 12** - 6:00pm Meeting at the DAV

**October 19** - 5:30pm at the Rainbow Fly Shop

(Note: Due to the close proximity, at this time masks will be required if your are tying flies.)

**October 26** - MTFA Annual Chili Dinner (See Pg. 1)

**November 6** - Frontline Fly Fishing Fund Raiser

**One Fly Tournament Report:**

We had a good turnout with 22 members present, 18 participating in the Tournament.

Thanks to: Terri Davison, Bruce Storts and Bill Otis for a great Breakfast.

A Moment of Silence was observed for the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of 9/11.

Most Fish – David Cook, 10 fish caught

Biggest Fish – Alex “Ace” Hamlin, 9.5” Warmouth



*(Bill Otis tending the gravy)*

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luck using egg patterns and bright attractors there instead of more traditional nymphs and dries. There are a lot of fish to be caught though, and when the water is low it offers good sight fishing opportunities. There is good access at Montauk State Park, Tan Vat, Baptist, and Cedargrove. Don't be afraid to switch flies until you find something that works here, some people report having great days here on unusual flies. Even if you can't figure out the trout, it is a great wading river with lots of scenery and wildlife.



**The North Fork of the White** is a large, wide, freestone river near the Arkansas border with both Rainbow and Brown Trout. It is a beautiful, wild river. I would recommend fishing this when the flow is less than 1000cfs.



**Eleven Point River** is another large, wild river, but it is notably different from the North Fork. Although it is still a fast-flowing river, there are more long slower sections, and these sections are very deep. This is a river in which a float trip is almost a necessity due to the deep water and lack of sandbars. Fishing here is mainly done with either heavily weighted stonefly nymphs on a fly rod or marabou jigs on a spinning combo. I caught a decent number of rainbows on prince nymphs and pat's rubber legs in sizes #8-#12. We caught fish in shallow riffles as well as the deep slow pools. In addition to the good fishing, this is the wildest river I have been on in Missouri

I hope you have enjoyed Paul McCaslin's article on the Blue Ribbon Slam and it stimulates you to get out and try some of these areas. I don't believe anyone in our club has any of the awards. Be sure to pick up a Missouri Trout Fishing Map as it shows the locations and access points to these areas. **Gary**

