

NORTH FORK OF THE LEWIS RIVER OUTING –JULY 12-14

By Tim Wickersham

Megan and I are excited to again host the 2019 North Fork of the Lewis River outing at the Lower Falls Campground. This outing provides an excellent opportunity to fish for wild trout on miles and miles of pristine river in a beautiful setting. There are also numerous opportunities for hiking, nature watching, photography, rockhounding, or to just generally having a great time. Bring your favorite 3wt to 5wt fly rod(s), wading boots, and a good wading staff. River temps range anywhere from high 40's to high 50's, so plan accordingly. Sunscreen and insect repellent are also recommended.

A number of our club members have reserved campsites, and in the past we typically had room to squeeze in a few extra tents for those unable to get one in time. Please let us know if you want to attend but don't have a site and we'll see who has extra room. It may also be possible to find a first come, first serve campsite in the Upper Loop.

There are two routes to access Lower Falls Campground:

First Route: Take Hwy 503 to Cougar, continue on Forest Road (FR) 90 to Eagle Cliff, turn right at the Pine Creek Ranger Station intersection, and continue on FR90 12 miles to Lower Falls Campground. Megan and I drove the road on Sunday, June 23rd and it was in good shape- much better than last year. Take your time and you'll have no problems.

Second Route: Go to Trout Lake, use FR 23 and drive approximately 20 miles to the FR90 intersection, then drive 17 miles to the Lower Falls Campground entrance.

The weather forecast looks pretty good this year. Plan on daytime temps in the mid to upper 80's and nighttime temps in the low 50's. The weather is unpredictable and thunderstorms are always possible, so plan accordingly.

Schedule of Events:

- *Friday, 7:00 PM: Fish stories by the campfire at Site 15
- *Saturday, 8:30 AM: Fishmaster Briefing, places to go (maps of several places to try will be available)
- *Saturday, 5:00 PM: Wet Fly Hour
- *Saturday, 6:00 PM: Dinner (Brisket, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Stuffed Jalapeños)

Megan and I will be arriving at Lower Fall Campground the evening of July 5th, so please contact us before this date if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing you up there!

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