

The Salmon Creek News

2023 - 54rd Edition -



Hello Creekers! Well we are in the homestretch counting down to another relaxing fishing trip at our favorite National Forest in the Keystone State. Yea so what if it's the only one, it's still true. Google it.

In order to make sure no one uses vacation time or books their motel/air BnB for the wrong week, trip dates are below. I was going to use this space to insult a fellow creeker....but heck too many of you idiots fit the bill and I'm not looking to author War & Peace here.

****23 Trip Dates: Sunday April 30th thru Saturday May 6th****



Good times were had around the campfire as they always are...this above picture is particularly special as two of our fellow Creeker Brothers - Martin Veide & Pete Fuhlbrigge - passed away over the last year. In a way Pete & Martin are a fitting tribute to what this group has become: Two extraordinary men from different walks of life with contrasting personalities, each of whom brought something different to the table (storytelling, jokes, booze....insert your favorite memory here) that made our experience tangibly better as a group. We will be sure to regale w/ stories of each and put a couple logs on the fire this year in Martin & Pete's name.

NEW CAMPSITE WAS A HIT: With a well-maintained road for ease of access (for anyone not driving a Dodge anyways), plenty of space to spread out and set up tents/the canopy/tables and also accommodate our *tiny campfire* footprint, I think we can all agree that the new site is a big improvement. So we'll plan to stay....that is, until we get our asses kicked out by the lumber company that allows public recreation access on it. But 'til then, FUCKIT! Here's a refresher link to camp on google maps

<https://www.google.com/maps/place/41%C2%B032'29.3%22N+79%C2%B014'45.3%22W/@41.5414722,-79.2481054,17z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m5!3m4!1s0x0:0xeff329c5b80bb2ea!8m2!3d41.5414722!4d-79.2459167>

As we learned when we arrived last year, Salmon Creek Road (Forest Road 145) was closed and it's unlikely the US Forest Service had the necessary funds to repair it.

Directions to camp from town:

At the 8 way ~~intersection~~ clusterfuck in downtown Marienville, head north on North Forest St (aka Beaver Meadows Road aka T-358) across 66 from Kelly's. You will quickly pass the Fire Dept Hall on your right to confirm on the correct road. After about 3.8miles you'll pass Beaver Meadows Recreation Area on your right, continue north for another 0.75mi until you reach a small intersection and take a left on Forest Road 127 (aka Adamson Rd, aka The Branch Trail). This is the road to camp, you are much less likely to die on it compared to Forest Road 130 to the old campsite. You twist and turn on Forest Road

127 for about 7.75miles and you will come to the intersection with Salmon Creek Road (145) on your left, likely blocked off due to closure. Just another 700ft up, cross the bridge over The Branch & camp site is on your left. (Note if you were to continue driving on 127 past camp for 1mile you would reach the Kelletville Bridge over Tionesta Creek, and if you hang a right on 666 Cougar Bobs is less than 0.25mi on the right hand side, and rumor has it the moose grew back his fur)

As **one of us also** learned last year, if you drive a Dodge, make sure you find a safe space for parking across from Kelly's before hitching a ride to camp in a fellow Creeker's Chevy or Ford.



Directions in the unlikely event we find out the government fixed Salmon Creek Road aka Forest Road 145:

Directions from Marienville: Coming from Kelly's, head west on 66, veer right on Guitonville Rd (#3004) just past the lumber mill/old RR tracks, go about 1.5mi and turn right onto Salmon Creek Rd (#145), then take that all the way past the old camp until it dead ends, it's like 8.5miles. Turn left at dead end onto The Branch Rd (#127) and the campsite will be just past the bridge over The Branch on left hand side. There's a ton of space for parking and plenty of room to spread out your tents...

You plan to come this year? Check with your crew & get a head count. Then reach out to me or Brother Matt aka the **only Moore brother whose wife allows him to come on the trip**, so we can get numbers for food & shenanigans. Rookies are still allowed, shoot someone was trying to convince me there was a rookie last year?? Kidding aside it was good to get another young gun in the mix, hopefully there are more like Rob to come because let's face it they are the future of this club - we ain't getting any younger!

FRIDAY NIGHT BANQUET: Not too shabby! 26+lbs of slow smoked prime rib, potatoes & all the fixins! Kudos to Matt, Brian, and yours truly (and special thanks to Chef Kevin for being our phone a friend & spirit animal). Total redemption for the Great Goodyear Rib Fiasco of '08.



The crew from Michigan graciously grabbed the baton and will be in charge of culinary duties this year. Let's just hope they don't pull a Jim Harbaugh & choke under the Friday night lights & pressure of the big stage. Or wears those phony glasses...why is he trying to look like Woody Hayes? Harbaugh Sucks!

FIRE: Being at a new campsite we determined it best *NOT* to have one of our annual "detectable from Elon's Starlink satellite" bonfires in year 1. While we certainly kept the flames tame, a shoutout is in order to our resident Eagle Scout Neil aka 'Lenin' for sharing the primeval Stallard Clan fire-starting technique, one passed down from generation to generation. If you ever find yourself lost in the woods, just apply these life lessons learned and you'll be warm in no time.



And of course if it wasn't for these three guys Salmon Creek Trout Club would not exist. So drink a beer, blast a ka'boomer, catch a trout, launch a bowling ball....whatever it is that floats yer boat on this trip, offer up a sacrifice to the GODFATHERS and have fun!



See Ya'll Streamside!

Brother Rusty

Helpful Links: [PA Trout Stocking Schedule website PA](#)
[Buy your PA Fishing License online](#)
[Club Website](#)

And do not forget to pay your \$10 dues towards the Marienville Rod & Gun Club when you are in Kelly's! They put in a ton of work and donations go a long way to supporting the hatchery they run in town