

2009 Elkhorn Small Mouth / Camping Trip – June 4, 5, 6 & 7, 2009

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Trip Description	<p>2009 Elkhorn Small Mouth / Camping Trip</p> <p><i>“In Search of em Bronze Back’s</i></p> <p>Both the north fork and south fork join to make the Main Stream of Elkhorn Creek which is one of Kentucky’s favorite small mouth streams. The Elkhorn camp ground lies in the confluence of the two Forks of the stream. Although access points are limited, there is group of veterans who return every year and act as mentors to first time campers.</p> <p>The stream flows through some beautiful horse country on the south fork and differing waters on the north with the main stream producing some larger fish. Right beside the camp ground is a large hole of water conducive to belly boats, canoes and one man pontoon boats. Most of the stream is can be waded.</p> <p><u>The Plan</u> - We will meet at 8:00 a.m. Friday morning at the Camp Ground. Go over any last minute announcements and team up a knowledgeable small mouth bass fisherman with a first timer.. There are a number of maps which may be confusing at first look. We will show you how the individual maps fit into the big picture.</p> <p><u>To the Creek</u> - At the camp ground was the only site where we would fish the South fork.</p> <p><i>In 2002 when the north fork flooded, we did find several access points on the south fork that were very good.)</i> From the camp ground, wade up stream. Downstream beside the camp ground, it gets up to 14 feet deep which is good for a canoe or Belly Boat or pontoon boat, and the fishing is good! <u>BE CAREFUL AROUND THE DAMS.</u> Numerous people have been killed in the hydraulics below the dams.</p> <p>Four years ago the north fork was flooded. Doug Mowell and I had to scurry around and find some spots on the south fork. It is very pretty and we found several good access points.</p> <p>On the maps I have designated spots 3, 4, 4C, 5, 6, 7, 7A, 7B, 7C, & 8 .See the sheet ‘To the Creeks’. * See Don for spots on the south fork which look good.</p>
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	Also below the dam there is good fishing in the main stream
Travel	Directions - Take I-75 south. Exit on 460 & go west 13 miles to the camp ground. You might wish to stop at #2 on the Elkhorn Creek Corridor map, which is the largest spring in Kentucky, which supplies Georgetown its water supply. ROYAL SPRING... Also you might want to stop at #4 and wet a line.
Lodging	<p>The Elkhorn Campground is on route 460 east of Georgetown. Go about 9 miles and the camp ground is on the left just before you cross the Elkhorn. If you come to stop lights at the edge of Frankfort, turn around and go back east a mile and a half. Reservation to the camp ground must be made by May 20, 2009. You are responsible for making your own reservations. Call 502-695-9154. Be sure to tell them you are with BUFF. There are four camper sites and five tent sites reserved. (Two tents to a site)</p> <p>Alternate lodging can be had at The Blue Grass Inn Motel is about 4 miles from the camp ground. It's OK! And it will cost about \$65.68 Tax included for 2 people. Proceed on 460 to the edge of Frankfort. Turn left (South) on Versailles pike and go about 4 blocks. The motel is on the right. 502-695-1800.</p>
Meals	<p>If you want breakfast at 7:00 Saturday morning, June 6th, for \$2.00, make a reservation with Don your meals.</p> <p>On Saturday Night, June 6th, Supper will be served 7:00 p.m. at the camp ground. You <u>must</u> make a reservation with Don Hogue and pay \$8.00 in advance for these meals.</p> <p>Maximum of 20 persons for each meal. Bring a lawn chair.</p> <p>All other meals are at your own expense and can be from cooking in the campground or from local restaurants.</p> <p><u>Kroger's, Gasoline, Restaurants, Carry-outs</u> - All are on Versailles Pike. Kroger's phone is 502 695-4860.</p> <p>Tumbleweed, Italian and Mexican restaurants are nearby.</p> <p>There is a good restaurant, two blocks west of the camp ground on 460. Good food and reasonable prices.</p>
License	<p><u>Kentucky Fishing License</u> – An annual license is valid March 1 – February 28.</p> <p>A non-resident annual license will cost \$50</p>

	<p>A non-resident 15 day license will cost \$40</p> <p>A non-resident 7 day license will cost \$30</p> <p>A non-resident 1 day license will cost \$10</p> <p>For those interested, a Trout Permit will cost \$10</p> <p>You can buy a license on-line at this link:</p> <p>https://fw.ky.gov/license/olpsintro.aspx</p> <p>The easiest place to pick one up in person is to take Exit Rt. 18 (Burlington Pike) in Florence. Turn Right. Go three blocks. Turn Right onto Hueston Road. Go north one mile and you will see Walmart on the left. Get a license here. Re-trace your steps back to I-75.</p> <p>Walmart Supercenter 7625 Doering Dr Florence, KY 41042 (859) 282-8333</p> <p>There is another Walmart several miles from the campground in Frankfort. It is confusing to find it. It is 7 ½ miles from the camp ground, south on 127. Check directions with the camp ground owner. Four people gave us four differing directions.</p> <p>Walmart Supercenter 301 Leonardwood Rd Frankfort, KY 40601</p>
Equipment	<p>Bring your favorite 4 or 5 weight rig. If you think that you will be catching the big ones, bring a 6 weight.</p> <p>Belly boats and pontoon boats have been popular on this trip in past years.</p>
Guide Info	<p><u>Fly Shop - The Sporting Tradition has moved to 161 Lexington Green Circle. Call 800-303-3618 for directions. He can recommend some flies for this time of year.</u></p>
Special Info	<p>At age 73, Don Hogue promises that this is the last year that he will lead the Elkhorn trip.</p> <p>Jim Beam Distillery has a beautiful parking lot. <u>NO PARKING AND NO FISHING FROM THEIR LOT.</u></p> <p><u>Land owners.</u> Please respect the private land owners and only fish in areas</p>

	<p>where small mouth bass signs are posted by the Natural Resource Department.</p> <p><u>Salato Wildlife Education Center</u>. Bob Ireton and I spent 1 ½ hours at this Kentucky State run complex. Gift shop, live fish, a snapping turtle trying to attract a fish with its wormy looking tongue, and other stuffed birds and animals. Stories of paddle fish – their life expectancy, projected weight, etc. This would be a great afternoon diversion from the heat.</p>
<p>Registration: How to register – Deadline – Costs – Maximum Participants -</p>	<p>There will be Registration forms and trip packets at the February, March, April and May Buff meetings or you can contact Don Hogue at 513-231-4852 or LITTLEDONNIE@fuse.net or 5301 Aspenknoll Court, Cincinnati OH 45230.</p> <p>Or you can click here for a link to the registration form. Fill it out and bring it to the meeting.</p> <p>Deadline to register is Wednesday May 13 at the BUFF monthly meeting.</p> <p>The only trip costs are \$2.00 for Saturday Breakfast and \$8.00 for Saturday Supper.</p> <p>There is no limit for the number of person to participate.</p>
<p>Local Links</p>	<p>http://www.elkhorncampground.com/</p> <p>http://www.visitfrankfort.com/</p> <p>http://www.visitlex.com/</p> <p>The Sporting Tradition Fly Shop: http://www.lexingtoncenter.com/shops/orvis.php</p> <p>http://www.onflyfishing.com/Destination_Fly_Fishing/USA/Kentucky/index.html</p>