

Kids Fishing Outing, Island Lake State Park, May 31, 2025

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The 2025 Kid's Fishing event definitely saw a few changes this year. Typically held the first Saturday of June, which happened to coincide with the free fishing weekend this year, scheduling conflicts kept us on our toes this year! However, the event found a temporary home at Island Lake State Park. I want to extend a big thanks to the park staff that really helped lock this down. They took the time to understand what we needed and, in the end, provided us a spot that met those needs.

The weather was decent, chilly and overcast with some pretty good winds! Good thing we were shore fishing and had some extra sinkers around! Most importantly the kids seemed to have a good time. They caught some fish and even got muddy catching tad poles! Even in unfamiliar surroundings it was great to see them connect with nature, laugh and get dirty. We had several repeat guests and were even able to better accommodate the multiple cub scout troops that had expressed interest in prior years. In total there were 90 kids registered and 153 total with parents and guests. As always we had a great lunch of hot dogs, beans, watermelon and assorted snacks and beverages.

It goes without saying this event can't happen without a fair amount of help. From the donations to time put in by all involved. Thank you all for your help and support. We had a few regular members and volunteers that couldn't be with us this year and while their presence was missed, quite a few others stepped up to fill the spots to call the event a success.

