

TRIGGER TIMES

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BOD Meeting

Thursday, April 3

Monthly Meeting

Thursday, April 17



TROUT PONDS OPEN

Saturday, April 26th

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MA TURKEY SEASON KNOW THE RULES!

Hunting turkeys in Massachusetts offers a jumpstart on the season, but nonresidents beware! The substantial changes to gun legislation in 2024 have made it exceedingly difficult for nonresidents to hunt in MA. Notably, semi-automatic firearms are prohibited to nonresidents, and nonresidents under 18 may not hunt. Do your homework so you don't end up in the next issue of *American Rifleman* (or just spend the extra time scouting here in NH).

*Remember to volunteer
and help YOUR club!*

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What to Cast When Trout Ponds Open in April

Trout ponds, fly fishing only ponds, and wild trout ponds across New Hampshire are opening on April 26th! If you're a procrastinator like me, then you might still be trying to figure out what bait, lures, and flies to take with you after a long winter off from fishing. The problem with fishing tackle is that there are more options, and opinions, out there than there are fish in the pond. To throw my opinions into the mix, here are a few tried and true options that always seem to work.

If you are fly fishing this spring, then there are a few solid options to use in April. While there are some noteworthy insect hatches that happen this time of year, exclusively fishing dry flies can limit your success. I like to bring a variety of flies, especially small, flashy streamers and jigs. Matching the hatch is a great technique, but sometimes dropping a sparkly fluorescent ball of fuzz in front of a trout is all you need to get a fish on the line.



Another sure way of getting hooked into a trout is the controversial squirmy worm. While some anglers consider this a cheat fly, I don't see the problem with mimicking a good old fashioned worm. The squirmy worm is a simple fly to tie and will surely entice a trout no matter what hatch is happening.

Speaking of worms, a go-to rig for spin casting is the classic worm on a hook under a bobber. While it may not be the most refined setup, it sure does produce fish. Trout worms are a great option as their size won't prevent you from catching the smaller stockies, but a night crawler diced into pieces works too.



If you are looking to use an artificial lure, or you think staring at a bobber all day is like watching paint dry, then I also highly recommend inline spinners. Working on the same principle as the flashy flies I mentioned earlier, inline spinners further instigate strikes by producing vibrations in the water. Inlines come in all sorts of sizes and colors, but in the end they're a classic pattern that has been working for generations of trout anglers.

STEEL “PRACTICE” PLATES RESUMES APRIL 8

**Open to CPFGC members and their guests
Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday — 17:00-Dusk**

100-TARGET MARATHON TRAP SHOOT

**Saturday, April 12 — 09:00-15:00
This event is open to ATA members**

“SPRING CLEANING” WORK PARTY

Saturday, May 3 — 08:00-16:00

***Free lunch is provided, and 10 hours of
service in a year will earn you a 20% dis-
count on next year’s membership dues!***

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
APRIL 2025		Range closures are 1/2-hour before to 1/2-hour after the event, unless noted	**NOTE: Practice Plates: Outdoor Range closed 4:30-5PM			
	1 AIRGUN Challenge Indoor Range 6PM-9PM Archery Tourney Main Hall 7PM - 10PM Indoor Range Airgun only	2 CENTERFIRE Pistol League 17:00-20:00 Indoor Range Closed	3 BOD MEETING 19:00 -	4	5 AIRGUN Metallic Silhouettes Main Hall 10:00-13:00 TRAP: 13:00--	
6 PLATES - Centerfire 9:00-14:00 OutdoorRange Closed TRAP 9:00--	7 MONDAY PM WORKPARTY Indoor Range Closed 17:00-19:00	8 AIRGUN Challenge Indoor Range 6PM-9PM Archery Tourney Main Hall 7PM - 10PM Indoor Range Airgun only Practice PLATES 25yd - 5PM +-	9	10 Centerfire PIN SHOOT 19:00-21:00 Indoor Range Closed	11	12 TRAP ATA100 Target Marathon: 9AM- SPAGHETTI DINNER CANCELLED Ladies Pistol Class Main Hall 8am-4pm Indoor Range closed
13 TRAP 9:00-- Membership ORIENTATION 10:00 - 13:00 Indoor range AIRGUN ONLY	14 MONDAY PM WORKPARTY Indoor Range Closed 17:00-19:00	15 Archery Tourney 7PM - 10PM Indoor Range Airgun only	16	17 MONTHLY MEETING 19:00-20:30 Indoor Range Closed	18	19 AIRGUN Metallic Silhouettes Main Hall 10:00-13:00 TRAP: 13:00--
20 PLATES - Rimfire 9:00-13:00 OutdoorRange Closed TRAP: 9:00--	21 MONDAY PM WORKPARTY Indoor Range Closed 17:00-19:00 BoyScouts Main Hall 6-8 PM Indoor Range closed	22 Archery Tourney 7PM - 10PM Indoor Range Airgun only Practice PLATES 25yd - 5PM +-	23	24 Centerfire PIN SHOOT 19:00-21:00 Indoor Range Closed Merrimack PD Quals Outdoor Range 9-noon	25	26 TRAP 13:00-- 3-Gun Match Setup & Staff Shoot 12:00-DUSK Downstairs Hall & OutdoorRange Closed
27 TRAP: 9:00- 3-Gun Match 9:00-DUSK Downstairs Hall & OutdoorRange Closed	28 MONDAY PM WORKPARTY Indoor Range Closed CPARG 18:30 - 21:00 Indoor range AIRGUN ONLY	29 Merrimack PD Quals Outdoor Range 9-noon	30			