

2026 SVTU Octoraro Creek Outing

Outing date: Saturday, April 11, 2026 @ 7:00 am.

The trip will take place rain or shine but will be rescheduled if conditions are unsafe (high/muddy water, etc.). We will meet at the recommended meeting area below at 7a.m. to hopefully get a jump on the crowds. You are welcome to join us at any time that fits your schedule.

Please RSVP for the trip so we can contact you if we need to reschedule.

Location: Octoraro Creek (just across and below Conowingo Dam), about 2± hours (depending on traffic/construction) from Gaithersburg, MD with normal traffic.

The tidal/non-tidal dividing line on Octoraro Creek is the bridge on US Route 222. **NOTE:** Depending on where you are, you may be in a tidal or non-tidal area – it would be best to have both Non-tidal and Bay and Coastal fishing licenses. ***

The recommended meeting area is the Rowlandsville Fishing Park in Conowingo, MD. The best address to use for GPS is 24 Mayse Ln, Conowingo, MD 21918 – the fishing park and parking is directly across the street from this address. **Do not park on Mayse Ln as it is posted private property.** There is limited parking at the fishing park (maybe 6-8 cars if everyone parks smart). Access is adjacent to the bridge. Under the bridge is great, but there is good fishing in the deeper areas both up and downstream. A second possible meeting location about 1/3 mile away is the Conowingo Park and Octoraro Creek Trail - 19 Ratledge Ln, Conowingo, MD 21918. There is some parking on the creek between these two addresses, but it is hit or miss.

There are limited opportunities for food and water in the area, so be sure to bring something to eat and to drink if you want to stay on the stream. Restrooms are available at the Conowingo Park and Octoraro Creek Trail as well as at a Royal Farms several miles away at 379 Conowingo Rd, Conowingo, MD 21918.

Recommended Gear:

- 5 – 7 weight fly rod
- Sinking or sink tip fly line (if available)
- 0x – 2x leader
- Shad darts and similar flies
- Waders and wading boots
- Wading staff
- Landing net
- Polarized Glasses
- Sunscreen
- Clothing appropriate to the weather

Octoraro Creek stream gauge info: <https://waterdata.usgs.gov/monitoring-location/01578475/#parameterCode=00065&period=P7D&showMedian=false>. The gauge should be 3.25' or less to be conducive to wading and fly fishing. Water clarity also matters as there are some steep drop-offs adjacent to easy wading.

Please RSVP or let us know if you have any questions.