Wet a line with TPFR - meetup on the water at the Gunpowder

Join TPFR on the Big Gunpowder Falls River for a casual day of fishing and possibly to feel the tug of something other than grass and weeds.

When: Sunday September 12 Where: Gunpowder Falls - Bunker Hill access point

8am-ish until whenever

Gunpowder Falls is a tailwater fishery of the Prettyboy Reservoir just north of Baltimore with 10 miles of fishable water. The river is a restoration success story and sustains a wild population of trout with approximately 2,500 trout per mile - that equates to missing 1 trout for each step. Access and wading is easy. For more information about Gunpowder Falls see this MD site.

So what is the Plan?

The TPFR Gunpowder Fishing Day will be free form.

Bring you own rod, waders, flies, and food. But don't forget your aspirational landing net.

If you arrive before 10 am, some casting Instructors and the other usual suspects from the Sunday Casting Church will be on hand. The Instructors and others will be visually identifiable to help while on the water. (But don't expect them to hook a fish and pass you the rod. ;-))

Aside from that, the plan is simple - show up, meet folks, chew the fat, go fish, and relax amidst the beautiful surroundings of the Gunpowder.

The river has easy access with plenty of places to fish within a short walk of our meeting place. The river holds mostly browns, but you may meet Mr Bow, and if really lucky - Mr Brookie. The water may be warm enough to wet wade but bring your waders. Finding a spot to fish dries, streamers, or a team of nymphs will be easy.

For family members or friends that don't fish, the Park has nice hiking trails that follow the river. Due to Park restrictions, we won't have access to the Park's picnic tables or a reserved space, and alcohol is prohibited.

This gathering will follow the same guidelines for health and safety that we use for the Casting Churches and Beer Ties. As of August 21, 2021 neither the State of Maryland nor Baltimore County have mask requirements relevant to this event. Please use your best judgment for your personal safety and that of others, if you are ill or suspect you might be, please respect the health of others and rest up at home.

Directions:

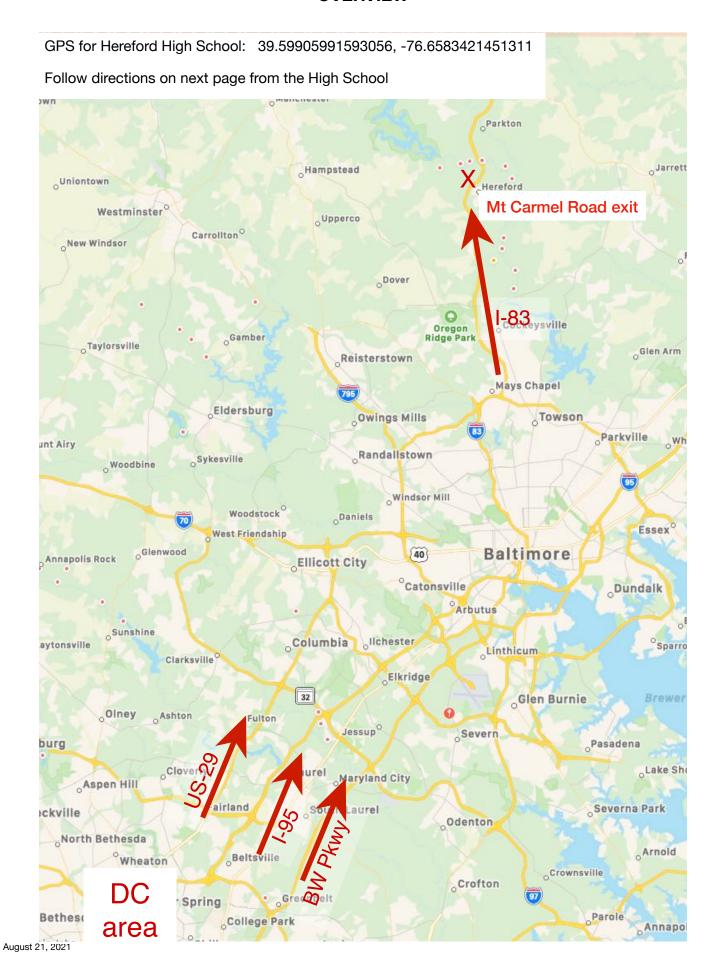
The Bunker Hill access point is at the end of Bunker Hill Road, off York Road north of Mt Carmel Road and just past the Hereford High School. See directions and map, below.

- 1. From the DC area head up to the Baltimore loop (695) and either:
 - a. follow it through the 895 tunnel through Baltimore if you're ok with a toll, OR
 - b. follow 695 as it bends west to Towson and take the northbound exit for I-83. (Depending on traffic, take I-95, BW Pkwy, 29, or any other convenient route north and check the maps to *ultimately connect with I-83 northbound above Baltimore*.)
- 2. Take 83 north to the Mt Carmel Rd exit in Hereford.
- 3. Turn right from the exit onto Mt Carmel Rd, heading east.
- 4. Continue about 1/2 mile to York Road (traffic light) and turn left, heading north.
- 5. Continue north on York about 3/4 mile to the small road of Bunker Hill Road on the left. (no traffic light or stop sign but just past the High School)
- 6. Take Bunker Hill Road all the way to the end where there is a large paved Parking Lot. (Bunker Hill Road becomes a bit rough and raw but easily passable)
- 7. Once parked, follow the asphalt walking path at the far end of the parking lot down the path that curves past the bathroom facilities to the old paved lot and remaining bridge abutment at the water. (5-7 min walk)

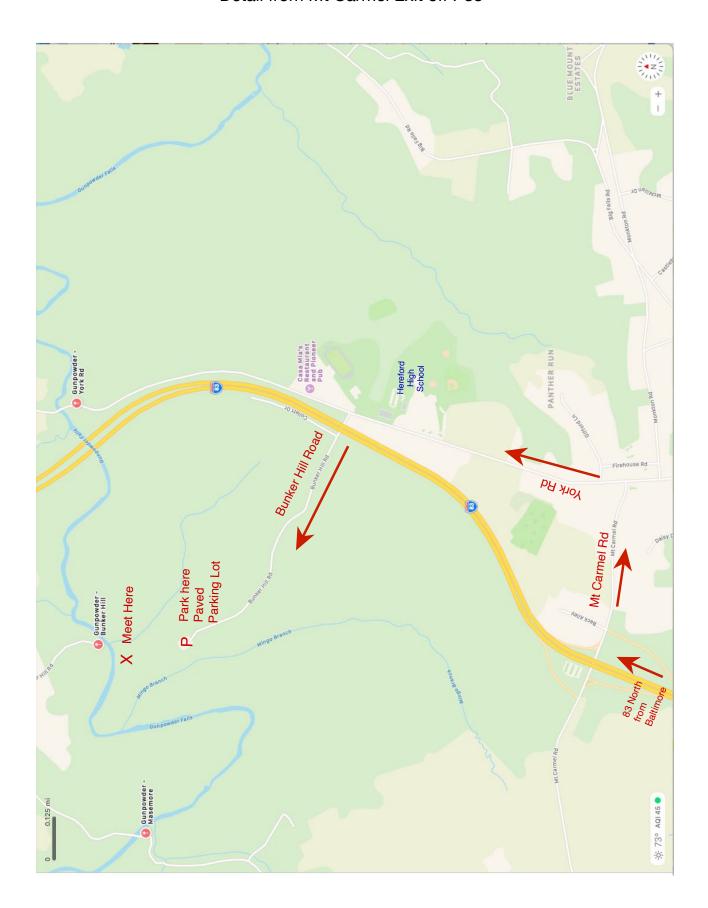
Bathroom facilities:

The Park maintains a structure with bathrooms on the path between the parking and where we will meet.

OVERVIEW



Detail from Mt Carmel Exit off I-83



After parking your car, follow the paved path down to the water where we will meet.

