

Our Beginning

Founded in 1978 by a small group of passionate fly fishers, the St. Joseph River Valley Fly Fishers (SJRVFF) was created to promote and cultivate the art and science of fly fishing in our region.

Through monthly meetings and shared experiences, the club has grown steadily, attracting both beginners and seasoned anglers who enjoy exchanging knowledge and fostering a sense of community.

SJRVFF is dedicated to:

- Meetings, Outings & Fly Tying
- Monthly Meetings - Held on the third Wednesday from September through May, featuring guest speakers, demonstrations, and workshops.
- Fishing Outings - Organized in the spring, summer, and fall, these outings offer fellowship and hands-on learning opportunities for beginners and experienced anglers alike.
- Fly Tying Classes - Conducted in the winter by club members and open to both SJRVFF members and the public.

Affiliation with Fly Fishers International

SJRVFF is a proud member of Fly Fishers International (FFI), connecting our club with a global community dedicated to fly fishing, conservation, and environmental restoration. This affiliation allows members to engage with like-minded individuals at local, regional, national, and international levels.



MEMBERSHIP



Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone (____) _____

E-mail _____

Growth of the club can be attributed to the enjoyment fly fishers realize from sharing the sport and science of fly fishing.

Membership Fee: \$35.00 Individual

Membership Fee: \$45.00 Family

Family membership shall include spouses and children under the age of 18.

SJRVFF

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SOUTH BEND, IN 46624

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ST. JOSEPH RIVER VALLEY FLY FISHERS



Meetings: Third Wednesday of the Month
September through May 6:00pm @

Finnies Next Door

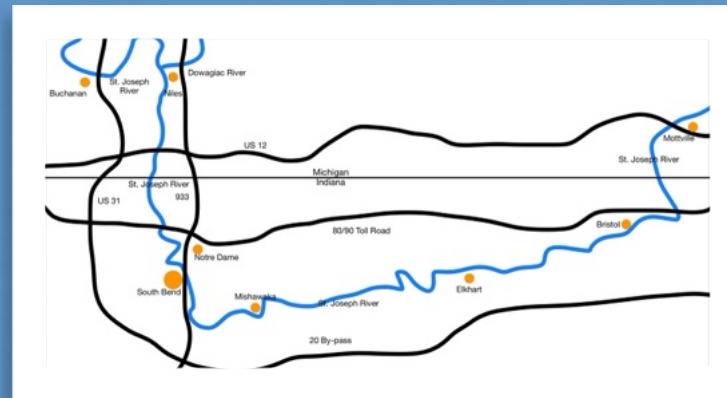
233 S Main St, South Bend, IN 46601

SJRVFF reserves Finnies Next Door for its meetings, all ages and non-members are welcome.



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St. Joe River: A versatile river with abundant Steelhead and Salmon in spring and fall, top-notch Smallmouth fishing in summer, and easy wading access throughout South Bend, including downtown.

Dowagiac River: Flowing from the Pucker Street Dam to the St. Joe, this fast-moving river offers trophy fishing, wading spots, and a thrilling half-day float, while the northern section provides a calmer experience with big browns.

Dowagiac Creek: A scenic spring creek east of the Dowagiac River, ideal for beginners and seasoned anglers, with plenty of trout in a peaceful setting.

Little Elkhart River: Located in northern Indiana's Amish country, "The Little E" offers miles of catch-and-release trout fishing with easy public access, plus great food and shopping nearby.

Other Streams: Explore Cobus Creek, Elkhart River, The Brandywine, Trail Creek, and The Galien—or attend a meeting to discover the best hidden fishing spots!



EDUCATION:

Fly tying classes are held each year. Classes alternate yearly between beginning and advanced tiers. All material and equipment are supplied.

Throughout the year SJRVFF teaches the basic fundamentals of fly casting. Students are encouraged to bring their own fly rod, but the SJRVFF has a limited supply of fly rods to teach fly casting.



Many public access spots for wading and boats.



Members fishing with other members.

CONSERVATION:

The club has been involved in many stream restoration projects in both Michigan and Indiana. During the past year manpower and materials have been provided for stream improvement projects on the Dowagiac and Brandywine Creeks in Michigan and Cobus and Trail Creeks in Indiana.



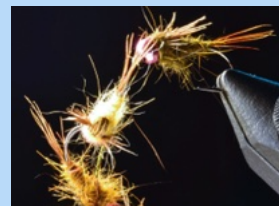
Expert guest speakers from around the world



Steelhead, Salmon, Trout, Smallmouth Bass, Pike, Bluegill, Largemouth Bass!

ACTIVITIES:

Club fishing outings are held throughout the year, some in concert with other area clubs. These outings provide fellow as well as an opportunity to learn from those who are more skilled in casting and presentation techniques. The outings also provide an introduction to waters and areas that you might not otherwise visit.



Beginning and Advanced fly tying classes



Free casting classes