

## **Forge Pond, Calverton - Monday, June 4th**

*\*\* Trip open to paid up LIFR members only\*\**

Cost \$10 for a Sandwich Lunch.

You will need a floating craft to fish the Peconic River (Canoe, kayak, float tube or a small boat)

**NO GAS MOTORS ARE ALLOWED!**

The target fish will be Largemouth Bass, Bluegills and Chain Pickerel

Suggest gear: 5-8wt 9ft Fly Rod, 6 to 7 1/2 ft leader and 1x to 4x tippet You can start fishing anytime you get there.

Lunch will be served in the parking lot from 12 noon until 1pm.

Bring a chair to sit on.

Sign up will start at the March meeting .

You must pay when you sign up.

TRIP CAPTAIN: Bill Smith 631-434-5200 - Wds0248@gmail.com

Forge Pond is part of the Peconic River system.

Area: 120 acres

Maximum depth: 6 feet

Access: A universally accessible DEC boat launch is located off South River Road in Calverton.

Directions: Take the Long Island Expressway (LIE) to exit 71. At the bottom of the ramp make a right onto Edwards Avenue, then take the first left onto South River Road. The DEC access site is on your left.

Restrictions: Gas Motors Prohibited (Town Law). Hard surface ramp for trailer launch with parking for 10 cars with trailers. Accessible facilities for canoe and kayak launch are also available. Shoreline access is limited.

Fish Species: Largemouth Bass, Chain Pickerel, Bluegill, Pumpkinseed, Black Crappie, Yellow Perch, White Perch, Carp, Brown Bullhead

Fishing: Forge Pond is one of Long Island's premier fishing spots for largemouth bass. For the last decade, the average catch rate for Angler Diary Cooperators has been about one bass for every two hours of fishing effort.

From the access site anglers can either steer downstream to fish the main pond or upstream to fish the river. The numerous small coves, overhanging trees, and lily pad beds are prime cover for big bass and monster chain pickerel. A small boat is extremely helpful in reaching these features. Six to eight pound bass are reported from the river every year. Forge Pond also offers excellent fishing for sunfish. Crappies and yellow perch are also present, but in lower numbers.