

13th Annual Cinder Worm Workshop



Observe one of nature's fascinating spring rituals. Witness thousands of cinder worms as they wiggle their way to the surface performing their spring mating dance. Wade the protected coves of Ninigret Pond on a warm spring evening. See the beauty of a sunset over tranquil water. Now listen to the sound of silence as it is interrupted by dozens of surface slurping stripers. Finally, fish for those stripers using the tiny cinder worm flies you tied yourself.

This isn't some kind of fisherman's dream. It's a reality and it can happen to you. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in partnership with Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management's Aquatic Resource Education Program are again organizing a Cinder Worm Workshop. There are two weekday evening classes in fly tying instruction on cinder worm patterns; one weekend evening of fly fishing. "We would like to have everyone attend both workshops," said David Pollack, one of the organizers of the program, "but you also have the flexibility to pick any combination." Tutorial on rigging and casting instruction will be offered for those that need beginner assistance. Fly fishers will then fish the coves of Grassy Point area of Ninigret National Wildlife Refuge. "We don't guarantee the weather or the fish," said Pollack, "but we do try to schedule this during prime time mating season."

This program is open to adults or child over age 10. No skill level is required. Space is limited to 40 students maximum. Instruction and guidance will be provided by some of the area's most knowledgeable, skilled worm fishermen. We will be wading the shores of Ninigret Pond. There will also be an opportunity for kayak fishing too - limited to experienced kayakers who have their own kayaks, equipped with required safety equipment and lighting for after dark.

All fly tying materials will be provided. Participants are encouraged to use their personal equipment, but RI Division of Fish & Wildlife's Aquatic Resource Education program will also provide the necessary fishing and fly tying equipment (some waders) for beginners and entry level registrants. Lead by Capt. Ray Stachelek and Dave Pollack, USFWS Volunteers

Monday, May 2, 2022, 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM
Fly Tying
Kettle Pond Visitor Center, Charlestown, RI

Monday, May 9, 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM
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Saturday, May 14th, 4:00 PM to dark
Fishing from Shore and Kayaks
Ninigret National Wildlife Refuge, Charlestown, RI



The program is free. Registration is required.
Registrants must provide name, email address, telephone number, and whether you will require loan of fly tying tools, waders, and/or fly rod and reel.
For more information / register contact: Marisa_Podbros@fws.gov