

## **8<sup>th</sup> STOP OF “NON-MEETING WEDNESDAYS ON THE WATER-SUMMER TOUR 2025”**

### ***POINTE MOUILLEE***

Our “Non-Meeting Wednesdays on the Water -Summer Tour 2025” is starting to wind down as counting this stop we have 2 stops left. This stop will take us to “Pointe Mouillee State Game Area” in Brownstown Township off Jefferson between Huron River Drive North & South.

There is a lot of history of this area that I will go over, but the park itself is 7,483 acres and is home of the famous Pointe Mouillee Waterfowl Festival that happens every September for 2 days. This park is within the protected wildlife and wetland areas of the mouth of the Huron River where the river ends into Lake Erie. The park itself was established in 1945 and run by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. The park is divided between Monroe County to the south and Wayne County to the north. Just outside the boat ramp there is 2 uninhabited islands “Celeron and Stony Island”, that protect Pointe Mouillee from the treacherous waves from Lake Erie. If you look to the south from the boat ramp and parking lot you can see the “Enrico Fermi Nuclear Generating Station or otherwise known as Fermi 3”.

This area was first explored by French Fur Traders in the 17<sup>th</sup> century and the name Pointe Mouillee dates to at least 1749 at the mouths of the Huron and Detroit rivers that empty into Lake Erie. In 1875 a group of wealthy local men bought the land and established the “Big 8 Shooting Club”. The club was one of the most prestigious hunting clubs considered in that time. In 1945 the hunting club land was purchased by the state of Michigan and converted into a public state game area. Another area you may see coming into Pointe Mouillee is a boat ramp “Hulls Trace” which is right off Jefferson. This is another very historical location as it contains remnants of an 1812 military large Corduroy (logs) causeway. You can still see this old logs if the water is down from the west side of the road. This boat ramp has locations to fish from shore (no wading) and a boat ramp (closed right now).

To get to Pointe Mouillee, turn off Jefferson Road on Campau Road (dirt road), go straight and as it turns right it becomes Pointe Mouillee Road. Take that to the very end, turn left into the location and this is where we will be launching our watercraft. For fishing in this unique location, you have a lot of areas that you can fish from shore or if you want to use a personal watercraft or boat you have plenty of room for all of that. You can also fish from shore up at Hull’s Trace Boat Ramp, but for watercraft use the launch at Pointe Mouillee. But unfortunately, there is no place to wade safely. The gear to bring, I would say in fly rods from 5 weight to a 9 weight for sure. If its windy, I would go to the heavy end of the fly rods, and if not you can go to the lighter side. For myself, I will be using an 8 or 9 weight and 9ft long. For flies, anything top water for sure!!! Especially any type of Poppers or Frogs, and remember the Gurglers, Hoppers, and any of your favorite top water. For sub surface I would use any type of Minnows like the Feather Game Changer, Schultz’s Swingin D, the Shimmering Minnow, or anything that rides just below the surface. If you want to go down deep, I will probably go with a dredger type fly or even a crawfish, but don’t forget heavy weighted Clousers or Clousers Half and Half may work great with matching the baitfish in the area. But this area does have a lot of weeds for sure, so I would stay on top or just below the surface. The fishing out here is tremendous; I fish out here a lot and always enjoy the times I am out there.

We will be out there like usual with our kayaks at about 4pm (or earlier) and the park closes at 11pm. You will need a State Park passport on your license plate (P) or a permit as this is a State Park. Remember to keep an eye on the weather, fishing in the rain is not bad, but hail, high winds, thunderstorms, or tornadoes is not fun. Any questions contact Todd or Ken. If you are not a club member, you are more than welcome to join us and hopefully you will become a member. Hope to see you out there, thanks.

North



South