

# They don't call it 'catching': Family Fishing Day and a blast from the past

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ents exhorting me to keep the rod tip up and keep pressure on the fat bluegill or crappie twanging in manic circles on



photo by Jon Stinnett

Saturday's Family Fishing Day brought generations together at Row River Nature Park.

the end of my line. These many years later, the unmistakable tug of a fish taking the bait still quickens my pace, and fishing has served as the unchallenged highlight of many an adventure undertaken amid breathtaking scenery.

Instilling a love of the outdoors and of nature's gifts is one of the best in a very long line of life-affirming lessons my parents gave me, so it's only natural that I'd take great pride in attempting to do the same for my now 3 1/2-year old daughter.

We've fished together before, her and I, and she's eager to learn and be where the action is. Still, success has thus far eluded us, and I've become aware that, for the fishing bug to truly catch on, it can only help for her to land a lunker of her own (or a minnow, really; a trophy is probably too much to ask at this point).

With this in mind, we journeyed to the pond at Row River Nature Park Saturday morning for the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's Family Fishing Day, one of many events I've witnessed as a reporter for this newspaper but am now able to enjoy firsthand with my own family. Fish and Wildlife stocked the pond with about 2000 hungry, hatchery-raised rainbow trout, and the odds looked good as we arrived early to find that many fish were already finding their way onto hooks.



photo by Jon Stinnett

Annabelle Stinnett watches her bobber intently (for a few seconds.)

Guests at the pond were able to procure all the basic fishing necessities from ODFW, including a rod and enough varieties of bait to help zero in on the perfect offering to entice the fish. The University of Oregon women's soccer team was also on hand, volunteering in various capacities such as passing out bait, helping youngsters with fishing basics or cleaning fish already caught.

Most of which escaped my daughter, whose fascination with the worms we were given as bait kept her busy for the longest uninterrupted stretch of fishing we'd undertake that morning. A little too small to cast just yet, Annabelle al-

ternated between grinding stinky Power Bait between her fingers like Play-Doh and ripping hapless earthworms into various pieces. It was at once gratifying to know that she wasn't squeamish about such things and exasperating to continually ask for help watching our bobber.

Which did begin to flutter, incidentally, though nothing like those of many of the families around us, who must have taken home their limit early on Saturday. Quickly it dawned on me that, for the youngun to have any suc-

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## Efficient mason bees pollinate plants before honeybees get busy

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The gardening season is young, but mason bees are out for their short but productive foray into the blooms of your backyard.

These solitary native bees – most commonly the blue orchard mason bee (*Osmia lignaria*) – get busy before honeybees and set to work on early-flowering plants like forsythia, pieris and especially fruit trees.

"Mason bees fill a spot in the season when other pollinators are not out," said Brooke Edmunds, a horticulturist with Oregon State University's Extension Service. "They're really important for fruit trees, especially in cool, wet areas."

As honeybees continue to struggle for survival, mason

bees take on a bigger role in the backyard garden, according to Edmunds. Both serious and casual gardeners welcome these earnest pollinators to get better yields of fruits, vegetables and flowers.

Mason bees are smaller than honeybees, have a bluish hue and are often mistaken for flies. Rarely do you have to worry about being stung because these unaggressive bees live alone and have no hive to protect.

Unlike honeybees that fly up to four miles to find their preferred food, mason bees don't go much farther than 300 feet. They move in a zigzag pattern, which makes them especially efficient pollinators for small spaces, according to Edmunds.

The single-minded bees live to bring nectar and pollen back to the nest for their larvae that

hatch from eggs laid between walls made of mud – another material the female bees must haul back to the nest. Leaving patches of mud close to nesting areas in trees or other wood will help attract them, Edmunds said.

You can also encourage mason bees by creating a garden that includes plants that bloom during their excursions in March to mid- or late May. Consider plants such as crabapples, redbud, flowering currant, elderberry, huckleberry, Oregon grape and lupine. Even the often-dreaded dandelion is a great source of food.

If you want to introduce the bees rather than wait for them to arrive in the garden, she recommends purchasing a nesting house, which contains straws filled with cocoons that hatch in

spring. They're available online or at garden centers.

Alternately, you can drill holes into a solid piece of untreated wood. Make the holes five-sixteenths of an inch in diameter, six inches deep and three-fourths of an inch apart. Insert paper straws with cocoons inside the holes.

Whatever you end up using, hang houses or containers under eaves or other protected areas where they'll be protected from wind, rain and sun.

Some people will bring the cocoon-filled houses inside over winter to keep them out of reach of predators. They'll also spend time removing cocoons and washing off mites or parasites and reinserting them into clean straws.

"There are two schools of thought," Edmunds said. "Some

people want to get into high maintenance and harvest, clean and store cocoons. But that's not necessary. You can always buy additional cocoons each

year. And, of course, give the bees the plants they need to keep them around."

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