Fly Fishing the South River in 10 minutes

Fly Fishing Only SRA
Catch and Release Area
Youth Only Stocked Trout Area
Put and Take
10 Miles of Trout Water

South River Trophy Trout SRA

- 4.5 miles of the South River on private lands just south of Waynesboro was opened to fishing on Jan 1, 2011. This section of the river is fed by numerous large limestone springs.
- 400 plus permits issued annually to anglers from all over the country
- Fly Fishing Only – 1 trout over 20 inches limit – Landowner Permit Required

October 1, 2017
(pre-construction)

October 31, 2017
1 month later

Catch and Release (Downtown)

- 2.5 Miles from 2nd Street Bridge upstream to Wayne Ave. Bridge
- Paved Greenway along the river for over ½ of the stretch (Expansion to follow current Mercury Remediation work)
- Trophy Rainbow and Brown Trout both stocked and holdover
- 3 Annual Stockings by VDGIF and 3 Locally Funded Stocking by Shenandoah Valley Trout Unlimited
- Attracts anglers from all over the state of Virginia
- Rainbow Trout Reproduction observed since 2014

South River Hatches

- Caddis - March through October
- Sulphurs – Late April through May
- Trico's – June through October
- Hexagenia - July through August
- Midges – All year
- Blue Wing Olives – December through March
- Terrestrials – Ants, Beetles, Crickets, Grasshoppers and even Mice find their way onto the menu from May through October
- An abundance of Dace, Darters, Sculpins, Chubs, Shiners, and Crawfish provide exciting streamer fishing as well

Stocked Trout and Youth Only Stocked Trout Areas

- 1.5 Miles of Put and Take Stocked water from Wayne Ave. Bridge Upstream to Ridgeview Park
- Youth Only Stocked Trout Area within Basic City Park on the North end of Waynesboro. April 1 to June 15 this area is reserved for anglers 15 and under and receives three stockings

South River Fly Fishing Expo

- 4th Annual Event will be held on April 27th and 28th, 2019
- To date the Expo has raised over $3000.00 for work on the South River and has donated a Rainbow Trout Bike Rack for the Arch Avenue Parking Lot that was designed and built by local metalworkers
- Presentations on Fly Fishing on the South River and all across Virginia