



“Finding Fontinalis” The Movie

On April 22 Tuck Chapter will embark on one of the most important fund raising projects our chapter has begun since our effort to stop *The Road to Nowhere* in Great Smoky Mountain National Park. Tuckaseigee Chapter through the assistance of Blackrock Outdoor Orvis Shop, Tuckaseegee Fly Shop, and the Mad Batter of Sylva will sponsor a showing of the film “[Finding Fontinalis](#)” at the Mad Batter in Sylva.

First of all, just what the heck is Fontinalis? Well in the case of this movie it refers to *salvelinus fontinalis*, or what we all commonly know as the brook trout. From the film’s website, here is a synopsis of what the film is all about:

“An old gaucho’s tale inspired the search for a new world-record brook trout; but the water, landscape and the culture surrounding it became the impetus to conserve and protect it all.”

In the summer of 1915, John William Cook disappeared into the vast boreal forests of northern Ontario. 7 days later, he emerged from the legendary Nipigon River with the largest brook trout the world had ever seen. Cook’s world record Brookie weighed in at exactly 14.5-lbs and measured 31 and a half inches with a girth of 23 inches. Word soon spread of Cook’s monster brook trout and the angling world took notice. Cook’s fish instantly garnered a legendary, almost mythical status and to this day remains one of the longest standing angling records in existence. But the Nipigon legend was not without controversy. Some said Cook didn’t take the fish on the fly, some said it was one of Cook’s guides who caught the fish, some even said Cook’s world record Brook Trout

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was no Brook Trout at all. Regardless, a century later the world record for brook trout remains unchanged, but the legendary Nipigon has not. Only three short years later in 1918 a succession of devastating hydroelectric dams were constructed on the river, culminating in 1950 with the Pine Portage Dam. Which raised the water level on the Nipigon by 100ft. and flooded 10 miles of white water, rapids and waterfalls, forever changing the best brook trout fishery the world has ever known.

100 hundred years later, 4 anglers disappeared into the Lenga forests of Argentina. Fueled by rumor, and an old gaucho's tale, that tells of "el lugar con el pescado rojo grande" or the place with the big red fish. "Fly Fishing photographer Bryan Gregson and Director of Fishing for Patagonia, Bart Bonime along with Las Pampas Lodge owner Agustin Fox, invite iconic environmentalist and avid angler Yvon Chouinard, to descend upon the Chubut province of Argentina in search of a possible new world record brook trout."

"El lugar con el pescado rojo grande" is a remote, uncharted watershed of Argentina, rumored to possibly produce the next world record Brook Trout. But Agustin Fox has larger designs than just a new world record Brook Trout. Fox's vision is to see the entire area conserved and protected, perhaps as the world's first National Fly Fishing Park. His plan is to enlist the help of Patagonia founder and Conservacion Patagonica board member Yvon Chouinard, in order to achieve his dream" Fly Fishing filmmaker Travis Lowe joins the journey in order to document the area and adventure, in hopes that a film will raise awareness and funds to save this fragile fishery. Ultimately, what the group finds at "el lugar con el pescado rojo grande" is more important than any angling record could ever be and eventually becomes the impetus to attempt to conserve and project one of the world's last remaining world class brook trout fisheries.

Tickets for the film will be available for purchase by members at the April meeting. Due to the seating capacity at The Mad Batter there will only be a limited number of tickets available. The ticket costs are: Adults \$15.00, Students and TU members \$10.00. This film will be Tuck Chapter's first effort at hosting this sort of event. We will need every TU member to come out to support us in order to make sure of its success.

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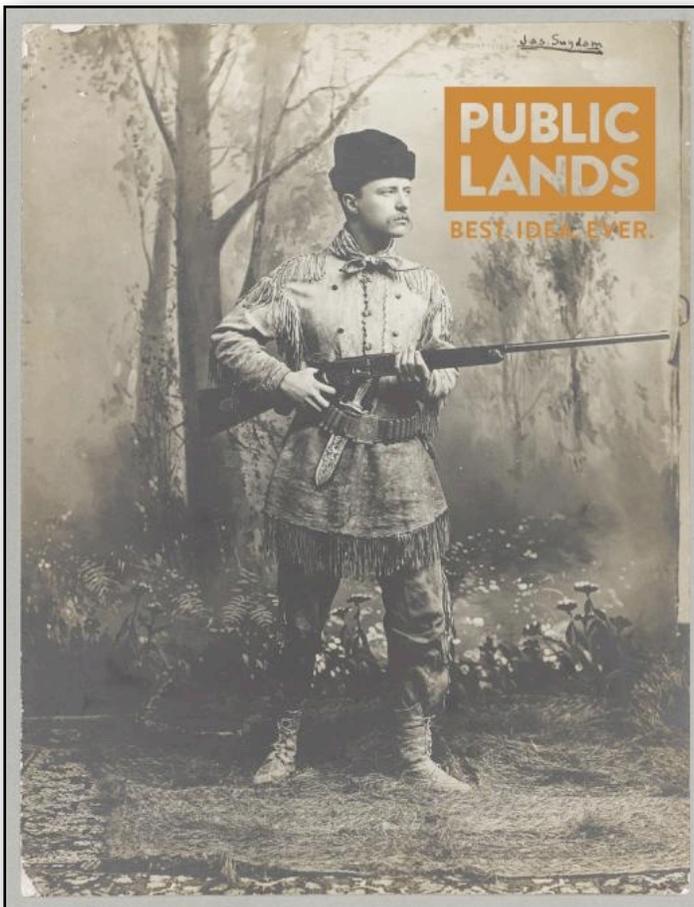
Finding Fontinalis





Click [here](#) for link to video.

Want to honor Teddy Roosevelt's legacy? Here's how:



Theodore Roosevelt was many things, but perhaps most of all he was a public lands champion. He used his authority as President to establish 150 national forests, 51 federal bird reserves, four national game preserves, five national parks and 18 national monuments on over 230 million acres of public land.

Yeah, he liked public lands...and our country is greater for it.

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We've often found ourselves wondering what Theodore Roosevelt might think of today's conservation landscape and controversies over the management of America's public lands.

No doubt things have changed since he occupied the oval office but many threats have stayed the same when it comes to public lands. The greed of a few to take the right of many, for example. 🐾



Please visit ncwildlife.org/fishing/trout for more information about trout regulations, stockings, and angling opportunities.

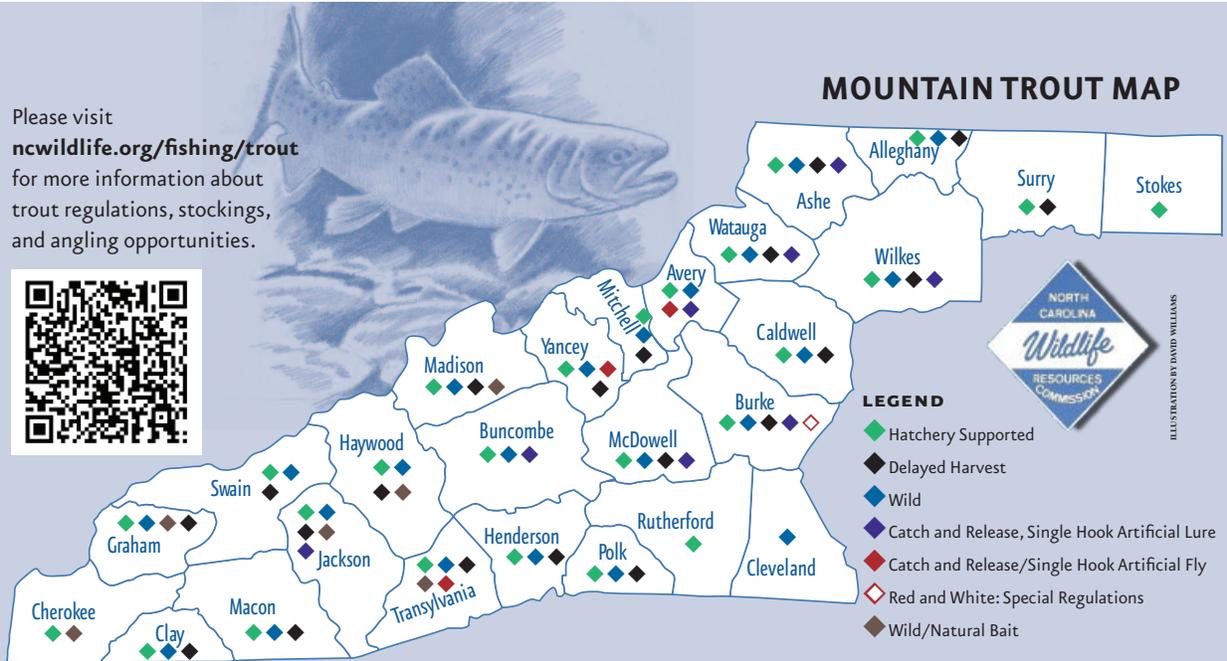


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2017 DELAYED HARVEST STOCKING DATES

| COUNTY | STREAM | MARCH | APRIL | MAY | OCTOBER | NOVEMBER |
|--------------|------------------------------|-------|-------|-----|---------|----------|
| Alleghany | Little River | 6 | 6 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| Ashe | Helton Creek | 1 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| | Trout Lake | 1 | 3 | 8 | 2 | 1 |
| | Big Horse Creek | 6 | 6 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| | South Fork New River | 6 | 6 | 4 | 5 | 3 |
| Burke | Jacob Fork | 3 | 5 | 10 | 4 | 1 |
| Caldwell | Wilson Creek | 2 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 2 |
| Clay | Fires Creek | 1 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 13 |
| Graham | Big Snowbird | 7 | 6 | 4 | 10 | 16 |
| Haywood | West Fork Pigeon River | 7 | 6 | 1 | 6 | 16 |
| Henderson | North Fork Mills River | 6 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 7 |
| Jackson | Tuckasegee River | 2 | 4 | 2 | 3,4 | 8,15 |
| Macon | Nantahala | 7 | 10 | 4 | 9 | 2 |
| Madison | Big Laurel Creek | 1 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| | Shelton Laurel Creek | 1 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| | Spring Creek | 6 | 10 | 5 | 6 | 14 |
| McDowell | Curtis Creek | 3 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 3 |
| | Mill Creek | 3 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 3 |
| | Catawba River | 3 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 3 |
| Mitchell | Cane Creek | 3 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 3 |
| | North Toe River | 2 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 2 |
| Polk | Green River | 6 | 6 | 5 | 9 | 13 |
| Surry | Ararat River | 3 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 6 |
| | Mitchell River | 1 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 2 |
| Swain | Tuckasegee River | 3 | 5 | 3 | 5 | 6 |
| Transylvania | East Fork French Broad River | 1 | 3 | 3 | 10 | 9 |
| | Little River | 3 | 7 | 4 | 3 | 3 |
| Watauga | Watauga River | 1 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| | Coffee Lake | 1 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| Wilkes | East Prong Roaring River | 1 | 3 | 8 | 2 | 1 |
| | Stone Mountain Creek | 1 | 3 | 8 | 2 | 1 |
| | Reddies River | 2 | 4 | 9 | 3 | 2 |
| | Elk Creek | 2 | 4 | 9 | 3 | 2 |
| Yancey | Cane River | 7 | 7 | 5 | 6 | 7 |

Dates listed are subject to change due to unexpected events, such as snow. Changes will be announced through press releases, Twitter, Facebook and on ncwildlife.org.



TUCKASEIGEE CHAPTER # 373 OF TROUT UNLIMITED

Attached is the 2017 Great Smoky Mountains National Park fisheries volunteer schedule. Please look it over and pass it along to your fellow Trout Unlimited members, school students or other potential volunteers. We would love to spend some time with you on the water in 2017!

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks
Matt

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2017 GRSM Fisheries Volunteer Sampling Schedule

The following list is designed to make individuals and volunteer groups, who would like to assist fisheries activities in the Park, aware of upcoming project dates and meeting locations. If you need further information, please contact Caleb Abramson (865-436-1577) Caleb_Abramson@nps.gov or Matt Kulp (865-436-1254) Matt_Kulp@nps.gov

| Date | Sample Type | Priority | # TU Volunteers | Cooperators * |
|---------------------|---|----------|---|--------------------|
| February 11 | Acid Deposition Training Session - Park Headquarters Conference Room, Gatlinburg (9:00AM) - FREE breakfast | High | All Group Leaders / Need Volunteers! | TU, NPS, UT |
| March 18-19 # | Bi-Monthly Acid Deposition Sample | High | 8 - 10 | TU, NPS, UT |
| March 25 | TN Little River Clean-Up Day - meet at Metcalf Bottoms picnic area (9:00AM) | Medium | All Volunteers | NPS, TU, Others |
| May 20-21 # | Bi-Monthly Acid Deposition Sample | High | 8 - 10 | TU, NPS, UT |
| June 22 | Little River Trout Camp, Tremont, TN - volunteers will help with classes and electrofishing demo | High | 2 - 3 | TU, NPS |
| July 10 - 13 | Anthony Creek Brook Trout Restoration - Meet at Abrams Creek Picnic Area for transport up trail | High | 8 - 10 | TU, NPS, TWRA |
| July 15 - 16 # | Bi-Monthly Acid Deposition Sample | High | 8 - 10 | TU, NPS, UT |
| July 17 | Large Stream IBI Sample (Cataloochee Creek) - Sample at the Steel Bridge at the Asbury Trail Crossing near the USGS River Gauge | Medium | 5 - 7 | NPS, TVA, TU |
| July 18 | Large Stream IBI Sample (Little River) - Sample site just above Elkmont roughly 200m upstream of Little River trailhead | Medium | 5 - 7 | NPS, TDEC, TVA, TU |
| July 18 | Large Stream IBI Sample (West Prong Little River) - Meet at the parking lot next to bridge at confluence of MP and WP Little River. | Medium | 5 - 7 | NPS, TVA, TU |
| July 19 | Large Stream IBI Sample (Abrams Creek) - Meet at the Abrams Creek Ranger station parking lot. | Medium | 5 - 7 | NPS, TVA, TU |
| July 20 | Large Stream IBI Sample (Straight Fork) - Meet just upstream of park gate on Straight Fork Road upstream of fish hatchery. | Medium | 5 - 7 | NPS, TVA, TU |
| July 24 - 27 | Population Sampling - Little Cataloochee Creek - 3-Pass Depletion Sampling, Treatment Prep on Little Cataloochee Creek | Medium | 5 - 7 | NPS, TU, NCWRC |
| August 14 - 17 | Hazel Creek 3-Pass Depletion and IBI Sampling - Strenuous field work. Limited to 2 volunteers (call Matt for details). | High | 8 - 10 | TU, NPS, NCWRC |
| August 21 - 22 | Bunches & Flat Creek Evaluation - High elevation brook trout electrofishing (requires one night camping) | Medium | 2 - 3 | NPS, TU |
| September 6 - 8 | Little Cataloochee Creek Treatment Prep - Setting live cages, calculating flows, setting up treaters/detox on Little Cataloochee Creek | Medium | 5 - 7 | NPS, TU, NCWRC |
| September 16 - 17 # | Bi-Monthly Acid Deposition Sample | High | 8 - 10 | TU, NPS, UT |
| November 18 - 19 # | Bi-Monthly Acid Deposition Sample | High | 8 - 10 | TU, NPS, UT |

* Cooperators
 TU - Trout Unlimited
 NPS - National Park Service
 UT - The University of Tennessee
 TDEC - TN Dept of Environment & Conservation

TWRA - Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency
 NCWRC - North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission
 PSU - Penn State University
 TVA - TN Valley Authority

- Contact Charlie Chmielewski (TN coordinator) for team leader info and contact info on TN volunteer opportunities - [Charlie Chmielewski \(cell\) 865-661-7325 charlieflyfish@gmail.com](mailto:charlieflyfish@gmail.com)
 Contact Mike Kesselring (NC coordinator) for volunteer opportunities in NC (828) 736-6929 mikessel159@gmail.com

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Rivercourse Schedule Announced for 2017

Dates: June 18-23, 2017 (Sunday - Friday) 16th Season!

Age Group: 13-15

Group Size: 18 Campers (Selection - mid-April 2017)

Tuition: \$595 per camper. Early registration is encouraged to reserve a space. Additional information will be sent upon acceptance to camp. Tuition is not due until the applicant is notified that he/she has been accepted. Some financial assistance is available if needed.



About Rivercourse:

- The goal of [Rivercourse](#) is to introduce the campers to coldwater conservation and fly fishing.
- Campers will receive on-stream fly fishing instruction mornings and evenings.
- Campers will participate in a field trip to the nearby Davidson River to learn about the importance of riparian buffers. Their planting of some native species will reinforce the lesson. Also included are fish dissection and a tour of the Bobby Setzer State Fish Hatchery.
- Classroom instruction is both outdoors and indoors.
- Swimming is an optional activity under adult supervision with certified lifeguards.
- Subjects are taught by volunteers from Trout Unlimited, the NC Wildlife Resource Commission, the US Forest Service, the US Park Service, and other organizations.
- TU chapters and members throughout the state support the camp with time, money, and materials.
- A [Rivercourse Fund](#) has been established to produce annual income for sponsorships and operational expenses.

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- Campers are lodged in multiple room cottages. Each bedroom has a set of twin beds and a private bathroom. All linens and towels are provided. Meals are served in a modern dining hall, part of which is set up as a permanent "classroom".

A typical Day at Camp:

Wake-up!
Fishing / Fly Tying
Breakfast
Fishing / Fly Tying
Guest Speaker
Lunch
Guest Speaker, Crafts,
Fly Tying, Knots
Casting
Dinner
Fishing
Fly Tying
Cottage Time
Lights Out

Rivercourse Business Partners:

Curtis Wright Outfitters
Davidson River Outfitters
One Fly Outfitters
Hunter Banks
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Jim Hefley Fine Art

Tuckaseigee Chapter provides the \$595 tuition for a camper at the Rivercourse TU Summer Camp at Lake Logan in Haywood County each year. 🐟





Wildlife Commission Opens Hatchery-Supported Trout Waters April 1

RALEIGH, N.C. (March 23, 2017) — The N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission will open Hatchery-Supported Trout Waters in 25 western counties at 7 a.m. on April 1. The season will run through Feb. 28, 2018.

While fishing on Hatchery-Supported Trout Waters, anglers can harvest a maximum of seven trout per day, with no minimum size limits or bait restrictions.

To give trout anglers opportunities to plan fishing trips in advance, the Commission has posted on its website a [Hatchery-Supported Trout Waters stocking schedule](#) that provides information on what weeks each water is being stocked. Anglers can search by county and by month. The agency also posts [daily updates](#) at noon for all waters stocked that day. Information can be searched by county, by month, or both.

Hatchery-Supported Trout Waters, marked by green-and-white signs, are stocked from March until August every year, depending on the individual stream. Many of these waters are stocked monthly, although some heavily fished waters are stocked more frequently.

Commission personnel will stock nearly 916,000 trout in 2017 — 96 percent of which average 10 inches in length, with the other 4 percent exceeding 14 inches in length.

Stocked trout are produced primarily at two mountain region fish hatcheries operated by the Commission and are distributed along hatchery-supported streams where public access for fishing is available. While Hatchery-Supported Trout Waters are open to public fishing, many of those miles are privately owned so the Commission urges anglers to respect the property they're fishing on and remember that landowners can take away access if they feel their property is being misused.

Anglers can help prevent the loss of public access to fishing by:

- Respecting private property and landowners at all times;
- Removing all trash and litter from fishing and parking areas;
- Parking only in designated areas and leaving driveways open for traffic;
- Closing and/or locking gates after use; and,
- Reporting wildlife violations by calling 1-800-662-7137.

For a complete list of all Hatchery-Supported Trout Waters, as well as trout maps, weekly stocking schedule, and daily stocking updates on Hatchery-Supported Trout Waters, visit the Commission's [trout fishing page](#).

For more information on fishing in public, inland waters, visit the Commission's fishing page, www.ncwildlife.org/fishing or call the Inland Fisheries Division, 919-707-0220.





The Jackson County Chamber of Commerce will present the inaugural Hook, Line and Drinker Festival on Saturday, May 20, 2017. The event will be held from noon until 4 p.m., at the Bridge Park Pavilion in Sylva, N.C.

The festival will feature craft beer vendors, food trucks, fishing guides and fishing industry vendors, and a farmers market from 9 a.m. until noon. Admission to the family friendly event is free with donations encouraged.

There will be a live concert from 12:30 until 4 p.m. by one of the region's most popular bands TBA.

Jackson County is the proud home of the WNC Fly Fishing Trail and the NC Trout Capital. In 2016, the N.C. General Assembly proclaimed Jackson County as the state's "Premier Fly Fishing Destination." The WNC Fly Fishing Trail features 15 hot fishing spots that run from the northern end of the county to the southern end of the county along the Tuckaseigee River. Jackson County is stocked with more trout than any other county in the state.

The chamber will partner with the Tuckaseigee chapter of Trout Unlimited to organize the inaugural Scott's Creek Cleanup in the fall of 2017. Festival goers can sign up to volunteer.

For more information, please visit www.mountainlovers.com or call 828-586-2155.





April 28-30 and October 13-17, 2017 for women with all types of cancer, Lake Logan Center, Canton, NC.



Our Three-Day Retreat Weekends offer a full schedule of activities that includes basic fly fishing instruction, medical education and groups that provide opportunities for support and connection with other women surviving cancer.

Retreats begin on Friday afternoon and conclude on Sunday after lunch. The schedule includes group activities and fly fishing instruction. Most women who attend have never held a fly rod and many have never fished. Fly fishing instruction is simple and fun!!

Fly fishing instructors and river guides are always present to teach and assist. All meals are included and volunteer staff are onsite for the entire weekend. While the retreat schedule has a variety of activities, we encourage women to participate at their own level. There is plenty of free time built into the schedule. All participants and volunteers will receive a detailed retreat schedule prior to the weekend. 🦅

Click [here](#) for more info.



Click [here](#) for link to video.

You can help reconnect rivers throughout the US by **giving** to the Orvis/TU 1,000 Miles Campaign.



TUCK TU ON FACEBOOK

<https://www.facebook.com/tuckaseigeechapter373/>



SHARE WITH YOUR CHAPTER

Do you have something you'd like to share with the chapter? An announcement, news, or topic that you feel would be of interest to fellow members?

We are always seeking submissions to *Tuck Tales* for our future editions. Please let your editor know by sending your information to:

Craig Forrest
craigforrest@sleepyhollowstudio.com

Be An Active Member

TCTU has a number of committees that need members like you to participate. Please consider contacting a committee chairperson to volunteer to serve on the committee that most interests you.

Send your requests to President Dale Collins at tuckriverclub@gmail.com to let him know which committee you are interested in, and he will forward your name to the chairperson.

Help TCTU by getting involved with one of the committees listed below.

Conservation/Education

Fund Raising

Membership

Programs

Publicity/Communications

Backcast

The March meeting offered a presentation by Alen Baker about the Fly Fishing Museum of the Southern Appalachians. 🐟



Think about supporting TU with a **Back The Brookie** TU license plate!



FLY OF THE MONTH

Do you have a pattern that you'd like to submit for our *Tuck Tales* Fly Of The Month article? If you can take a few digital photos of your fly tying effort, please do so and provide a short description of how to tie your pattern.

Most point-and-shoot digital cameras have a flash and macro photography capability. Come on. Give it a try. Share that secret pattern with your fellow members!

We'll include your fly in an up-coming issue of *Tuck Tales*!

Please send an email to Craig Forrest

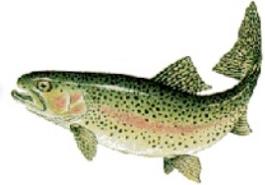
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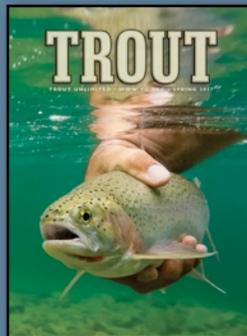
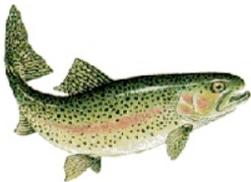
Next TCTU Meeting:
United Community Bank 4/4/17

Southeastern Regional Rendezvous: Gatlinburg, TN Apr. 21-22

2017 TU Annual Meeting, Roanoke, VA Sept. 27-30



The Spring issue of Trout Magazine is now available on-line at:



<http://www.tu.org/media/trout-magazine>



Editor's Cast

The March meeting offered members a presentation by Alen Baker of the [Fly Fishing Museum of the Southern Appalachians](#) in Bryson City.

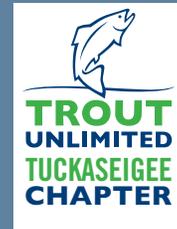
The [Annual Tuckaseegee River Clean Up](#) will be held on April 8th this year. Plans are for our chapter to meet at 9 AM that morning to clean up the area 3/8 of a mile upstream of the CJ Harris Boat Ramp on the same side of the river. We plan to have a backhoe available to assist with the removal of some old tires and other large objects from the river. Folks, we'll need to have a good turn-out for this event as there appears to be a lot of debris that will need to be removed from this location.

As was stated in the article on page 1 Tuck Chapter will hold the most important fund raising event we've had since our successful effort to stop *The Road to Nowhere* over in GSMNP. The "[Finding Fontinalis](#)" movie should be a very positive event for the chapter to sponsor. We are fortunate to have the support of [Blackrock Outdoor Orvis Fly Shop](#), [Tuckaseegee Fly Shop](#), and [The Mad batter of Sylva](#). Blackrock and Tuck Fly Shop are both underwriting the costs of the film rental and The Mad Batter has agreed to have us show it at their venue will all proceeds from ticket sales to go to the chapter.

As you should know, our success will depend on everyone doing their part to get the tickets sold and help promote our efforts to get the word out. One problem might be the limitations we will face due to the capacity of The Mad Batter. Tickets will be made available for members to purchase at the April meeting so plan on attending and be sure to bring your money in order to be assured of a seat for the film. Unsold tickets from the April meeting will be available to the public at Tuck Fly Shop and Blackrock. **We will have a limited number of tickets available due to space limitations.** Be sure to make it to the April meeting to get your tickets! 🦋

Forward Cast

Tuck Chapter will next meet 6:30 PM April 4th at United Community bank of Sylva on Highway 107 South. The meeting will be a planning session for the Annual Tuck Clean-Up and the "Finding Fontinalis" movie project.



The WCU Fly Fishing Club cleaned up Cullowhee Creek on Saturday, March 18th. Thanks folks!



2017 Southeast Regional Rendezvous

APRIL 21-23, 2017
GATLINBURG, TN

In the heart of Southern Appalachian Brook Trout country, the Great Smoky Mountains are home to some of the best fishing on the east coast. As with all great fisheries, there is always a heightened need for sustainable and long-term conservation efforts. We couldn't imagine a better location than Gatlinburg, TN to host this year's Southeast Regional Rendezvous. On behalf of the Tennessee Council and the Great Smoky Mountain Chapter, you are invited to join fellow anglers, conservationists, and industry professionals for a weekend of enlightening conversations, seminars, and fun as we talk future conservation efforts in the region and ways to make your chapter's or councils stronger than ever.



In keeping with the tradition of TU regional gatherings, we will have a hosted fishing day on Friday, April 21 where you'll have the opportunity to hike, hop, or even scoot your way up the mountainside chasing beautiful brook trout in an equally stunning setting.

Saturday and Sunday the 22-23rd will include all day conversations with fellow TU members and local conservation professionals where we will discuss topics from diversifying membership, habitat restoration, building defenses against a changing climate, contemporary membership engagement methods and dynamic fundraising, to name a few.

Saturday evening's barbecue is a fun, family-friendly opportunity to network with fellow TU members, supporters and staff and to take in the beauty of the Great Smoky Mountains.

These gatherings are an excellent opportunity for your chapter to share unique success stories and issues that you've encountered over the past year. It's also a great chance for new and upcoming chapter and council leaders to be inspired and discover their own voice while learning from seasoned volunteers and networking with conservation professionals.

[Register Here](#)

SCHEDULE

Friday, April 21

Full day hosted fishing

Friday Night, April 21

Women on the Water Reception - Hosted by Dun Magazine

Down the Hatch Film Showing presented by Orvis

Saturday, April 22

All day seminars at Glenstone Lodge

Saturday Night, April 22

Barbecue in the Great Smoky Mountains hosted by the TN Council

* Spouses and guests welcome at an additional cost

Sunday, April 23

Half day seminars and recap

SPONSORS



Annual Tuck River Cleanup set for April 8; volunteers sought for perhaps biggest event yet

[GEOFF CANTRELL](#) MARCH 15, 2017

The 33rd annual Tuck River Cleanup, hosted by Western Carolina University's Base Camp Cullowhee, will be held Saturday, April 8, and organizers are seeking additional volunteers willing to get dirty to keep things clean.

Considered the nation's largest single-day volunteer effort to remove trash from a waterway, WCU students, faculty and staff will come together with members of the community to spruce up the Tuckaseigee River in Jackson County from rafts or walking along from the riverbank. Each year, volunteers remove tons of garbage from 27 miles of the river. The event was originally organized by students and staff of WCU's outdoor programs who recognized the need to clean up the river.



"As a whitewater enthusiast and this year's event coordinator, I am thrilled to be involved with planning this cleanup event," said Kay Tufts, assistant director with Base Camp Cullowhee and an event organizer. "The Cleanup is a tradition that is deeply engrained in the Western community and promotes environmental stewardship. It is encouraging to see upwards of 1,000 volunteers come together to clean up our community's watershed."

[Tuck River Cleanup](#) participants should register the day of the event at a sign-in station by the Alumni Tower on campus. The first 500 participants receive a free T-shirt. Base Camp Cullowhee will provide rafting participants with a paddle, personal flotation device, trash bags, raft and transportation to and from the river.

The 2017 Tuck River Cleanup will be held Saturday, April 8.

Following cleanup activities, participants are invited to the annual picnic at 4 p.m. on the A.K. Hinds University Center lawn with a free cookout, live entertainment, yard games and the chance to win prizes donated by local businesses. Winners must be present to receive the prizes. WCU's Division of Student Affairs and Aramark will donate the food for the picnic.

Besides the immeasurable environmental importance, there is an economic factor for the cleanup, Tufts said. Jackson County is a travel destination for its scenic beauty and known as the "Trout Capital" of North Carolina, with the Tuckaseigee River among its premiere attractions for anglers, as well as receiving the most stocking of trout of any waterway in the state. An analysis by the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission found that trout fishing has a \$174 million economic impact on Western North Carolina.

Major sponsors include Duke Energy, Aramark, Catamount Peaks, Republic Services, The Sylva Herald, Wildwater, Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort, Dillsboro River Company, Pepsi, Jackson County Travel and Tourism, WCU Student Government Association, Nantahala Outdoor Center, Base Camp Cullowhee, WCU Student Affairs and the Campus Recreation Center.

For more information about the Tuck River Cleanup, contact Tufts at kjtufts@wcu.edu or 828-227-8804.



Send In A Fishing Report!

Tuck Tales would like to feature your fishing report. This could be from a recent or past fishing trip. We don't care where you went or what you fished for. Maybe you fished the Tuck, or some other water out-of-state or maybe another country!

Just send in your report including who went, where, when, what water was fished, the tackle used, photos if you have them, and what were the results. Send to:

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Don't Miss Your Chance!

Tuckaseigee Chapter is offering a chance to win a new fly rod at each meeting!

Richard Echelman won the rod pictured at the December 2016 meeting. Richard has graciously donated a rod to the chapter that he had won in a previous raffle for our new rod raffle! (Photo in next newsletter.)

Members can purchase chances at \$1 each (\$5 gets you 6 tickets) to be selected to then draw a card from a standard deck. If you draw the special card you'll win the rod. That's quite a good reason to attend the next meeting. You could go home with a beautiful rod!



Tuckaseigee Chapter of Trout Unlimited serves Jackson and Swain Counties. We meet the first Tuesday of every month in the Community Room at the rear of the United Community Bank of Highway 107 South in Sylva at 6:30 PM. A meal is provided by the Grub Committee at a cost of \$5 per person. Guests are invited to join us at no charge.





**Examples of
apparel with
the
Tuckaseegee
Chapter
embroidery**



Fly of the Month

By Shannon Messer

This month's fly is the BWO (Blue Wing Olive) Puff Daddy:

Hook: Orvis 4641 #16 Dry Fly Hook

Thread: 8/0 Olive

Dubbing: Olive Super Fine Dry Fly

Hackle: Blue Dun CDC

It's important to pull back CDC fibers and trim at hook bend.

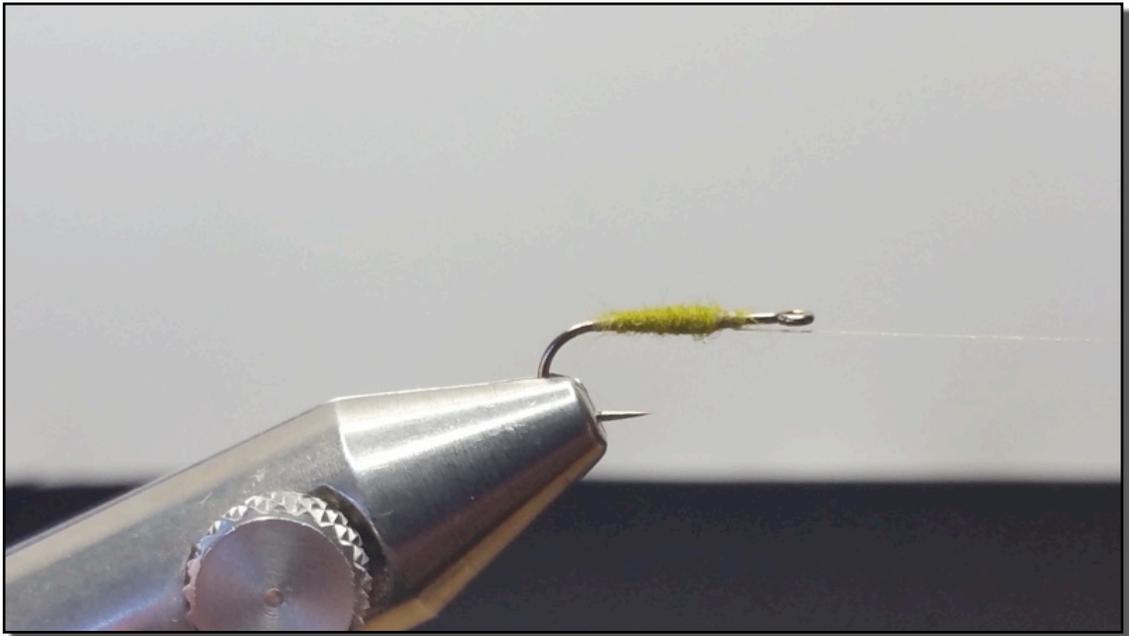
Best to use a powder floatant.



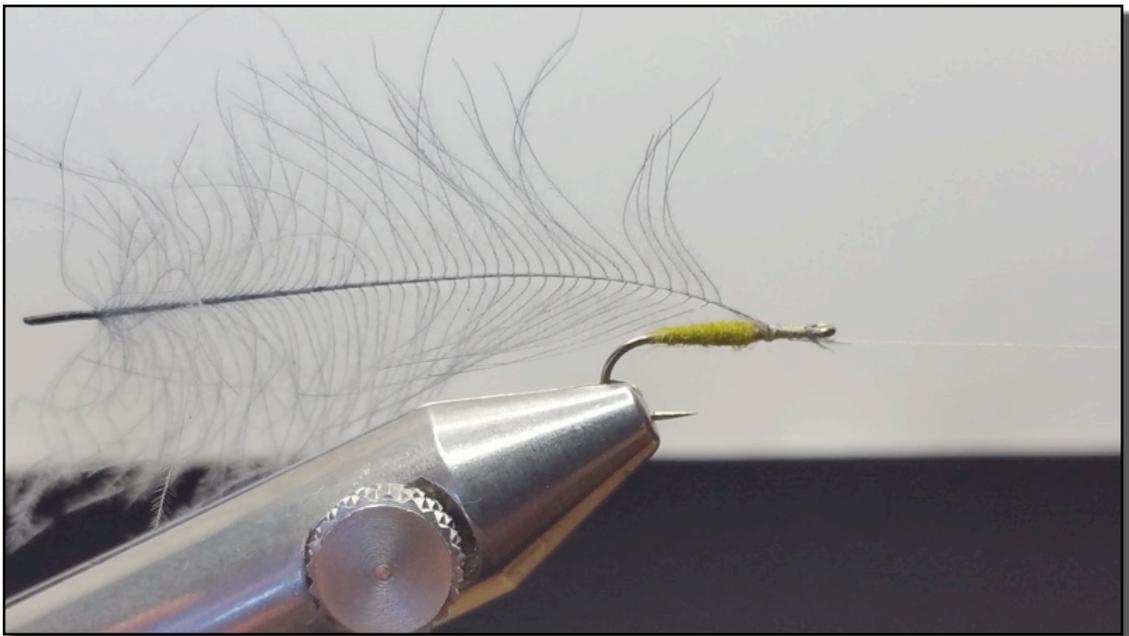
As usual, tying materials are available from Shannon at the [Sylvia Orvis Store](#).

A very few materials for this pattern.





Dub the body.



Tie in the tip of the CDC feather just ahead of the dubbed body.





Wrap the the hackle pulling the fibers of the feather rearward as you do.



The finished fly. A simply to tie, but effective, early spring pattern.



Regulation Reminders

There are approximately 1,100 miles of **Hatchery-Supported Trout Waters** in North Carolina. In Hatchery-Supported waters there is no size limit or bait restriction, and the creel limit is seven trout per day. Hatchery-Supported Trout Waters are marked with green-and-white signs that are posted conspicuously along the watercourses.



Delayed-Harvest Trout Waters, excluding tributaries except as noted, may be fished only with artificial lures with one single hook, no natural bait may be possessed, and no trout may be harvested or possessed while fishing these waters between Oct. 1, 2016 and 30 minutes after sunset on June 2, 2017. These waters are closed to fishing between 30 minutes after sunset on June 2 and 6 a.m. on June 3. At 6 a.m. on June 3, 2017, these waters open to fishing for youths under 16 years old under Hatchery Supported Trout Waters regulations—no bait restriction, no minimum length limit and seven-trout-per-day creel limit. At 12 p.m. on June 3, 2017, these waters open for all anglers under Hatchery Supported Trout Waters regulations. These waters are marked with black-and-white signs.



Please Read the Detailed Fishing Regulations for More Information



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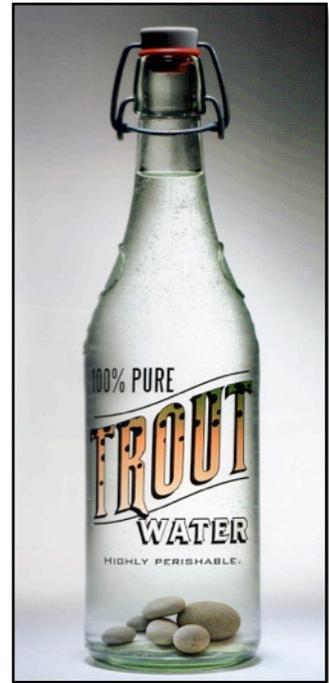
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April Hatches

| INSECT | EMERGENCE | PATTERN |
|---|--|--|
| Dark Dun/Black Caddis | Mid-April/Mid-mornings | 14-16 Black Soft Hackle 14-16 Dark Elke Hair Caddis |
| Blue Quill Paraleptophlebia Adoptiva | Early April mornings to early afternoons | 18 Blue Quill Wet or Dry, 18 Adams |
| Quill Gordan Epeorus Pleuralis | Early April mornings to early afternoons | 12-14 Quill Gordon Wet or Dry |
| Hendrickson Ephemerella Subvaria | All day; Female Spinner has yellow egg sac | 14 Hendrickson, 14 Red Quill, 14 Female Adams |
| March Brown Stenonema Vicarium | Mid-April - Sporadic al day | 12 March Brown Wet, 12 March Brown |

