



## Senate Energy Bill Reauthorizes LWCF

**WASHINGTON, D.C. – 4/20/16** The Senate has just passed a comprehensive energy reform bill that includes key conservation provisions to benefit fish, wildlife, and sportsmen's access. This is a true bipartisan achievement that highlights our uniquely American conservation values.

"Sportsmen's groups, including the Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership and virtually all of our partners, have been working for years to pass comprehensive legislation that enhances access and conserves vital habitat," says Whit Fosburgh, president and CEO of the TRCP. "This bill succeeds on both measures, and hunters and anglers should applaud its passage as an indication that enthusiasm for conservation is very much alive in Washington."

"The Energy Policy Modernization Act of 2015" would permanently reauthorize the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF), a critical program for enhancing public access to the outdoors. It also includes a provision known as "Making Public Lands Public," which specifies that 1.5 percent of LWCF dollars are to be used to establish and expand recreational access to national public lands, in particular.

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### New Life Membership



Join today as a Trout Unlimited Life Member and we'll send you your choice of two incredible Winston Boron III rods and a TU Life Member hat. You'll receive other great benefits too, like a lifetime subscription to Trout magazine, the TU calendar and the pleasure of knowing you've made a most meaningful commitment in support of the TU mission and vision, ensuring the future of the fisheries and the sport you love.

Each of these rods is proudly inscribed with the words "Trout Unlimited Life Member," and are available at the [new life member](#) price of \$1,200. Installation options available.



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“Permanent reauthorization of the Land and Water Conservation Fund means we never again have to experience uncertainty for the program,” says Bethany Erb, a Mule Deer Foundation board member. “Over the past 50 years, the LWCF has enhanced public access for hunters and urban families alike, and the ‘Making Public Lands Public’ provision would ensure that improvements for outdoor recreation—a robust driver of spending—are adequately funded.”

This is the first energy reform legislation passed in the upper chamber in nine years—a feat in itself—but hunters and anglers are especially pleased to see that many elements of the Bipartisan Sportsmen’s Act of 2015 (S.405) have finally found a way forward through an amendment offered by Senators Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska) and Maria Cantwell (D-Wash.) It passed 97-0 yesterday.

The amendment permanently reauthorizes the Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act, “a critical conservation tool for Western lands,” says Larry Selzer, president and CEO of The Conservation Fund. “We applaud this bipartisan action to advance the permanent authorization of FLTFA, which uses proceeds from strategic federal land sales to protect high priority federal conservation areas that preserve important fish and wildlife habitat, increase recreational opportunities, and protect our nation’s special places.” Prior to its expiration in 2011, FLTFA leveraged strategic federal land sales to fund 39 priority conservation projects, including many that expanded sportsmen’s access to world-class hunting and fishing opportunities.

The amendment also reauthorizes the North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA), a grant program through which each federal dollar invested is matched an average of three times over by non-federal dollars. “These investments have major on-the-ground impacts for the management and conservation of wetlands for waterfowl and other wildlife,” says John Devney, vice president of U.S. policy for Delta Waterfowl. “In the prairie potholes region, for example, NAWCA dollars could mean the difference between the protection of grasslands and wetlands and the disappearance of key breeding habitats in the Duck Factory.”

Recreational anglers would also get a boost from the amendment, which authorizes the National Fish Habitat Conservation Act. The program was created to foster partnerships that improve conditions for fish species and enhance recreational fishing opportunities. “The National Fish Habitat Conservation Act brings together state and federal agencies as well as conservation organizations to better coordinate watershed restoration activities,” says Steve Moyer, vice president for government affairs at Trout Unlimited. “It’s really just a commonsense approach to restoring and protecting fish habitat, which also creates great opportunities for the angling community. We’re thrilled to see it approved by the Senate.”

The energy reform package must now be reconciled with the House bill (H.R. 8), which was passed in December 2015, and sent to the president’s desk before the end of this Congress. ↩



*Photo - TU*



# Rivercourse Schedule Announced for 2016

**Dates:** June 19-24, 2016 (Sunday - Friday) 15<sup>th</sup> Season!

**Age Group:** 13-15

**Group Size:** 18 Campers

**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.
- 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**  
**Swimming**  
**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  
East Tennessee On The Fly  
Jim Hefley Fine Art

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



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Hello everyone,

Attached is the 2016 Great Smoky Mountains National Park volunteer schedule. The purpose of the schedule is to let folks know what sorts of volunteer opportunities are available throughout the year. There is a wide variety of opportunities available, so please look it over and pass it onto your friends or colleagues as well. For Trout Unlimited (TU) members, please be sure to pass it onto your local TU chapter web editor to post to their website as well (thanks!).

Note there is contact info on the form for both TN and NC volunteers to sign up for the various opportunities. Please contact any of the folks on the form for more info.

We hope to see you on the water in 2016!

Thanks  
 Matt Kulp  
 Supervisory Fishery Biologist  
 GSMNP



## 2016 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](mailto:Caleb_Abramson@nps.gov) or Matt Kulp (865-436-1254) [Matt\\_Kulp@nps.gov](mailto:Matt_Kulp@nps.gov)

Date	Sample Type	Priority	# TU Volunteers	Cooperators *
February 6	Acid Deposition Training Session - Park Headquarters Conference Room, Gatlinburg (9:00AM) - FREE breakfast	High	All Group Leaders / Need Volunteers!	TU, NPS, UT
February 13	TVA Coldwater meeting (9am) - Lawson-McGhee Public Library, 500 West Church Avenue in Knoxville	Low	Public Welcome	TU, TVA, TWRA, NPS
March 19-20 #	Bi-Monthly Acid Deposition Sample	High	8 - 10	TU, NPS, UT
April 30	TN Little River Clean-Up Day - meet at Metcalf Bottoms picnic area (9:00AM)	Medium	All Volunteers	NPS, TU, Others
May 7	TN Little River Clean-Up Day (RAINDATE) - meet at Metcalf Bottoms picnic area (9:00AM)	Medium	All Volunteers	NPS, TU, Others
May 17	Kids Educational Stream Day - Townsend Elementary School - meet at Metcalf Bottoms picnic area (9:00AM)	Medium	All Volunteers	NPS, TU, Others
May 21-22 #	Bi-Monthly Acid Deposition Sample	High	8 - 10	TU, NPS, UT
June 6 - 9	Anthony Creek Brook Trout Restoration - Meet at Abrams Creek Picnic Area for transport up trail	High	8 - 10	TU, NPS, UT
June 20, 21, 22	Lynn Camp Prong Evaluation - Meet at end of Tremont Road at 8:30am each day	High	4 - 6 per day	TU, NPS
June 23	Little River Trout Camp, Tremont, TN - volunteers will help with classes and electrofishing demo	High	2 - 3	TU, NPS
June 27 - 30	Anthony Creek Brook Trout Restoration - Meet at Abrams Creek Picnic Area for transport up trail	High	8 - 10	TU, NPS, UT
July 14	Large Stream IBI Sample (Little River) - Sample site upstream of the Wye just upstream of Whiteoak Branch bridge	Medium	5 - 7	NPS, TDEC, TVA, TU
July 16 - 17 #	Bi-Monthly Acid Deposition Sample	High	8 - 10	TU, NPS, UT
July 18	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, TDEC, TVA, TU
July 19	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 20	Large Stream IBI Sample (Noland Creek) - Meet at the Noland Creek Trailhead parking lot off Lakeview Drive.	Medium	5 - 7	NPS, TDEC, TVA, TU
July 21	Large Stream IBI Sample (Tabcat Creek)	Medium	5 - 7	NPS, TDEC, TVA, TU
July 25 - 28	Population Sampling - Little Cataloochee Creek - 3-Pass Depletion Sampling on Little Cataloochee Creek	Medium	5 - 7	NPS, TDEC, TVA, TU
August 1 - 4	Anthony Creek Brook Trout Restoration - Meet at Abrams Creek Picnic Area for transport up trail	High	8 - 10	TU, NPS, UT
September 6-7	Bunches & Flat Creek Evaluation - High elevation brook trout electrofishing (requires one night camping)	Medium	2 - 3	NPS, TU
September 17-18 #	Bi-Monthly Acid Deposition Sample	High	8 - 10	TU, NPS, UT
November 19-20 #	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 [charliefish@gmail.com](mailto:charliefish@gmail.com)  
 Contact Mike Kesselring (NC coordinator) for volunteer opportunities in NC (828) 736-6929 [mikessel59@gmail.com](mailto:mikessel59@gmail.com)





## Officials Approve Plan to Curb Aquatic Nuisance Species in NC Waters

**RALEIGH, N.C. (April 6, 2016)** – The N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission is joining the N.C. Department of Environmental Quality and the N.C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services in a collaborative effort to monitor and control the spread of aquatic nuisance species in North Carolina inland and coastal waters.

Donald R. van der Vaart, secretary of the N.C. Department of Environmental Quality; Gordon Myers, executive director of the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission; and Vernon Cox, director of the Plant Industry Division of the N.C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services have reviewed and approved the N.C. Aquatic Nuisance Species Management Plan (ANSMP).

A year in development, the ANSMP (link [here](#)) lays the groundwork for a coordinated effort among state and federal agencies, local governments and others to fight plant and animal organisms that have been introduced to the state's waters and are causing ecologic and/or economic harm, as well as to prevent new introductions. A standing staff committee will be appointed to implement the ANSMP.

The ANSMP is non-regulatory, but it identifies potential gaps in rules and policies that need attention. Recommendations of the plan include:

- Developing a “rapid response” strategy for newly identified ANS occurrences.
- Coordinating data collection on current and potential threats.
- Establishing systematic reporting mechanisms and monitoring protocols.
- Researching the economic implications of ANS introductions and proliferation.
- Leveraging funding to implement the ANSMP.

The ANSMP ranks current aquatic nuisance species based on ecological and economic impacts. A plant species, *Hydrilla verticillata*, earned the number one spot, and two species of lionfish claimed second and third places. Other highly ranked species include several crayfish, snails, and other plants.

“Aquatic nuisance species — either plants or animals — are organisms that cause ecological and/or economic harm if established,” said Chris Goudreau, biologist with the Wildlife Resources Commission’s Habitat Conservation Division. “The Aquatic Nuisance Management Plan will give us long-range tools that improve our ability to monitor and control these species in our waterways. An important piece of the plan involves raising public awareness of how we all can work to help prevent the introduction and spread of these nuisance organisms by being good stewards of our state’s aquatic resources.”

For more information about the ANSMP in North Carolina, visit [ANSMP](#). 





**May 27-29, 2016 - [Three-Day Retreat](#)** 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 link to video.**

You can help reconnect rivers throughout the US by [giving](#) to the Orvis/TU 1,000 Miles Campaign.



## **MAY GRUB COMMITTEE**

None - The May meeting will be our Annual East Laport Picnic. See page -13-



### 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](mailto: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 Dick Sellers @ [dick.sellers@frontier.com](mailto:dick.sellers@frontier.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

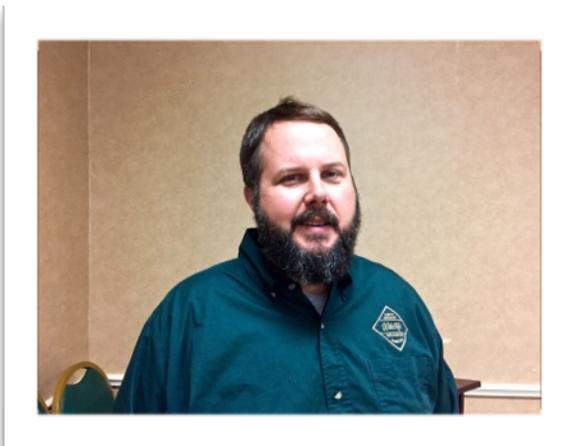
Programs

Publicity/Communications

Fishing Trips

## Backcast

**A**t the April meeting members were provided a program by Jake Rash, NCWRC Cold Water Coordinator. Jake spoke to us about nuisance algae, gill lice, and whirling disease. Thanks to Jeff Marcum and Dick Sellers for the grub! 🍗



Jake Rash



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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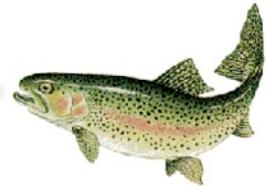
UPCOMING EVENTS

*Next TCTU Meeting:*

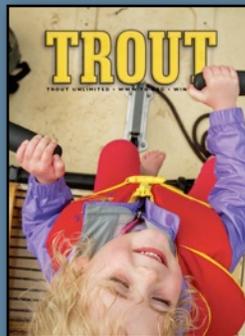
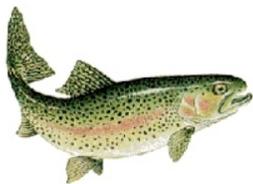
Annual chapter picnic - East Laport Park 5/3/16

[S.E. Regional Meeting: May 20-22, Roanoke, VA](#)

[2016 Annual Meeting: Bozeman, MT Sept. 28 - Oct. 1, 2016](#)



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



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



# Editor's Cast

**W**e had a great turn-out for the April meeting! If we continue to have this sort of attendance we may need to start looking for another venue for our meetings.

Members enjoyed an informative presentation by Jake Rash, Cold Water Coordinator for the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission. Jake spoke to us about nuisance algae, gill lice, and whirling disease. There is an article from NCWRC in this month's newsletter on page 5 detailing steps that are being taken to curb aquatic nuisance species here in North Carolina.

The May meeting will be our Annual Chapter Picnic at East Laport Park (see page 13). Members are asked to bring a dish suitable for a hot dog/hamburger cookout. Be sure to bring the whole family and maybe a fishing pole for the kids!

[The 32nd Annual Tuck Cleanup](#) was held Saturday, April 16th. Tuck chapter members met at the pull-off below the old Jack-The-Dipper ice cream store at 8:00 AM that morning. We had a good turn-out for the event and were pleased to find that there continues to be less and less trash to pick up each year.

Saturday, April 23rd saw several Tuck chapter members assisting on Scott's Creek in downtown Sylva with the Annual Ducks On the Tuck event for New Century Scholars. We had good participation by Tuck members and the weather couldn't have been better! 🦋

## Forward Cast

Tuck Chapter will meet 6:30 PM May 3rd at East Laport Park on the banks of the beautiful Tuckaseegee River for our Annual Chapter Family Picnic. Bring the whole family and a covered dish. The chapter will furnish, hot dogs, hamburgers, and beverages.



*President Sellers and Past-President Tucker -Tuck Clean Up 2016*



### Send In A Fishing Report!

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*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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The Tuckaseegee Chapter has a web presence at:

<http://www.tuckaseegee.tu.org>

### Don't Miss Your Chance!

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

This 4-piece, 8.5 foot, 5-weight IM-6 rod built by fellow chapter member Jim Mills of Raven Fork Rods. The rod is wrapped with green and black jasad thread and tipped with red thread. Complete with rod sack & aluminum case.

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!



Tuckaseegee 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**





Proposed Resolution – 4/22/2016

The North Carolina House of the Representatives recognized and officially designated Jackson County, North Carolina, as the Trout Capital of North Carolina for its abundance of trout fishing opportunities in May 2016 (proposed).

Jackson County, North Carolina is home to the Nation's First Fly Fishing Trail with 15 designated public spaces for fly fishing mapping prime spots to catch brown, rainbow and brook trout in the crystal clear streams of Jackson County; and

Jackson County, North Carolina has the longest contiguous stretch of waters that have been designated by the NC Fish & Wildlife Department as NC Mountain Heritage Trout Waters, comprising of three cities of the thirteen in the state with such distinction making up 25% of the state designated waters, with numerous unnamed waters also comprising the richest, most diverse, productive trout fisheries in North Carolina; and

The waters of Jackson County are excellent resources for trout fishing and other enjoyable aquatic past times with over 4,600 miles of beautiful water; and is annually stocked with 92,800 fish each year, the most of any county in North Carolina; and

One of the three NC Fish & Wildlife State Records for largest rainbow trout ever caught is recorded for Jackson County; and

Fishermen and fisherwomen from around the country travel to fish the Tuckasegee River in Jackson County which is the largest body of water in the county, flowing some 40 miles from southeast to northwest; and

The Tuckasegee River's splendid all-season Tailwater fishery has the conditions which provide a superior habitat for invertebrate and other trout prey and is regularly stocked with brown, rainbow and brook trout; and

The all-season fishing available in the Tuckasegee River and on the Qualla Boundary provides a varied alternative from other fisheries in North Carolina, with winter fishing providing the opportunity for bigger catches during colder months; and

The miles of streams in Jackson County support the area's only native species, the Eastern Brook trout, which has been preserved, protected, and restored on public lands by the Department of Natural Resources, the United States Forest Service, and by conservation-minded groups like Trout Unlimited and Eastern Brook Trout Joint Venture; and

A significant portion of the Eastern Band of the Cherokee Nation resides in Jackson County, which is the home of the famous trophy trout waters of the Raven Fork River featured on the WNC Fly Fishing Trail; and

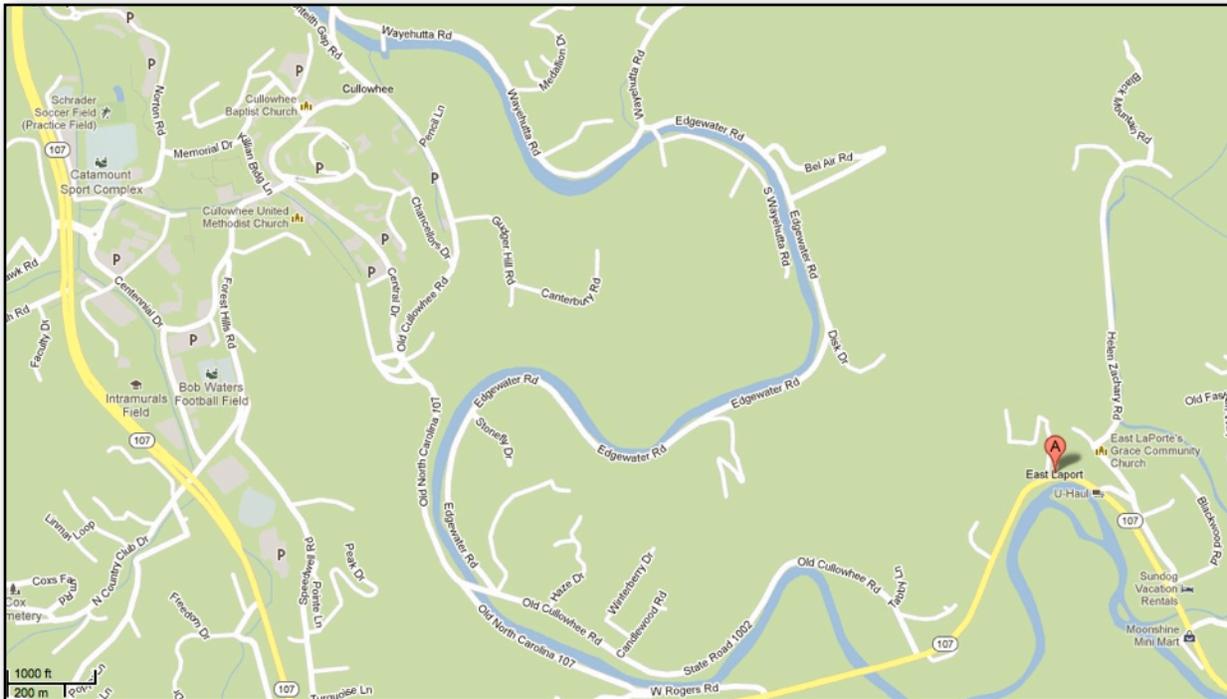
Jackson County is home to several trout ponds and farms, and many local restaurants proudly feature trout on their menus, in a gracious and friendly community environment.

Jackson County is blessed with significant aquatic waters for fishing, boating, and outdoor adventure, which encourages second home destinations, retirees and outdoor enthusiasts to the lovely state of North Carolina. 🐟



## Don't Forget!

**Tuckaseigee Chapter will not be holding its regular scheduled meeting at United Community Bank in May. We will have our Annual Picnic at East Laport Park instead.**



Click [here](#) to go directly to Google Maps for more detail. Also, Tuck chapter will not have regular monthly meetings in June, July, and August. Meetings will resume in September.



# Fly of the Month

By Shannon Messer

This month's fly is the **Comparadun Sulphur**

**Materials:**

**Hook:** standard dry fly sizes 12-18

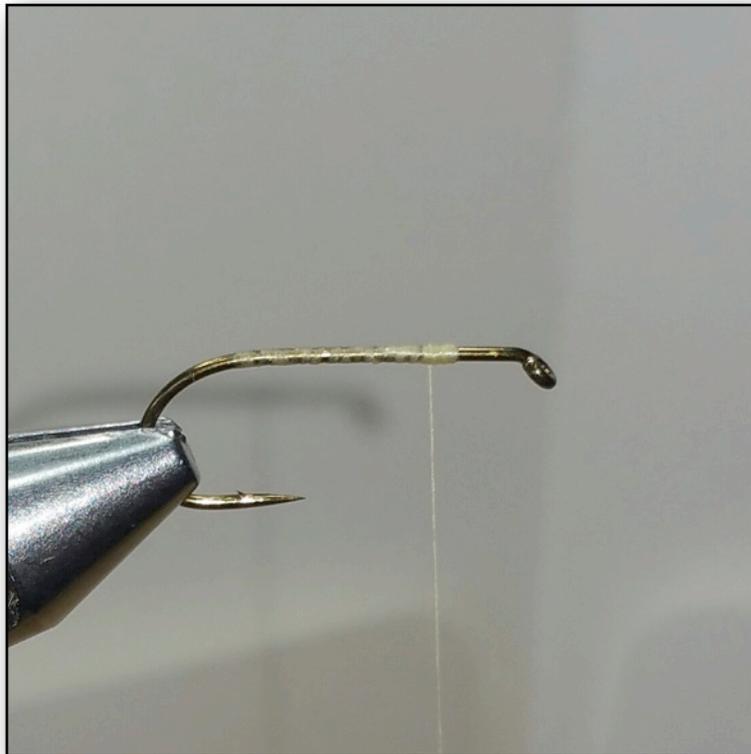
**Tail:** Yellow or dun color hackle fibers

**Dubbing:** Superfine pale yellow dubbing

**Thread:** Pale yellow

**Wing:** Comparadun deer hair

As usual, tying materials are available from Shannon at the Sylva Orvis Store.

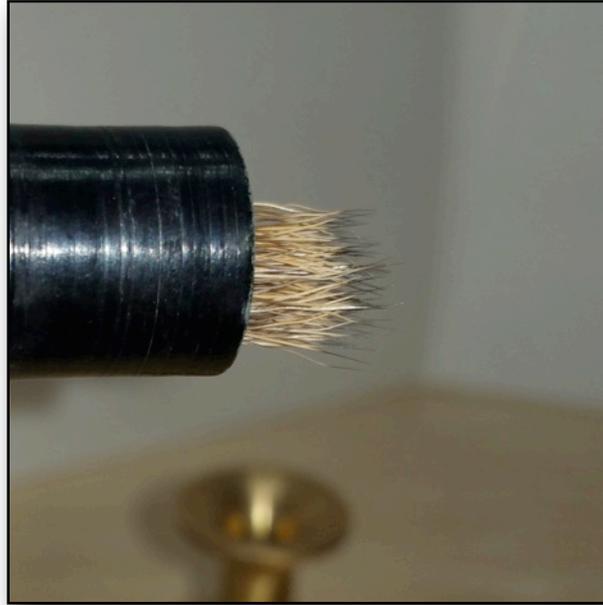


Start thread base and leave space behind hook eye.



## Comparadun Sulphur

Stack a generous clump of deer hair. Measure hair to length of hook shank and tie in. Hair should not spin.



Tie in tail fibers.



## Comparadun Sulphur

Dub body with yellow dubbing and form a tapered body to the back of the deer hair. Pull hair back and dub in front and then behind hair which will cover bottom of the fly with dubbing. (See photo below)



Tie off and whip finish. hair should be fanned out at 180 degrees.



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Please visit [ncwildlife.org/fishing/trout](http://ncwildlife.org/fishing/trout) for more information about trout regulations, stockings, and angling opportunities.



## MOUNTAIN TROUT MAP

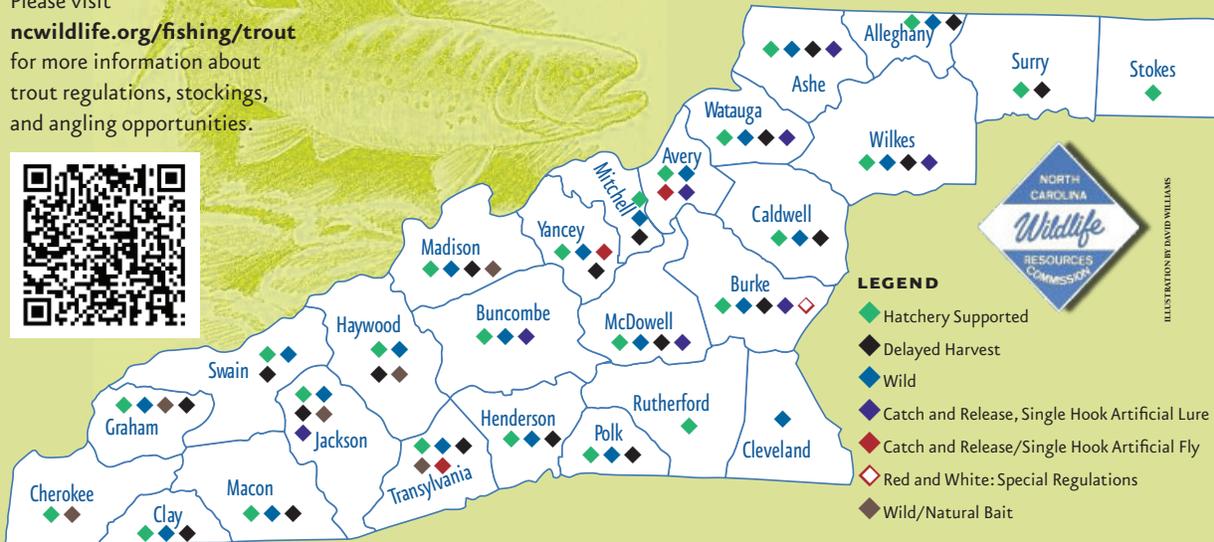


ILLUSTRATION BY DAVID WILLIAMS

## 2016 DELAYED HARVEST STOCKING DATES

COUNTY	STREAM	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER
Alleghany	Little River		4	6	5	11	9
Ashe	Helton Creek		1	1	2	3	1
	Trout Lake		1	1	2	3	1
	Big Horse Creek		4	6	5	11	9
	South Fork New River		4	6	5	10	8
Burke	Jacob Fork		3	5	4	10	9
Caldwell	Wilson Creek		2	4	3	6	4
Clay	Fires Creek		7	6	4	6	7
Graham	Big Snowbird		9	7	5	10	1
Haywood	West Fork Pigeon River		7	7	5	7	10
Henderson	North Fork Mills River		4	1	6	4	3
Jackson	Tuckasegee River		3	5	3	4, 5	9, 14
Macon	Nantahala		8	7	5	7	3
Madison	Big Laurel Creek		1	1	2	3	1
	Shelton Laurel Creek		1	1	2	3	1
	Spring Creek		8	4	6	3	14
McDowell	Curtis Creek		3	5	4	7	7
	Mill Creek		3	5	4	7	7
	Catawba River		3	5	4	7	7
Mitchell	Cane Creek		3	5	4	7	7
	North Toe River		2	4	3	5	3
Polk	Green River		4	4	2	5	8
	Ararat River		3	5	4	10	8
Surry	Mitchell River		1	1	2	4	2
	Tuckasegee River	29		6	4	6	7
Transylvania	East Fork French Broad River		3	1	6	10	4
	Little River		1	4	2	5	2
Watauga	Watauga River		1	1	2	5	3
	Coffee Lake		1	1	2	5	3
Wilkes	East Prong Roaring River		1	1	2	3	1
	Stone Mountain Creek		1	1	2	3	1
	Reddies River		2	4	3	4	2
	Elk Creek		2	4	3	4	2
Yancey	Cane River		7	7	6	12	10

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](http://ncwildlife.org).

### Brook, brown and rainbow trout require cold, clean water and are therefore generally restricted to mountain streams and lakes.

Those mountain waters that support trout and are open to public fishing are designated as "Public Mountain Trout Waters" by the Wildlife Resources Commission and are managed for public trout fishing. A significant amount of trout fishing opportunities in western North Carolina are located on private property. These landowners have generously allowed for public access for fishing. Please respect their property. Your cooperation is needed to protect fishing opportunities for future generations. The Commission conspicuously marks Public Mountain Trout Waters with regulation signs that indicate locations for public access. When anglers encounter "posted against trespass" signs along these designated sections on private lands, they should respect the property owner's rights and choose another location along that stream to fish. Maps of trout waters and their classifications may be viewed at [ncwildlife.org/fishingmap](http://ncwildlife.org/fishingmap).



# Regulation Reminders

**W**ild Trout: Natural Bait trout waters and their tributaries, except as noted, may be fished with artificial lures or natural bait, except live fish. Lures and natural baits are restricted to one single hook. The minimum length limit is seven inches, and the daily creel limit is four trout. These streams are marked with brown-and-gold signs.



**D**elayed 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, 2015 and 30 minutes after sunset on June 3, 2016. These waters are closed to fishing between 30 minutes after sunset on June 3 and 6 a.m. on June 4. At 6 a.m. on June 4, 2016, 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 4, 2016, 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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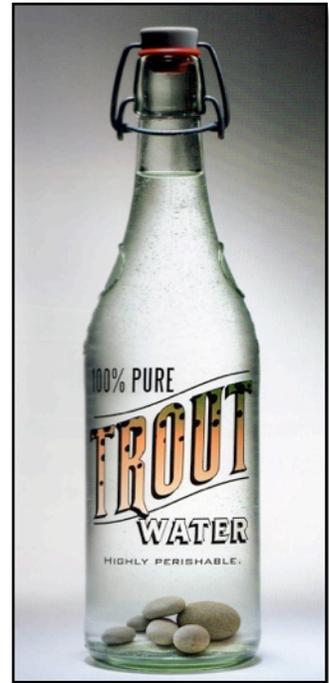
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## May Hatches

INSECT	EMERGENCE	PATTERN
Light Cahill Strenonema	Afternoon - Evenings	16-18 Light Cahills
Green Drake Ephemera Guttulata	Late May - Around Memorial Day weekend in the evenings	18 Blue Quill Wet or Dry, 18 Adams
Yellow Midge Diptera	Early May	16-18 Sulphurs Light Cahills
Hendrickson Ephemerella Subvaria	All day; Female Spinner has yellow egg sac	14 Light Hendrickson Dry, 14 Red Quill, 14 Female Adams
Giant Stone Fly Pteronarcys	Early May Early morning	4-8 Stone Fly Nymph

