



Why Clean Water Matters

Being part of the seventh generation in my family to call Colorado home, I sometimes take the outdoor playground that this great state provides for granted.

People move here to take part in all that our state has to offer, a huge draw being the outdoor experiences and amazing craft beer and other delicacies that require clean, non-polluted water to thrive.

The Clean Water Rule is essential to protecting our home waters, here in Colorado and across the nation. We cannot risk having the EPA roll it back. That action would result in leaving the majority of the streams, rivers, lakes and wetlands in the lower 48 without protection.

We in the outdoor and fishing industry know that without clean water, we have no business.

Fishing makes up a huge part of my life. I want to ensure that our fisheries here in Colorado and across the country maintain their health and vibrancy. Be sure to have your voice heard, for today and future generations—please go to [TU's Action Center](#) and let our leaders know you care about clean water!

Corinne Doctor is co-founder of the fishing apparel company [RepYourWater](#).



New Life Membership



Join today as a Trout Unlimited Life Member and we'll send you your choice of two special-edition Orvis rods and reels.

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THE LARGEST FLY FISHING EXPO IN
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WNC AGRICULTURAL CENTER
ASHEVILLE

DEC 1

FRIDAY
12PM-7PM

DEC 2

SATURDAY
9AM-4PM

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AND FLY TYING DEMOS

EXPERT SPEAKER
PRESENTATIONS

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Smoky Mountain Fly Fishing Festival

BRYSON CITY
North  Carolina

Celebrating The Rich Fly Fishing Heritage of Western North Carolina in downtown Bryson City – just one block away from the Delayed Harvest waters on the Tuckasegee River.

Don't miss this annual festival. Vendors will be set up next to the Train Depot on Frye Street to display and demonstrate all types of fly fishing equipment.

Rod demos
Fly tying
Local flies
Apparel and accessories

For more information contact the Tuckasegee Fly Shop at 828-488-3333 or email tuckriverclub@gmail.com.

Special thanks to the Swain County Chamber of Commerce, the Swain County Tourism Authority, the Town of Bryson City and the Great Smoky Mountains Railroad.

[Map of Delayed Harvest waters](#)

Tuckasegee Chapter will have a booth at the festival.

Saturday, October 7, 2017 • 9am - 5pm • Frye Street





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



In the decades we've been in business here at Trout Unlimited, we've seen politics come and go.

Whether you're from a red state or a blue state doesn't matter. But your commitment to conservation does.

We are dedicated to being part of the process of protecting our rivers and the lands we as sportsmen and women depend upon in a proactive and respectful way.

As anglers, we know the importance of coming to the table and being part of the conversation.

This is a dynamic time for conservationists.

TAKE ACTION NOW!



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

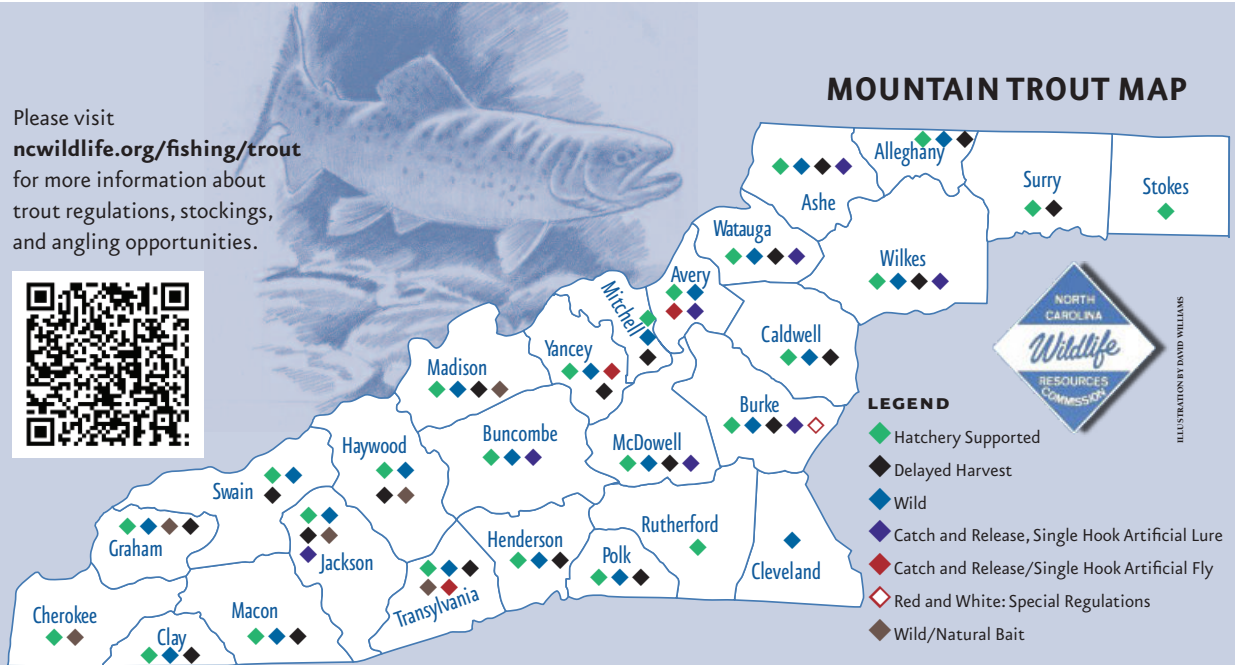


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2017 DELAYED HARVEST STOCKING DATES

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.

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.



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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Fly of the Month

By Shannon Messer

Messer's October Caddis

Hook: Klinkhammer #12 or #14

Base Thread: White

Dubbing: Sulfur Orange

Secondary Thread: Black

Wing: Elk Hair Dyed Orange

Hackle: Coachman Brown Dry Fly

Wing Base: Rusty Brown Dubbing



As usual, these tying materials are available from Shannon at the Orvis store in Sylva.



Mount hook, tie in base dubbing.





Tie in elk hair.

Over dub elk hair with rusty brown dubbing.





Hackle the fly.

Trim the elk hair and whip finish the head.



This is a great fall pattern.



Fishing Report by Shannon Messer

Fly Fishing Report Updated daily for the Western North Carolina Mountains and Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

September 25, 2017

The last week of September is upon us and it still feels like summer. We are looking at highs in the 80's until this weekend and then we will be in the 70's. The forecast calls for very low percentages of rain this week.

The leaves are turning with some reds and golds dancing in the gentle breeze. The streams are still fishable since they have not gotten littered with falling leaves. This is a very nice time to be in the water with great water flows and temperatures. The setting is very relaxing until we miss the big fish of the day! Water temperatures are good and they will only get better with cooler weather coming in as fall will eventually take over.

The Delayed Harvest Stocking is scheduled to take place October 3rd and 4th in Jackson County. October 1st is the official first day of Delayed Harvest season but unofficially the 3rd is the true day. We should all be thankful for what NC does for us, we have a wonderful catch and release fishery for 8 months of the year. That is an impressive amount of time for people of all skillsets to take advantage of.



Single hook artificial lure is defined as a lure that does not attract fish by taste or smell. You can use spinners as long as they have a single hook. Be kind to those who are not fly fishing as they have equal access as long as they are not violating. If you see a violator call NC Wildlife at 1-800-662-7137. Also lets monitor streams and rivers and report anything that looks out of place. Also leave the water cleaner than you found it!

Wild waters are doing pretty good with dries! Eryk had a good day with yellow dries sizes 12 - 16 and he was doing good with purple until he lost his fly. Cody did well on the Upper Nantahala nymphing. Girdle bugs and frenchies worked pretty good.

Tight Lines!

Above photo - October Caddis





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 daleflyfish@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 September meeting was held at United Community Bank of Sylva. Members enjoyed a hot dog supper and a program by Martin Bawden of Flymen Fishing Company in Brevard. Everyone agreed it was one of our better programs of the year! 🐟



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

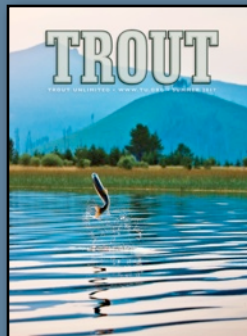
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Next TCTU Meeting:
United Community Bank, Sylva, NC Oct. 3



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



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



Editor's Cast

The September meeting provided members with a great program by Martin Bawden, founder of Flymen Fishing Company of Brevard.

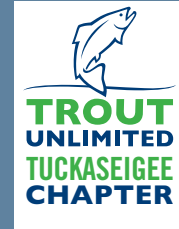
Tuck chapter will have a cleanup starting at 9:00 AM on Saturday, September 30 from highway 116 to highway 107 on the Delayed-Harvest section of the Tuckaseigee.

Our next big project will be the festival over in Bryson City. This will occur Saturday October 7. We participated last year and plan to have an even better presence this year. We will be selling raffle tickets and continuing to put our mission in front of the public. Expect to hear more about this at the October meeting. 🐟



Forward Cast

Tuck Chapter will next meet 6:30 PM October 3rd at United Community bank of Sylva. This will be a planning meeting with assignments to our various committees. The board will serve a hot dog supper at a cost of \$5.00.



DON'T FORGET

ROADSIDE CLEAN-UP

**SATURDAY,
SEPTEMBER 30**

**MEET AT WEBSTER
BAPTIST CHURCH
PARKING LOT
9:00 AM**



Delayed-Harvest Trout Waters Open Oct. 1

RALEIGH, N.C. (Sept. 18, 2017) — The N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission will implement [Delayed Harvest Trout Waters regulations](#) on 34 trout waters in 20 western North Carolina counties on Oct. 1. Prior to Oct. 1, Hatchery Supported Trout Waters regulations apply to these waters.

Under Delayed Harvest Trout Waters regulations, no trout can be harvested or possessed from these waters between Oct. 1 and one half-hour after sunset on June 1, 2018. No natural bait may be possessed, and anglers can fish only with artificial lures with one single hook. An artificial lure is defined as a fishing lure that neither contains nor has been treated with any substance that attracts fish by the sense of taste or smell.

The Wildlife Commission stocks Delayed Harvest Trout Waters from fall through spring with high densities of trout to increase anglers' chances of catching fish. Delayed Harvest Trout Waters, posted with diamond-shaped, black-and-white signs, are popular fishing destinations for anglers who enjoy catch-and-release trout fishing.

The Commission reminds anglers fishing Delayed Harvest Trout Waters to help prevent the spread of aquatic nuisance species, such as whirling disease, gill lice and didymo, by:

- Cleaning equipment of all aquatic plants and animals and mud
- Draining water from boat, live wells and equipment
- Drying equipment thoroughly
- Never moving fish, plants or other organisms from one body of water to another.

For a complete list of Delayed Harvest Trout Waters, stocking dates, information on regulations and trout fishing maps, visit the Commission's [trout fishing page](#).



Photo - NCWRC



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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The Tuckaseigee Chapter has a web presence at:

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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**



Regulation Reminders

Catch-and-Release/Artificial Lures Only Waters: These trout waters and their tributaries, except as noted, may be fished only with artificial lures having one single hook. No trout may be harvested or possessed while fishing these streams. These streams are marked with purple-and-gold signs.



Catch-and-Release/Artificial Flies Only Waters: These trout waters and their tributaries, except as noted, may be fished only with artificial flies having one single hook. No trout may be harvested or possessed while fishing these streams. These streams are marked with red-and-gold signs.



Please Read the Detailed Fishing Regulations for More Information



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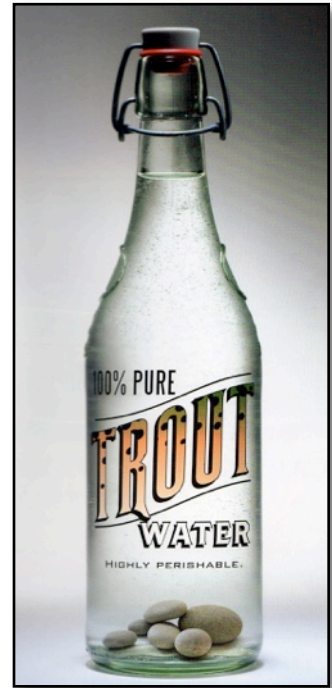
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October Hatches

INSECT	EMERGENCE	PATTERN
Blue Quill / Blue Winged Olive	Late Morning to Mid-Afternoon	16-18 Blue Quill 16-18 Blue Wing Olive
Small Dun Caddis	Mid-Morning to Late Afternoon	18-Brown Elk or Deer Hair Caddis
Large October Caddis	Early Morning to Late Afternoon	8-10 Ginger Elk Hair Caddis 12-14 Ginger Stimulator 10-12 October Caddis Emerger
Mahogany Dun Mayfly	Afternoon	16-18 Mahogany Dun
Midges	All Day	18-22 Griffiths Gnat

