

# Lateral Lines

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Chapter #638

“Give ‘em a break. Bend down your barbs.” C.A.R.

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**Next meeting is Thursday,  
November 2, 2017**

5:30 p.m. Dinner  
IJ Cann's

7:00 p.m. Meeting  
NW Works  
3085 Shawnee Drive  
Winchester



**Next Redbud workday is Saturday, Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>.**

**Next TU BarFly is Wednesday, Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>.**  
See page 6 for BarFly details.

See you at the meeting on Thursday, November 2, 2017  
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## Trout in the Classroom: Brookie Egg Delivery Day by Lisa LaCivita

5,600 Eggs in 22 Baskets

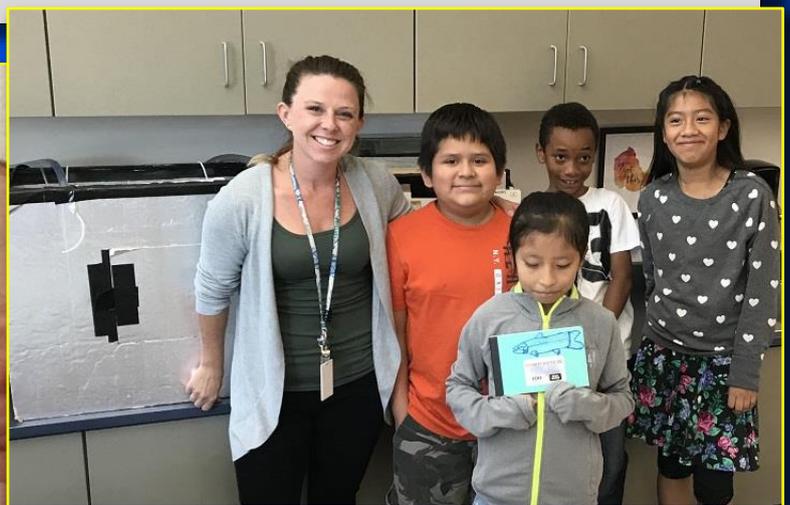
The 2017-2018 Trout in the Classroom Program, sponsored by the Winchester Chapter of Trout Unlimited, is under way! Eighteen TU chapter volunteers collected rocks and/or delivered Brook Trout eggs (*Salvelinus fontinalis*) to 18 schools and the Shenandoah Valley Discovery Museum.

28 Packets of 200 eggs went into baskets in 22 tanks in Frederick, Shenandoah, and Clarke Counties of Virginia; Jefferson and Morgan Counties of West Virginia; and the City of Winchester.



**Above:** Winchester TU volunteers gather in Stephens City to receive the Brookie eggs that they distributed to 22 cold-water aquariums in schools and the Shenandoah Valley Discovery Museum in our area.

**Below:** Students in Brittany Miller's classroom are excited about raising Brook Trout from the eggs they placed in the insulated aquarium behind them.



**“Trout in the Classroom”  
continues on the next page.**

# Trout in the Classroom: Brookie Egg Delivery Day -- continued by Lisa LaCivita

TIC Volunteers from Winchester Trout Unlimited did a magnificent job with the rock collection and egg delivery!

Many thanks for your contribution to the Trout in the Classroom Program. This effort helps encourage and nurture future generations of anglers and conservationists.

A giant THANK YOU to the chapter volunteers who made this year's program possible!  
Lisa

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|------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| Seth Coffman     | Allen Glasgow   | Galen Hart         |
| Sandra Hart      | Bruce Johnson   | Dave Juth          |
| Lisa LaCivita    | Gene Lewis      | Charlie Loudermilk |
| James Montgomery | Bud Nagelvoort  | Mike Nemec         |
| Bill Prokopchak  | Bob Ryan        | Ray Schmidt        |
| Phil Stevens     | Jim Stonestreet | Clark Thomas       |



**Above:** Bruce places Brookie eggs in the Paw Paw Middle School tank.

**Below left:** Bruce unwraps the fish eggs that Megan Bradfield's student will raise during the school year.

**Below right:** Orchard View teacher, Mike Wolf, carefully places Brookie eggs in his classroom aquarium. Winchester TU volunteer, Ray Schmidt had delivered the eggs moments before.



## Winchester TU 2018 Speaker Schedule

Mark your calendar now and plan to hear all of these presentations.

### January 4<sup>th</sup>: Tom Carroll of Cherry Log Rods

Tom Carroll, owner of Cherry Log Rods, has been building custom fly rods for over 15 years. Since his retirement from an active dental practice, his full time jobs are wife, grandchildren, fly fishing his "bucket list", and building beautiful high performance fly rods!



### February 1<sup>st</sup>: Potomac Conservancy



Emily Warner of Potomac Conservancy will be here to tell us about her organization and possibility for a partnership with Winchester TU.



# Bud on the Run: Update of the October Workday and Plans for the November 4<sup>th</sup> Workday at Redbud Run

Next workday is set for 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>  
by Bud Nagelvoort

Who ever said flyfishers couldn't fence? Our crew on October 7 proved absolutely otherwise as Robert, Terry, Clark, Bob, Wayne, Wayne Jr., Ray, Bill, and Bud whipped together 40+ feet in two hours. This magnificent effort wrapped up our initial installation of livestock-exclusion fence providing bank and stream-bed protection for the entire stretch of Redbud we've worked on beginning in 2015.



Bob, Wayne, Clark, and Robert replace old electric fence with new board fence at Redbud Run.



Terry digs post holes for the TU work team.



Clark levels and squares the posts.



Ray checks the depth of each post hole.



Just as a reminder, this stretch had/has electric fencing which was part of a Lord Fairfax Soil and Water Conservation District livestock exclusion SL-6 project installed in 2001, with an anticipated lifespan of 10 years.

When we began our Redbud Run program at Wayne Seipel's property the electric fence began to fail in several locations due mostly to falling trees and the constant need for repairs to the old system.

"Bud on the Run" continues on the next page.

## Bud on the Run: Plans for the November 4<sup>th</sup> Workday at Redbud Run

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With this stretch of fence now in place we are able to begin repair of damage to the structures we installed in the past two+ years which were badly damaged by the 5 inches of rain falling in just a few hours in the watershed on July 25.

The first area of attention will be in the vicinity of the huge silver maple root mass and double trunk limbs that had extended across the stream. We'll clear debris and see if it makes sense to rebuild the inverted V just upstream.

We will also consider if any form of structure will help to preserve the beautiful gravel bar created just downstream along the north bank that eliminated the undesired small channel that had been eroding the bank there. (We had already installed a diversion, boarded sycamore log for this purpose which disappeared in the storm and has not been seen since, with only a steel fence post still protruding from the stream bed as evidence of its former existence.)

At the same time, we'll look to see if anything mere mortals can do will help to preserve and enhance the new, deep (and desirable) long trough now extending below the site of the island which formerly existed there.

Still under consideration for the work session on Nov. 4 is the gentle easing to the ground of the dead giant sycamore whose falling limb caused a threat to Bill and Clark at an earlier work session this past spring. The challenge here is to get it to fall to the south without threatening the life of the chainsaw expert making the critical notch at its base. An intense study will be further performed as to cabling and sawing to insure the safety of TU members involved.

But there is more. Somehow, during a LFSWCD committee meeting last month, the subject of rocks came up. Justin Mackay-Smith, member of an historical family residing near White Post in Clarke County, has been building a new home across from an ancestral home. In digging the foundation, a substantial quantity of large, limestone rock needed to be removed and is an unsightly pile near his utility barn. (See photos) As luck would have it, Justin is willing to load this rock on his dump truck and deliver it to an appropriate site at Redbud Run.

Yours truly has inspected this rock and judged it as suitable for our use. While several pieces may weigh as much as a half-ton, I am certain, even without the muscular help of our lost brother Dave, that with pry bars, chains, cables, and intellect we will be able to make appropriate use of this lovely assortment of rocks. Anyone who says otherwise will not be allowed to participate in their transport to suitable sites.



9:00 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 4, rain, snow, or shine. Just a little light exercise to begin getting into shape for Thanksgiving and the Christmas season!

Please let me know Friday evening if you will be able to enjoy the pleasures of our company on that occasion for listening to bad jokes, good fishing stories, and other polite conversation.



# From the Archives of Winchester Trout Unlimited

Here's a gem that goes back to February 2000, after Carl Rettenberger became President of our chapter.

This second archival article is vintage Carl and demonstrates how much he enjoyed sharing his fishing knowledge.

-- Bud

## The Fly

Looking for a fly for winter? You are! Then let me share this story with you.

The event took place on Passage Creek on the 11<sup>th</sup> of December this past year. The air temperature was in the low forties and the water temperature stood at 38 degrees F. The water was cold, the fish were cold, and so was I.

It was, in my opinion, a day for using nymphs, 'cause no one in his right mind would even think about working dry flies. Well, I was trying my best, but all the trout seemed to be settled in for a long winter's day. When what to my eyes should appear, but a trout sipping at the water's surface?

After a while, I saw what had gotten his attention: it was a hatch of little black stone flies. So I figured, what the heck, if you can't beat them, at least try to fool them. I tried a size 20 Adams and a Little Blue wing Olive without any luck. In desperation, I tied on a size 22 Griffith's Gnat. That's what the old rainbow and a couple of his buddies were looking for.

I don't know if it'll ever work again, but for those of you that don't have the recipe for Griffith's Gnat, here it is:

Note from Bud: For the sake of brevity, I did not include Carl's recipe for the Griffith's Gnat

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## Smithsonian Traveling Exhibition "Water/Ways" Coming to the Shenandoah Valley Discovery Museum by Mark Zimmerman

The Virginia Foundation for the Humanities, in cooperation with the Virginia Association of Museums and six organizations across the state, will help visitors examine water as an environmental necessity and an important cultural element through "Water/Ways," a traveling exhibition from the Smithsonian's Museum on Main Street program.

Launching at the Shenandoah Valley Discovery Museum on December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017, and running through January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018, the traveling exhibition will be amply accompanied by hands-on learning opportunities at the museum on 19 W. Cork Street in Winchester, VA. Featured on the museum's third floor, the exhibition will raise people's understanding about what water means in their own community. The interaction between humanity and water, climate and water, as well as practical means to protect this valuable resource will be explored.

Complementing the **Water/Ways** exhibits and videos will be a new series at the museum entitled "Saturdays with a Scientist." A rich, rotating array of professionals will share their insights into various environmental and cultural aspects of water.

Our Trout Unlimited chapter will be one of the co-sponsors of the exhibit, and I'm currently participating on the steering committee that is planning the implementation of the project. In conjunction with our chapter and the Trout in the Classroom program, we've agreed to coordinate one of the "Saturdays with a Scientist" series based on our water testing capabilities. The exact date hasn't been nailed down yet, but it will probably be early in the new year. I'll need some help with the program, so if you're interested in participating please let me know ([mbzimmerman@comcast.net](mailto:mbzimmerman@comcast.net); 540-722-4914).

We've also set up a second small TIC tank on the third floor of the Museum which will be incorporated into the exhibit, and which is currently "housing" a few of the enormous brook trout that Rick Mabe kept over the summer from last year's batch of eggs. If you get a chance, stop by the Museum to see the bruised that Rick raised – they're really impressive! I would be happy to catch them on the Rapidan.

Please watch future newsletters for more information about the Water/Ways exhibit, and if you'd like to learn more now, here are a couple of links:

[https://museumonmainstreet.org/content/resources?field\\_resource\\_exhibition\\_tid=29](https://museumonmainstreet.org/content/resources?field_resource_exhibition_tid=29)

**A link to all of the available curriculum, exhibition specifications, and other resources for the Water/Ways Exhibition.**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HsqGa6yly4g&feature=youtu.be>

**Water/Ways sneak peek video**



# Winchester TU Monthly "BarFly" Event Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Escutcheon Brewery, Commercial St., Winchester

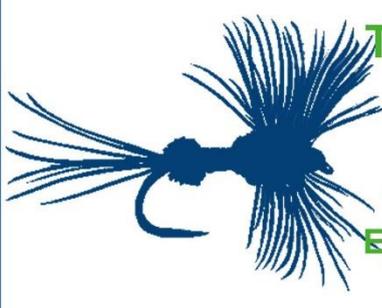
The Winchester Chapter of Trout Unlimited will be gathering at Escutcheon Brewing in Winchester to offer anglers and **non-anglers** in our area the opportunity to learn about Trout Unlimited and to tie some fishing flies.

We hope all of you can attend our monthly "BarFly" at Escutcheon Brewery.

The brewery and tasting room are located at  
**142 W. Commercial St.  
Winchester, VA**



Phil at the fly-tying vise during Winchester TU BarFly.

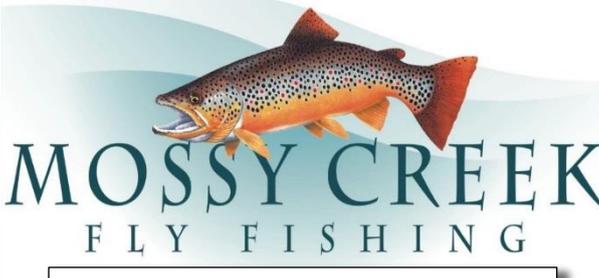



**Winchester Trout Unlimited**  
**BarFly**  
7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, Nov. 8  
Escutcheon Brewery  
Commercial Street  
Winchester, VA

No fly-tying or fly-fishing experience is necessary.

Please invite your friends. We hope to introduce more folks to the Winchester TU chapter and support a local business that supports WTU.

Escutcheon logo courtesy of Escutcheon Brewing Co.  
Photo by Gene Lewis  
BarFly logo by Bill Prokopchak

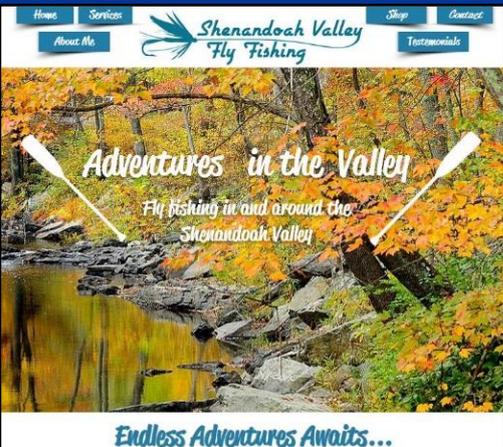



**MOSSY CREEK FLY FISHING**

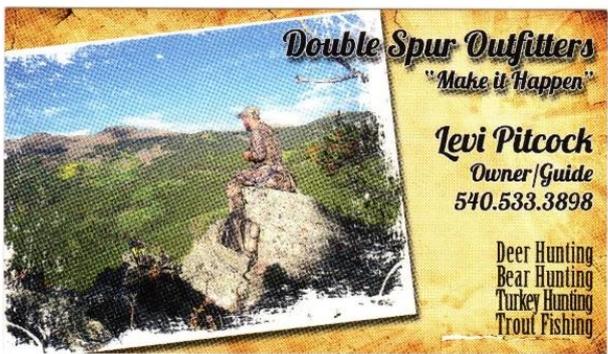
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## The Well-Schooled Angler

Compiled by Barbara Gamble

### Fly Fishing the Greater Yellowstone Backcountry

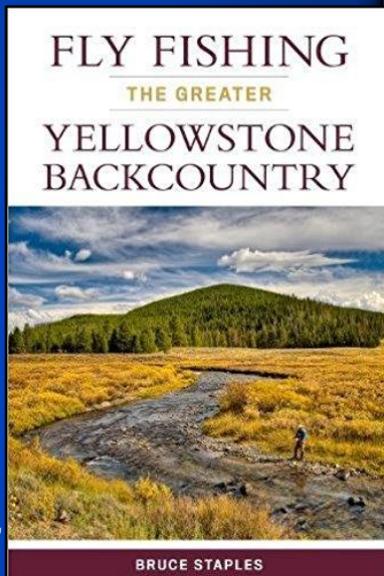
**Author:** Bruce Staples  
**Paperback:** 288 pages  
**ISBN-10:** 0811716201  
**ISBN-13:** 978-0811716208  
**Publisher:** Stackpole Books  
**Publication Date:** December 1, 2017

Yellowstone National Park is one of the most crowded parks in the country, and for good reason: breathtaking scenery, amazing wildlife, and for anglers, great fishing.

Yet, even a short hike from the road or trailhead into the backcountry of the park and the surrounding area can put anglers into even better fishing, often in solitude.

This guidebook focuses on backcountry fishing opportunities in Yellowstone Park and surrounding areas in Wyoming, Montana, and Idaho (Greater Yellowstone Area).

In addition to full color photographs of the destinations, the author includes essential information for each stream or lake, including maps and written directions, flies, gear, and timing.



Bruce Staples, of Idaho Falls, Idaho, has fly-fished the Greater Yellowstone area for thirty-five years. His articles have appeared in *Fly Tye*, *American Angler*, *Fly Fishing the West*, *Yellowstone-Teton Country*, and *Fly Fisher* magazines.

He is the author of *Flies for Greater Yellowstone Area* (Stackpole), *Snake River Country Flies and Waters*, *The Yellowstone Park River Journal*, and *Trout Country Flies*.

Bruce is a member of the Upper Snake River Fly Fishers of Rexburg, Idaho, and the Snake River Cutthroats of Idaho Falls. He is active in the Federation of Fly Fishers (FFF) and received the Western Rocky Mountain Council, FFF, Fly Tier of the Year award in 1990, and the Charlie Brooks Memorial Life Membership in 1998.

In 2001, he received the FFF's Buz Buszek Memorial Award for fly-tying excellence. He is a member of the Whiting Farms and Daiichi Pro staffs.

Sources: Amazon.com, Barnesandnoble.com, and the publisher

### Kayak Fly Fishing: Everything You Need to Know to Start Catching Fish

**Author:** Ben Duchesney  
**Paperback:** 200 pages  
**ISBN-10:** 0811717682  
**ISBN-13:** 978-0811717687  
**Publisher:** Stackpole Books  
**Publication Date:** November 1, 2017

Kayak fishing is one of the fastest growing segments in the sport of fly fishing. In addition to getting you away from the bank and to unpressured water, they are stealthy, easily transported, and stored, and modern boats offer a plethora of options for fresh- and saltwater anglers.

This complete guide to fly fishing from a kayak thoroughly covers techniques, tackle, choosing the right boat and how to rig it, and strategies.

Fishing pros featured include Pat Cohen (upstate New York), Chris LeMessurier (Michigan), Juan Veruete (Pennsylvania), Drew Haerer, Brian Cadoret (Vermont), Casey Brunning (Louisiana), Conway Bowman (California)

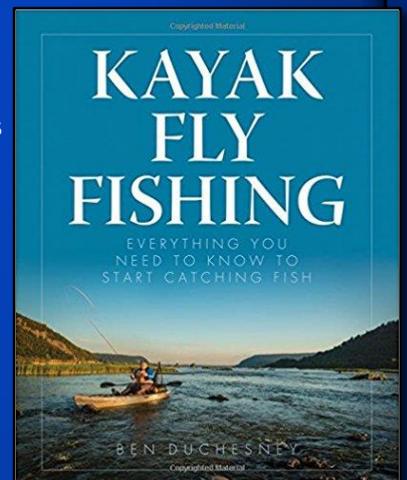
Duchesney has solidly bridged a gap between two of the fastest-growing facets of our sport: flyfishing and kayak fishing.

This is a must read for anyone looking to become proficient in fly from one of these crafts, which present unique challenges in terms of balance, approach, and presentation.

Between Duchesney's own experience and that of the experts he tapped for this invaluable resource, consider this the Bible on the topic. (Joe Cermele, Fishing Editor, Field & Stream)

Ben Duchesney writes for *Kayak Angler*, *Field and Stream*, *American Angler*, and other publications including *Bassin' Magazine* and *The Fly Fish Journal*. He is the marketing manager for PostFlyBox, a company that sells flies direct to consumers on a subscription basis. He lives in Boston, Massachusetts.

Sources: Amazon.com, Barnesandnoble.com, and the publisher



## Winchester TU Recycles Aluminum.

## Please bring your aluminum cans to any Winchester TU event.



## Poet's Corner:

### Poems selected for the angler

#### The Bleak Beginning of November

By Robert Leighton  
1822-1869  
Scotland



Autumn Landscape with Peasants  
19<sup>th</sup> century  
Ludwig Munthe

When the year fell damp and cold,  
Long the nights and short the days,  
And the forest's fallen gold  
Trodden in the miry ways;  
Cloud-drifts trailing on the ridges,  
Moorland rivers swollen and brown,  
Lone birds, from the dripping hedges,  
Seeking shelter near the town:  
Quite forgotten summer's rays,  
Closed we round the glowing ember,  
And deem'd the cosiest of our days  
The bleak beginning of November.

List'ning to the beating storm,  
And the wind up in the vent--  
Without, so cold--within, so warm--  
Hearts so full of deep content:  
Reading legends in the ashes,  
Telling tales that charm and move;  
Looking underneath long lashes  
To devour the eyes we love:--  
Eyes are closed and hearts are still'd;  
But 'tis given me to remember  
The more than summer light that fill'd  
The bleak beginning of November.

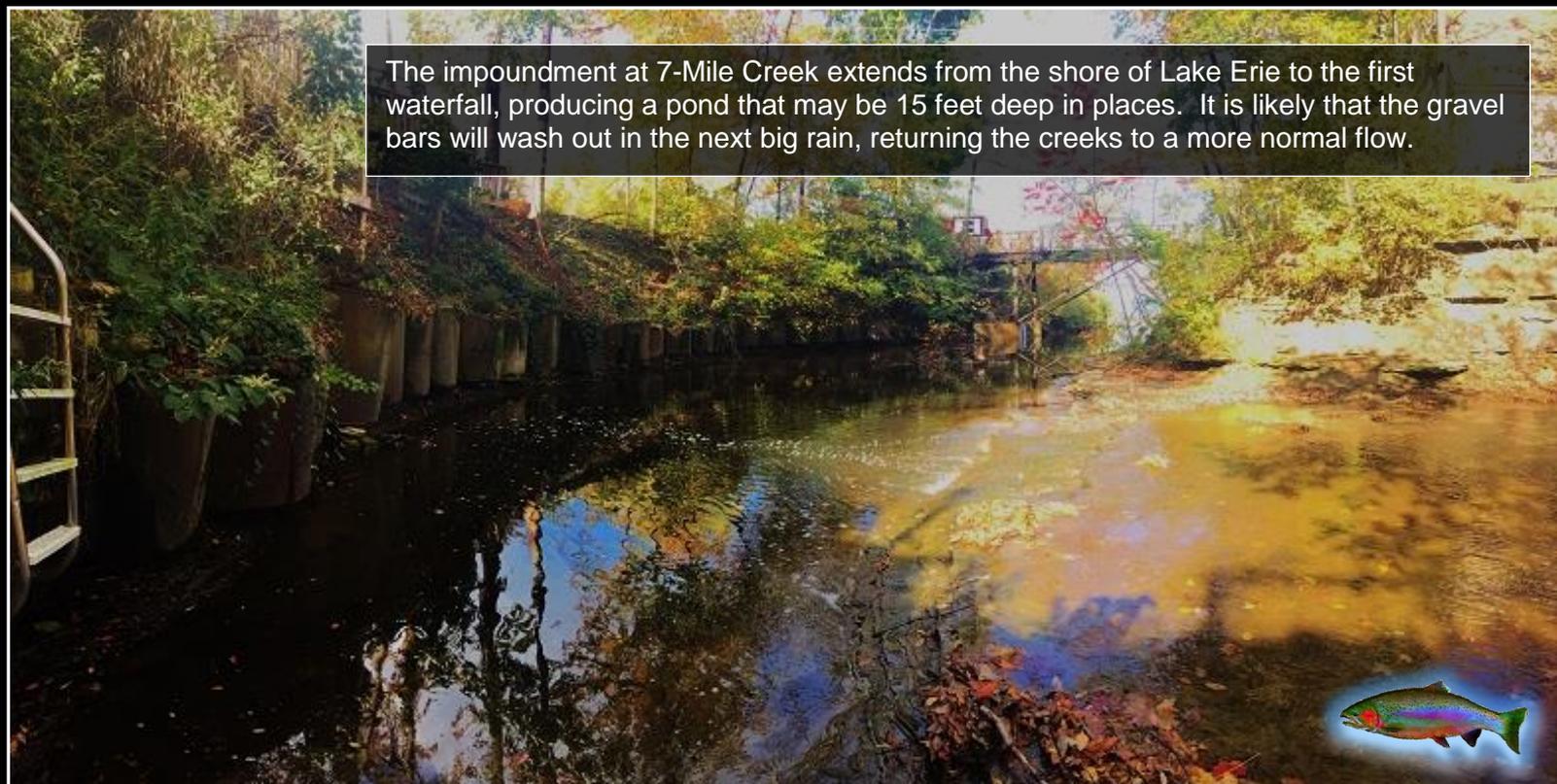


## Erie's New Great Lakes

Due to peculiar wave and water action between Lake Erie and Erie's "numbered" creeks, impoundments have formed at the mouth of 7-Mile, 12-Mile, 16-Mile, and 20-Mile Creeks. These new lakes, in some cases, have totally -- if temporarily -- modified the flow of water down these creeks and into the lake, affecting movement of Steelhead.



The impoundment at 12-Mile Creek is so complete that the pond extends upstream the whole way to "The Wall".

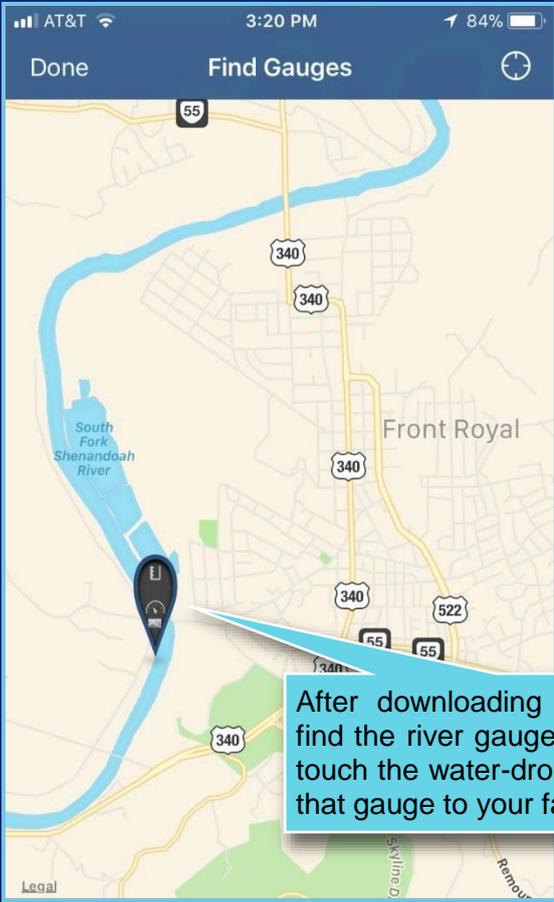


The impoundment at 7-Mile Creek extends from the shore of Lake Erie to the first waterfall, producing a pond that may be 15 feet deep in places. It is likely that the gravel bars will wash out in the next big rain, returning the creeks to a more normal flow.





# Tech on the Water: *FloodWatch*



After downloading the app, simply find the river gauge on the map and touch the water-drop-like icon to add that gauge to your favorites.

For years, I had a favorite iPhone app for tracking the flow of my favorite streams and rivers. Time and the advance of technology, however, have overtaken that old app of mine and it does not work with iOS 11.

I've tried a number of apps in recent weeks, but found none to be very satisfactory. In fact, one was so bad, I could not even figure out how to use it. On-line forums had the same criticisms that I had.

I have finally found an app that does the job: **FloodWatch**. I've shared the app with our friend, Fred, a couple of days ago, so you can check with him for a second opinion.

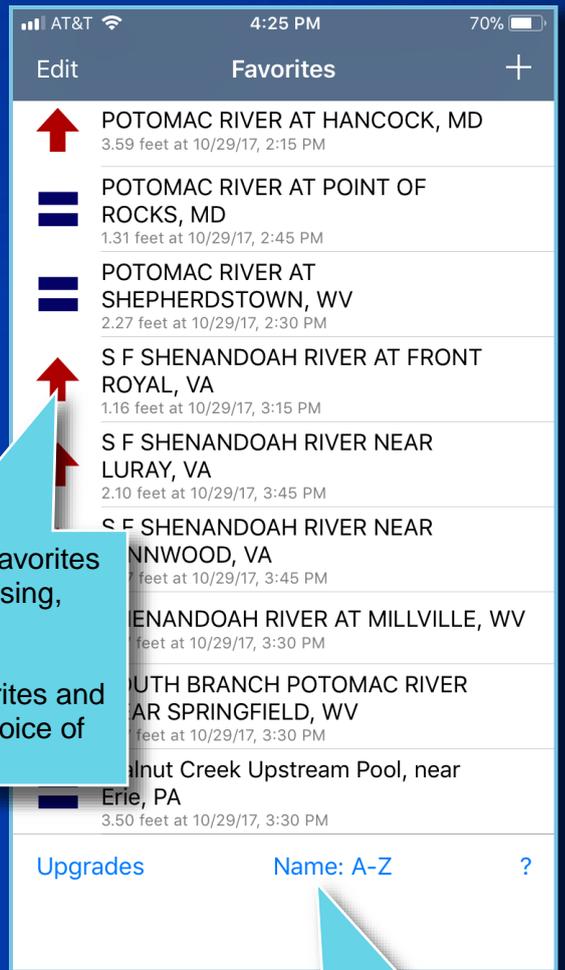
The **FloodWatch** app was not originally designed for anglers, but for property owners living in flood-prone areas. It works for anglers, too.  
-- Bill Prokopchak



A quick glance at your favorites list shows if a creek is rising, falling, or steady.

Touch one of your favorites and data appears in your choice of forms.

FloodWatch allows the user to view data in a variety of ways. Simply touch the icon to get your preferred view.



You can choose to sort your data alphabetically, north to south, south to north, east to west, west to east, or by flow status.

River height and discharge options are available.



As you can see, the user has the option to look at time scales ranging from 7 days to 120 days.



## PHW Update Summer Report

Phil Stevens, PHW Program Lead  
Martinsburg VAMC

Winchester TU and Project Healing Waters guided for Reel Recovery and a group of veterans suffering from cancer.

The event was held at Rose River Farm in Syria, Virginia.



The weather was spectacular, and the vets caught trout with almost every cast. As usual, the inter-service rivalries were in evidence with the Army, Navy, Marines, and Air Force all claiming the hook up of the most fish.

Of course, there was no way to verify any of the claims since all the trout were properly returned to the stream.



Photos by Phil Stevens

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National PHW website:  
<http://www.projecthealingwaters.org/>

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# 2017 Calendar of Events

## Winchester Trout Unlimited

By Fred Boyer

See the complete calendar  
of Winchester TU events at  
<http://winchestertu.org/>

### November 2017

- ✓ TBA November 2017 -- 7:00 p.m. - TU Steelhead trip to Erie, PA
- ✓ Thursday 2 November 2017 -- 7:00 p.m. - TU monthly meeting -- Chapter elections
- ✓ Saturday 4 November 2017 -- 9:00 a.m. TU workday at Redbud Run and Morgan's Mill Road
- ✓ Wednesday 8 November 2017 --7:00 p.m. - BarFly at Escutcheon Brewery

### December 2017

- ✓ No monthly meeting in December
- ✓ Saturday 9 December 2017 -- 9:00 a.m. TU workday at Redbud Run and Morgan's Mill Road
- ✓ Sunday 10 December 2017 -- Winchester TU Holiday Gathering -- more information to follow
- ✓ Wednesday 13 December 2017 --7:00 p.m. - BarFly at Escutcheon Brewery

### January 2018

- ✓ Thursday 4 January 2018 -- 7:00 p.m. - TU monthly meeting -- Featured speaker is Tom Carroll of Cherry Log Rods
- ✓ Saturday 6 January 2018 -- 9:00 a.m. TU workday at Redbud Run and Morgan's Mill Road
- ✓ Wednesday 10 January 2018 --7:00 p.m. - BarFly at Escutcheon Brewery

### February 2018

- ✓ Thursday 1 February 2018 -- 7:00 p.m. - TU monthly meeting -- Featured speaker is Emily Warner of Potomac Conservancy
- ✓ Saturday 3 February 2018 -- 9:00 a.m. TU workday at Redbud Run and Morgan's Mill Road
- ✓ Wednesday 14 February 2018 --7:00 p.m. - BarFly at Escutcheon Brewery

### March 2018

- ✓ Thursday 1 March 2018 -- 7:00 p.m. - TU monthly meeting
- ✓ Saturday 3 March 2018 -- 9:00 a.m. TU workday at Redbud Run and Morgan's Mill Road
- ✓ Wednesday 14 March 2018 --7:00 p.m. - BarFly at Escutcheon Brewery

### April 2018

- ✓ Thursday 5 April 2018 -- 7:00 p.m. - TU monthly meeting
- ✓ Saturday 7 April 2018 -- 9:00 a.m. TU workday at Redbud Run and Morgan's Mill Road
- ✓ Wednesday 11 April 2018 --7:00 p.m. - BarFly at Escutcheon Brewery

### May 2018

- ✓ Thursday 3 May 2018 -- 7:00 p.m. - TU monthly meeting
- ✓ Saturday 5 May 2018 -- 9:00 a.m. TU workday at Redbud Run and Morgan's Mill Road
- ✓ Wednesday 9 May 2018 --7:00 p.m. - BarFly at Escutcheon Brewery



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All water sports, including fishing, and stream restoration activities have inherent dangers. Participation in all Winchester Trout Unlimited activities is at the participant's own risk and participants agree to hold harmless Winchester Trout Unlimited and its members. A responsible adult must accompany all minors.

