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

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**Next meeting is Thursday,
August 1, 2019**

5:30 p.m. Dinner
Donato's Touch of Italy
1361 N Frederick Pike
Winchester

7:00 p.m. Meeting
Winchester Red Cross
561 Fortress Drive
Winchester

**Art Major will be on board to talk about his
many fishing trips to the Seychelles.**



See you at the meeting on Thursday, August 1, 2019
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Bud on the Run: Update on the July Workday at Redbud Run and Plans for the August 3rd Workday

by Bud Nagelvoort

July 6 was an awesome, challenging, warm, sunny, thrilling day on Redbud Run beginning at 9:00 a.m. and ending at 1:00 p.m. with a fortunate five stalwarts aching to move mountains -- well, huge rocks. Fred, Clark, Bill, Terry, and Bud made the scene.

It might be recalled that an unfortunate event occurred last July (2018) when Justin Mackay-Smith brought a large dump truck loaded with huge rocks to Redbud and had the gross misfortune of getting stuck in the middle of the central pasture at Seipel's due to soft earth from heavy rains.

With no alternative, he released his load of rocks right there, with the hope that such release would allow the truck to escape its mired condition. It did not.

Right: Clark surveys the infamous rock pile, deposited a year ago in the middle of Seipel's pasture.



Photo by Bill Prokopchak

But as great fortune would have it, farmer Seipel possessed a diesel tractor which successfully dragged the dump truck out of the mire.

It has been Bud's fervent desire to find subsequent conditions suitable for the removal of that grotesque pile of rocks to streamside and eliminate the threat of gross damage to the Seipel farm equipment, when making hay, might encounter that unwelcome obstacle.

July 6 (2019) was that day. It can only be described as inspirational. Between Bill and Bud's trucks and 4-wheel drives and heavy chains attached, all twelve of the otherwise un-moveable boulders were dragged gently from their 12-months' residence to their new temporary location near streamside, where their ultimate fate is being determined.

“Bud on the Run” continues on the next page.

Bud on the Run: Update on the July Workday at Redbud Run and Plans for the August 3rd Workday -- continued

by Bud Nagelvoort



Right: Clark, Bud, and Terry prepare to move "The Big One".
Below: Having delivered "The Big One", Fred, Terry, and Clark attempt to REMOVE the chain.

Photo by Bill Prokopchak

In case one did not appreciate how big these boulders are, the pictures on this page show the last and largest to be dragged by Bill across the pasture. As to its size and weight, there are five witnesses (including the camera operator) who state unequivocally that the major challenges in its removal from mid-pasture were:

- ✓ first, attaching the chain to the rock, and
- ✓ second, removing the chain from the rock.

At the time, there was also a mild revolt on the part of the laborers as to why the rock was de-chained so far from the fence at streamside.

No blows were struck, but scars no doubt remain only to be covered over by the ultimate location in the stream and evidence of successful rainbow spawning in the unique habitat to be created.



Photo by Bud Nagelvoort

So with that background, we look forward to the work session on August 3, when the splash of these boulders into the stream where, according to engineer Terry, their weight will be reduced by 25% and cold water should help to keep tempers cool even when there is some doubt as to their most efficacious location.

Will the same crew show up? The odds are now being worked out in Las Vegas.

Let Bud know by Friday evening if he will be moving by himself all the boulders into and in the stream via his truck and assorted cable and pulleys and thereby gaining exclusive credit (almost) for the large rainbows present in spawning attire later this fall at the work site.



Winchester TU 2018 Speaker Schedule

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



August 1st -

Art Major will be on board to talk about his many trips to the Seychelles.



September 5th -

Phil hammered 'em in Wisconsin. In addition to some hefty bass, Phil hooked his first ever Muskie. Phil promises a photo-packed presentation about his Wisconsin fishing trip.

Photo courtesy of Phil Stevens

October 3rd -

Lisa LaCivita is the featured speaker for our annual joint meeting with the Northern Shenandoah Valley Audubon Society.

Her topic: Frederick County Frogs: What are they telling us and why should we care?



Photo courtesy of Lisa LaCivita

In Negotiations:

We are working on a dates for the following presentation

Brook Trout Health

We are in negotiations to have a speaker on Brook Trout health and welfare in our region.

If you have an idea for a Winchester TU meeting speaker, please let me know. We are always looking for great programs on topics of interest to the fly angler.





PHW Update: July 2019 Winchester TU & Martinsburg PHW

by Phil Stevens



Photo and clip art courtesy of
[facebook.com/ProjectHealingWaters](https://www.facebook.com/ProjectHealingWaters)

There has been a major issue at the hatchery that has resulted in most of the water being drained from the pond, thus resulting in a fish kill.

Therefore, Martinsburg Veterans Center fishing trips to the pond have been cancelled. We are working on alternative dates. Stay tuned for more information as it becomes available.



Anyone interested in assisting with classes please contact:

Program Lead -- Phil Stevens, phillip.h.stevens@projecthealingwaters.org, 703-380-4088;
Assistant Program Lead -- Wayne White, wmwusar99@gmail.com, 703-919-2952

Learn more about Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing, Inc, at <https://projecthealingwaters.org/>

Visit the Martinsburg Chapter Facebook
https://www.facebook.com/ProjectHealingWatersOfMartinsburgWestVirginia/?epa=SEARCH_BOX

Learn more about BCR at <http://www.bouldercrestretreat.org/theretreat>

Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing, Inc. is dedicated to the physical and emotional rehabilitation of disabled active military service personnel and disabled veterans through fly fishing and associated activities including education and outings.



Winchester TU Monthly "BarFly" Event Wednesday, August 14th 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.

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.

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



Barbara's Books

Compiled by Barbara Gamble

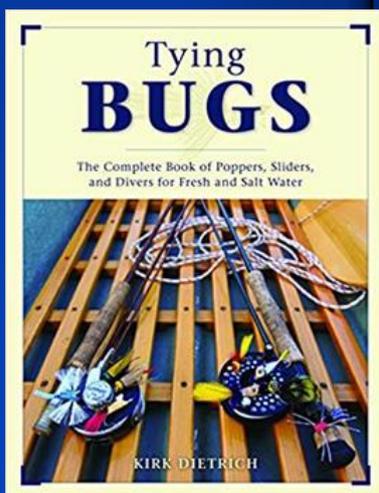
Tying Bugs: The Complete Book of Poppers, Sliders, and Divers for Fresh and Salt Water

Author: Kirk Dietrich
Paperback: 224 pages
ISBN-10: 0811738280
ISBN-13: 978-0811738286
Publisher: Stackpole Books
Publication Date: September 1, 2019

Bugs are back. Bugs -- a generic name for poppers traditionally fished for bass species -- encompass a range of diverse surface patterns that are not only effective for smallmouth and largemouth bass but also a host of saltwater species including redfish, sea trout, strippers, and dorado.

More and more anglers now fish for smallmouth and largemouth bass around the US, and new materials have come on the scene that make tying these flies exciting (and productive) again.

This is the most complete fly tying book on poppers, divers, sliders (collectively called "bugs") ever written.



Includes over 400 detailed step by steps for traditional patterns such as Lefty's Bug and the Sneaky Pete, as well as new and innovative patterns tied with the latest materials.

All facets of bug making are covered, from shaping the heads on cork, foam, and balsa, to tying articulated patterns, to creating weedguards. Also included is an extensive section on DIY painting and coloring techniques.

Kirk Dietrich is an Orvis contract tier and owner/operator of Flies by Kirk, a part-time commercial tying business.

He spends his fishing time on local brackish/saltwater marshes and urban locations such as New Orleans City Park, Bayou St. John, Lake Pontchartrain, and local storm water drainage canals.

His articles have appeared in *Fly Tyer*, *Eastern Flyfishing*, and *Flyfishing & Tying Journal*. He is a member of FFI, NOFF, Pro Staff with Cascade Crest Tools, Deer Creek UK, and Imagination International Copic Markers.

He has been a participating and featured tier at shows throughout the south and has conducted classes at various FFI conclaves and affiliated mini-conclaves held by clubs across the south.

His flies have appeared in numerous books including *Bug Making: A Thorough Guide to Making and Tying Floating Bugs for All Gamefish -- Bluegill to Billfish*, *Secrets of the Saltwater Fly*, and *Designing Poppers, Sliders & Divers*. He lives in Kenner, LA.

Sources: amazon.com and the publishers

The Trout Dreams: A true romance of fly-fishing in New Zealand

Author: Derek Grzelewski
Paperback: 212 pages
ISBN-10: 0811714527
ISBN-13: 978-0811714525
Publisher: Stackpole Books
Publication Date: August 6, 2019

In the years since writing his second book, *The Trout Bohemia*, Derek Grzelewski has returned to guiding, sharing his passion and secrets for fly fishing with enthusiastic anglers from around the world.

But his life is about to change when he is contacted by "a simple Colorado girl who just loves to fly fish." They strike up a long-distance relationship, and Jennifer soon flies out to New Zealand to join Derek for a season of fly fishing -- an experience that will transform their approach to life and trout fishing forever.

With Jennifer's fly fishing techniques best described as "punk rock," Derek has his work cut out for him, sharing with her his skills and techniques for successfully fishing New Zealand's waterways and landing that prize trout.

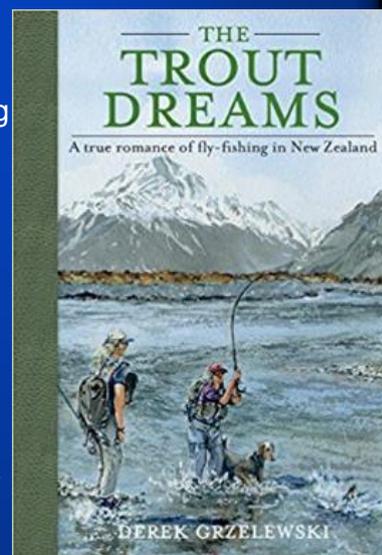
Join Derek and Jennifer as they embark upon an angling adventure that takes them from the banks of the Cutha River in the South Island of New Zealand to the roaring rivers of Colorado.

Filled with Derek's wry storytelling and expert advice and secret tips for fly fishing, this is a true tale of finding trout and love in New Zealand.

Derek Grzelewski is a former professional fly-fishing guide and IFF casting instructor. He lives near Carbondale, CO with his wife Jennifer.

His website is www.derekgrzelewski.com.

Sources: amazon.com and the publishers



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 your aluminum
 cans to any
 Winchester TU
 event.**



From the Archives of Winchester Trout Unlimited

by Carl A. Kettenberger

Our old friend, Carl, published this article in *LATERAL LINES* back in May 2002.

Well, here we are in the middle of May, complaining about how all the rain has made the rivers and streams too high to fish. Darn, it sure would be great if Mother Nature could just get things straight for a change. First, it's too low and warm, then it's too high and cold. Is it asking too much of the old girl to keep the water temperature around 57 degrees with just the right flow for wading? Evidently, so -- guess she answers to a higher being than us poor old fly fishers. All kidding aside, the rivers have been too high to fish for the last month and a half, but that's fine with me -- at least the reservoirs are up and most drought restrictions lifted.

I did fish the North Branch of the Potomac above Kitzmiller a month ago. Although the river was flowing a little above 425 c.f.s., it was wadeable with a good staff. That particular day the water temperature was holding around 52 degrees and the fish finally woke up from a long winter's nap. I did manage to catch nine bright-colored hold over rainbows on a size 14 parachute Adams. Most were in the 12-14 inch range, with one pushing 16.

It's really not all that important that I caught fish that day, the important thing was the condition of the river and how I knew it was fishable. Best fishing on the North Branch occurs when the flow is between 200 and 400 c.f.s. and the temperature between 52 and 57 degrees. Friends, it's a two hour ride up there, so you best know what conditions are like before you leave home. I sometimes read the stars the night before; however, the only thing I get out of that is a stiff neck.

The best way to find out what the conditions are like at your favorite river or stream is to check it out on the web.

Try http://usgs.gov/cgi-bin/daily_flow/**. (** is the abbreviation of the state.) For the river in question, replacing ** with wv pulls up the West Virginia Stream Flow maps.

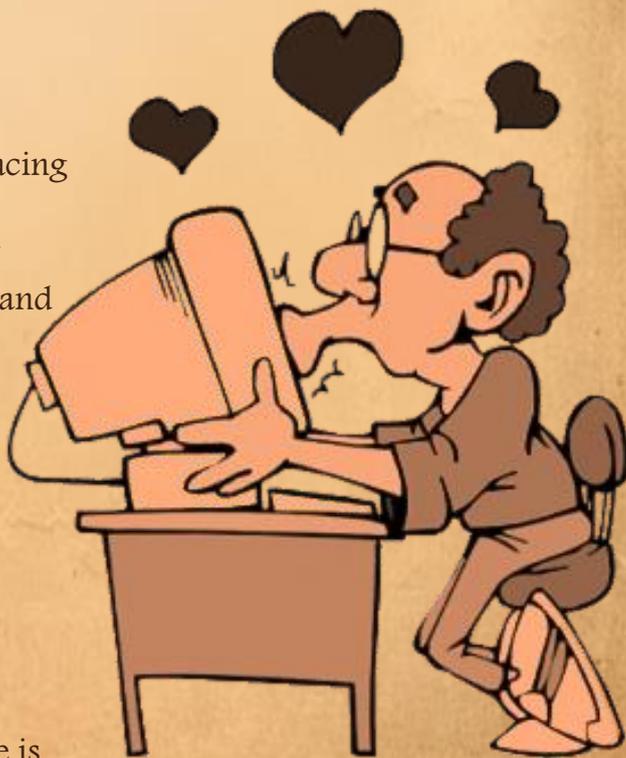
Once there, all you need to do is click on the correct dot and up comes the data. Today the data is as follows:

Gage height 3.62 feet

Discharge 494 C.F.S

Temperature 14 degrees "C" which equates to 57.2 degrees "F"

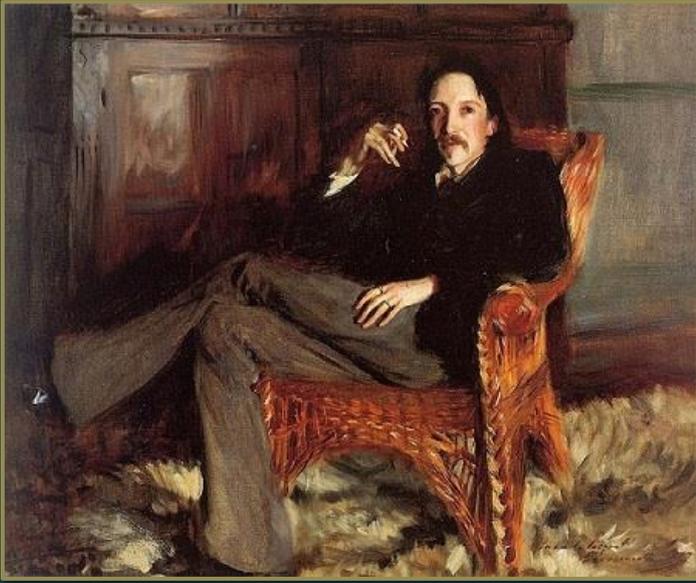
The flow is about 194 c.f.s. too high, but the temperature is just about perfect. Well, folks, if we don't get any more rain this week, you know where to find me come Saturday.



Poet's Corner: Poems selected for the angler

Summer Sun

By Robert Louis Stevenson
1850-1894
Scotland



Portrait by John Singer Sargent

Great is the sun, and wide he goes
Through empty heaven with repose;
And in the blue and glowing days
More thick than rain he showers his rays.

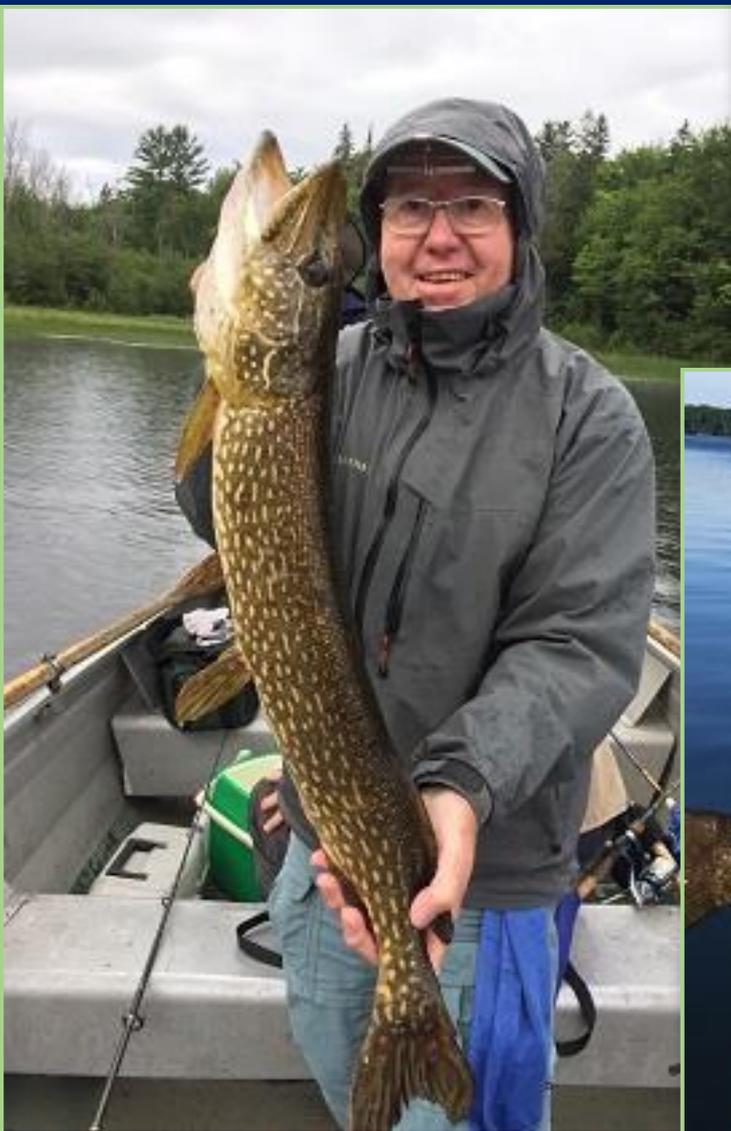
Though closer still the blinds we pull
To keep the shady parlour cool,
Yet he will find a chink or two
To slip his golden fingers through.

The dusty attic spider-clad
He, through the keyhole, maketh glad;
And through the broken edge of tiles
Into the laddered hay-loft smiles.

Meantime his golden face around
He bares to all the garden ground,
And sheds a warm and glittering look
Among the ivy's inmost nook.

Above the hills, along the blue,
Round the bright air with footing true,
To please the child, to paint the rose,
The gardener of the World, he goes.

Photo Gallery



Photos courtesy of
Fred Boyer and Wayne White



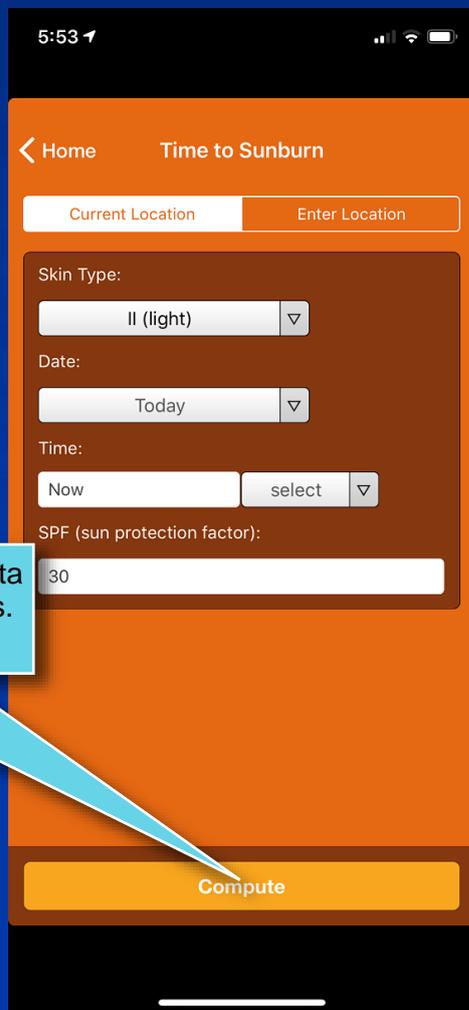
Tech on the Water: Wolfram Sun Exposure

The techno-geeks over at Wolfram are at it again. This time they have produced an app for your mobile phone that helps you track your sun exposure and protect your skin from sun damage.

For years, I have used the Wolfram Alpha science and math app and even traveled in Europe with one of the Wolfram geniuses. The Alpha app enables me to do the differentials and integrals that my tired old brain doesn't seem to be able to do as well as it did back in 1970 !

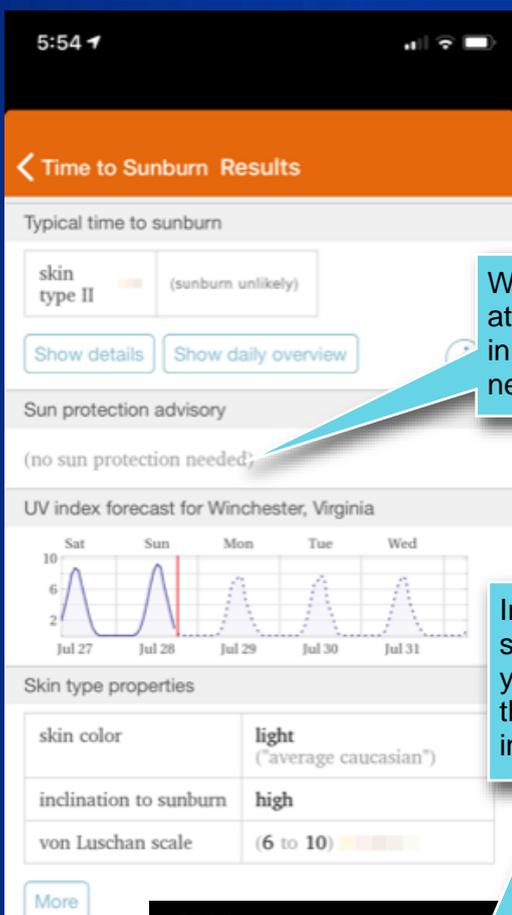
The new **Wolfram Sun Exposure** app checks the UV index for your location, compares it to your skin type and the sunscreen you are using, and lets you know how your skin is getting along on hot, sunny, Virginia fishing days. Check it out !

-- Bill Prokopchak



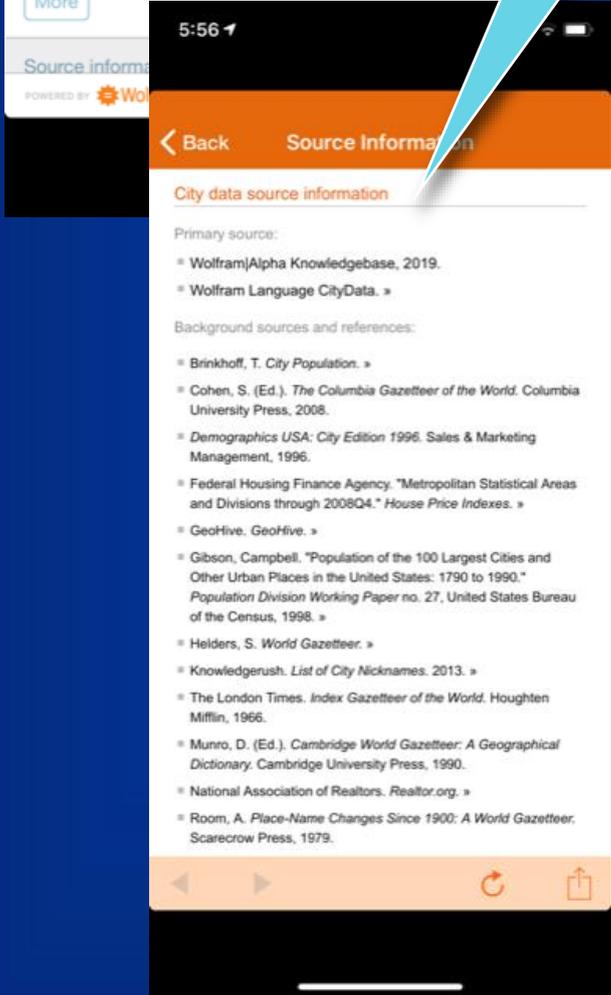
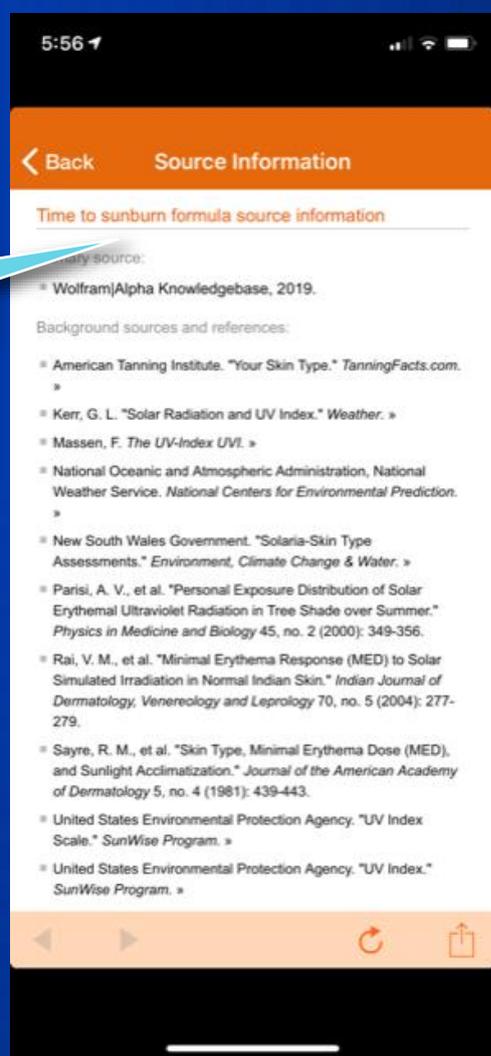
All you need to do is enter your data by selecting from drop-down menus. Next, you touch "Compute".

Within seconds, the app tells me that at 5:54 p.m. on this July day, sunburn is unlikely, and no sun protection is necessary for skin type II.



In typical Wolfram style, the software engineers give you references upon which they base their algorithms, including city data and ...

...time-to-sunburn references.



2018 Calendar of Events

Winchester Trout Unlimited

By Fred Boyer

See also

<http://winchestertu.org/>

August 2019

- ✓ **Thursday 1 August 2019** -- 7:00p.m. - TU monthly meeting - Art Major is the featured speaker. He will talk about his many fishing trips to the Seychelles.
- ✓ **Saturday 3 August 2019 Redbud Run workday** -- 9:00 a.m. at Seipel's
- ✓ **Wednesday 14 August 2019** --7:00 p.m. - BarFly at Escutcheon Brewery

September 2019

- ✓ **Thursday 5 September 2019** -- 7:00p.m. - TU monthly meeting - Phil Stevens is our featured speaker. His topic: Fishing Wisconsin
- ✓ **Saturday 7 September 2019 Redbud Run workday** -- Time to be announced at a later date
- ✓ **Wednesday 11 September** --7:00 p.m. - BarFly at Escutcheon Brewery

October 2019

- ✓ **Thursday 3 October 2019** -- 7:00p.m. - Annual joint meeting with Northern Shenandoah Audubon - Our featured speaker is Lisa LaCivita who will talk about the amphibians of Frederick County, VA.
- ✓ **Saturday 5 October 2019 Redbud Run workday** -- Time to be announced at a later date
- ✓ **Wednesday 9 October** --7:00 p.m. - BarFly at Escutcheon Brewery

November 2019

- ✓ **Thursday 7 November 2019** -- 7:00p.m. -- Monthly TU meeting
- ✓ **Saturday 9 November 2019 Redbud Run workday** -- Time to be announced at a later date
- ✓ **Wednesday 13 November** --7:00 p.m. - BarFly at Escutcheon Brewery

December 2019

- ✓ **No Business Meeting in December**
- ✓ **Saturday 7 December 2019 Redbud Run workday** -- Time to be announced at a later date
- ✓ **Wednesday 11 December 2019** --7:00 p.m. - BarFly at Escutcheon Brewery

January 2020

- ✓ **Thursday 2 January 2020** -- 7:00p.m. -- Monthly TU meeting
- ✓ **Saturday 4 January 2020 Redbud Run workday** -- Time to be announced at a later date
- ✓ **Wednesday 8 January 2020** --7:00 p.m. - BarFly at Escutcheon Brewery

February 2020

- ✓ **Thursday 6 February 2020** -- 7:00p.m. -- Monthly TU meeting
- ✓ **Saturday 8 February 2020 Redbud Run workday** -- Time to be announced at a later date
- ✓ **Wednesday 12 February 2020** --7:00 p.m. - BarFly at Escutcheon Brewery

March 2020

- ✓ **Thursday 5 March 2020** -- 7:00p.m. -- Monthly TU meeting
- ✓ **Saturday 7 March 2020 Redbud Run workday** -- Time to be announced at a later date
- ✓ **Wednesday 11 March 2020** --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.

