



Tuck Tales

Newsletter of the Tuckasegee Chapter #373 of Trout Unlimited serving the western North Carolina counties of Haywood, Jackson, Macon and Swain

A Monthly Newsletter

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Rod Raffle

The raffle will continue for one of Jim Mill's custom graphite fly rods at the October 4th meeting.

October Meeting

Fred Turner of Saint Clair mapping will be the featured speaker.

Delayed-Harvest

Delayed-Harvest Waters open October 1st!

October Grub Committee

The grub committee for the October meeting will be Dickie Woodard and Dick Sellers.

Email addresses needed

Your editor requests that everyone please provide updated email addresses so we can make certain our data base is up-to-date and you won't miss notification of newsletter and event emails!

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Tuckasegee Chapter of Trout Unlimited meets the first Tuesday of every month, with the exception of June, July and August, 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.



Great Program for October Meeting

The October meeting will be one you'll be sure not to miss.

As most of you know fellow chapter member Dick Sellers has been on a mission for some time now to identify and fish as many streams as he can in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Large and small, it makes no difference to Dick. As a matter of fact he's most interested in those smaller streams, primarily just to know if they hold trout.

Dick has made an acquaintance with Fred Turner, owner of Saint Clair Mapping in Russellville, TN. Fred is a semi-retired mechanical engineer whose

work experience was with Eastman Chemical Company, once a part of Eastman Kodak. He became interested in civil engineering from having worked with a highway surveying crew during the summers.

He states on his website that he is now a self-taught illustrator and cartographer wannabe. Together with his wife Dianne they started Saint Clair Mapping and are publishing large scale, USGS quad-based, shaded relief, waterproof and tear-resistant fishing maps of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park region. All of the maps are species color coded to indicate waters known or thought to hold rock bass, smallmouth bass, brown, rainbow and native Southern Appalachian brook trout.

The distribution on the maps is based on information provided by the National Park Service from research by Fishery Management Biologist (i.e., Steve and Matt). Where available, info is supplemented by other

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reliable sources (That's where Dick and others like him come in.).



Dick has arranged for Fred to be our featured speaker for the October meeting. He will talk to us about the challenges of identifying trout streams and tell us a little about the changes that have occurred recently and over the past years that have had an effect on trout populations in the park and surrounding areas.

Wonder if we could interest Fred in producing a map of our Tuckaseegee River? Let's find out at the meeting. I'll see you there!

Delayed-Harvest Trout Waters Open Oct. 1

The N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission will implement [delayed-harvest regulations](#) on 26 trout waters in 15 western North Carolina counties on Oct. 1. Before Oct. 1, hatchery-supported regulations apply to these waters.

Under delayed-harvest regulations, no trout can be harvested or possessed from these waters between

Oct. 1, 2011, and one half-hour after sunset on June 1, 2012. No natural bait is allowed, and anglers can fish only with single-hook, artificial lures. 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.

Four new waters were classified as delayed harvest effective August 1: Spring Creek in Madison County, Ararat River in Surry County, Coffee Lake in Watauga County, and Elk Creek in Wilkes County. Spring Creek in Madison County is also designated as a Mountain Heritage Trout Water.

Both resident and non-resident anglers can fish in designated Mountain Heritage Trout Waters with a 3-day, \$5 Mountain Heritage Trout Waters license, or with any license that provides trout fishing privileges. For more information on the Mountain Trout Waters program visit our website, www.ncwildlife.org.



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River Sweep Is A Big Success

Nantahala Hydros conducted a River Sweep this year above the old Dillsboro Hydro site on September 22nd.

Chapter member Jerry Dewese had identified a good number of old tires in the river above where the dam used to be. The event removed the old tires, a newspaper stand, sewing machine, old wooden wagon axle, lots of metal and a great amount of trash that had been thrown into the river.

Some additional clean up along the banks was conducted in that area.

The event was led by Jerry and included volunteers from TCTU. Help came from Keith Moore, Steve Green, Phil Postal Allan Boggs, Ricky Dickard, Blaine Morgan, Mark Chambers, Walt James, Lisa Leatherman, Marcus Pitts and Dennis Whitaker.

1.63 tons of trash was removed from the river and banks in about 4 hours.



Photos below are by Chapter member Craig Green from the Fish Monitor/
Inventory Project conducted in August by TCTU volunteers and the Great
Smoky Mountains National Park Fisheries Crew on Deep Creek in the park.



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