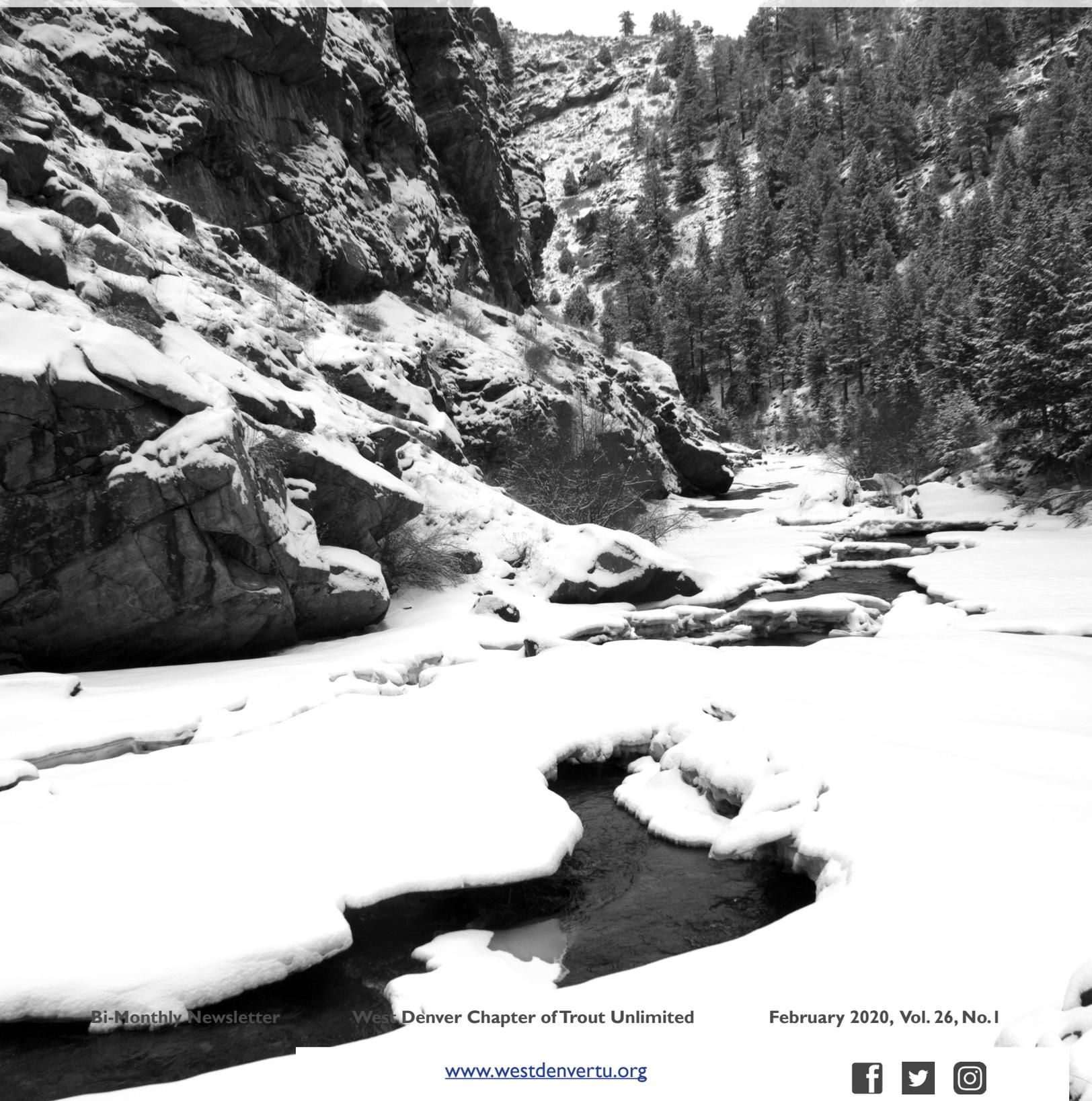




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CONSERVING, PROTECTING AND ENHANCING COLORADO'S COLDWATER FISHERIES THROUGH VOLUNTEERISM, EDUCATION AND OUTREACH



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Our Mission

To conserve, protect and restore North America's coldwater fisheries and their watersheds.

Our Vision

By the next generation, Trout Unlimited will ensure that robust populations of native and wild cold-water fish once again thrive within their North American range, so that our children can enjoy healthy fisheries in their home waters.

Who We Are

Founded in Michigan in 1959, Trout Unlimited today is a national non-profit organization with 150,000 members dedicated to conserving, protecting and restoring North America's coldwater fisheries and their watersheds. Our staff and volunteers work from coast to coast to protect, reconnect, restore and sustain trout and salmon habitat on behalf of today's anglers and coming generations of sportsmen and women who value the connection between healthy, intact habitat and angling opportunity.

From forested rivers like the Farmington in Connecticut to the pristine waters of Alaska's Bristol Bay and all points in between, TU's work spans nearly a million miles of cold water all across North America. TU is the most effective coldwater fisheries conservation organization in the country. Donors invest in TU because we get things done on the ground, in statehouses and on Capitol Hill.

TU has a basic approach to its conservation strategy. First, we use the best available science to protect headwater spawning habitat for trout and salmon. We reconnect tributaries with their rivers to ensure resilience, and we restore waters where development has impacted trout and salmon and the opportunity to fish for them. Second, we sustain our work on the ground by:

- Using the best science to drive conservation priorities
- Promoting and maintaining a strong legal and regulatory framework to protect fish and fishing opportunity
- Connecting with passionate anglers who want to give back to the resource they value so much
- Increasing our ability to engage TU members in conservation by training, educating and building a strong community of angler advocates
- Connecting with generous donors and helping them give to the fish they cherish and the places they love
- Helping members connect and communicate with one another via our website, TROUT Magazine and the TU Blog

From the Penobscot in Maine to the South Fork of the Snake in Idaho and west to the Klamath in Oregon and California, TU and its staff and volunteers work on the ground in hundreds of places, protecting, reconnecting and restoring trout and salmon habitat for the benefit of today's anglers and generations to come.

If you're interested in becoming a part of TU and giving back to the fish and the places you value, become a member and help us 'save the world, one trout at a time.'

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Clear Creek Canyon, January 2017

(A visual wish for snow in 2020)



FLY TYING CLINIC

Saturday, February 8th, 2020

10 am – 3 pm

**Jefferson County Fairgrounds
Exit 6th Ave. West at Indiana St.**

- Over 50 Expert Tyers
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- Fishing Books
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Michele White,
Rick Takahashi, & more!!

Proceeds support West Denver TU's mission to *Share and Sustain Colorado Fly Fishing*.

Admission at the door is \$15. Get a \$5 discount coupon from your local fly shop!

Active military personnel and kids 12 and younger admitted free.

For more info, visit www.westdenvertu.org

The President's Message

The definition of outreach is the extending of services or assistance beyond usual limits.

Our Board members are often surprised by the lack of recognition and understanding of Trout Unlimited in our community. Some people think of TU as a fishing club and others are unaware of its conservation activities. Some just say “huh?”

How to change this? We started by considering any friend of our watershed a friend of ours. We recently partnered with Down River Equipment (a rafting supply company) to help produce their fly tying event.

We also reached out to our surrounding communities. With Jefferson County Open Space, we serve on the Peaks to Plains Stakeholders team. We also partnered with them on the Clear Creek Cleanup as part of National Public Lands Day.

With Arvada, we participated in Arvada on Tap in June and Arvada Days in August.

With Lakewood, we will help them in June with Let's Go Fishing at Cottonwood Park and Let's Go Camping at Bear Creek Lake Park.

Our goals? Increase our communities' awareness of the mission and activities of West Denver TU. Make new friends, and have fun doing it! Engage new volunteers with new opportunities.

Won't you join us?

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ed Adams". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

44th Annual
Fly Tying
Clinic

44th Annual West Denver Trout Unlimited Fly Tying Clinic February 8th

by Art DiMeo

If you're like me, your fly boxes have been ravaged by the end of last season and it's time to get busy twisting up some new killer patterns for the fast-approaching 2020 season.

There's no better way to get back in the game and kick off the winter blues than to join the West Denver Chapter of Trout Unlimited at its 44th Annual Fly Tying Clinic from 10am to 3pm on February 8, 2020 at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds, 15200 West 6th Avenue in Golden.

As always, there's something for everyone at the Clinic. This year's Clinic will again feature about fifty of the premier fly tying artists from around the Rocky Mountain region. This is a chance for experienced fly tyers to learn new techniques, time saving tips and news fly patterns directly from the pros. Novice tyers can benefit from the one-on-one format, while emerging beginners can get started at the "Hands-On" section of the Clinic.

Prominent fly tyers will be featured in two separate break-out theaters at various times throughout the day. The popular Bucket Raffle, Rummage Sale, Book Sale, and Silent Auction are back again this year.

If your casting skills could use a tune-up, Jonathan Walter will be on hand to offer casting classes. The detailed event brochure can be found at the www.westdenvertu.org.

And if you work up an appetite tying and casting, none other than the popular Nosh Catering will have scrumptious lunches available for purchase next to the main hall.

Ed Calmus and Regina Musyl spearheaded this year's event, together with a cadre of about twenty volunteers and the time and skills donated by the fly tyers, and they worked tirelessly in the background to make this Clinic a success. Ed noted that the proceeds garnered from the event will support some critical educational and conservation programs such as the annual Clear Creek Clean-up.

Regular admission is \$15.00, but you can find \$5.00 discount coupons available at local fly shops and online. Get discount coupon for tickets on our website! The West Denver Chapter of Trout Unlimited's Fly Tying Clinic is the best antidote for all you fly anglers suffering from SAD (Seasonal Affective Disorder). So mark your calendars for February 8th and we will see you there.

UPCOMING EVENTS

February Chapter Meeting

February 5 @ 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Am. Mountaineering Center, 710 10th Street, Golden

Speaker: Zeke Hersh

Topic: Fishing the Colorado River

Zeke Hersh will be talking about the Colorado River and its floatable sections, seasons, boat and fishing techniques, and much more.

Growing up in Washington state, Zeke fell in love with fishing at an early age. Fly fishing engaged him after watching a Steelhead angler fly cast on early morning bike rides to school. For a summer, he was a daily visitor at the local fly shop, quickly absorbing as much information as he could. Zeke loves to break down the technical aspects of fly fishing and fish tendencies to find the best and most effective methods for success. An ever-patient instructor, lover of the outdoors, and teacher of the art, science, and wonder of fly fishing, Zeke continues to further educate himself and others about the sport he loves.

Fishing Equipment Needed

Again, for the 4th year, WDTU will be collecting fishing equipment for Native American youths. We can use any spinning or casting equipment including rods, reels, hooks, lures,, line, etc. WDTU donates this equipment to a group called One Nation Walking Together, and they will distribute the equipment to Native Americans youths. You can bring donations to any meeting and give them to Tim Toohey or email Tim at Tim2e@comcast.net and make arrangements to have him pick them up.

Canned Food Drive

Bring a non-perishable food item to our Chapter meeting and get a raffle ticket for a chance to win a fabulous prize. All food items donated will be given to the Arvada food bank. Please be generous. As a retired teacher and coach, with him at the presentation.

Fly Tying Clinic

February 8th, 10:00am to 3:00pm

Jefferson County Fairgrounds, 15200 W 6th Ave, Golden

The West Denver Chapter of Trout Unlimited is proud to present its 44th Annual Fly Tying Clinic on February 8, 2020 at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds.

Fly Tyers' Night Out

February 18th, 7:00pm to 8:30pm

Discovery Tap Room, 4990 Kipling Street, Wheat Ridge

West Denver TU and Discovery Tap Room are hosting a fly tying night on the third Tuesday of the month, from September through June.

All levels of tyers are welcome. We need some of our advanced tiers to help the people just getting started.

Even if you don't tie, come out to socialize, have a beer, maybe something to eat, and have fun. For more info contact Tim Toohey at tim2e@comcast.net.

Windy Peak

February 26 @ 7:45 am - 2:00 pm

Windy Peak Outdoor Lab School, 20973 Wellington Lake Road, Bailey

Windy Peak is Jefferson County's Outdoor School, located near Bailey. West Denver TU teaches classes in conservation, stream entomology, and fly tying. Email Mark Story, mastory@comcast.com to sign up.

Nature Non-Fiction Book Club

February 26 @ 6:00pm - 7:00pm

American Alpine Club Library, the Am. Mountaineering Center, 710 10th Street, Golden

Join fellow nature lovers to discuss books that explore our relationship with nature. The selections for February are *Animals Strike Curious Poses* by Elena Passarello and *Biophilia: The Human Bond with Other Species* by Edward O. Wilson. Join us on Wednesday, February 26th from 6-7pm in the library of the American Alpine Club in the basement of the American Mountaineering Center, 710 10th St. For more information and book selections, please visit www.PackAnimalMagazine.com/bookclub.php

March Chapter Meeting

March 4 @ 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Am. Mountaineering Center, 710 10th Street, Golden

UPCOMING EVENTS

Windy Peak

March 11 @ 7:45 am - 2:00 pm

Windy Peak Outdoor Lab School, 20973 Wellington Lake Road, Bailey

Windy Peak is Jefferson County's Outdoor School, located near Bailey. West Denver TU teaches classes in conservation, stream entomology, and fly tying. Email Mark Story, mastory@comcast.com to sign up.

Fly Tyers' Night Out

March 17th, 7:00pm to 8:30pm

Discovery Tap Room, 4990 Kipling Street, Wheat Ridge

West Denver TU and Discovery Tap Room are hosting a fly tying night on the third Tuesday of the month, from September through June.

Windy Peak

March 17 & 18 @ 7:45 am - 2:00 pm

Windy Peak Outdoor Lab School, 20973 Wellington Lake Road, Bailey

Windy Peak is Jefferson County's Outdoor School, located near Bailey. West Denver TU teaches classes in conservation, stream entomology, and fly tying. Email Mark Story, mastory@comcast.com to sign up.

Nature Non-Fiction Book Club

March 25 @ 6:00pm - 7:00pm

American Alpine Club Library, the Am. Mountaineering Center, 710 10th Street, Golden

Join fellow nature lovers to discuss books that explore our relationship with nature. The selections for March are *Confessions of a Barbarian* by Edward Abbey and *The Land of Little Rain* by Mary Austin. Join us on Wednesday, March 25th from 6-7pm in the library of the American Alpine Club in the basement of the American Mountaineering Center, 710 10th St. For more information and book selections, please visit www.PackAnimalMagazine.com/bookclub.php

April Chapter Meeting

April 1 @ 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Am. Mountaineering Center, 710 10th Street, Golden

Fly Tyers' Night Out

April 21th, 7:00pm to 8:30pm

Discovery Tap Room, 4990 Kipling Street, Wheat Ridge

West Denver TU and Discovery Tap Room are hosting a fly tying night on the third Tuesday of the month, from September through June.

Nature Non-Fiction Book Club

April 22 @ 6:00pm - 7:00pm

American Alpine Club Library, the Am. Mountaineering Center, 710 10th Street, Golden

Join fellow nature lovers to discuss books that explore our relationship with nature. The selections for April are *A Sand County Almanac* by Aldo Leopold and *Wilderness and the American Mind* by Roderick Frazier Nash. Join us on Wednesday, April 22 from 6-7pm in the library of the American Alpine Club in the basement of the American Mountaineering Center, 710 10th St. For more information and book selections, please visit www.PackAnimalMagazine.com/bookclub.php

Fly Tyers' Night Out

May 19th, 7:00pm to 8:30pm

Discovery Tap Room, 4990 Kipling Street, Wheat Ridge

West Denver TU and Discovery Tap Room are hosting a fly tying night on the third Tuesday of the month, from September through June.

Nature Non-Fiction Book Club

May 27 @ 6:00pm - 7:00pm

American Alpine Club Library, the Am. Mountaineering Center, 710 10th Street, Golden

Join fellow nature lovers to discuss books that explore our relationship with nature. The selections for May are *Erosion: Essays of Undoing* by Terry Tempest Williams and *On Trails: An Exploration* by Robert Moor. Join us on Wednesday, May 27 from 6-7pm in the library of the American Alpine Club in the basement of the American Mountaineering Center, 710 10th St. For more information and book selections, please visit www.PackAnimalMagazine.com/bookclub.php





Fish the Legendary Private Water of Rainbow Falls' Private Trout Club

by Art DiMeo

Join WDTU for a memorable day of fly fishing at the legendary Rainbow Falls Mountain Trout Club on March 14, 2020 from 8:00 a.m. until dark.

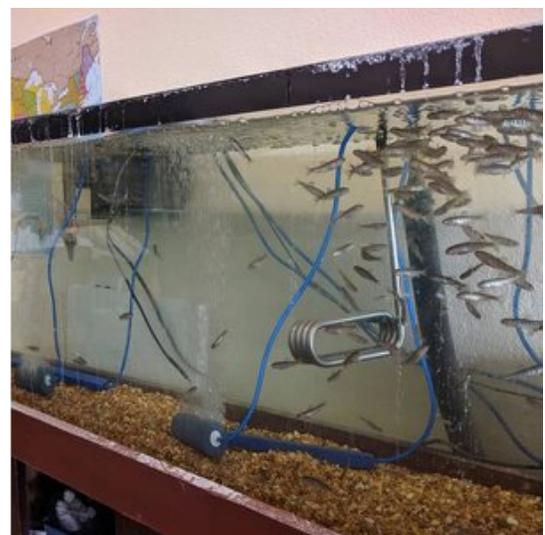
According to CEO and founder Richard Johnson, “Nearly anyone you talk to has their own memories of fishing at Rainbow Falls. As Colorado’s oldest trout hatchery, we have been raising trout and stocking the lakes for over 136 years. With its nine lakes, and nearly one mile of stream, the possibilities are endless. What separates Rainbow Falls from other areas is the Big Spring, which produces a constant 51-degree flow of water channeled through our trout raceways, where we raise over 10,000 new trout year-round. This runs into our Spring Lake (which never freezes), then into two more lakes before joining our Trout Creek lakes downstream. Our unique combination of Trout Creek and the Natural Spring provide all of Rainbow Falls’ lakes and streams with constant water flow year-round. We practice catch and release on

all lakes and streams. All our lakes are stocked and provide a wide variety of fishing experiences.”

Rainbow Falls is located between Deckers and Woodland Park, CO in a canyon adjacent to the Pike National Forest. The season typically begins on April 1st, so this is your chance to be the first this season to hook-up with some hungry trophy-sized trout.

Thanks to the efforts of trip coordinator Matt Rivera, the Rainbow Falls outing has been an overwhelming success for the part four years. This trip is fly-fishing only and is unguided; bring your own equipment. The cost is \$200/pp. Included is your choice of either a steak or chicken dinner prepared by a team of WDTU volunteer cooks. Car pooling is encouraged. Space is limited, so reserve your spot now by contacting Matt Rivera at 303-204-5069.

For more information, check out <https://rainbowfallsmt.com>; https://youtu.be/y_a6HrgzWXo.



Trout in the Classroom

by Dennis Wiles

West Denver Trout Unlimited has been working with Kunsmiller Science teacher Tanner Cheek on Trout in the Classroom. We will have an Education Day Seminar on March 19th.

Trout in the Classroom has been a challenge this year. The trout eggs from the Federal Hatchery in Montana have not hatched into small alvins as anticipated. The hatch rate has been very low. This seems to be a problem with the eggs delivered in 2019. This has not stopped the kids from continuing to feed and test the water quality.

WDTU also has a tank in Denver Berkeley School. They have had a little better luck with the eggs hatching into alvins but the success rate is still low. I talked to the Clear Creek biologist and he agreed to give us brown trout eggs from below Georgetown for the Trout in the Classroom projects for next fall. We hope this results in better hatching rates.

On the Education Day, we will have about 130 6th graders split between three classes. Every hour the classes will rotate. River Watch has agreed to help with the classes. Michaela

Taylor will handle a class on why River Watch exists and the benefits of the testing.

Class #1: River Watch Class

Michaela will bring the River Watch Testing Kits. The kids will be instructed on how to complete a few tests and the kids will then complete tests from water samples.

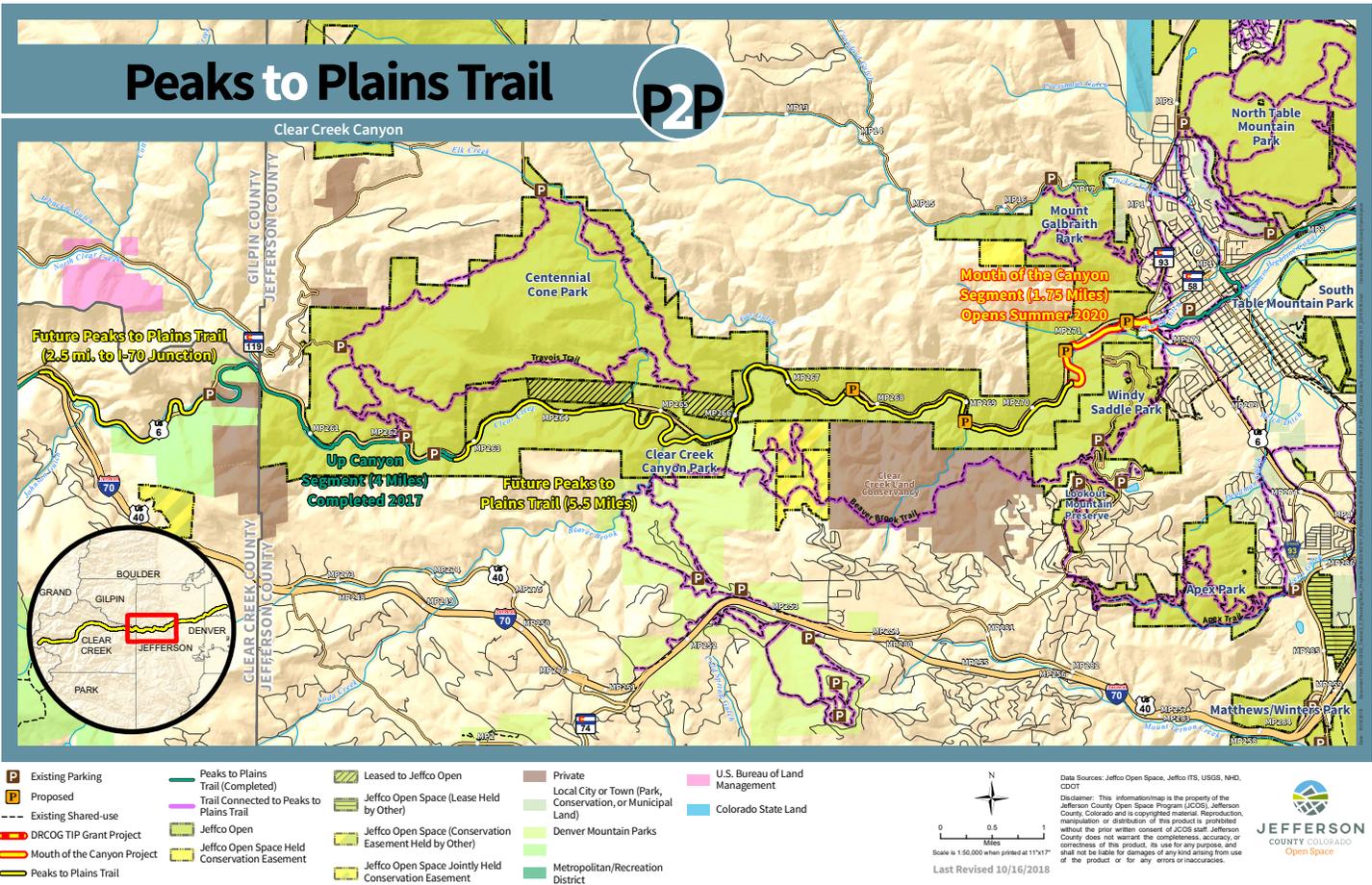
Class #2: Fly Tying

The kids will be instructed on how to tie a worm fly. The kids will then use the tying vises and complete a fly that they can take home.

Class # 3: Greenback Trout

The kids will learn about the Colorado State Trout (the Greenback Trout) and will learn about the species' history. We have a video and a Greenback Trout game for the kids to play.

WDTU will have ten volunteers helping with the classes and River Watch will have four people helping.



Peaks to Plains Trail

by John Semich

The multi-use trail section at the beginning of Clear Creek Canyon at Hwy 6 and 93 in Golden is currently being constructed. Two river crossing bridges are also being built.

This one and a half-mile trail section for entry into the canyon should be completed around spring 2021 or earlier. There is a linking four-mile section to the west that needs to be funded by Clear Creek County that will tie into the existing Mayhem Gulch trail section. We will have an opportunity to

comment on river access, along with rock structures, once the trail grade is backfilled to the desired elevation.

There will also be two parking lots with electricity and flush toilets. The canyon road will be improved with slow-down lanes, a 140-car lot off 6th Ave and Hwy 93 at the entrance, and a forty-car lot about half-mile to the west. A one-mile hiking trail loop up to and around the 1870-era stabilized wooden aqueduct will also be constructed.

Volunteer Opportunities

by John Semich

WDTU Board members Ed Calmus and John Semich met at Lakewood's Bear Creek Lake Park to discuss a partnership with the Park and the city of Lakewood for volunteer assistance at some events.

The first event is Let's Go Fishing at Cottonwood Park, Saturday June 6th, 2020 from 9am until noon (the lake is by Kipling and Jewell, just east of Burger King and Discount Tire on Kipling, south of Jewell).

This will be similar to last year's Arvada Days, with fifty kids needing assistance. They request up to fifteen volunteers for this event. Lakewood provides the tackle, bait, and check in table. We can have a promotional tent/table to provide information on our chapter and for assistance.

The second event is Lakewood's Let's Go Camping program Saturday, June 13th, 2020 from 2pm until 6pm. The Park has forty-seven camp sites reserved for first time campers and those families not usually able to participate in outdoor events. Typically, they draw about two hundred people to this annual program. The city provides the participants with camping gear, camp sites and food, along with an introduction to fishing, archery, and other sports. Lakewood also provides the fishing gear and bait. Fishing is held at Turtle Pond inside of the Park, not the main lake.

We are asked to provide up to ten volunteers for fishing assistance and a fly-fishing demonstration. There will be booths from Parks and Recreation, some equipment providers, the fire department, etc. We can have an informational table/booth for assistance and WDTU chapter promotion.

The following link is a Youtube video describing the camping program. (<https://youtu.be/LLVfDWaVmFo>)

To view many of the Parks' outdoor programs, see: <https://www.lakewood.org/Government/Departments/Community-Resources/Parks-Forestry-and-Open-Space/Park-Programs-and-Events>

These events will hopefully help promote West Denver TU to local residents and possibly new members and/or volunteers. Those TU members in Lakewood and Golden in particular are encouraged to pitch in and help make this initial paring with the City of Lakewood beneficial to all.

Please contact John Semich with any questions and to volunteer for either or both events. (Cell: 303-550-1380, Email: johnsemich@comcast.net)

Volunteer to Fly Fish for Science in Yellowstone National Park

by Paul Bunker

“Volunteer? Whatever you do, kid—never, ever volunteer for anything!”

I remember those words of wisdom that a crusty ol’ tech sergeant gave me and a few other new Air Force recruits some forty-five years ago as we sat around at beer call on a Friday afternoon.

Fast forward some thirty years later, and there my wife and I stood in “volunteer heaven” along the banks of Soda Butte, surrounded by the majestic Beartooth and Absaroka mountain ranges in the northeast corner of Yellowstone National Park (YNP). All we “had” to do was fly fish for science and catch fish to help the Park’s Fisheries Office determine the health of the upper Lamar River drainage. If only that crusty ol’ tech sergeant could see what I did with his advice!

Once again, my wife and I are making plans to volunteer in 2020 and we hope you will be able to join us. But first, a little more about the YNP Volunteer Fly Fishing Program.

The Program Starts

In 2002, due to the limited amount of resources available (financial, time, and personnel) to accomplish the many research projects, the Park’s Fisheries Office created the Yellowstone National Park Volunteer Fly Fishing Program. Essentially, “citizen scientists” from around the country were recruited to come to the park and fly fish for science. Projects selected by the Park’s Fisheries Office ranged from fishing remote headwaters to collecting fin/scale samples to catching native yellowstone cutthroats, non-native rainbows, and hybrids in the Lamar River drainage to helping biologists determine movement and spawning sites.

Program Overview

Volunteers come to the park at their own expense, and typically spend up to a week “working” with the program, though some “labored” for only a day or two. Volunteers bring their own bedding (sleeping bags) and necessary gear and purchase their own park fishing permit. Volunteers are

also responsible for providing their own meals, either self-prepared or purchased at nearby Lake Hotel/Fishing Bridge cafeterias.

Before hitting the waters, volunteers meet with the program coordinator who outlines the projects the Park’s Fisheries Office have selected for them to accomplish. A typical day starts around 7am, depending on the “worksites” location and the amount of anticipated driving time. Once at the site, the volunteers gear up and hit the waters. The coordinator records catch data, takes fin/scale samples, and monitors all project activity. Once complete, everyone heads back to get ready for the next day’s “work” project.

Projects

After our first project in 2006, my wife and I were hooked, literally and figuratively, on the program. Our “job” was to hike four to five miles up Trout Creek, a small tributary on the Yellowstone in Hayden Valley in the area where no fishing is allowed because of wildlife activity. Once at the headwaters, our “job” was to catch resident fish and take fin/scale samples to determine genetics of the population.

Our final project with the program occurred in 2016, when we assisted a Montana State University doctoral student in catching native YCT, non-native rainbows, and hybrids in the Lamar River drainage. The volunteers had the tough job of catching the fish. The project provided an accurate mapping of fish movement with eventual discovery of spawning beds, allowing park biologists to possibly slow and stop the hybridization between native cutts and the non-native rainbows.

Going Forward

So now we need volunteers to step up and volunteer to fly fish for science for the 2020 season. Spaces are limited but drop-ins are welcome. If you are interested in participating and would like more information, please contact Paul Bunker via email at pnsbunker@comcast.net.

Greenbacks Need Cold Water, But Not Too Cold

by Rick Dornfeld

It is our good fortune at West Denver TU to be located right where greenback cutthroat restoration is taking place. The Clear Creek tributaries named Herman Gulch and Dry Gulch have received a lot of attention from the US Forest Service and Colorado Parks and Wildlife for the restoration of our state fish. And, we too have been part of the action, responding admirably when the agencies have asked us to help monitor water temperature, catch and remove non-native trout, assist with electro-shocking removal of trout, and backpack bags of little greenbacks up the trails to their new homes.

It is the first job—water temperature monitoring—that is the subject of this article. More greenback restorations are planned for the future in different Clear Creek tributaries. The selected locations must meet several criteria for restoration suitability, and one of those is water temperature. Trout need a certain level of “warmth” in order to spawn successfully. There have to be at least thirty days of not-too-cold water to get trout in the mood to spawn and then to lay and fertilize eggs in the creek bed. The US Forest Service has already determined that Grizzly Creek near Bakerville does not meet the stream temperature threshold for trout spawning, so it is off the list for greenback restoration.

Last year, the Forest Service entrusted WDTU with the job

of monitoring stream water temperature in other Clear Creek tributaries. Here’s how it works: stream temperature data loggers, about the size of a wrist watch, are placed in stream beds. The loggers automatically record a water temperature reading every hour. You can imagine how efficiently this works to collect valuable data, compared to a biologist with a thermometer and a clipboard. WDTU volunteers go to the logger sites two or three times during the ice-free months. The stored temperature data are off-loaded onto a data collection “shuttle” carried by the volunteer, and then the data loggers are re-deployed in the stream bed. Back in the office, the collected temperature data are transferred from the shuttle to computer software for analysis. The Forest Service does the analysis and then provides feedback information to WDTU on which tributaries deserve more attention and which tributaries don’t make the cut. So far, we know that Mad Creek near Empire is on the edge of not making the cut. Mad Creek may not have enough warmth to support trout spawning. So there is a “red flag” on Mad Creek for greenback restoration. It may be that Mad Creek does not justify any further expenditure of agency time and money for greenback restoration. If we at WDTU can help the Forest Service make that call, well, that’s a good contribution to the cause.

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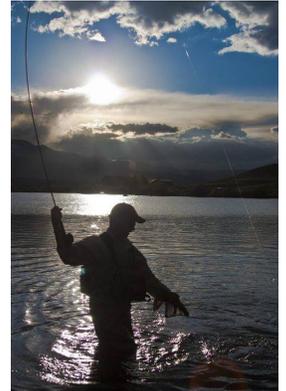


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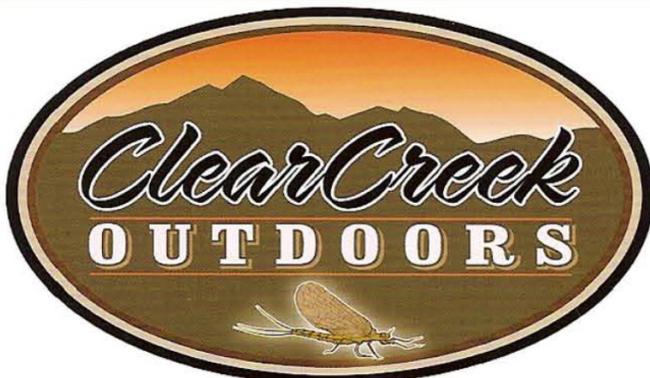


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West Denver Trout Unlimited

The West Denver Chapter, Trout Unlimited (WDTU, TU chapter #130) is a member-driven 501(c)(3) organization whose mission is conserving, protecting, and enhancing Colorado’s coldwater fisheries through volunteerism, education, and outreach.

WDTU was founded in Colorado in 1974, and now has over 900 members across western metro Denver, including Lakewood, Golden, Morrison, Englewood, Littleton, Wheatridge, and Arvada. Our conservation and community outreach projects include the restoration and water quality monitoring of Clear Creek, Jefferson County school programs, and Joseph’s Journey. The chapter’s membership meets regularly at the monthly chapter meeting (except July). These meetings are free and open to the public.

WDTU’s governance also relies directly upon its members, who generously volunteer their time and effort to achieve the chapter’s mission. The WDTU Bylaws provide details on the chapter’s governance. The chapter’s Board of Directors has a board meeting every month (separate from the chapter meeting). Members are welcome to attend board meetings and are encouraged to volunteer to be an Officer or Director.

A Note About Email Address Changes

Please notify us whenever you change your email address, snail mail address and/or telephone number so we can communicate with you quickly and efficiently.

Linda Miyamoto sullimoto@gmail.com

WDTU Shirt Logo

Jackie Edwards has made arrangements with a vendor to have an official WDTU logo imprinted on your shirt for just \$5. This program was initiated several years ago and has gained popularity. You simply need to bring your shirt to the next Chapter meeting and give it to Jackie. She will take care of the rest.

WDTU Chapter Board Meetings

Note:
Chapter Meetings are held at the American Mountaineering Center, 710 10th Street, Golden, Colorado 80401
 6:30 - 7:00 PM: Welcoming-Fly Tying Demo
 7:00 - 7:30 PM: Chapter Business
 7:30 - 8:45 PM: Speaker

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