

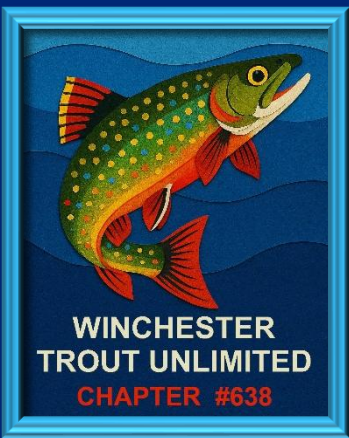
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“You care for the land and water it; you enrich it abundantly.” – Ps 65:9 (NIV)

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Next Winchester TU Meeting

Thursday, 5 November 2026, 7:00 PM
Shenandoah Lodge, Lake Frederick, VA

Winchester TU Priority Waters Meeting

Thursday, 5 November 2026, 6:00 PM
Shenandoah Lodge, Lake Frederick, VA

Project Healing Waters Monthly meeting

Wednesday, 11 November 2026, 6:00 PM
Shenandoah Lodge, Lake Frederick, VA

BarFly

The next Winchester TU BarFly
Wednesday, 18 November 2026
7:00 PM at Escutcheon Brewing Co.
142 W. Commercial Street, Winchester

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Trout in the Classroom: A Brookie Egg Odyssey

by Nick Brognano

photos by Nick Brognano unless
otherwise noted.

This interesting adventure really began well before the dedicated group of TU guys met at around 9:30 AM in a parking lot located in Stephens City.

It all started somewhere in a crowded cold-water fish hatchery outside of Verona, VA, approximately 35 miles away as the bird flies.

It was there where the life of the Brook Trout to be transported to various elementary, middle, and high schools in faraway (as a fish swims) Winchester began.



Admiral Richard E. Byrd Middle School teacher, Diana Weir, unpacks Brookie eggs for her classroom.

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Trout in the Classroom A Brookie Egg Odyssey -- continued

Chuck Hoysa picks up Trout eggs from the hatchery for Trout in the Classroom (TIC). Once the Trout eggs are back in Chuck's house outside of Warrenton, he places about 100 to 200 eggs into a "packet," creating packets for all of the participating schools as well as other programs in Northern Virginia.

Lisa LaCivita, who has been the key person dedicated to this seasonal educational program, drives to Warrenton, collects the newborn Brookie eggs, and returns to Stephens City. She then patiently waits for the delivery fellows to show up. That is a lot of work and time spent. She has been playing this part of a stork for fourteen years. Brittany Miller, contacts various teachers in the schools who are willing to care for the tiny, delicate orphan life forms. Vital detailed fish life instructions are conveyed to the schools, and timely delivery schedules are cemented.



The Winchester Trout Unlimited Brookie Egg Delivery Team included Drew Patterson, Fred Boyer, Peter Dalke of Shenandoah County, Egg Delivery coordinator Lisa LaCivita, Dave Juth, and Tedd Gimber. (note: This photo taken by Nick Brognano was edited by A. I. Copilot)

The soft, round, delicate eggs are no more than a quarter of an inch in diameter and gently packed in about one-by-two-inch paper towel packages. Keeping the eggs at around 55 degrees is crucial and done with ice packed in coolers. The eggs are loosely wrapped and delicately placed in the coolers. The eggs must not touch the ice due to chlorine in the water.

From the big ice cooler resting in the trunk of Lisa's car, she distributed to each member of the delivery team a measured number of egg packages along with two bags of brown-colored grain fish food.

The brown bags are numbered 1 and 2. The first bag is used to feed the fish in their earliest stage followed by the second bag when the Brookies are more developed.

Lisa also hands out printed sheets listing the schools and addresses where we are to deliver the Trout eggs and bagged food. Even though the guys have done this before, Lisa provides clear instructions, nevertheless. We all chat a little and then go our separate ways.

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Trout in the Classroom

A Brookie Egg Odyssey -- continued

Riding with Fred I decided to play an old late Hank Willams Sr. CD I had brought along. He has been called “The Shakespeare of country music” because of his homespun use of prose. Much of his music reflects a personal melancholy marital relationship. I know he is a “Long-gone Daddy,” but his unique voice and lyrics live on, at least in my isolated hillbilly world of music. The songs have absolutely no connection to delivering Trout eggs unless some serious domestic disturbance is prematurely brewing among the Trout embryos.

Laying packed so together, any state of life form would at least feel uncomfortable which made me think of one of Hank’s big hits, “Move it on over.” As we drove onto the open grey highway with the silent infant Brookies comfortably and securely placed on the vehicle’s back seat floor we listened to another old Hank tune, “Lonesome Highway.” The CD has 57 songs. We listened, laughed, and consistently repeated some of the more lugubrious lyrics.

Our first stop was at the Admiral Byrd Middle School. Following Fred I carried the cooler with ice and eggs while Fred carried the two numbered bags of Trout food. I was not prepared to expect the high degree of security one must go through before entry is permitted. Fred spoke into an outside call box identifying himself and me along with the purpose of our visit and the name of the POC. Only then was the locked door clicked open for us to enter. We walked between two vertical scanning posts. Photos of both sides of our driver’s license were taken before a visitor’s pass with photo was given to us. We were escorted to the classroom and marched along a surprisingly quiet hallway until the school bell rang.



That bell signaled pandemonium as simultaneously doors opened and kids suddenly sprang out in a rush. I clung to the Trout eggs and felt I was in the middle of a NYC traffic nightmare. With that country music still reverberating between my ears this old man thought of another song, “We live in two different worlds” as I looked around and saw young kids full of life, energy, and dressed in odd looking clothes. My world is slow, tiring, quieter, and far less fashionable.

Left: Brookie Egg Delivery Day always brings smiles.

Below: Dowell J. Howard Center teacher, Dan Reynolds, (l) receives his school’s Brookie eggs from Winchester TU member Nick Brognano.
photo by Fred Boyer



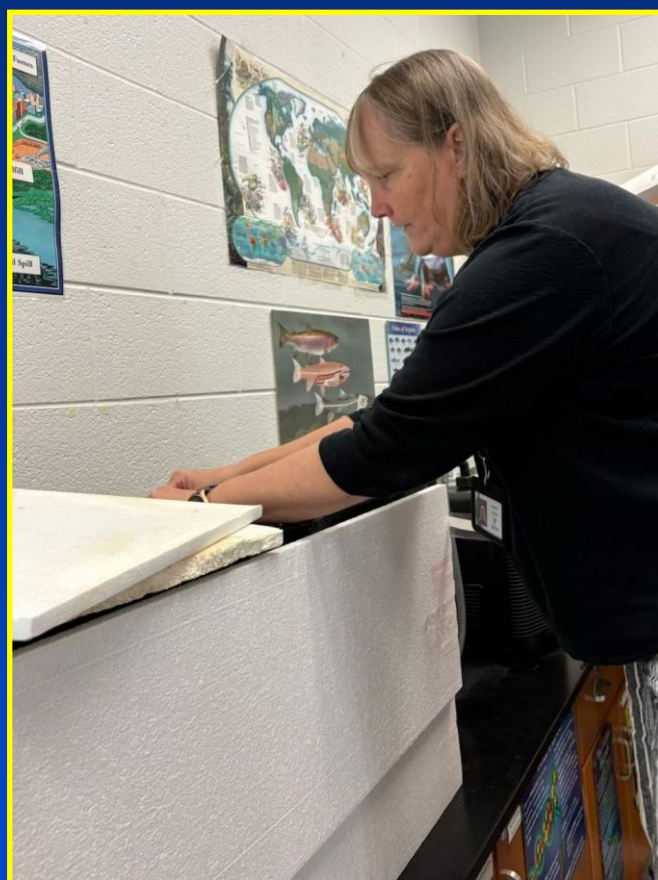
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Trout in the Classroom A Brookie Egg Odyssey -- continued

Once in the relative calmness of a classroom, we deposited the Trout eggs into the water tank. A young group of excited, wide-eyed on lookers full of curiosity surrounded us.

Fred exhibited the eggs before placing them in the fish tank. He explained what to look for in the developmental process from egg to fish. The small aeriated aquariums in all the schools we visited are set at 55 degrees and are displayed in occupied classrooms where the kids can observe daily the life process of a Trout.

The above procedure was repeated at each of the five schools we visited. All the kids I saw were truly interested in this program. Fascination is the best word I can come up with to describe their interest. Somehow and to some degree they will play a part in this Brook Trout story. The importance of feeding the fish as they grow, cleaning the tank when necessary and keeping the water temperature at 55 degrees are lessons of responsibility that can be transferable to a young person's life. Sometime in spring the kids will release the Trout into a stream and watch the small fish swim off into the unknown.



Above: Teacher, Diana Weir places Brookie eggs in the cold-water aquarium at Admiral Richard E. Byrd Middle School

Below: Daniel Morgan Intermediate School students crowd around Winchester TU volunteer, Fred Boyer, as they prepare to place the Brookie eggs into the specially prepared cold-water aquarium in their classroom.



The baby Brook Trout grown in the security of a tank full of clean, clear water free from predators will swim away into the wild and its life will change. I imagine some of the children watching this anticipated sendoff will be excited, others less so if "Pet attachment" took place. When that final moment arrives, I wonder if any of the children will identify with the tiny Trout and see their own eventual send off into the unknown.

This simple TU program is more than what it appears. As the Trout egg develops in a glass container full of clean water, so does the child's understanding of nature develop. The importance and respect for a clean environment without which no Trout can survive can be an added benefit. It is an excellent learning opportunity to teach by simple observation and involvement with minimal adult guidance.

Ctrl-click on the link below for more information on the program.

[Trout in the Classroom – Connecting students with watersheds](#)

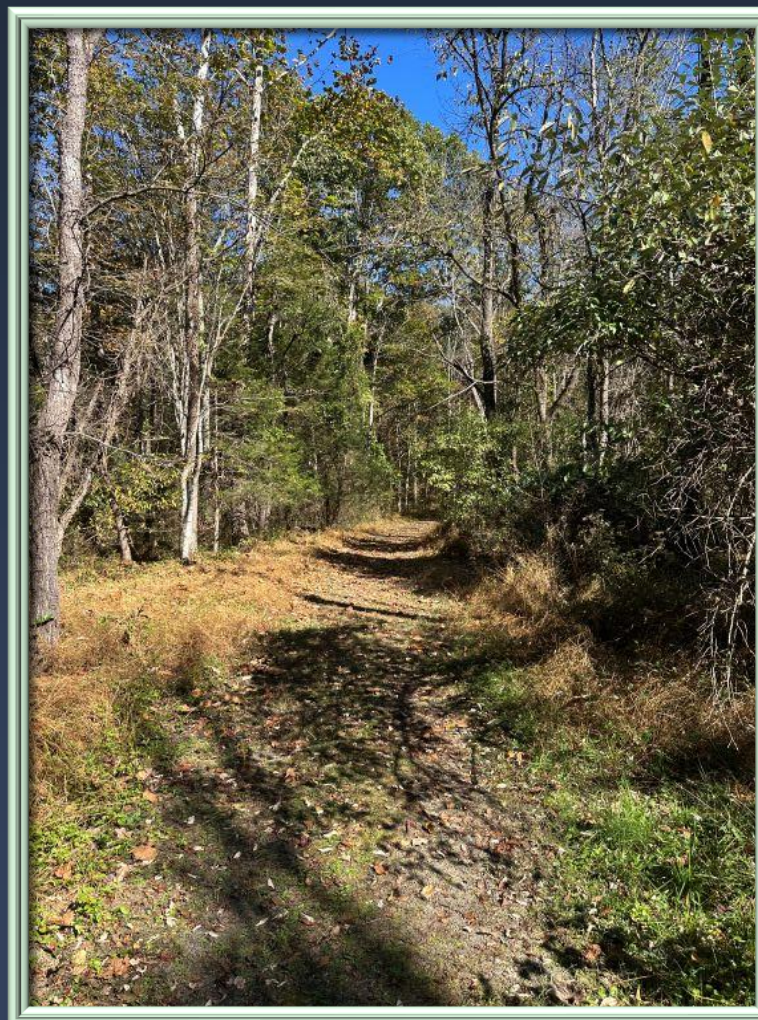
Next year I hope to do what I did this year with Fred and repeat our performance of delivering Trout eggs. I will try to remember to take along my "That's Life" Sinatra CD.



Winchester Priority Waters: Part 1 of 2

The Hunt for Redd, October

article and photos by Michael Lawler Smith



A walk along a woodland stream is one of the very best joys of the fall season. For quite a few years now, I have tried to make a special quest to spot those disks of bright gravel that indicate a trout spawning nest, or redd.

Fall spawning fish have long intrigued me. I was very young, certainly of what we would now call middle-school age, when I first read about brook trout and brown trout being fall spawners. It struck me as quite an anomaly.

After all, birds nest in spring; spring is the veritable rebirth of life. And in the Ohio Valley of my youth, certainly its native fishes – smallmouth bass, rock bass, longear sunfish, among others -- clung rigorously to what I regarded as their obligate duties of spring.

Left: “A walk in the October woods is always a delight for the writer ...”

Below: “...Especially when the path turns to parallel a native brook trout stream. Even at their lowest flow of the year, such waters can cast a spell.”

But as I learned early on: trout are different. Whereas the bluegill I fly fished for in long ago farm ponds made abundantly obvious the scope and visibility of their often vast spawning beds – dozens of rings, if not scores – covering nearly all shallow embayments. Trout, I read in my youth, tended to be less conspicuous overall. I have found that to be true.

A recent stroll along a small stream I favor once again rewarded me with a pleasant walk. But no redds observed. The disappointment was mild and fleeting. It is as quirky a creek as they come. Yet brook trout therein successfully reproduce their kind, a source for me of perpetual gratitude.

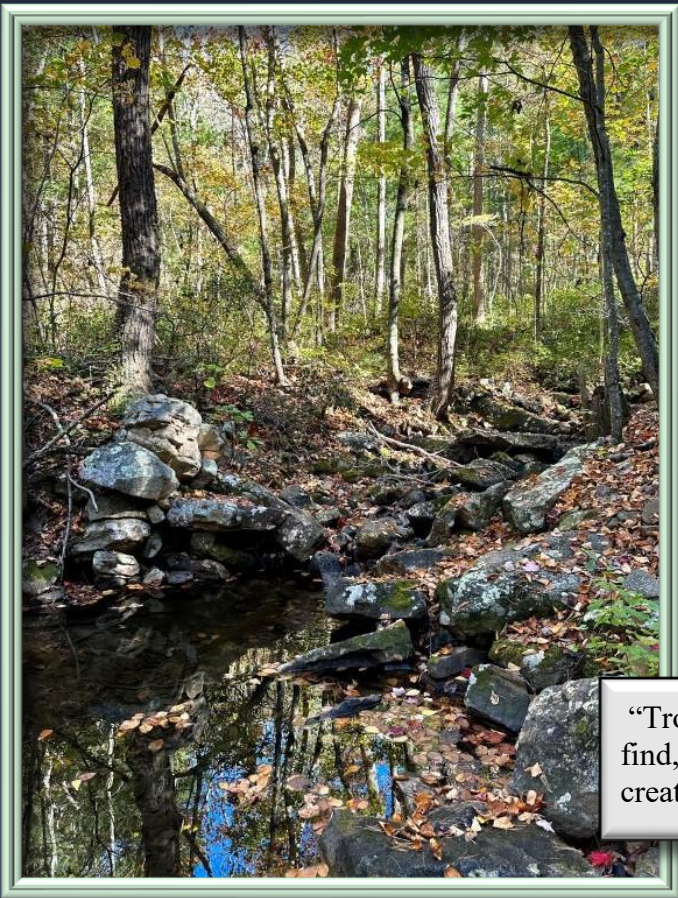
The literature on redds is reasonably robust. Trout Unlimited certainly is a trusted source. So, too, the Wild Trout Trust of the UK, whose channels on Vimeo and YouTube offer some fascinating coverage of their projects to improve spawning habitat. Researchers and trout conservationists on both sides of the Atlantic seem to concur that preferred gravel size for successful trout spawning sites range from about a ¼” to 1 ¾” in diameter. Smooth stones preferred, thank you (commercial crushed rock with its jagged edges would be less than ideal).



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Winchester Priority Waters: Part 1 of 2

The Hunt for Redd, October -- continued



Research has also disclosed that the rate of flow is very important, too. The current's velocity generally ranges between 0.7 to 2.3 feet per second. Trout prefer to construct redds in pretty shallow to moderately deep water, typically ranging from 4 to 20 inches deep. The water must be deep enough to fully submerge the spawning fish and protect the nest from freezing or drying out (kind of a tall order in times of climate change). Silt is forever the enemy.

I recognized during my October streamside stroll I may have been a tad early to spy a redd. Scientific literature available for Virginia seems to suggest the peak spawn for our latitude to be roughly mid-October to mid-November. Emphasis on "roughly." Variables include elevation, precipitation, and ease of passage for fish to reach preferred spawning habitat.

"Trout redds can be difficult to find, even more elusive than the creatures that created them."

My personal history in spotting redds is checkered. I saw my first when I lived in Colorado in the mid-1990's. It was in Bear Creek upstream from Morrison, CO. When I realized what it was, I did a double take. I had no camera on me (ah, that pre-iPhone era!), nor a hiking companion to share my excitement. But I counted that outing one of my most thrilling winter hikes up to that time. The following year I thought I spotted a "possible" near the tail-out of a small pool on the Middle Fork of Boulder Creek. Again, a genuine thrill to behold.



"A little native stream in Amherst County. One of the most likely redd discoveries I have had in Virginia. This site was an early November find."

My subsequent quests here in the east have been no less avid, but nowhere nearly as rewarding. I have spotted many redds in the Salmon River upstream of Pulaski, NY, as well as in its tributaries and other small creeks in the vicinity. Nearly all of these were salmon and steelhead redds. Invariably, it is my guide who spots them first and steers me (his aging and clumsy client) to a safer path.

My success in Virginia has been very, very limited. But a decade ago, during a hike along a beloved (but battered) little creek down in Amherst County, I came upon a "too good to be true" photo opportunity. In disbelief, I snapped away at what I can only assume was indeed a redd. Was it viable? Did it succeed to yield a crop of natives? I wish I knew.

My recent reconnaissance to a favored little stream yielded no secrets. If there were redds, they eluded me. But that really didn't leave me disappointed. Everything I have learned – or relearned – about our native trout over recent years has left me impressed with its guile, hardiness, and capacity to surprise.

Speaking of surprises, I just happened to have a small Tenkara rod in my daypack that day. Why not, I thought. Just a few casts. My expectations were dialed even lower than they had been for a redd sighting. But wonder of wonders, a connection was swiftly made, a briefest of photo sessions ensued, a trout swam free, and I made my way back down the trail, with the gurgle of creek water and crunching leaves resonant in the October woods.

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The Hunt for Redd, October -- continued



“This momentary guest was a total surprise to me -- another delight in the autumn woods.”

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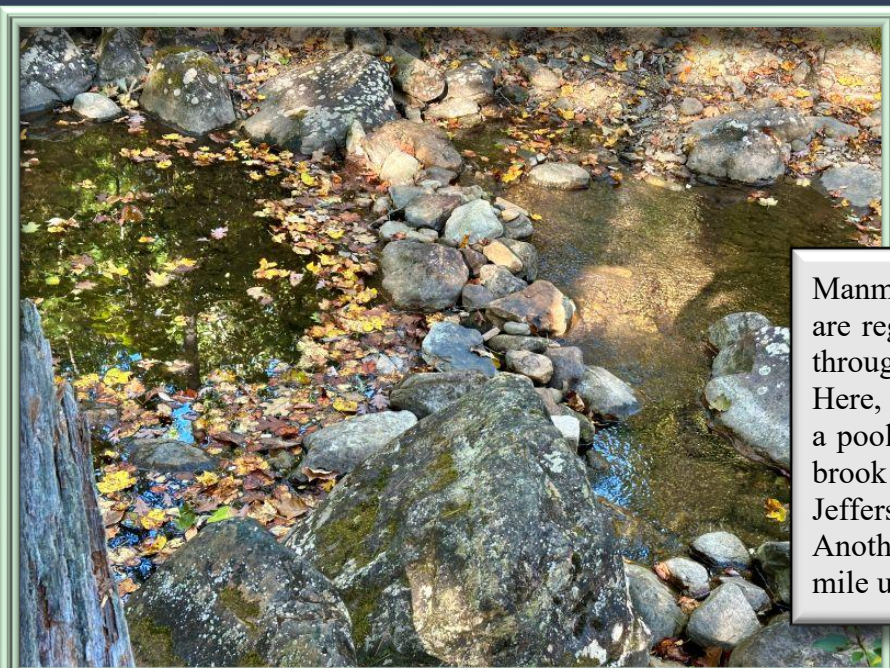
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Glimpses Back and Tasks Going Forward

Prepared 25 October 2026 by the Priority Waters Team from meeting notes by Tedd Gimber.

The Priority Waters team met in a different venue Thursday, 1 October 2026 -- a lecture hall at Laurel Ridge Community College, in advance of the annual joint meeting with the local Audubon Society chapter. Team leader Mike Makufka could not attend, and Mike Smith subbed as the meeting chair for participants Tedd Gimber, Dave Juth, Drew Patterson, and Luke Robins.

The meeting commenced with the review of the 3 September 2026 minutes. Tedd reported that the minutes from last month's meeting were circulated among the participants without any objections or corrections. Luke then moved to approve the minutes, and Drew seconded the motion.



Manmade dams are not unique to Virginia. They are regarded as serious challenges to fish passage throughout the MidAtlantic and New England. Here, we see an ill-considered structure midway in a pool on Little Stony Creek, a special regulation brook trout water in the George Washington & Jefferson National Forest in Shenandoah County. Another such structure was found only a quarter mile upstream.

The first item of business was the review of the dam removal project on Little Passage Creek. The team recounted the work undertaken on 9 September 2026. Luke estimated that the field crew spent approximately two hours to disassemble the dam and pull out the liners the builders had installed. Mike suggested that on our next outing we visit the site of the dam and assess how the stream is flowing.

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Glimpses Back and Tasks Going Forward -- continued

Drew mentioned the possibility of putting up signs, but he was surprised by the cost. Mike explained that the National Forest Service (NFS) needs to produce the signs in bulk to make it cost-efficient. The discussion then shifted to producing our own signs at a significantly lower cost. Mike said he would draft an email for Mike Makufka to send to Dawn Kirk of the George Washington & Jefferson National Forest to inquire if they would approve the installation of a couple of signs if we covered the costs for fabrication and installation. Tedd mentioned that he knows a local sign maker who might offer us a good deal. Drew suggested that the signs should not be formal but rather an informal request from Trout Unlimited asking that dams not be built on the stream. The group agreed the idea had merit and was worth pursuing.

Next Mike reported that the chapter’s presentation to the 19 September 2026 Virginia TU Council meeting at Graves Mountain Lodge was well received and there was a good turnout for the meeting. Mike met Tom Sadler, the Virginia Council Chair. Tom suggested that the chapter reach out to Mark Taylor, the TU Eastern Communications Director, to share the presentation and to see if Mark thought it might be a suitable site for a “show me” visit when the Outdoor Writers Association of America convenes in Roanoke in the summer of 2027.

The group turned its attention to future field dates, and Mike Smith noted there did not appear to be a sufficient number of available volunteers to undertake the scheduled 7 October 2026 water quality monitoring, but that he would census again via email the following weekend. In fact, the field date was postponed until such time when a larger crew could be assured.

Discussion next focused on plans for the 2 December 2026 field activity; and the group agreed that in addition to water quality testing, the time for large woody debris (LWD) assessment was at hand.



Luke checked and said that the ArcGIS Survey123 mobile application we use for Stream Barrier Assessments also has a form for LWD surveys. The group concurred that all should review the LWD documents on the Google Drive. Most indicated that they had already found the documents and were at least familiar with them.

The manmade rock dam / swimming hole along Little Passage Creek prior to its authorized breaching by the Priority Waters crew in September.

Regarding water quality testing and possible outreach to landowners along the lower reaches of Little Passage Creek, Mike Makufka had indicated at an earlier meeting that he might have a link to the landowners along that reach of stream. We discussed a “plan B” in case that didn’t work out. We might end up knocking on doors, likely in the spring, to try and find someone willing to let us access their stream corridor.

In the closing minutes of the meeting, attendees for the joint TU/Audubon meeting had begun to file in, thereby necessitating a hastier pace for the Priority Waters crew to wrap up the meeting. Drew Patterson mentioned that his daughter, Leah, has a classmate at George Mason University who has the training to do electrofishing, and he would like to work with us. In follow up Drew later advised that he had updated him (Mitchell Brooks) that we performed an electro-shocking survey this year and of our current need to focus on wood debris surveys for the next couple of months. But Drew noted to Mr. Brooks that we could look at doing a survey next year.

Mike Smith started to describe an adjunct method to LWD placement he had read about in recent Wild Trout Trust (UK) reports; but since the ambient noise level of arriving guests made hearing difficult for the team, he opted to continue the topic at the team’s next scheduled meeting, 5 November 2026. The Priority Waters meeting adjourned before 6:45 PM.

Date Scheduled for Winchester Priority Waters 2026 Final Field Work Day	
<u>Date</u>	<u>Activity</u>
2 December 2026	Water Quality Monitoring & Large Woody Debris Assessment



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by Wayne White



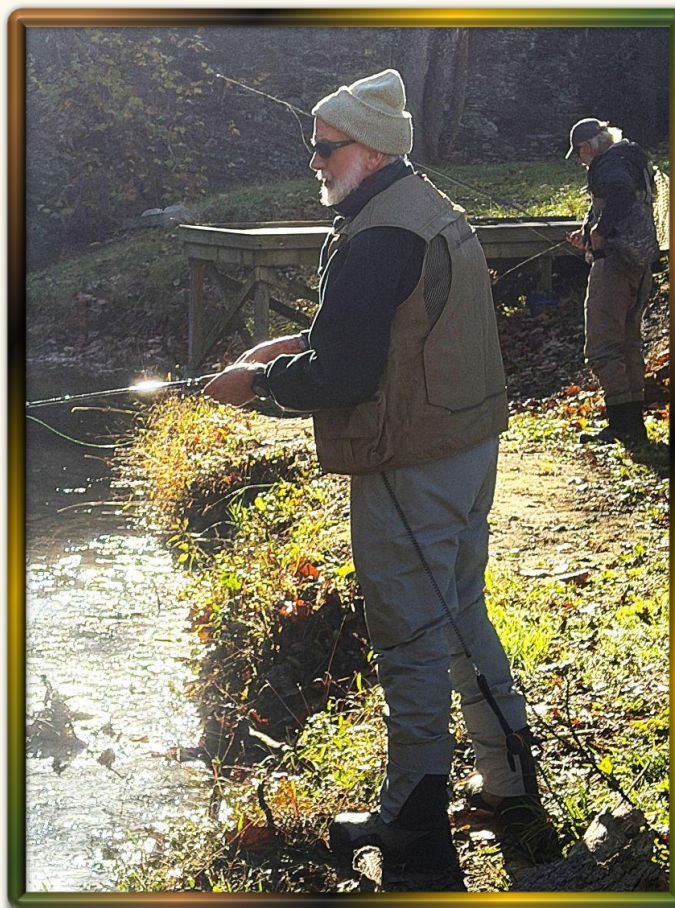
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DOUBLE SPUR OUTFITTERS PROVIDES GREAT FALL FISHING FOR WINCHESTER VETERANS

Beautiful October weather and near-perfect stream conditions greeted Winchester Project Healing Water Veterans for a day of trout fishing on Cedar Creek at Double Spur Outfitters in Star Tanery, Virginia, on 21 October.

While some participants had fished this stream before, it was the first stream-fishing outing for a couple of our new participants. It was a great day, with everyone catching several trout.

However, it wasn't an easy catch-and-release outing. Recent cool temperatures and ideal water conditions kept the stealthy fish feeding selectively, making them hard to outsmart.



After prospecting several sections of the stream with a variety of flies, the volunteer guides identified the best offerings, making for a successful event!

Many thanks to Levi Pitcock, proprietor of Double Spur, who briefed us beforehand on the stream conditions and shared insight into the trout and their current feeding tendencies. Levi is a long-time supporter of Healing Waters, whose hospitality and willingness to accommodate anglers at all levels are a credit to his operation.

Mission BBQ again provided the guides and Veterans with an excellent stream-side lunch. Thanks to Phil Stevens for coordinating the support and for their assistance.

Top Right: The early, cool morning was challenging as we tried to determine where the fish were and what they were feeding on. Kurt Koller (l) works a small nymph as an initial offer, while Drew Patterson sets up a different rig as backup for Kurt. Some of the guides kept two rods rigged to save time when changing flies.

Above Left: The stream flow was about normal for Cedar Creek this time of the year. It offered good runs, with fish holding in seams just off the current. Here, Warren Dudenbostel fishes a two-fly rig under an indicator after spotting fish just downstream from the bridge at the parking lot. He landed two nice rainbows from that spot.

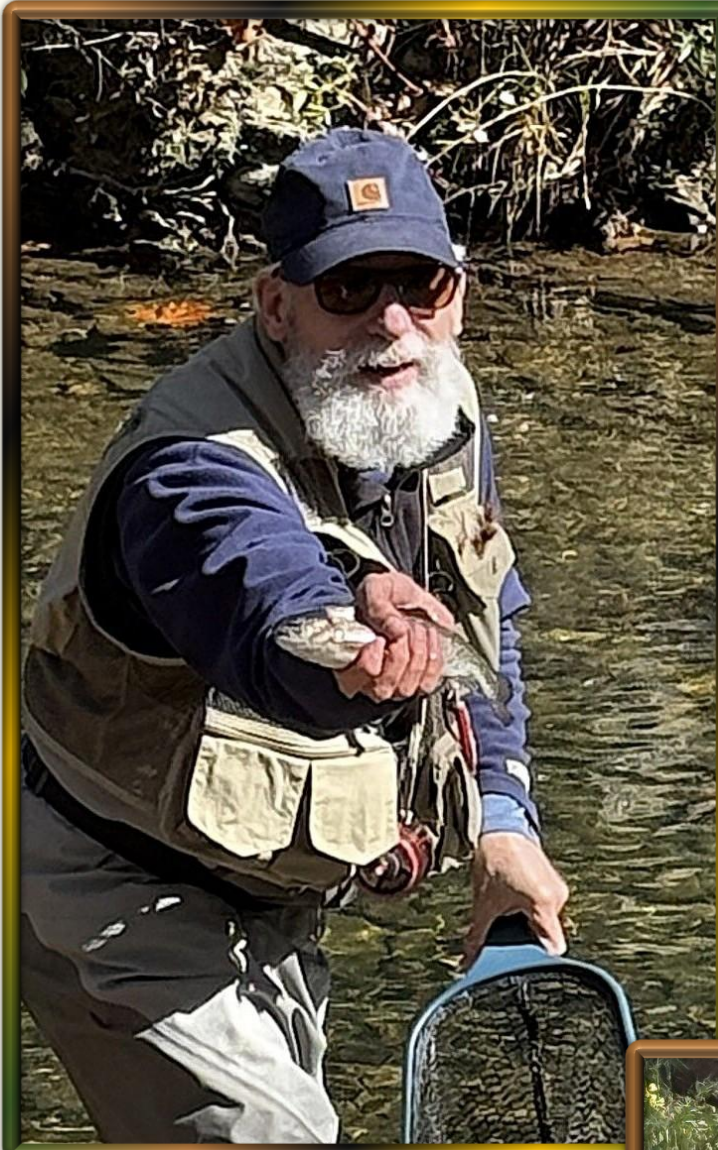
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WINCHESTER HEALING WATERS PHW PART 1 OF 3 DOUBLE SPUR – CONTINUED



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Top Left: Steve Weik is happy to show the first trout of the day. From his previous time with the program at Double Spur, Steve knew the stream structure well and where to find fish.

Top Right: With Phil's direction and guidance, Jeremie Dellapenta lands his first trout of the day. A new participant from the Winchester Program at the Vet Center, this was his first fly-fishing outing. Jeremie and Phil landed four more rainbows that morning. That afternoon, he learned a few valuable lessons about the finer points of fly-rod angling, as he missed some nice hookups.

Right: Volunteer guide Jeb Stewart (r) admires Patrick Whitson's first catch. Under Jeb's coaching, Patrick landed six nice rainbows. This was his first stream fishing outing with the program.

photos by Phil Stevens



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WINCHESTER HEALING WATERS PHW PART 2 OF 3 A NEW NATIONAL WAR MEMORIAL IN TIME FOR VETERANS DAY

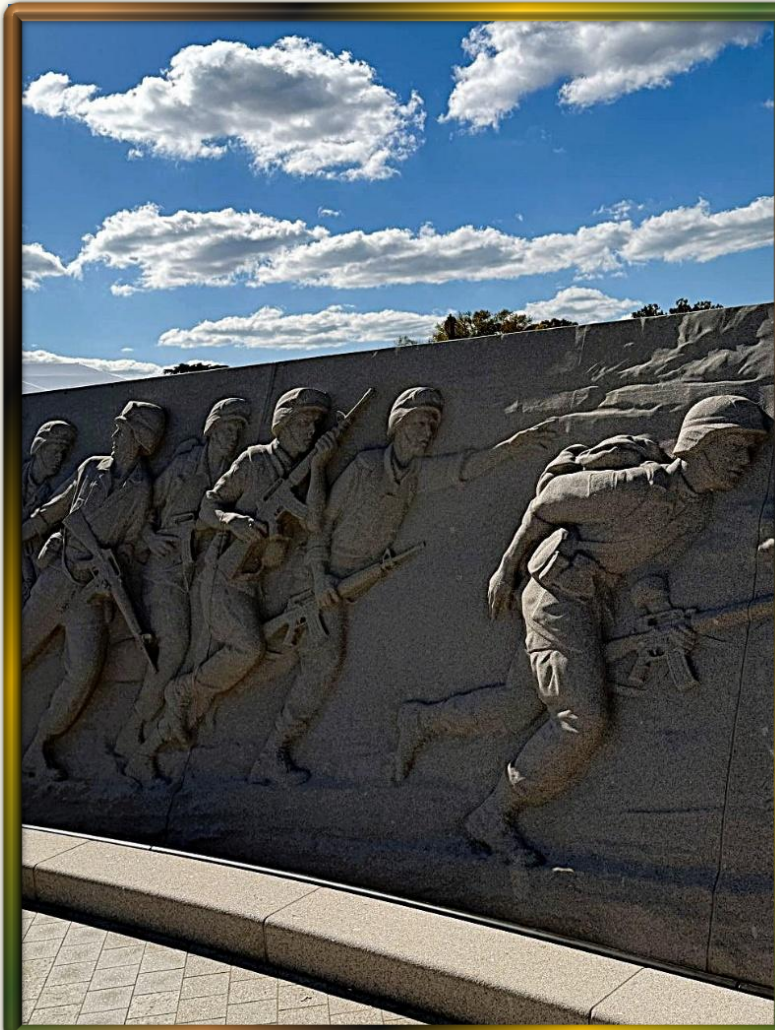
Article and photos by Wayne White



Thirty-Five years following the end of the Gulf War, the Desert Shield and Desert Storm Memorial was officially dedicated on Saturday, 24 October 2026. It honors the approximately 700,000 Americans and the coalition forces who served in the 1990-91 operation that drove the Iraqi army out of Kuwait, liberating the tiny Gulf nation. For the veterans of that war, many of whom attended the ceremony, it is the first national recognition of its kind, and it was long overdue.

Located at 23d and Constitution Ave in Washington, the new memorial sits at the end of the 1991 National Victory Celebration parade held in D.C. in the weeks after the war ended. It joins the national war memorials clustered near the Lincoln Memorial, with views of the Vietnam and Korea walls and the fountains of the World War II Memorial.

The \$40 million project took 16 years, and veterans, families, and donors raised the funding. The project received no federal funding. However, the Kuwait government, grateful for the US-led operation, provided the single largest gift: \$25 million. Veterans of Foreign Wars also contributed a sizeable check for \$500,000, and people personally interested in remembering the war provided smaller amounts.



Above: Wayne and his wife, Cynthia, wait for the Desert Shield/Storm Dedication Ceremony to begin, seated in the overflow section with more than 4,000 other attendees. Wayne served in the First Armored Division during the operations, and Cynthia, like many military families stationed in Europe, stayed with their daughters in Germany during his five-month deployment.

Left: The architecture firm OLIN designed the memorial as a quiet, enclosed space rather than a towering monument. Two walls, shaped to evoke sand dunes, curve around a central area built around three elements. The Storm Wall, with reliefs of the equipment and soldiers, tells the campaign's story, while the Inscription Wall honors the service and sacrifice of those who fought.

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A NEW NATIONAL WAR MEMORIAL – CONTINUED



A pair of Valkyries rise above the end of the Storm Wall. The larger bird, an eagle, represents the United States protecting freedom, followed by a Falcon representing Kuwait's liberation.

The landscape architecture firm OLIN designed the memorial, capturing the vision of Scott C. Stump, a USMC Veteran of the Gulf War and president, CEO, and founder of the Desert Shield and Desert Storm Memorial. Stump envisioned the memorial as a quiet, enclosed space rather than a towering monument. Two walls shaped to evoke sand dunes curve around a central area built around three elements. The central fountain provides a space as a respite for peaceful reflection.

The dedication ceremony was memorable and dignified. In keeping with military tradition, it featured the presentation of the national colors of Kuwait and the U.S., followed by the respective national anthems. Senator Douglas Mastriano (PA), a Gulf War veteran, gave the invocation.

Speakers included Scott C. Stump; Skip Graffam, lead designer; Her Excellency Sheikha Al-Zain Al-Sabah, Kuwait Ambassador to the United States; His Excellency Sheik Abdullah Ali Abdullan Al-Salem Al-Sabah, Kuwait Minister of Defense; and Doug Burgum, U.S. Secretary of the Interior. As a tribute, Mary Ali performed an original song she wrote for the occasion, accompanied by Bob and Clint Moffat.

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A NEW NATIONAL WAR MEMORIAL – CONTINUED



At the center, the Unity Fountain features a 28-foot bronze shield honoring the 39 nations that joined the coalition. With benches around the perimeter, it offers a peaceful place for reflection.

The U.S. flag was raised over the monument for the first official time, and an Army bugler played Taps. Scott Stump then officially transferred the memorial to Secretary Burgum. A representative from the U.S. Park Service and an Army Command Sergeant Major accompanied a Gold Star Mother for the ribbon-cutting at the Memorial entrance.

Following the ceremony, attendees were invited to walk through the new memorial. The architecture and granite reliefs depicting the men and women of those coalition forces tell a vivid story that reflects the magnitude and success of this historic operation. According to Secretary Burgum, about 40 million people visit the Lincoln Memorial each year, and many of them will find their way to this Memorial to remember this piece of military history.

Background for this article is at <https://www.military.com/700000-gulf-war-veterans-finally-get-their-national-memorial-this-fall>

For more information on the Desert Storm Memorial, go to <https://www.ndswm.org/>

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WINCHESTER PROGRAM NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2026 JANUARY 2027

by Wayne White

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PLANNED ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

current as of 25 October 2026

November

- 2 -- 4 -- Regional Trip -- Fall River Bound. (Lebanon, VA)
One participant and one volunteer guide
- 5 -- Vets Center Monthly Meeting, Falling Waters, WVA,
Monthly Meeting 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM
- 11 -- Monthly Meeting Wednesday, Rachel's Kitchen, Shenandoah Lodge,
Lake Frederick, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM.
- 7, 14, 21 -- Rod Building, Rachel's Kitchen, Shenandoah Lodge, Lake Frederick,
from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Selected participants.

December

- 5 -- Christmas Party at Shenandoah Lodge, noon to 3:00 PM
- No Monthly Meetings!

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January

- 4 -- Vets Center Monthly Meeting, Falling Waters, WVA,
Monthly Meeting 6 – 7:30 pm
- 8- 9 -- Virginia Fly-Fishing and Wine Festival and *Women's Symposium*,
Dozwell, VA. This is one of the largest fly-fishing shows in the country, designed
features fly-fishing vendors, related industry businesses, and destination fishing
adventures.
- 13 -- Monthly Meeting, from 6 to 8:30 pm, Rachel's Kitchen, Shenandoah Lodge,
Lake Frederick.
- 16 -- Fly-Tying at Jake's (JBT)

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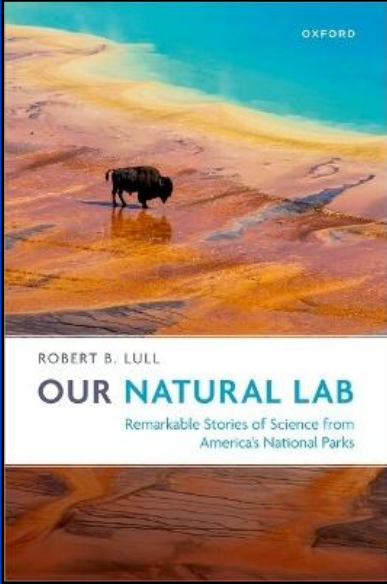
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Our Natural Lab:
Remarkable Stories of Science from America's National Parks

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National parks are lauded as "America's best idea" and celebrated for their cultural history and unparalleled scenery. Yet their illustrious scientific history remains largely untold. How many people know that DNA testing owes its origins to a heat-loving bacterium swimming in Yellowstone's springs? Or how sleep science began when a pair of researchers slumbered for a month in Mammoth Cave?

Our Natural Lab weaves together stories from physics, chemistry, climate science, ecology, biotechnology, anthropology, astronomy, geology, psychology, and traditional ecological knowledge to examine national parks as among the essential settings for science in the history of human inquiry.



The lesson of Our Natural Lab is clear: if we preserve and protect these special places, future generations will continue to write remarkable stories of science in America's national parks.

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Sources: amazon.com and the publishers

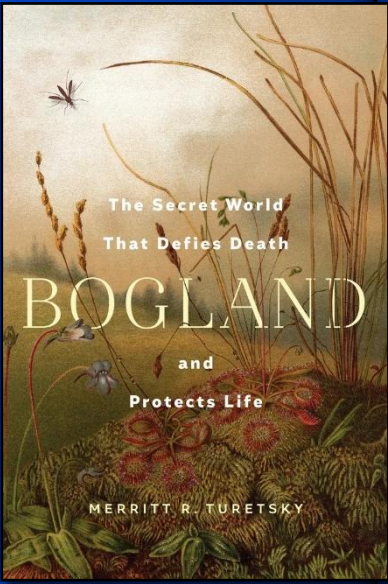
Bogland:
The Secret World That Defies Death and Protects Life

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Not quite land and not quite water, boglands have long been dismissed as wastelands—too sodden to farm, too perilous to cross, too unruly to be considered beautiful. Come closer, however, and a strange truth emerges: These wild, eerie landscapes stretch our minds, hold the history of humanity, and will shape the future of our planet. In Bogland, acclaimed ecologist Merritt R. Turetsky invites readers to discover the elusive magic and surprising power of these misunderstood places, where the boundaries blur between life and death, past and present, refuge and peril.

The debut of an extraordinary nature writer, Bogland is an ode and a call to action: to defend bogs' strangeness and stillness from rising destruction, to value them precisely for their refusal to conform, and to learn from them new ways to adapt, endure, and belong on our changing planet—before it's too late.

Merritt R. Turetsky is a university professor and ecologist. She has served as a science adviser for Eos Magazine and has been featured in Time Magazine and on CNN, PBS NewsHour, and the BBC. She lives in Boulder, Colorado.



"The ecologist Turetsky transports readers deep into the mysterious terrain of the bog—somewhere between land and water—to explore its rich history and ecological importance. From Borneo to Greece to Greenland, Turetsky makes a passionate case for these wetlands as both eerie preservers of the human past and models of symbiotic existence."
— New York Times

Sources: amazon.com and the publishers



Poet's Corner:

Poems selected for the angler

On the Rapids of the St. Lawrence

by *Henrietta Cordelia Ray*

1852-1961

American



Henrietta Cordelia Ray

Ink wash by W.M. Prokopchak © 2026

This ink wash portrait is based on a grave registry photo of Ms. Ray, the only known photo of her.

The gurgling waters foam and play,
And whirl and dash the live-long day
In jets of spray.

They roll and dance, and laugh and
sing,

They are forever on the wing,
A restless thing!

What tale of pathos do they tell,
As onward they tumultuous swell, —
Is it a knell,
A lay of love, or joy or woe,
Enacted in the long ago?
We cannot know!

The emerald waters rage and boil,
And madly whirl in wild turmoil,
Unending toil
Is theirs: they hint of strange unrest,
The foamy waves upon their breast
Seem sore distress.

They leap and toss their mad caps
high,
They rave and plunge and sadly sigh;
Yet to the sky
Their weird antiphonies ascend,
And with celestial anthems blend,
As up they wend.



Winchester TU Monthly “BarFly” Events
Wednesday, 18 November 2026, 7:00 PM
Wednesday, 16 December 2026, 7:00 PM
Wednesday, 20 January 2027, 7:00 PM

Escutcheon Brewery
Commercial St., Winchester, VA



See you at the next
Winchester TU BarFly.

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

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

All participants under age 21 must be accompanied by a responsible adult.



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October photos from
The Big Mo near Craig, Montana.



Calendar of Events

Winchester Trout Unlimited

See also
<http://winchester.tu.org/>

For a calendar of Winchester Priority Waters field days,
please see page 8 of this newsletter.

For the complete Winchester Project Healing Waters calendar,
please see page 14 of this newsletter.

November 2026

Thursday, 5 November 2026
6:00 – 7:00 PM – Priority Waters monthly meeting

Thursday, 5 November 2026
7:00 PM – Winchester TU meeting

Wednesday, 11 November 2026
6:00 – 9:00 PM Project Healing Waters Monthly Meeting Wednesday,
Rachel’s Kitchen, Lodge, Lake Frederick

Wednesday, 18 November 2026
7:00 –9:00 BarFly at Escutcheon Brewery

December 2026

Wednesday, 2 December 2026
Priority Waters Field Day

Thursday, 3 December 2026
6:00 – 7:00 PM – Priority Waters monthly meeting

Thursday, 3 December 2026
There is no Winchester TU monthly meeting in December

Wednesday, 9 December 2026
There is no Project Healing Waters monthly meeting in December

January 2027

Thursday, 7 January 2027
6:00 – 7:00 PM – Priority Waters monthly meeting

Thursday, 7 January 2027
7:00 PM – Winchester TU meeting

Wednesday, 13 January 2027
6:00 – 9:00 PM Project Healing Waters Monthly Meeting Wednesday,
Rachel’s Kitchen, Lodge, Lake Frederick

Wednesday, 20 January 2027
7:00 –9:00 BarFly at Escutcheon Brewery

February 2027

Thursday, 4 February 2027
6:00 – 7:00 PM – Priority Waters monthly meeting

Thursday, 4 February 2027
7:00 PM – Winchester TU meeting

Wednesday,17 February 2027
7:00 –9:00 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.

