

# Little River Chapter

Newsletter

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<http://mywebpages.comcast.net/Littlerivertu/index.html>

## Next Meeting

The next meeting is on the **fourth** Thursday July 25 at 7:00 pm. We are meeting at Monte Vista Baptist Church at 1735 Old Niles Ferry Rd. in Maryville. The church has an entrance on the opposite side of Hwy 129 between the BiLo and the Co-op Gas station.

### Program

Steve Moore with the Great Smokey Mountain National Park fisheries department will be at the meeting to give us up to date environmental conditions on our trout habitat and the brook restoration project. As you know the park service has teams of fishery biologist working with college students and seasonal help to do stream surveys during the spring and summer each year. This is a big undertaking that takes thousands of man hours and many long days in the hardest living conditions in the most remote parts of the park. This is always a highly informative meeting so please bring a friend.

## Steam work

**August 17 - 18** Quarterly Acid Deposition Sample

**September 20 - 22** Abrams Creek Large Stream Monitoring

**September 26 - 28** Little River Large Stream Monitoring

## Fishing Picks

By: Ian Rutter, The heat of summer is definitely here. Along with it come afternoon thunder storms in the mountains. Every afternoon I hear thunder rumbling on the mountains. Some days the rain falls and some days it doesn't. If you're out fishing and this happens, don't pack up and go home. First of all, it may not rain. Just be sure you go to a safe place when the wind picks up. When the rains subside get back out on the water. Some of the best fishing you might have can be right after a summer downpour. Big nymphs are great anywhere. Larger Tellico Nymphs and other stonefly patterns work great in rising water. Those with rubber legs seem to work even better. Streamers also come into their own during these conditions. Clouser Minnows, Mudler Minnows, Woolly Buggers, and Zonkers are all streamers that might attract a nice brown.

If your just trying to dodge the heat, higher elevation streams should top your list of destinations. Two of the "newly opened" brook trout streams are great places to go on a hot day. Walk Camp Prong and Beech Flats Prong were both previously open, just to catch and release on brookies. While brookies are now fair game for the creel in these creeks it is highly likely you will have these waters to yourself. I fished Walker Camp on July 4th without any competition.

## Cosby Creek

As you probably know Steve and Matt opened 4 experimental brook trout streams that were closed. The same rules apply as the main fishing in the park, 5 fish 7 inches or over. I decided to try Cosby Creek on July 2 since it is close to my house and I had never fished in Cosby. To find the trail go to the Cosby entrance to the National Park and drive into Cosby Campground. As you drive through the campground you will see the Low Gap Trail. Take the Low Gap trail for .4 of a mile until you come to a bridge that crosses Cosby Creek. This is where the stream was closed but is now open. If you want to start further up just past the bridge a trail that goes to the Appalachian trail parallels Cosby Creek for a little bit. Cosby Creek is a small stream with a good gradient most of the way with plenty of waterfalls/cascades and small plunge pools. Fishing it is a combination of hiking and rock climbing short casting to small pools and runs. This area is very much like a rain forest with heavy vegetation and rotting trees. Be careful where you step I found many of the places I thought were solid and may have felt that way at first were not. I fished up the stream for a half mile or more, hard to tell climbing in a small stream, until I came to where the stream splits.

There is a huge rock with a large tree growing on top of it. I fished the right fork but from there up the water got smaller and smaller. Unless someone knows better I suggest you stop at the split. I caught 20 or more brookies an one bow, nothing over 5 inches and that might be a pushing it a bit. If you want to fish a newly opened stream with our own Appalachian strain of brook trout I highly recommend it. I applaud Steve and Matt for their opening some of the streams once closed.  
Happy Fishing  
David H. Ray

## Searching the Web

Every once in a while I come across a website that I think will be beneficial to the chapter members especially if they have some information about the fishing in our local area. In trying to find some information about North Carolina trout streams I came across two websites. The first website is Fly fishing NC <http://www.flyfishingnc.com> this one of the best fishing websites I have seen so far. We are lucky that it deals with trout water so close to home. If trying find information on a North Carolina trout fishing this the place to go. The stream section is easy to use with link to maps for each stream you lookup. The Learning Center is a great place to start if you are new to trout fishing, also the Fly fishing video is another great tool for the beginner. Whether you are a expert or a beginner you can spent many hours at this site. The other website is Fly Fish South at <http://www.flyfishsouth.com> This is a web forum site were like minded people like ourselves can go line and talk about anything that has to do with trout fishing. Most of the members are young and new to the sport but they still come up with some pretty interesting stuff. You can also get some good up to date stream information. The website Administrator keeps everything pretty clean.  
Happy Webbing  
Joe

## **Calling All Fly Tyers**

The LR Chapter is looking for members to tie some flies to use as a fund raiser for the chapter. Please bring these flies to our meetings and give them to Roy Hawk. If you have any questions Roy can be reached by phoning 690-4795.

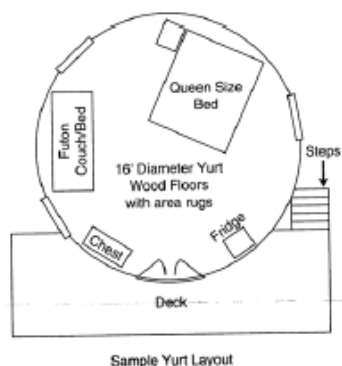
## Falling Waters Yurt Village

<http://www.fallingwatersresort.com>

Have you every stayed in a Yurt? But what is a Yurt? “Yurt is a word of Russian origin describing a circular trellis walled framed tent. The roof supported by a conical or domed frame consisting of a number of ribs radiating from a central wooden wheel to the top of the wall trellis”.



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tain biking area are close by so you might want to take the whole family. If you are interested in building your own Yurt here is a couple of web sites you might like to look at <http://www.yurts.com> and <http://www.nbyurts.com>

I will also post a brochure on the newsletter website.

## Fly of the Month Red Palmer Mayfly

**Sizes** 12, 14, 16, 18

**Hook Type** Extra-fine dry

**Thread** Black 6/0

**Tail** Woodchuck

**Body** red ,orange or green dubbing body palmer with grizzly hackle.

**Wing** White calf tail, upright and divided

**Hackle** None

The Palmer fly has been very effect on the mountain stream in our area. Variation of this fly with the white calf tail wing should make easier to see in lowlight conditions. I found this fly at CC's fly shop in Cherokee N.C. They are tied in red, green and orange colors.





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