

# Little River Chapter Newsletter

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## Next Meeting

The next meeting is on the Fourth Thursday Oct. the 28, at 7:00 P.M. 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 Bi-Lo and the Co-op Gas station.

## Program

**Rocky Cox** from **Southeastern Flyfishers** will discuss fall/winter fishing on the Hiawasse River. Check out his web site

<http://www.southeasternanglers.com>

## Stream work

November  
20-21<sup>st</sup> :Bi-Monthly Acid Deposition Hikes

## Board Meeting

Thursday Oct. the 28, at 6:00 P.M. Before the regular meeting the meeting subjects will be on the Chapter Election, Troutfest, our chapter's resource programs for 2005 calendar year and the Pi Beta Phi Elementary School in Gatlinburg project. All Board Members and Troutfest coordinators need to attend. We have a lot to discuss and plans to finalize for next year.

## Fishing Pick

By: Ian Rutter

October is well under way and it looks and feels like fall in the mountains. Color is very good in the high elevations and things are changing every day around Elkmont, Tremont, and Cades Cove. Overnight temperatures are routinely in the 40's while daytime highs are in the high 60's and might reach 70.

Dry fly fishing remains good in the mountain streams but you'll need to downsize your fly. Fish aren't looking at much that's larger than a #16 and #18's and even #20's might do better if you've got a pod of rising fish spotted. Parachute patterns like an Adams and Blue Wing Olive have been my staple, but searching the riffles and pockets with a similar size Elk Caddis or Stimulator can be productive as well. Beadheads in #16 are the best nymphs right now. Afternoons are fishing best, particularly after a cold night.

Everyone is asking about brown trout right now. They're definitely out eating as they prepare for the spawn. We've seen a few fish paired up, but not over gravel. Things usually get pretty interesting by the end of the month and are rolling in early November.

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## Fishing Pick [ FROM PAGE 1]

Tailwater fishing remains a viable option this fall. Recreational releases on the Clinch have guaranteed that water will remain off until 10 AM on Saturdays and we've seen some Sundays when it was off all day. The South Holston and Watauga currently have the most reliable wade schedules at almost any time of the week. While fishing is tough on the Clinch right now, the South Holston is seeing good olive hatches. If you've got a day to spend fishing, I'd recommend that you watch the extended weather outlook and try to find a drizzly day when the water is off. Dry fly fishing should be superb. The Watauga remains a good, reliable place to find a few willing fish. The Hiwassee is high and pretty tough for anyone without a boat.

## PROJECT FISH GATLINBURG

On Wednesday the 13th of October David Ray and Tom Eustis met with Matt Kulp and Judy Dulin, who is with the Pi Beta Phi Elementary School in Gatlinburg. The purpose was to plan the details for "Project Fish Gatlinburg". Judy Dulin applied for and received a grant to introduce 8th and 9th grade students to the wonderful world of fishing. The grant covered the cost of many things but what is needed are some volunteers from TU. Besides the National Partners there are 6 local Partners including LRCTU, GSMNP, Smoky Mountain Angler, TWRA, TN Environmental Education Assoc. and Pi Beta Phi school.

This exciting project will introduce some 50 young students to fly tying, casting, fish biology and other related subjects. The instruction will be

both in class room and on the stream running from January to June.

The first item on the agenda is a Fly Tying Class to be held on Tuesday, January 18th. The class will begin at 3:00 p.m. at the school. How can LRCTU members help? If you can come and help out with the fly tying class that would be great. If you can't do that but can donate tying materials for tying Woolly buggers that would also be great.

To help out with either or both, please contact either Tom Eustis (681-2688, tqtom@bellsouth.net) or David Ray (436-5083, davidray@mindspring.com). The next event will be in April and you will hear more about it in the meetings and newsletters.

## Delayed Harvest Trout Streams in North Carolina

now is the time to start planing a trip to one of North Carolina's Delayed Harvest trout steams. They are a fun place to take a child or grandchild and have a good chance in catching a trout. Which is a important way to build confidence in their fishing abilities. So find some time to take a loved one and share something we cherish so much. Please use barbless hooks and take care in handing and releasing your catch. For county trout fishing maps go to.

[http://www.wildlife.state.nc.us/pg03\\_Fishin\\_g/pg3a.htm#trout](http://www.wildlife.state.nc.us/pg03_Fishin_g/pg3a.htm#trout) Maps provide anglers a guide to fishing regulations in effect on specific streams.

### Ashe County

Trout Lake

Helton Creek (Virginia state line to New River) [CONTINUED ON PAGE 3]

**Delayed Harvest** [ FROM PAGE 2]

**Burke County**

Jacob's Fork Creek (Shinny Creek to South Mountains State Park Boundary)

**Haywood County**

West Fork Pigeon River (Queens creek at game lands to up stream to lake Logan)

**Henderson County**

North Fork Mills River (game land portion below Hendersonville watershed dam)

**Jackson County**

Tuckasegee River (NC 107 bridge at Love Field to NC 116 bridge at Webster)

**Macon County**

Nantahala River (Whiteoak Creek to NP&L powerhouse discharge canal)

**Madison County**

Big Laurel Creek (NC 208 bridge to the US 25-70 bridge) Shelton  
Laurel Creek (NC 208 bridge at Belva to the confluence with Big Laurel Creek)

**McDowell**

Curtis Creek -(game land portion downstream of the U.S. Forest Service boundary at Deep Branch)

**Mitchell County**

Cane Creek (NC 226 bridge to NC 80 bridge)

**Polk County**

Green River (Fishtop Falls access area to the confluence withCove Creek)

**Surry County**

Mitchell River (0.6 miles upstream of the end of SR 1333 to Kapps Mill Dam)

**Transylvania County**

East Fork French Broad River (Glady Fork to French Broad River)

**Watauga County**

Watauga River (S.R. 1557 bridge to N.C. 105 bridge and S.R. 1114 bridge to N.C. 194 bridge at Valle Crucis)

**Wilkes County**

East Prong Roaring River (mouth of Bullhead Creek downstream to Stone Mountain State Park boundary line)

Stone Mountain Creek (from falls at Alleghany County line to confluence with East Fork Reddies River and Bullhead Creek)

**Fly of the Month**

**Adams Wulff**

**Hooks:** Extra-fine dry fly

**Sizes:** 10, 12, 14, 16

**Thread:** Gray 6/0

**Tail:** Moose body hair

**Body:** Gray fur.

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

**Hackle:** Mixed brown and grizzly; heavy.





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