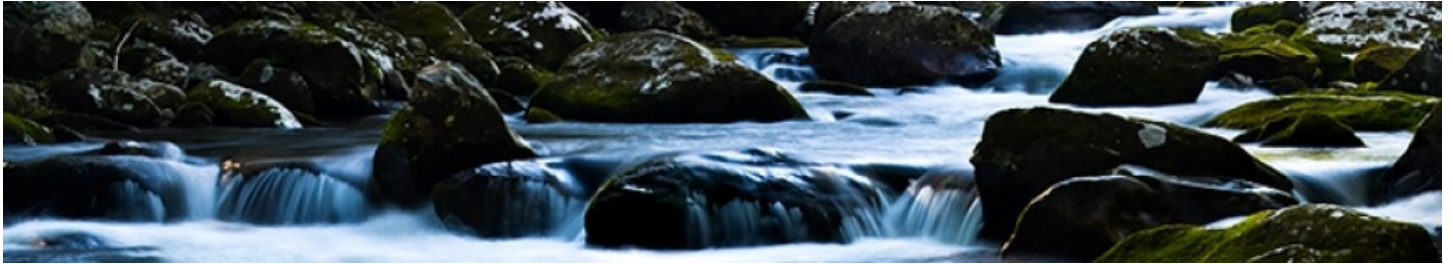


Little River Chapter of Trout Unlimited

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President's Corner

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As I'm writing this article for our monthly newsletter, the shutdown of the U.S. Government is still in place. Obvious to all of us who live in the area, the shutdown has closed the National Parks, including GSMNP. The Parks belong to the American people. Americans created the Park system and it's Americans who have worked so hard to preserve the Parks for future generations. It's a shame that politics can have such a negative impact on the things we love. There has to be a better way to run a railroad. Well, at least the fish are happy without all of us chasing them! And I guess I really no longer have an excuse for not chopping that cord of wood.



On a more positive note....

Hatchery Funding To Remain Open

In a September press release the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, in response to a letter from members of Congress (including Senator Lamar Alexander), announced there are no plans to close mitigation hatchery facilities and that funds would be repurposed to ensure the facilities are adequately funded. An internal USF&WS study raised concerns that the Service planned to close the facilities without public input or approval of Congress.

Ever wonder what's the best tact when you're caught in the middle of a river in a lightning storm. Come to the October meeting and find out! Kirk Harris (a Little River Chapter member) will provide a presentation on wilderness first aid and survival. Kirk will provide information that is critically important to all of us whether we're fishing in a stream next to a road, chasing brookies in the back country or hiking in the Park. This is a program you do not want to miss. And be sure to invite any of your fishing friends who may not be TU members.

Wilderness First Aid & Survival (by Kirk Harris)

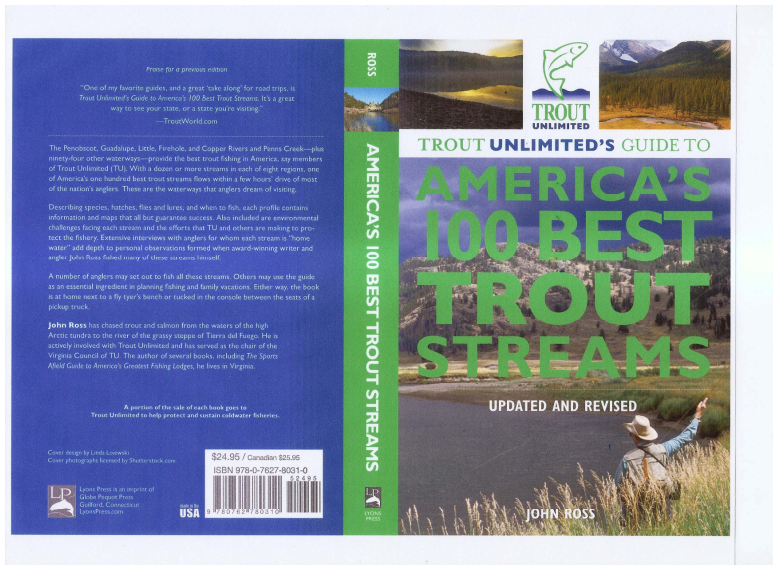
Many thanks to Dane Law (Southeastern Anglers) for a great program last month. His report on fishing in local area streams and a program on trout fishing in Patagonia were excellent.

I hope to see you at the October 24 meeting and the November 16 book signing. As always, if you need anything, please let me know.

Be safe,
Mike

November Book Signing

A new updated version of *Trout Unlimited's Guide to America's 100 Best Trout Streams* is now in distribution. On Saturday November 16, the author John Ross will be holding a book signing at Little River Outfitters. Booking signing hours will be 10:00am – 2:00pm. John has been gracious enough to let the Chapter sell the books at the event with all profits going to the Little River Chapter! This is a great opportunity to meet John, buy a great book and support our local Chapter! And don't forget Christmas is just around the corner! Check out John's bio below.



John Ross is a freelance outdoor writer/photographer whose work appears regularly in *Sporting Classics*. In addition, he is a former chair of the Virginia Council of Trout Unlimited.

Ross is the author of a series of outdoor travel books: *Sports Afield Guide to North America's Greatest Fishing Lodge* (w/Katie Anders), *North America's Greatest Big Game Lodges and Outfitters* (w/Jay Cassell), *North America's Greatest Bird Hunting Lodges and Preserves*, *Great Water: Great Fish – the Worldwide Guide to Fly Fishing*, and the *TU Guide to America's 100 Best Trout Streams*, which won the 1999 National Outdoor Book Award. His second edition of the *TU Guide* was released by Lyons Press in 2005, and the third edition is due out in the spring of 2013.

His newest book, *Rivers of Restoration*, (Skyhorse Publishing, 2008) is an eclectic tour of 21 watersheds – from the Kennebec in Maine, the Guadalupe in Texas, and the Nushagak in Alaska – where TU has made a difference during its first 50 years.

Ross lives in Abingdon, Va. with his Boykin spaniel Hetty and a number of fly rods he used to use regularly before he took up writing.

October Meeting

Wilderness First Aid & Survival for the outdoor enthusiast. Whether you are a backpacker or fly fisherman when you enter the back country you need to be prepared. Your safety net of help and communication has at the very least been delayed due to your desire to play in a remote location. Thus, the need to be prepared for medical and environmental emergencies, as well as self-rescue &

treatment is extremely important. This presentation will cover important preparation and prevention tips applicable to all adventurers!

Kirk Harris is the Director of Continuing Healthcare & Safety Education at Roane State Community College. He is also a flight paramedic and has been a paramedic for thirty-two years. Kirk has used his experiences as an educator & paramedic to create wilderness medicine courses taught at Roane State Community College for the past eighteen years. He is an outdoor enthusiast and loves to fly-fish. Kirk lives in Maryville and can be found flyfishing the Smokies or paddling the lower Little or Powell Rivers with a fly rod on board searching for smallmouth.

We will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall at the Monte Vista Baptist Church. The meeting will start at 7:00pm.

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