

# Little River Chapter

Newsletter

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## Next Meeting



## Fishing Picks

The next meeting is on the Fourth Thursday September, 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

Gary Verholek a long time contributor to our Newsletter, will be giving a presentation on Fishing the Elk River in British Columbia.

From the Editor

Sorry I have been out of pocket this month, my work has been taking up all of my time. I hope to get back to a normal schedule by the middle of October. and find the time to get back on the steam for some work and fishing.

P.S. Please try to help with the stream work the next few weeks, Matt and Steve can use the help. Thanks Joe

### Stream work

**September 25 - 27** Little River Large Stream Monitoring

**September 29 -October 1** MP Little Pigeon River Large Stream Monitoring

**October 9 - 11** Cataloochee Creek Large Stream Monitoring

**November 15 - 16** Quarterly Acid Deposition Sample

By: Ian Rutter The calendar had barely flipped the page to September, and as if on cue, temperatures have cooled off nicely. Temperatures in the mountains have been in the mid 50's at night and warming only to the 70's. This is really a great month to get out and do some fishing since the weather is so nice and the summer crowds are gone. Wet wading is still comfortable in the afternoons but you might want your waders if you get on the water early in the morning.

Dry fly fishing is still in great shape but the hatches have yet to make the transition into fall. Large golden stoneflies are still hatching in the over night hours while trout are feeding on a potpourri of midges, small mayflies, and terrestrials during the day. Nymph fishing is a great way of consistently staying in fish when surface action is spotty. Tellico Nymphs as large as #8 imitate the big stoneflies while basic beadhead patterns #12-16 will take care of the rest.

Any Smoky Mountain stream you'd want to fish should be great. Streams that are the most crowded will have a brief respite before the leaves change color. Abrams Creek isn't usually crowded with fishermen but the Cades Cove Loop road can be a headache. September is a good time to get in when the crowds are less and the weather is good.

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**Fishing Pick** FROM PAGE 1 Also, stocking on Tellico River and Citico Creek will cease on the 15th. That means the typical Saturday morning assault is over until next spring and day permits are no longer needed.

The tailwaters are still pretty tough to get on. Keep your eye on generation schedules over on the Clinch. There have been opportunities on weekends to wade the lower stretches of the river as late as 2:30. Midge patterns are the usual fare but there have been enough black caddis out to add some new patterns to your arsenal. Peacock soft hackles and assorted pupa patterns in #16-18 have worked recently. If none of that seems to produce go to everyone's favorite fall back: the Woolly Bugger. Schedules up on the South Holston have also been good for wading on the weekends. Things are still in transition up there, but there are still a few straggling sulphurs hatching along with midges and the odd caddis.

## Great Smoky Mountains National Park

News Release

Immediate Release Contact: Bob Miller  
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Great Smoky Mountains National Park Announces September Workshops to Discuss Proposed North Shore Road. Great Smoky Mountains National Park invites the public to the second series of public meetings to continue discussion on the long-debated road construction issue arising from a 60 year-old agreement between the Federal Government, the State of North Carolina and the Swain County, NC, government. The "1943 Agreement" involved creation of Fontana Dam and Reservoir, which flooded NC 288, land-

locking 44,000 acres of Swain County, that was transferred to the Department of Interior and added to the national park. The focus of this 60-year public controversy regards the Agreement's requirement for the DOI to construct a two-lane paved road through the Park, along the northern shore of the Fontana Lake to replace NC 288. Many local residents consider the unsettled Agreement to be "a broken promise" by the Federal Government. The decision as to whether road construction will move forward will be made based upon public input and analysis of possible impacts to the natural and human environments of building the roads as proposed as well as other alternatives that might resolve the long-standing dispute. These critical decisions and analyses will be detailed in the project's Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

Acting Park Superintendent, Phil Francis emphasized that a final decision regarding the road is still as much as 18 months away. "Given the complexity of the natural, cultural, social and economic issues involved, we are still at the stage of assembling input on what people are concerned about." Francis said. "We are not yet at the point of having alternatives to discuss. What we can do at these next meetings is describe what we have learned about the road area and summarize what type issues and information the public has told us that the National Park Service needs to consider in deciding what should happen on the North Shore." The second round of 5 identical public workshops will provide an opportunity for the public to review initial study area data collection and provide input.

The workshop presentation will include a review of the National Environmental Policy Act process, previous comments expressed, and the project's final Purpose and Need, Goals and Objectives, and EIS topics. The presentation will also summarize information on the area's natural and cultural resources, the human environment, and transportation network. Hundreds of people attended the first series of public meetings last March with over 2,500 comments submitted during this phase of the EIS process.

In an effort to gain input from everyone interested in the North Shore Road EIS, the September public workshops will be held at five different locations and provide the same information at each meeting over the course of two weeks. Throughout the duration of the EIS process, the public will be given project updates at additional public workshops and will have opportunities to provide input during each phase of the EIS process.

September 15th | 5:00-8:00 p.m. Marriott  
Knoxville, Mississippi Room, 500 Hill Ave-  
SE. Knoxville, TN

September 16th 5:00-8:00 PM Glenstone  
Lodge Azalea Room , 504 Historic Nature  
Trail Dr. Gatlinburg, TN

If you can not make it to the meeting please send in you comments. The only way to make a different is to be heard.

Submit Comments at a Workshop, or Mail  
Comments to: North Shore Road  
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email to: [www.NorthShoreRoad.info](http://www.NorthShoreRoad.info)

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To All,  
It appears that both Jim Parks and Tom Eustis will be out of town for the Sept meeting. Please coordinate among your yourselves and have a great meeting.  
TomE

## Fly Of The Month

### Tunghead Squirrel Tail

**Sizes:** 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16

**Hook:** 2X long Bead head Nymph Hook

**Thread:** Brown 6/0

**Tail:** Red Squirrel Tail

**Body:** Squirrel Bright Dubbed Body

**Ribbing:** Fine gold wire

**Hackle:** hen saddle hackle

**Head:** 1/8 or 3/32 Tungsten Bead

Fish sizes 6 & 8 During the Ginger Caddis Hatches which should be the most prevalent fly in on the mountain streams this month.





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