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Fishing Access for the Handicapped

A number of times in the past, in Riffler and at our monthly meetings, we have discussed EJTU's progress toward building a fishing deck that would be available for use by handicapped people who wish to fish. Here is the latest update.

Last July Kelly Buchta began work on the EJTU proposed All Access Fishing Deck on Lake Henry in Mahwah, NJ. She first applied for a Lowes Community grant to help fund the project.

Then fellow EJTU members Gary Brady and Carl Hoetzel reviewed existing plans that were based on recommendations from Mahwah and visited the site with Kelly and Rich Malizia so an updated set of plans could be drawn up. Representatives of Bergen County's Department of Disabilities also visited the proposed site to determine what had to be done in order to be in compliance with ADA Law.

As a result of the visits a new set of plans was developed and presented to the Mahwah Environmental Commission. Members of the Commission reviewed the plans and discussed potential issues with flooding on Lake Henry, emergency vehicle access, and the possible need for tree removal. The town also presented concerns about liability once the project was completed and turned over to the town for

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When: December 12 at 7:30 PM

Where: American Legion Hall
33 West Passaic Street
Rochelle Park, NJ

December 12 Meeting

Once again, this December our monthly meeting will not feature a speaker.

Instead of a speaker, we will have a Christmas Party.

We will have food and soft drinks supplied by a caterer and plenty of time to talk about the past year's events and what you plan for 2013.

There will also be a grab bag. If you wish to participate bring a wrapped gift with a value of about \$10.

Welcome to November's New Members



Chace Cook	Glen Ridge
Luis Fernandes	Secaucus
Diane Kowalski	N Arlington
Robert Lefelar	Wayne
Carolyn Marosy	Guttenberg
Daniel Price	Ramsey
Cindy Rosenbloom	Demarest
Michelle Sotelo	Teaneck

EJTU Calendar

If you wish to go on one of the fishing trips contact Ed Higgins at (easyedh@gmail.com) well in advance. If the trip requires reservations or other arrangements openings are often limited and the reservations must be made in advance.

Other events marked with an M are being sheperded by Rich Malizia. If you have questions or wish to volunteer contact Rich at 973-304-0789 or remqcp@optonline.net

Please consult EJTU's web site's "Upcoming Events" for the most up-to-date information and details.

Dec 12 [Wed]
Members meeting,
Christmas Party



Jan Connetquot fishing trip
Jan. 9 [Wed] Members meeting; speaker Mark Sedotti - Northeast fly fishing in salt water

Feb 13 [Wed] Members meeting; speaker Scott Cesari

Mar 13 [Wed] Members Meeting; Speaker, George Douglas

Mar? Possible steelhead fishing trip

May31/Jun2 Catskill Museum sleepover fishing trip

Jun 8 [Sat] Ramapo River Day
Jun Weeklong Block Island trip, dates TBA

June 12 [Wed] Members meeting; speaker Bill McKeen

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Monthly General Member Meeting: The East Jersey Chapter of Trout Unlimited meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30PM.

Location: The American Legion Hall,
33 West Passaic St, Rochelle Park, NJ. 07662.

Monthly Board Meeting: Board Members of East Jersey Trout Unlimited meet on the last Thursday of each month at 7:30PM.

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EJTU 2013 Fly Tying Classes

Ten Tuesday Nights 7-10 PM
Westbrook Middle School (Cafeteria), Paramus, NJ
Classes Tuesdays, January 8 to March 19 (No Class Feb. 19)
Fee: \$70
Register On-line at: <http://www.ssreg.com/paramus/>
Enter SR14 in the search box.

Beginners will learn the techniques and materials needed to tie trout flies. Patterns will include a selection of nymphs, streamers, wet and dry flies. Students will gain the basic understanding needed to tie flies that will catch fish. Beginners will be supplied with tools, all materials and a Fly Tying Course syllabus. Beginner's material fee is \$20.00 payable to instructor at the first class.



Intermediate students will learn additional techniques and patterns to advance your understanding of the basic materials and techniques learned in the beginner's course. Intermediates must supply their own materials.

All instructors are volunteers from East Jersey Trout Unlimited with many years of experience in the art of fly tying. The class is divided into small groups of two to four persons per instructor.

Our tradition is that of the first man who sneaked away to the creek when the tribe did not really need fish.

*Roderick Haig-Brown,
A River Never Sleeps, 1976*

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maintenance.

Mahwah's Town Administrator is now reviewing the plans but we are looking for other potential sites for the All Access Fishing deck because it seems that Mahwah is reluctant to have the deck at Lake Henry.

If you should have an idea for where a platform might work, please contact Kelly at buchtake@hotmail.com



Thank You

A big Thank you to everyone who brought food and cleaning supplies to our November meeting for people who are in trouble because of Hurricane Sandy.

It's hard to estimate how much you donated but, with the second row of seats in my SUV horizontal, there was very little room left in the back of the vehicle.

All of the donations were brought to the Center For Food Action in Saddle Brook. Because of food safety issues the CFA is now coordinating the delivery of all food to Moonachie and Little Ferry. They assured us that they will send a thank you letter to us when the immediate crisis allows for some free time.

You also contributed over \$300 in cash. This money is also a great help to our New Jersey neighbors who lack essential goods because of the hurricane's effects.

Invasive Wreaths?

It's difficult to worry about invasive plants when they might be covered with snow but some of the winter decorations that we use, particularly those sold near Christmas, might include an Asian plant that is listed as invasive.

The plant, Oriental Bittersweet, was introduced to the United States in 1864 so it has escaped the sites where it was planted as an ornamental shrub and is already found through most of the East Coast. Wreath makers may, therefore, use its colorful berries because they are available.



The leaves of oriental bittersweet are glossy, rounded, finely toothed and arranged alternately along the stem while the showy fruits of the plant have made oriental bittersweet very popular for use in floral arrangements. Another problem is that oriental bittersweet is easily confused with our native climbing bittersweet.

The State of Pennsylvania describes the threat in this way: ECOLOGICAL THREAT: Oriental bittersweet is an aggressive invader that threatens all vegetation levels of forested and open areas. It grows over other vegetation, completely covering it, and kills other plants by preventing photosynthesis, girdling, and uprooting by force of its massive weight



If you have decorations that you suspect of having seeds of Oriental Bittersweet, please do not just toss it away when you take it down. Do something to destroy the seeds so they do not add to the existing problem.



EJTU Annual Dinner Coming in March

The dinner will again be held In the Grand Chalet in Wayne, NJ

Many raffles and silent auctions offering a wide range of prizes, awards to our EJTU members, announcement of the winner of the Frank Hall fly tying contest

Good food, fine surroundings and friendly people celebrating another successful year of achieving our many goals make for a really enjoyable evening for you and your wife.

Why miss it?

Look for details that are coming soon.

December Fly of the Month

The holidays are around the corner and things are getting hectic. But, maybe you can sneak out for a few hours. It's a nice sunny day and a few midges might be around - it sure beats spending the afternoon in the mall. Let me see, fighting the crowds in the department stores or fighting a few of those big Rainbows the chapter stocked this fall on the Ramapo - you decide.



Tie up your favorite midge pattern, or better yet, an assortment of your favorites, and turn them in at the next meeting



Winter Fishing

For those of you who don't mind stiffened fingers, instant and painful notification of holes in waders, and the other joys of winter fishing, remember that EJ TU put some nice fish into the Ramapo River.

At the beginning of November we added about 250 fish to any holdovers from the State's earlier stocking, so you should have good fishing during the winter.

But, please don't sneeze around the rest of us.



Visit the East Jersey TU
web site for
up-to-the-minute
Information:
www.eastjerseytu.org

Browsing Site for Boaters

Now that boats have been put into storage and their owners have more time on their hands New Jersey has a new website with information just for boaters. It is www.NJBoating.org.

The site was begun by members of the New Jersey Clean Vessel Act Program (which includes the Department of Environmental Protection) and, while descriptions of the site indicate that one of the primary purposes for designing it was to help protect New Jersey's environment and natural resources, the site has information about all of the boat ramps and pumpout stations both on the Delaware River and on the ocean side of the State.

When you click on the icon associated with a ramp there is a popup that gives the name of the site and its address and telephone number along with its GPS coordinates. The ramp is described e.g.; concrete, water depth at low tide, largest boats allowed at the pumpout and depth at the pumpout. Icons also note whether there are restrooms, fuel, bait and tackle, etc.



Other links on the site's heading open to descriptions of how to pump out a boat, the locations of pumpout boats in three locations, lists of invasive species (at the NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife's site), NJ State Police and Marine Services and NOAA's Tide and Current predictor.

Finally, since the site is driven by Google Maps, users can zoom in to see local streets or choose to see the site via satellite image.

One great caveat! Because of the destruction caused by Hurricane Sandy some of the information, particularly on the Atlantic Ocean side of the State, may not now be accurate.



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