



Riffles

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East Jersey Chapter of Trout Unlimited

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President's Beat

As President of your Chapter, I am also a member of the New Jersey State Council of Trout Unlimited. In addition to serving as a liaison between local chapters (New Jersey has eight) and Trout Unlimited National, the State Council has many functions. Some of these include the coordination of activities between chapters, serving as a watchdog with the State Legislature, funding of numerous conservation and education Programs throughout the state, and serving to provide no interest, temporary loans to chapters in need.

Currently, the North Jersey Chapter is trying to refurbish the handicap access site in the Flat Brook (at Three Bridges). There are also dam removal projects in Phillipsburg, The Pursel Dam, and the Gruendyke Dam in Hackettstown and on the Mine Brook.

On the educational side, Council has been running seminars on Trout In the Classroom. Statewide there are over 50 teachers who have expressed interest in getting involved. Start up costs run in the neighborhood of \$1,000 to properly equip each class.

As you know, all of these activities cost money. In the past, State Council has funded these with a state-wide raffle. There has not been one of these for some years. Council's funding has come from local chapters who wish to conduct such a raffle, supplying them with a list of all Trout Unlimited members in the state, with the provision that a percent of the profits go back to them. (Witness our own fund raiser last year.)

Unfortunately this has proved to be insufficient and the Council's monies are depleted. Rather than run another raffle, they have asked that each chapter donate

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When: May 10 at 7:30 PM
Where: American Legion Hall
33 West Passaic Street
Rochelle Park, New Jersey

May Speaker

Matt Grobert
20 Essential Flies
for NJ Trout.

Matt has been a Flyfisher for 35 years. He teaches fly fishing, fly casting, and fly tying for the last 20 or so. He has been published in Fly Fisherman and Fly Rod and Reel. He is also the creator of "Matt's Gnat" a Local NJ pattern

Welcome to March's New EJTU Members

William Ferguson	Glen Gardner
Wayne Flaig	Secaucus
Anson B. Herrick	Englewood
Richard Koblitz	Hackensack
John Stewart	Jersey City

Trout in the Classroom

At the April board meeting your EJTU directors voted to take part in the national Trout in the Classroom program. It will take a few months for our chapter's efforts to show results but the description of the program that follows is a concise picture of what is going to happen.

"Trout in the Classroom is a relatively simple program and has been a huge success so far. Basically, teachers set up an aquarium and incubate trout eggs in their classroom, under the guidance of a Trout in the Classroom coordinator (often a TU member). Together, they ensure that all of the equipment has been purchased and is assembled by September. The teacher and students are responsible for daily maintenance and observation of the eggs, while the coordinator is responsible for obtaining permits and delivering the eggs. The final result is an aquarium full of trout fry that is released into a pre-approved body of water during a class field trip. Trout in the Classroom is an extremely rewarding program for everybody involved, whether student, teacher, or mentor."

Further information can be found on National TU's web site.

Meadowfest

On Saturday June 10 EJTU will be at Laurel Hill County Park in Secaucus for this year's Meadowfest. We will need two fly tyers along with some other volunteers who can hand out flyers, sell hats and flies, talk to visitors about our group and conservation, and perhaps give basic fly-casting instruction.

We will have further information at our general meeting, in future (Emailed) Riffles, and on our website.

You should think about bringing your entire clan to this event because it's a fun day for the whole family.

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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 Street, Rochelle Park, NJ. 07662.

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

Location: The Bergen County Community Center, 327 East Ridgewood Ave., Paramus, NJ 07652.

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For Information on trips and other Chapter Activities go to www.eastjerseytu.org

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one dollar for each member enrolled. That would mean that East Jersey owes just under \$800. I am asking that each member assist us in this contribution and send us one dollar or whatever you can afford to help defray the cost of this assessment. If you can, please make the check out to East Jersey Chapter of Trout Unlimited and we will forward the donations in one check. I will certainly report back to you on the amount collected but either way, we must make our own donation of the amount mentioned.

On the topic of fund raising, coming soon in your mail box will be a members-only raffle for a pontoon boat. The proceeds will go to the General Fund of East Jersey T.U. Please be generous and help us in our local works.

In advance, thank you and remember that all donations to East Jersey and to State Council are tax deductible.

George Petersen

Attention Fly Tiers

Bill Tomiello has been kind enough to donate many prime materials to the chapter. Basil Santamaria will have select packages available at our monthly meetings. Each month's donations will be different.

In addition I have recent donations from the collection of Roy King. These will also be available for purchase.

Supplies are limited so don't hesitate to purchase what you need (or want).

George Petersen

Fly of the Month

May – A glorious time to be alive and knee deep in a Trout stream. The first major hatches should be in full swing: Hendricksons, Blue Quills, Quill Gordons, Sulphurs.

These are the flies that made the Catskills famous, and defined the "Catskill Style" of dry fly. So as you prepare for the next day on the stream and tie up a few of your favorites, how about whipping up an extra dozen for the chapter.

Tie up one of these, or any other pattern, and turn them in at the next meeting. You will receive 10 points and an entry into the monthly drawing for every dozen flies you turn in. More importantly, you will be helping your chapter raise funds for our various projects.

The chapter's fly inventory got wiped clean during the Suffern show and Basil could have sold a lot more if we had them. Now is the time to start rebuilding our inventory for next year. If you can't make the meeting, mail your flies to the chapter P.O. Box or turn them in to any director.

Bruce Seiden

A Pontoon Boat!

Do you want to go after those fish that always stay out of reach in deep water? Of course, everyone does at one time or another. But, if you don't want to buy fins, spear gun, snorkel and all the rest of the paraphernalia that those dripping people carry as they slosh around imitating the "Creature From the Black Lagoon", EJTU has the answer – a pontoon boat. We have a nice one and we're going to raffle it off.

This pontoon boat comes complete with everything you'll need to become the Ahab of Green Turtle Pond. It has pump, cooler, anchor and PDF's so all you have to add is food, drink and a desire to paddle around with the ducks and swans. And, to top it off – only you can enter the raffle because it will be limited to members of East Jersey TU!

The raffle tickets, which will be only \$5 each or six for \$25, will be sent to all members soon. The drawing will be held at the September general meeting.

S. Coleridge

Armchair Research

Quite a few people think that New Jersey has been covered with concrete from the Delaware to the Atlantic but we who fish, hike and hunt in the State know that this is far from true. If you're like me you will at times look up from where you are walking or wading and realize that, based on the

surroundings, the site could be located in the middle of one of the states that we think of as, "country", "wilderness", or "out there".

The problem has been that when we got the urge to fish or wander in someplace new we were limited to looking at maps or to asking friends for suggestions. The NJ Department of Environmental Protection's Division of Fish and Wildlife (F & W) has now solved this problem.

When you feel like trying a new place to fish go to the F & W web page (<http://www.state.nj.us/dep/fgw/>) and begin your search there. Put your mouse's pointer over the "Fishing" tab on the left and a pop-up box will display a list of choices among which is "Places to Fish".

When you click on "Places To Fish" you will get a list of ponds, lakes and reservoirs that is sorted first by county and then by the towns within the counties. The list gives you the size of each piece of water, whether there is a place for car-top boat launch, whether there is a boat ramp and also whether outboards are allowed. A nice site if you feel like trying out some poppers on sunfish and other still water species.

If you prefer to fish moving water, after you click on Places To Fish there are two choices immediately below the heading: "Streams and Rivers Page", and

"Delaware River Access". The Delaware River Access pages have a list of launch sites and also a map of the sites that is cross-referenced to the list.

below are owned by various government agencies and public access is assured. Of the approximately 8,600 miles of freshwater streams in the state, these represent only a small percent; however these waters should provide stretches of uninterrupted "hassle free" fishing."

The Places To Fish pages should give you many choices but, if you need specific directions to trout waters only, there is still another F & W page that will help you. Go to <http://www.state.nj.us/dep/fgw/accesswater.htm> and F & W will present what they call, "Fishing Access Locations on Trout Waters". This basic list is alphabetic but you can choose to group the waters by county if you wish.

No matter which way you choose, the directions are detailed to say the least. As an example, if you feel like fishing the D & R Canal in Princeton the site tells you: "From Rt. 1 North, left onto Quaker Bridge Rd., cross bridge over canal and make left to former Beef-a-lo Farm access road. - park along gravel roadway".

Of course I don't know just what "Beef-a-lo Farm is - or was - so I can't swear that you will get to the D & R but it looks like it

would be fun just trying. So why don't you give it a try?

Meriwether Lewis



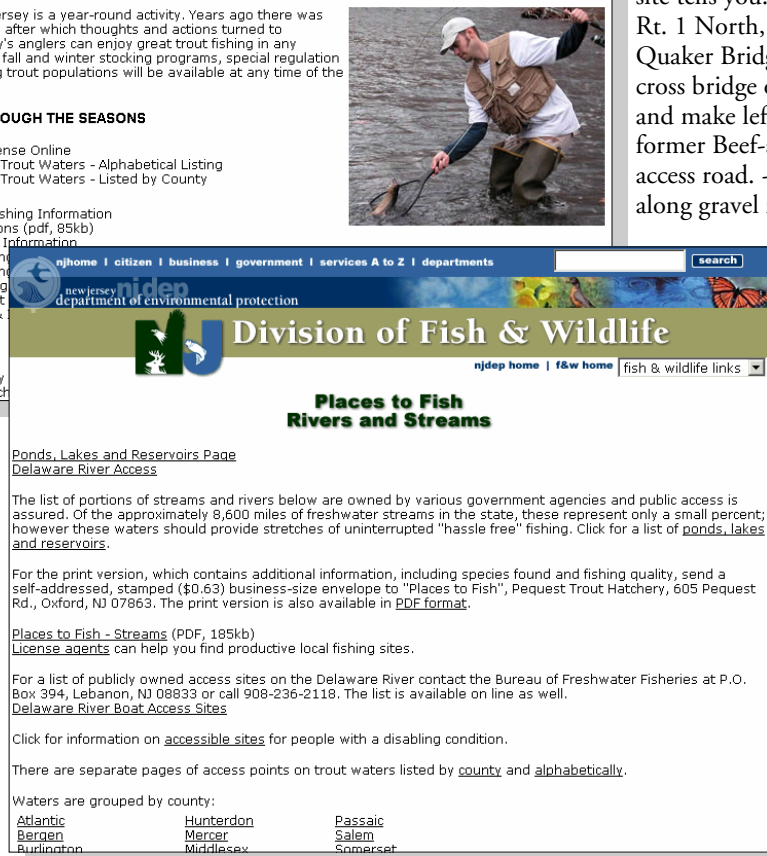
Trout fishing in New Jersey is a year-round activity. Years ago there was only a spring stocking, after which thoughts and actions turned to warmwater fish. Today's anglers can enjoy great trout fishing in any season. In addition to fall and winter stocking programs, special regulation waters ensure thriving trout populations will be available at any time of the year.

TROUT FISHING THROUGH THE SEASONS

- ▶ Buy Your Fishing License Online
- ▶ Fishing Access to NJ Trout Waters - Alphabetical Listing
- ▶ Fishing Access to NJ Trout Waters - Listed by County
- ▶ 2006 Spring Trout Fishing Information
- ▶ 2006 Trout Regulations (pdf, 85kb)
- ▶ Winter Trout Fishing Information
- ▶ Fall 2005 Trout Fishing
- ▶ Fall 2005 Trout Fishing
- ▶ Summer Trout Fishing
- ▶ Sea Run Brown Trout
- ▶ Trout Fishing Facts &

ARTICLES

- ▶ Trout Fishing with My NJ's State Trout Hatch



Places to Fish Rivers and Streams

The list of portions of streams and rivers below are owned by various government agencies and public access is assured. Of the approximately 8,600 miles of freshwater streams in the state, these represent only a small percent; however these waters should provide stretches of uninterrupted "hassle free" fishing. Click for a list of [ponds, lakes and reservoirs](#).

For the print version, which contains additional information, including species found and fishing quality, send a self-addressed, stamped (\$0.63) business-size envelope to "Places to Fish", Pequest Trout Hatchery, 605 Pequest Rd., Oxford, NJ 07863. The print version is also available in [PDF format](#).

[Places to Fish - Streams](#) (PDF, 185kb)
[License agents](#) can help you find productive local fishing sites.

For a list of publicly owned access sites on the Delaware River contact the Bureau of Freshwater Fisheries at P.O. Box 394, Lebanon, NJ 08833 or call 908-236-2118. The list is available on line as well.
[Delaware River Boat Access Sites](#)

Click for information on [accessible sites](#) for people with a disabling condition.

There are separate pages of access points on trout waters listed by [county](#) and [alphabetically](#).

Waters are grouped by county:

Atlantic	Hunterdon	Passaic
Bergen	Mercer	Salem
Burlington	Middlesex	Somerset

The Streams and Rivers page lists accessible Streams (once again sorted by County), Area (Park, Wildlife Area, etc.), Nearest Town, Length and then Average Width. This list does not include every stream in the state but only those that F & W feels are fishable. As the site says, "The list of portions of streams and rivers

Ramapo Ramblin'

Now that cabin fever is a thing of the past and you have been able to wet a line I am sure that all is right with the world.

We have been assisting Fish and Wildlife as they provide trout to all fishermen. Thanks should be given to the guys on the stocking trucks and especially to Mark for his patience and assistance in helping EJTU as we work to provide top grade fishing along the Ramapo.

A fisherman who could not catch anything on opening day sent an email that blamed EJTU to me. This was quite odd since EJTU does not assist with pre-season stocking because the State wants all the trout by the bridges to start the season. And, according to Bob Papson at F&W, 20% more trout were released this year, pre season, over last year.

We started our float and bucket stocking program on Thursday, April 13 and will continue the program every Thursday to May 25. We assist by stocking with buckets at Britt's tackle shop on West Oakland Ave in Oakland at 9AM, then float and bucket stock at Glen Gray Road on the border of Oakland and Mahwah, and finally by bucket stocking at Halifax Road. For everyone's information, the State also stocks off the bridges at each stop.

This year seems to be exceptional in the number of "breeders" being placed along the river so wherever you fish you may catch one. I understand that a couple of trout were in the 5 pound range.

Ramapo Day is Saturday June 3 at the open field at Halifax Road. About 100 middle school kids will learn about the Ramapo River and the critters that live in it, view a fly tying demonstration, and then learn to fly cast. Non-point pollution is explained along with a water testing program. We need your help erecting shelters at 8:30 AM and then helping with the kids when they arrive at 10. At noon Fish and Wildlife will arrive with warm-water fish for the kids to release into Henry Lake. Then finally we have the inevitable cleanup. Even if you can't help all day, please help for an hour or two when you can.

On Saturday, June 10 we will assist the Wayne boy scouts stock Singac Brook in

Wayne. We meet at the Municipal building on Valley Road at ten AM.

Saddle Brook Park in Glen Rock is the location for a fishing derby on June 17th at 9AM. Why not bring your kids, grandkids or friends and come out to help the Bergen Federation of Sportsmen run this program; lunch will be provided.

As you know, Riffles will be available only on-line. If you want to receive Riffles, contact Bruce Seiden at seidenb@optonline.net and he will put you on his list. If you wish to get on my email list for fishing information send your name and email address to me at hermaril@aol.com. A reminder to everyone: If you go on vacation and ask me to stop your mail, be sure to contact me to be put back on when you return. Also if you change your email address, please let me know. Hunting information may be had by contacting Ray Cappock at raycapp@optonline.net.

Be sure to visit www.eastjerseytu.org for the latest chapter updates.

A tip: be sure to bring Caddis flies, BWO, Griffiths Gnats and woolly buggers when fishing the Ramapo.

Until next time, keep your back casts out of the trees and your lines tight.

I will see you down stream where we all live. If you feel free to read this, thank a Vet. God Bless America!

Herman Drenth

Ramapo Day

Ramapo Day is EJTU's biggest event of the year. We, in conjunction with Ramapo College, will bring more than a hundred children to the field next to the river at Halifax Road in Mahwah for a morning of education and fun. But, of course this can't be accomplished by one or two people, so we will need a lot of volunteers.

From 8:30 AM until 10 AM volunteers will set up canopies and the equipment that will be used during the morning. Then at 10 AM the children arrive and we show them how flies are tied, we bring insects from the river bottom so they can see what lives in a river and how pollution can destroy the chain of life, we let them try their hands at fly-casting, we show them how river water is tested, and we explain why conservation is important. At around noon the State Fish and Wildlife stocking truck will arrive with warm water fish that the children carry to Henry Lake for release. After the children leave, our volunteers break down the canopies, clean up the field, and go home tired but happy.

Ramapo Day will be held on Saturday, June 3 this year. If you can help on that morning or even if you can spare an hour or two please let Rich Malizia know. He can be reached at remgcp@peoplepc.com or at the May 10 general meeting.



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