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Fish on!



Cumberland River is fishing as well as it ever has. Try dry flies and parachutes just above the Rockhouse.

1st Wednesday – board meeting

3rd Wednesday - monthly meeting

4th Wednesday - fly tying meeting

All indoor meetings are held at the Louisville Nature Center.

All outdoor meetings are held at Long Run Park.

All club outings are open to all paid DCFF members.

We welcome visitors to all our meetings.

For more information about Derby City Fly Fishers, visit www.derbycityflyfishers.com.

Upcoming Outings

Due to low water, the Blue River outing has been moved to Elkhorn Creek. Water conditions that morning will dictate whether we wade or canoe. We will meet Saturday, August 20th at 8 a.m. at Canoe Kentucky. See the Canoe Kentucky website (<http://www.canoeky.com>) for directions. Contact David Spanyer, the trip director (502) 454-5764, to let him know you are coming.

September 10 – 11th we will fish for trout in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park TN. Contact Barry Chafin, trip coordinator, to let him know you are coming.

Dinner & Fishing

Come for great food, fellowship, and fishing at our August 17th summer outdoor meeting at Long Run Park. Bring your rod, your current Kentucky fishing license, and your favorite bass, bluegill, catfish, and crappie flies on the 28 acre lake. Summer meetings are a great opportunity to bring your family or friends and introduce them to your fly fishing friends.

Everyone planning to attend the August meeting needs to register on line or call David Spanyer, (502) 454-5764, so we will know how much food to buy. We will start eating about 6 p.m., rain or shine. We will collect a \$5 per person for the food.

Long Run Park is located off of Shelbyville Road East of Middletown. Get off of the Gene Snyder and go East on Shelbyville Road 3.3 miles. Flat Rock Road will be on the left, watch for the Long Run Park sign. Take a left on Flat Rock Road. The park entrance will be on the right hand side of the road. We will gather near the boat ramp. See you there!

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DCFF President's Corner - Our Lovely Cumberland River by Larry Drake

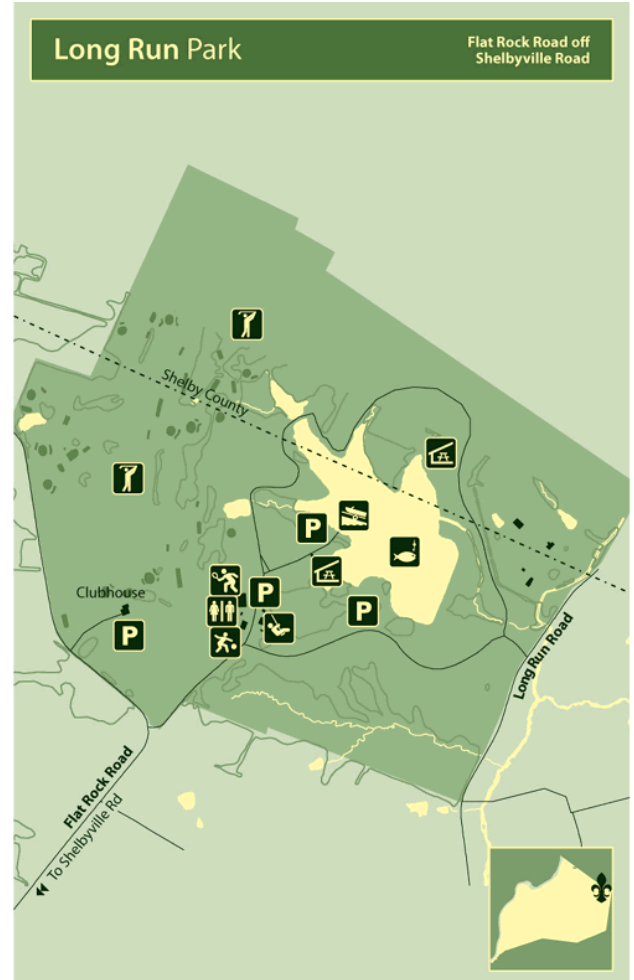
Some say they do not want the Cumberland River to become another White River in Arkansas. They say this because they think if we do nothing the Cumberland River will stay the same. Of course they have never fished the White River. While it is true, there has been a lot of development on the White, the state of Arkansas has passed the necessary regulations to keep the White River in the top ten fisheries in the United States.

Trout Unlimited just came out with their new book "The Top 100 Trout Streams in the United States." Of course the Cumberland River has made it in the top 100, and rightly so. But with this there will be more pressure on the river. The question is, will the state of Kentucky rise to the occasion and pass new regulations to protect the river.

In Ed Engle's book, "Fly Fishing the Tailwaters," published in 1991 by Stackpole Books, he writes:

The fact is that there are any number of tailwaters across the country that are considered "blue ribbon" by anglers and fishery biologists alike. Many of these fisheries are considered so important that special regulations such as catch-and-release, slot limits, use of artificial flies and lures only, fly fishing only, use of barbless hooks only, and reduce bag limits have been imposed to protect and enhance the fishery. There is even research that indicates it is actually the combination of special regulations and the unique physical characteristics of tailwaters that work together to create a quality tailwater fishery. Special regulations are a good idea for another reason, too. The word can get around pretty fast about where the fishing is superlative. Even as productive as some of these tailwaters are they can't withstand the unregulated pressure of fifty thousand or one hundred thousand angler days per year."

"More pressure and development are coming to the Cumberland River," that is a fact and there is not any way to stop it. At this point in time, we have a chance to do the things that are needed to care for our lovely river.



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Entomology Class – by Bernie Rauen

For fish to live, they must have food. Recognizing the natural food sources and imitating them with flies can reduce the time spent trying to find the right fly and increase your catch rate. On July 9th, Gerry McDaniel held an entomology class in Burkesville at the Traces on the Cumberland that was very interesting and informative. Gerry discussed the history of the river and the evolution of the insect population. He focused on the major aquatic insects: Mayfly, Caddis, Stonefly, and Midge. He talked about the life cycle of each and showed specimens in various stages of development and flies that imitate the insects. He even shared his list of best flies for the Cumberland.

Gerry has been a licensed professional guide on the Cumberland River for 20 years. He published the first map of the river and is considered an authority on the Cumberland. He is also a consummate fly tier and has an eye-popping collection of flies. His experience and in depth knowledge of fly fishing made the class a rewarding experience and offered the participants an opportunity to ask questions about anything they have ever wanted to know about fly fishing. I'm already looking forward to the next class.



Gerry McDaniel teaches our July 9th Entomology Class at Traces on the Cumberland.



Gerry McDaniel continues to share his knowledge of insects.



The Cumberland River provides the perfect setting for our 2nd annual Entomology Class.



Class members asking questions.

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Just when you thought you had seen everything, DCFF Fly Tying has another Technological Advance!

Nineteen fly tiers experienced fly tying on the big screen. See David Campbell's article below. Come August 24th to see what a wall-sized Muddler Minnow looks like.

IMAG Fly Tying by David Campbell

Image Magnification or IMAG is the process of taking a video image and projecting it on a big screen much like you would see in a stadium sporting event or concert. Of course we do not have Megatron at the Nature Center but we can take a Light pro like you would use on a computer to show presentations and use it to magnify a fly tier's hands and handiwork.

At our last fly tying session, we took a computer light pro and connected it to a video camera to project close ups of the instructor's hand and material positions onto a big screen. This was very well received and helped in the tying instruction. Looks like it will be a permanent piece of my traveling tying kit. At least every 4th Wednesday.

Trout Unlimited Banquet

The annual Louisville TU Banquet will be September 27, 2005 at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 4417 Upper River Road. Happy Hour begins at 6 p.m. Dinner at 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$30 per person if paid by September 13, 2005 or \$35 per person at the door. Early bird reservation by mail enters you in the early bird raffle. Mail your reservation and check to Lee Squires, Louisville TU Banquet Chairman, 405 Springwood Lane, Louisville, KY 40207. Contact Lee Squires banquet@louisvilletu.org for more information.



DCFF board approves DCFF logo patch. We will be selling the patches for \$5 as soon as they arrive.



Federation of Fly Fishers' incentive program to expand its membership.

DELAMERE & HOPKINS

Outfitters for the Field and Stream

Delamere & Hopkins is hosting a "One Fly" contest on Saturday, August 13, 2005. The event will be held from 9am-4pm on the Elkhorn Creek in Kentucky. See <http://www.buckeyeflyfishers.com> for more information.

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Tying Classic Wet Flies by Don Bastian REVIEW - Reviewed by Bruce E. Harang

Wet flies are as much a part of the history of fly-fishing as is bamboo rods and silk lines. And like the later two, wet flies are finally realizing a renewed popularity. One of the problems in tying these wonderful and productive flies is getting good instruction. The author has gone a long way in providing this much-needed information. Don Bastian grew up tying and fishing these old patterns. He has continued to tie them and has become so proficient at it that he was selected to tie about 200 wet flies for the book "Forgotten Flies".

The DVD opens with a short introduction to wet flies and the author by materials guru Chris Helm. This is followed by eight chapters, each covering the tying of a single pattern. The patterns tied are the Grey Hackle Peacock, Cahill, Yellow Sally, Rich Widow, Cupsuptic, Trout Fin, Parmachene Belle, and Professor. These chapters are followed by a chapter that reviews the previous eight chapters and a chapter on finishing the heads using the method of the author. These eight patterns cover five of the seven possible types of bodies used on the classic wet flies. The missing two body types, chenille, and quill would be a great reason for the author to do a second DVD on these great flies.

Don shares not only the information on how to tie this style of fly, including materials preparation and tying procedures, he also shares hard earned tricks of the trade such as his method of attaching thread to the hook, and mounting tinsel to the hook. Here is an instructor that holds nothing back in assisting the viewer in tying this style of fly successfully.

The best part of this production may well be the enthusiasm that the author brings to the table. You can feel his passion for these flies, and after listening to him you want to rush to the tying bench and start tying yourself. You cannot help being excited about tying after watching even a single pattern being tied by the author.

Technically the production is well above average. The macro shots of the tying sequences are superb; well lighted, and in sharp focus. All of the camera work is outstanding. The sound is good overall. The use of a chapter menu is as it should be. One of the strengths of the DVD format over the old VHS tapes is the ability to

jump from one section to another without the need to fast forward or reverse. This production capitalizes on this strength providing the viewer with an easy to use instructional volume.

This is a must have DVD for all fly tyers. It has great information on wet flies and lots of tips and tricks that will make every fly tyer a much better fly tyer. At \$19.95 for an hour and 52 minutes of top-notch instruction, this is also a great value. Triple "L" Productions, DVD, 1 hr. 52 mins.

SAVE THESE DATES:

AUGUST 3rd - 7 p.m. – DCFF BOARD MEETING @ CORNER CAFÉ. ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME.

AUGUST 17th - 6 p.m. – DINNER & FISHING MEETING @ LONG RUN PARK

AUGUST 20th – 8 a.m. – ELKHORN CREEK OUTING

AUGUST 24th - 7 p.m. – FLY TYING – GERRY MCDANIEL MUDDLER MINNOW

SEPTEMBER 7th - 7 p.m. – DCFF BOARD MEETING @ CORNER CAFÉ. ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME.

SEPTEMBER 10 - 11th – GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK OUTING

SEPTEMBER 21st - 7 p.m. – MONTHLY MEETING @ LOUISVILLE NATURE CENTER

SEPTEMBER 28th - 7 p.m. – FLY TYING – GERRY MCDANIEL - TBA

Best \$10 investment in fly fishing!

Beginning July 1st, you can join Derby City Fly Fishers for the rest of 2005 for \$10 for an individual membership or \$12.50 for a family membership. See John Naiser for details.