

The Kentuckiana Fly Fisher



Annual Kentuckiana Fly Fishing Show Only Days Away!

It's that time of year again! The fifth annual installment of DCFF's Kentuckiana Fly Fishing Show is right around the corner, scheduled for Saturday, January 30th. As many longtime members and participants have observed, the show's popularity has exploded over the years, with attendance and vendor participation growing steadily since its inception. Last year's show proved the one exception in attendance, as a snow and ice storm left most of the city without power and up to several feet of snow. After consultation with DCFF's prognosticators though (the same ones who correctly predicted that last year's ice would melt once the temperature rose above 32°), seasonable weather has been virtually assured, along with continued improvement in content for the show.



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As always, the show is designed to offer something for everyone - from the seasoned veteran to those who are completely unfamiliar with the sport. Numerous equipment vendors, guides, outfitters and others will be on hand along with instructors for casting, tying and other elements of technique. Informative presentations will be offered throughout the day and door prize drawings conducted on a regular basis. Admission is still only \$6, with admission free to active military and children under 12 when accompanied by an adult.

Upcoming Events:

Regular Club Meeting	
Louisville Nature Ctr.	Jan 20
Fly Tying	
Bass Pro Shops	Jan 27
Kentuckiana Fly Fishing Show	
Holiday Inn Airport	Jan 30
Board Meeting	
Fox & Hound	Feb 3

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Upcoming Meetings and Outings

Regular Monthly Meeting - January 20th

Guide, FFF Certified Casting Instructor and fly fisherman extraordinaire Steve Nix will be coming up from Tennessee to be the featured speaker at this month's meeting. Steve will be speaking about streamers in general and streamer fishing techniques in particular. As a class of flies, streamers are perhaps the most versatile in terms of the different water types in which they can be fished and the wide variety of fresh and saltwater fish that can be pursued. Don't miss this opportunity to learn from one of the best on this crucial topic.

As always, the 7:00 monthly meeting will be preceded at 6:30 by our Tackle Time segment, with this month's segment focused on fishing the Ft. Knox sections of Otter Creek. John Naiser will discuss base access procedures and where to fish on the post.

A number of great door prize items will be raffled off, with proceeds funding club initiatives. Check the web site for directions if needed, then take a break from the cold and join us for another great meeting!

Fly Tying - Jan. 27th

Join us at 7:00 at Bass Pro Shops in Clarksville to learn how to tie another great fly pattern. Check the web site for pattern details, and as always, materials will be provided and a limited number of vises are available for those that don't have one.

January 2010

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2010 Kentuckiana Fly Fishing Show

Saturday January 30, 2010

9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Featuring:

- Exhibits
- Fly Tying Demonstrations
- Fly Casting Demonstrations
- Educational Seminars
- Retailers
- Guides and Outfitters
- Fishing Organizations
- Fish & Wildlife Agencies
- Kid's Corner

President's Corner

Boy does time fly when you're having fun. It seems like only yesterday I started 2009 as the President of DCFF. Let me start off by saying it has been an honor and privilege serving you. I feel DCFF has the best group of people in the world and I enjoy spending time with all of you. It is that fellowship that really makes our organization the number one fly fishing club in the country and will continue to be.

You may ask, "So where is DCFF going in 2010?" Well, do you mean literally or figuratively? We had tremendous success with our trips in 2009 and have already started planning outings for 2010. Expect to see several northern Ohio Steelhead trips, more trips to North Carolina, the White River, and of course the Cumberland River. If you have a suggestion for a trip, or would like to lead a trip, please contact our Trip Director Mark Vincent.

Figuratively speaking of places to go, we intend to focus on new educational speakers and events in 2010. Our monthly speakers have been excellent, and we will strive to continue to bring fly fishing experts to help expand your involvement in the sport. Trout fishing isn't the only thing to do with a fly rod. We have already lined up presentations on streamer fishing for bass, hunting the elusive carp, and how to fish for many other species. We also have some ideas for new fly patterns and styles for our monthly fly tying meetings, but are looking for your input as well. If there is a certain type of fly or technique you want to learn, speak with our Education Director Kim Smith.

The winter season is here and it's going to be hard to head out on the river when there is ice forming on the eyes of your rod. I know I'll be spending most of my time inside tying flies to replace all the ones I left in the trees this year. Winter is also a great time to scour the internet for articles on how to catch fish. Having knowledge as to what the fish in your favorite waters eat, how they move, and where they are will make all the difference when you get back on the water this spring. Another good thing to do is spend some time with your spouse. I know my wife looks forward to winter when I'm actually home on the weekends. - Hahaha

Have a great cold season and I hope to see you at the next meeting or fly tying.

- Kenneth



DCFF Trip Report

White River - Arkansas

Submitted by **Bernie and Carla Rauen**

The White, in one word, is fabulous. If you have never fished the White, put in on your "Things To Do" list before you die. Located in North Central Arkansas, just below the Missouri/Arkansas border, it is considered one of the premier trout streams in the country. In addition to brown and rainbow trout, it also has a respectable population of brook and cutthroat. When conditions are right, the fishing is as good as it gets. Between the Norfolk Tailwater and the White, over a million trout are stocked each year. There are 40 or more walk-in access points, many with paved parking lots, picnic tables, and port-a-potties. Access points are clearly marked and maps readily available. Access areas that were damaged in last year's flood waters are rapidly being restored and/or upgraded. One has to be impressed with the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission efforts to promote fly fishing and conservation. They certainly make you feel welcome and do a lot of little things right to make fishing the White enjoyable.



Bob Coffman on the Norfolk Tail waters.

Thirteen members participated in the Sept. 17-20 trip to the White with some reporting one day catches in the 20's. Not all days were as productive as we had to adjust due to rain and muddy water, but that's one of the nice aspects of the White, there are options and all within a short distance. There are several catch-and-release areas on the White and one on the Norfolk with special regulations: barbless hooks only and no hopper/dropper combinations allowed. Several nice trout were hooked, landed, or lost in these areas and others as well. A long leader and light tippet (6x-7x) was often the ticket to success, but that light tippet left little margin for error when the big ones hit.

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White River (continued)



Larry Drake landing a rainbow.

The hot flies were the Zebra Midge, Partridge Soft Hackle, San Juan Worm, and Woolly Bugger. Others also worked well so the menu wasn't limited. If you were properly rigged, at the correct depth, and with the right presentation, you were going to catch fish. The White offers all kinds of water – runs, ripples, flats, pools, shallow water, deep water, etc., so you can fish it all or be selective. It's a great fishery for those new to the sport. You don't have to wonder if you are doing things right or not, the fish will tell you.

We stayed in Mountain Home, "Trout Capital of the World" according to the Chamber of Commerce. It's centrally located and within 30 minutes or less of the White and the Norfolk. One of two fully stocked fly shops was usually the first stop in the morning and then the group split and headed to various locations. The most popular access points on the White were Rim Shoals, Wildcat, Narrows, and Bull Shoals. On the Norfolk it was the Quarry and River Ridge Handicap Access. All produced rainbows and browns and stories about the big one that got away.

Evenings were short as we usually fished until the last possible moment and then gathered at one of the local restaurants for a little sustenance and lots of laughter and fishing stories. And believe me, on the White or Norfolk, you don't have to stretch the truth or embellish the day's experience.



Lynn Haven and others at Bull Shoals

DCFF Trip Report

White River (continued)



Left front to rear: Bob Coffman, Larry Drake, Bernie Rauen, Jim Bearden, David Sabol, John Froehlich; Right front to rear: Lynn Haven, Rex Baltas, Wayne Jones, Phil Kirkland, Mike Stich and Bob Kincheloe. Carla Rauen is taking the picture.

Everyone had a good time and many were already talking about next year's trip before we left. I'm looking forward to it as well and thinking a longer outing, for those that have the time, may be appropriate. Hope to see you on the White next year.

Ready to head home on the final day. L-R: Lynn Haven, Bob Coffman, Carla Rauen, Larry Drake, Jim Bearden and John Froehlich.



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2009 may have been marked by some serious challenges in the “real world”, but it was also a year that offered a great deal of enjoyment through the various outings sponsored by the club during this time. And maybe that’s at least part of the allure to this. A chance to step away from the hustle of the everyday and let the corresponding stresses dissolve for a time into the flowing waters at your feet. Few sports offer the opportunity to enjoy healthy doses of solitude and reflection, while providing on the same trip the kind of enjoyment only available through the laughter and companionship of fellow anglers. Here’s to a 2010 that sees better times relative to the stressful issues of the past and increased time on the water to make it harder for issues to gain that status in the future.



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