



THE KENTUCKIANA FLY FISHER



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Tune Up your Cast



Robert DeAngelis FFF certified Casting Instructor will improve your cast in one evening. Contact Robert at rdeangelis@louisville-tile.com to set up further lessons.

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.

This Wednesday's meeting

6 p.m. Casting & Swap Meet

7 p.m. FFF Certified

Casting Instructor,

Robert DeAngelis

"Fly Casting Clinic"

June Outings

June 2–4th - Cranberry, West VA (Trout - Bicycle Camping Trip - Larry Drake 502-964-6887 Trip Coordinator)

June 10th - Blue River, IN (Bluegill - Scott Sawyer 812-989-1867 - Trip Coordinator) The day will include fly fishing the "Big Blue" for some Smallmouth & Rock Bass, exploring the entrance of on-site cave (second largest underground lake in the US), and observing farm animals with hundreds of steers, longhorns, etc...even pot belly pigs! Pack a lunch and enjoy some "down on the farm" hospitality.

June 24-25th Cumberland River Camping Trip, Dale Hollow State Resort State Park Campground, KY (Trout - David Campbell 502-292-2629 - Trip Coordinator)

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DCFF President's Corner – "Covering the Bases" by Larry Drake

Some time ago we received an e-mail someone wanting to know why we didn't publish the picture and trying instructions of the flies we were going to teach in our classes. They let us know that this was the way some of the other clubs did it. That is one of the many things that our club would like to do. But first, we must have someone that has the talent and equipment to do this and be willing to devote the time required.

We have several people that would like to fish the Cumberland River, but don't know where to go or would like to have someone to go with them. We have talked about getting a call list together so when the generation schedule is good, someone would call and get a group together for the trip to the river. I think everyone agrees that this would be a good thing, but so far we don't have anyone to put it together.

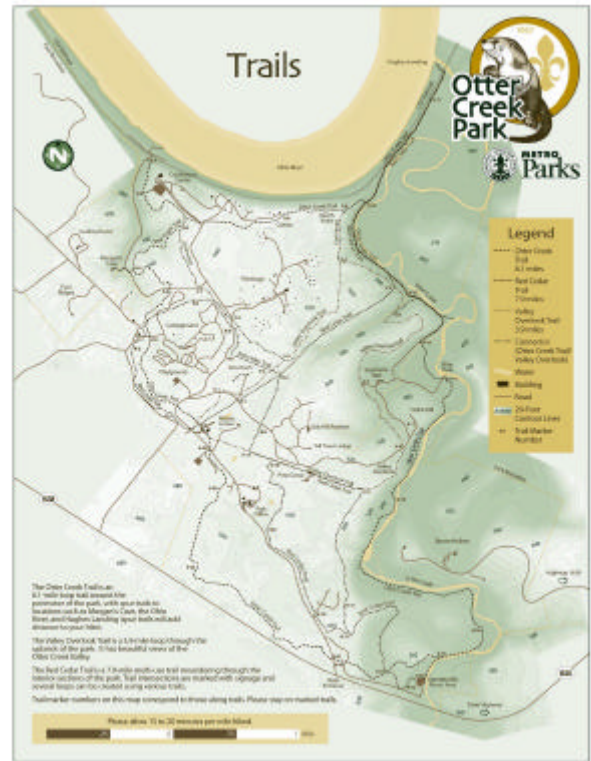
This summer we will have our meetings outdoors, where we will be able fish, eat and have a good time together. This is a good time to get to know the other club members, work on your casting and ask any question that you have wanted to ask for a long time. I urge everyone to get involved in our club, that is the only way you will be able to the most out of it and the best way to learn is to teach other.

Help us help you

With the summer months approaching, we need help updating our website and working on the newsletter. We currently use FrontPage to update the website and Word to write the newsletter. This is a good opportunity to try something new and help our club. Call Larry Drake 502-964-6887 to volunteer.

Teaching the Teachers

Derby City Fly Fishers, Inc. is starting "Teaching The Teachers". We hope to cover everything thing from how to run a good fishing club, how to teach fly casting, and how to fish moving water. This program will be open to all board members and other members that want to help with running the club. If interested, see one of the officers or directors at the meetings.



Most Sundays, DCFF members have fun fishing at Otter Creek. Contact Jim Green 502-380-1608 or dryfly421@bellsouth.net or Reggie Caillouet rcailouet@insightbb.com for more information.

KY Fish & Wild Life Commisioner's May Meeting

At the meeting, DCFF President Larry Drake talked about having a catch & release area at Helms Landing on the Cumberland River. It was shelved until the November meeting, because all of the creel surveys are not in yet.

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Build a Boat!



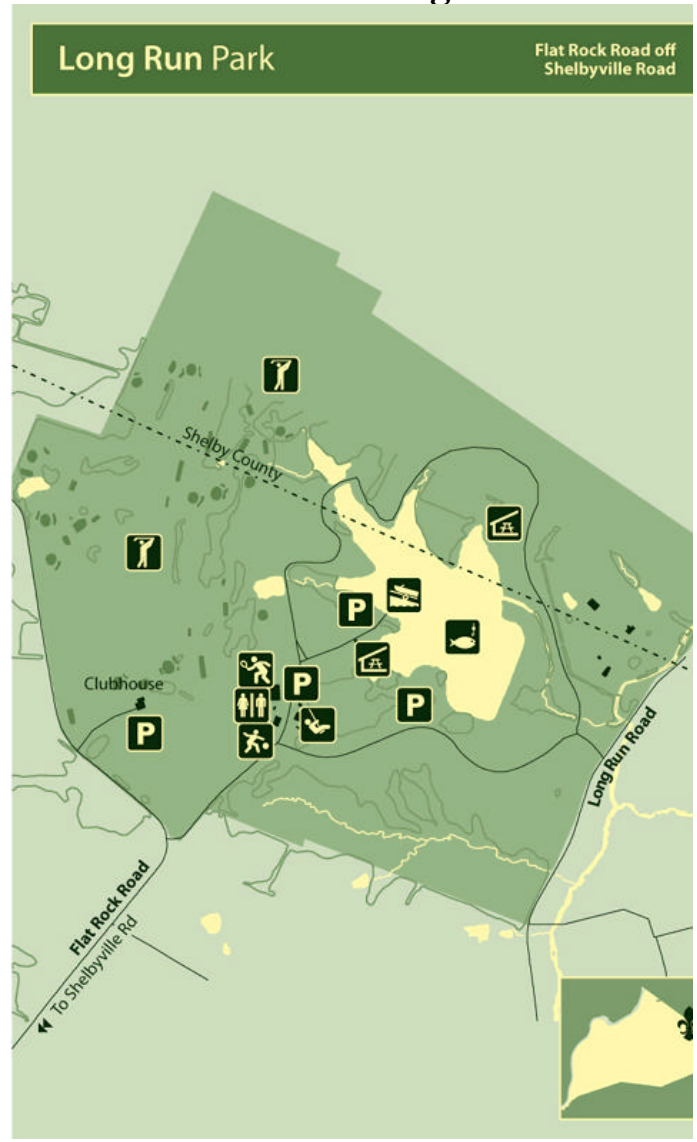
DCFF member, Leonard Kik and Mitch Larson, boat building expert, demonstrate “Principles of Home Building a Small Fishing Boat: A good family project”.



DCFF members learn by building a boat.

Check our website
www.derbycityflyfishers.com
for the latest DCFF news and
announcements.

Dinner & Fishing June 21



DCFF wins again!

Six board members and two former board members went to the Northern Kentucky Fly Fishers meeting. This was an outing to give some of our members a chance to see how other fly fishing clubs are run. We had good food, heard a good speaker (who talked about catching bass on a fly rod) and had a chance to make some new friends. I am sorry that more people didn't make the trip. As usual DCFF member, Jim Green did win a new seven piece fly rod and reel.

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Steelhead! by David Campbell



Drew with his first steelhead after a quick fly casting lesson!



Dave loves steelhead fishing!

Steelhead! The very word gets me excited. If the thought of catching several 24"+ fish a day in thin water doesn't ring your bell then your clapper is stuck. And the best part is this kind of fishing is not on the west coast or Montana or Alaska. It is only a few hours and a tank of gas away.

Lake Erie tributaries are plentiful with these fish. Ohio stocks several rivers each year with these trout and they migrate to the great lake where they spend the next couple of years or so and get fat and sassy on abundant forage. When the adults return to the tributaries to spawn, they average 24 inches and will readily take your fly.

This year, three DCFE anglers, Greg Mitchell, his son Drew, and I made the annual trip. On March 30 we left out not really knowing where we were going. We were depending on Jeff Novak of the DFishnfool Guide Service to tell us where the fish were and which river had the best odds. We left out, pointed our noses toward Cleveland and waited for Jeff's call. This uncertainty added to the excitement.

Just north of Columbus my cell phone vibrated in my pocket. It was Jeff. Go east young man and meet me at Conneaut Creek were his instructions.

We arrived in plenty of time to get our license, check in at the Days Inn, and check out several spots on Conneaut Creek in OH and Elk Creek in PA. Jeff wanted us in our waders and ready to go at 5 a.m., so we had an early dinner and were off to bed. The next morning, Jeff was right on time and we took the short drive to the creek and hiked in the dark to a nice spot where we waited until it got light enough to cast.

Drew's fly fishing experience amounted to only a few hours prior to this trip, but he took to it like bird to flight. In no time at all, he had a steelhead on and was enjoying the fight of the strong fish. Suddenly the rod went limp as the tippet snapped. This did not discourage Drew as he proceeded to hook several more fish. All in all I would have to say he caught more than his dad and I together. Beginner's luck? I don't think so. Drew is a good fisherman fly rod or not.

We continued to hook several fish and land a few at several different spots Jeff took us. The weather was great and we had a great day.

Friday night there was a little rain and on Saturday, we set out on our own and found the creek to be slightly colored from the rain. This was good in that visibility was limited in the stream and the fish were not as spooked. Again we hooked and landed several fish each. Another great day, except for Drew's camera. You know a camera will not ride very well on the edge of a pickup bed. That's right; we drove off with the camera on the side of the truck bed and lost not only the camera but all our pictures. (Now that's a fisherman's story).

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Gerry McDaniel taught our Cumberland Entomology Class.



New members fish the Cumberland after the Entomology Class armed with new knowledge.

SAVE THESE DATES:

May 17th - 6 p.m. – Monthly Meeting @ Louisville Nature Center – Casting Clinic & Swap Meet

May 24th - 7 p.m. - Fly Tying @ Louisville Nature Center - Scott Sawyer - BronzeClubber

June 2 - 4 - Cranberry, West VA (Trout - Bicycle Camping Trip - Larry Drake 502-964-6887 Trip Coordinator)

June 7th - 7 p.m. - Outdoor Board Meeting @ Long Run Park. Teaching the teachers.

June 10th - Blue River, IN (Bluegill - Scott Sawyer 812-989-1867 - Trip Coordinator)

June 21st - 6 p.m. – Dinner & Fishing Summer Outdoor Monthly Meeting @ Long Run Park.

June 24-25th - Cumberland River Camping Trip, Dale Hollow State Resort State Park Campground, KY (Trout - David Campbell 502-292-2629 - Trip Coordinator)

June 28th - 7 p.m. - Fly Tying @ Louisville Nature Center – David Campbell - No Claw Craw



Fly tying continues to draw a full house.

See you on the water!

