



THE KENTUCKIANA FLY FISHER



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Fish the Ohio from the Falls Of The Ohio State Park



The Falls of the Ohio State Park is located at the end of West Riverside Drive, Clarksville, Indiana. Take Exit 0 on Interstate 65 and follow the signs. The State Park is open seven days a week, dawn to dusk.

1st Wednesday – board meeting

3rd Wednesday - monthly meeting

4th Tuesday – DCFE fly tying @ Bass Pro Shop

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All indoor meetings are held at the Louisville Nature Center. All club outings are open to all paid DCFE members. We welcome visitors to all our meetings.

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

Summer Outdoor Meeting

July 19th 6 p.m.

Dinner & Fishing



July Outings

July 19th - 6 p.m. - Summer Outdoor Dinner & Fishing Monthly meeting @ Falls Of The Ohio State Park. Email Dinner Reservation Form.

July 21-23rd - Derby City Fly Fishers/Northern Kentucky Fly Fishers Elkhorn Creek Smallmouth Bass Stream Fishing & Camping Outing. (Smallmouth Bass - David Campbell 502-292-2629 - Trip Coordinator).

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DCFF President's Corner – "Joining a Fly Fishing Club" by Larry Drake

Some of us join a club to meet people with the same interest or to have someone to go fishing with, and others join to learn more about casting a fly rod or how to tie flies. Of course we all want to know about the access points to good fishing locations. There are some in the club with the only reason is to improve the streams and lakes and other that just want to improve the fishing. All of these are good reason to belong to a fishing club and I am sure that there are other good reasons that I haven't thought of at this time.

Our club is a little over two years old, some of our board members are getting tired. They have worked long and hard to put this club together. During the summer several of our people travel and we are glad that they have the opportunity, but it leaves the club short handed. If you would like to help us, contact one of the board members. This fall we will take a look at expanding our board, so if you have a cause that you want to work on and it has to do with fishing or conservation, a club with several members can usually get more done than an individual is able to accomplish.

Regardless of the reason you belong to Derby City Fly Fishers, Inc. I hope that you are able to get out of the club the things that you were looking for and that you have a great summer.

Wildcat Creek Outfitters

celebrate 10 years by

opening their second store.

Chad J. Miller expects the new store located in downtown Zionsville (40 North Main Street) to be open by early August. The 10 year Anniversary will be celebrated at the original Lafayette store as well. Stay tuned for the anniversary celebration details.

SAVE THESE DATES:

July 15th - Kentucky Wild Game Cook-Off at Eastland Center 4754 Bardstown Rd, Louisville, Ky 40218. Come be a cook! "A Taste of the Wild". Over \$7,000.00 in door prizes. Event to benefit the Kentucky Archery in the School Program.
<http://www.kycookoff.com/>

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July 22nd - Jefferson County Sportsmen's Club Open House. Contact Ed Mouser, Pres JCSC, VP Third Dist LKS, 502-363-6412, 338-0513 cell for more information.

July 25th - 6:30 - 8 p.m. - DCFF Fly Tying @ Bass Pro Shop

July 26th - 7 p.m. - Fly Tying @ Louisville Nature Center - Kimberly Beniot - Woolly Worm

August 2nd - 7 p.m. - Board Meeting @ Corner Cafe. All Members are welcome. Email Dinner Reservation Form. Long Run Park.

August 16th - 6 p.m. - Summer Outdoor Dinner & Fishing Monthly meeting @ Long Run Park. Email Dinner Reservation Form.

August 22nd - 6:30 - 8 p.m. - DCFF Fly Tying @ Bass Pro Shop

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DCFF Fly Tying at Bass Pro Shop **by David Campbell**

Stuart Emery, Jim Green, and myself participated in DCFF's first monthly fly tying demonstration at the Bass Pro Shop in Clarksville on June 27th. Crawfish, midges, salmon flies, and others were tied as we greeted customers and on-lookers coming into the fly shop. Many were very interested in tying and these events are a good way to introduce others to fly fishing and to DCFF.

These fly tying events will continue 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of every month (which is the night before our regular club monthly tying). If you are interested in tying, meeting people, and instructing others, bring your tools and materials and come out to BPS.

Scott Rod Demo Day

FlyMaster of Indianapolis and Scott Fly Rods reps Jerry Darkes and Will Turek will be hosting a free "on the water" rod demo day on August 12, 2006 at The Brookville tail water from 9am to 5pm. A wide selection of Scott Fly Rods trout series rods (G2, S3, E2 and A2) will be featured and available to cast and test under actual fishing conditions. In addition, a select group of steelhead, saltwater and two-handed rods, will also be available on request. A selection of reels and lines will be available, though attendees interested in taking a rod fishing must provide their own reel with line. When you cast a rod you will get a raffle ticket that can be used for food and beverage and as an entry into the raffle for the 9' #6 4-pc V2. FlyMasters of Indianapolis will have a selection of Scott Fly Rods available for purchase as well. FREE custom hand signature (\$60 value) with purchase or order of any G2 or S3 rod. Contact us at the shop (317-570-9811 if you have questions.

Bass Pro Shop 2006 Flyfishing Workshops

Fly Casting Basics 6:30 pm.

July 18, August 22, October 3, October 17, November 14

Our Expert Fly Fishing Staff teaches you the basics of Fly Casting. This class offers, everyone from the beginner to the expert, the proper instruction and techniques of Fly Casting. The class will be held in the Bass Pro Shops Movie Theater.

Fly Tying 101 6:30 pm.

August 1, September 19, October 31

A free class taught by our expert Fly Fishing staff on tying your own flies. Learn techniques and what materials to use to get you started in Fly fishing. This class will take place in the Bass Pro Shops Movie Theater.

Reading Streams and Water 6:30 pm.

September 5

It's important to know how to read streams and water when fly fishing, our Expert Fly Fishing Staff shows you all you will need to know. This class will be held in the Bass Pro Shops Movie Theater.

Winter Trout Fishing 6:30 pm.

November 28, December 26

Our expert Fly Fishing Staff will teach you everything you need to know about winter trout fishing. Learn what type of flies work best and get advice on the gear you are using. This class will be held in the Bass Pro Shops Movie Theater.

Fly Leader and Reel Training 6:30pm.

December 12

Learn what size leader and line goes with which reel. A great class for beginners taught by our Expert Fly Fishing Staff. This class will be held in the Bass Pro Shops Movie Theater.

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Tales from the Cumberland River By Bill Federhofer

One of the best experiences a person can have, besides catching trout and enjoying the beautiful scenery on the Cumberland River tailwater, is meeting the interesting people who fish the river. Let me introduce you to two such people that I have had the pleasure to get to know over the past several years, Michael Gehman and Ken Davis. Many of you have probably seen them on the river above and below from Burkesville.

Michael Gehman is a resident of Burkesville, though a transplant to the area via an interesting path starting with his childhood in Meridian, Mississippi. Michael grew up with a 7 acre lake and woods near his home and thus became an avid fly fisherman and hunter. It was here he started canoeing the sloughs and oxbows of the Pascagoula River in the same 12 foot Old Towne canoe he uses today on the Cumberland River. Michael graduated from Millsap College in Mississippi and went to graduate school at Tulane University and UCLA where he earned a doctorate in philosophy and met his wife Kristina. He taught 5 years at Vassar College in New York when he and Kristina decided to buy land in a rural area and live a much simpler life and raise their 2 children. They bought 35 acres in Adair County just north of Cumberland County and hand-built a house over a 5 year period.

After living in Adair County a short time he discovered the Cumberland River and became addicted to it, so they decided to move to Burkesville.

Kristina teaches Spanish in the local school system and is a former member of the University of Oregon downhill ski team.

In addition to his love of trout fishing Michael is an avid backpacker which serves him well as he has taken trips to some wilderness areas in the West and walked into some remote trout streams. While in graduate school at UCLA he hiked the desert from Yuma, Arizona north to the border where Oregon, California, and Nevada meet. That trek of over 1000 miles took 3 months.

Michael usually uses his canoe to get him to wading areas, however he also has located several walk-in areas so he has access about every 4 miles to fish or launch his canoe. He will paddle up-stream to his favorite wading spots and on many days against some fairly stiff current. He fishes the river 5 to 6 days a week in the warmer seasons though he's there most any time of year the water and weather is cooperative.

While Michael is easily recognized by his canoe another river-runner, Ken Davis is also easily identified with his boat. Ken builds and uses his homemade boats. He has built 3 and is working on a 4th homemade.

Ken was born in Williamsburg, Kentucky and raised in Cincinnati, Ohio as were many Kentuckians who had to leave home during the Depression and WW II years. After a hitch in the Navy during the Korean War era where he became a Machinist Mate 3rd Class, he went to work for the Crosley Corporation (for the younger readers it was a company that made very small cars and televisions) in Cincinnati as an apprentice tool and die maker. This led Ken into boats as the company owner raced Class D utility boats in APBA (American Power Boat Association) events. Ken not only piloted the boats in races in places such as Madison, Indiana and Lansing, Michigan, but also did modifications to the boats to enhance performance.

He said his collaboration with Cincinnati based German-heritage tool makers allowed some innovative products to be developed. One such product was a test propeller which made running the boat in the water while the engine setting is adjusted with the boat remaining stationary. That idea was developed and while using a prototype prop prior to a race in Wisconsin a Mercury Outboard representative happened to notice Ken adjusting the engine on a boat in the water and it was not moving. Out of curiosity he asked Ken how did this work so Ken showed him the test prop. The Mercury rep asked to borrow the prop and return it the next day. Several months later Mercury came out with a new product- a test prop. So much for being a nice guy, which Ken is. He is always willing to share his favorite fishing spots, methods, and lures.

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Ken lives in Burkesville after a career as an automation engineer with IBM. He went to work for IBM after his apprenticeship at IBM's new plant in Lexington. When he lived in Lexington he began fishing the Cumberland River and became intrigued with the excellent trout fishery. After taking early retirement and a brief period of Florida living, he returned to Kentucky to live in Burkesville and enjoy the Cumberland River.

Ken is a master at trolling for trout. He has caught many large trout (I witnessed one such 20 inch Rainbow he caught as he trolled near where I was wading) as well as walleye using Rapala Shad Raps and regular Rapala lures. He replaces the treble hooks with a single hook with two split rings which he claims keeps the fish from throwing the lure.

You can't miss Ken on the river with his distinctive boat and little dog, Blackie. They are a fish-catching pair and Blackie always backs Ken up on the number and size of the fish caught.



Michael and his canoe.



Ken trolling for trout.

Thank you, Dave Campbell and Bill Federhofer for sharing some of your fishing adventures with us.

Take a friend fishing!

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