

Tight Lines

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Local Fishing Rodeo's

There are several fishing events coming your way this spring. The Rabun Chapter of TU financially supports several of these and I understand that all of them are an excellent way for children and those of us that are really big kids to spend a morning. I hope you can find one listed below that will fit on your calendar.

Black Rock Mountain State Park, May 4th, 8:30-11:00. (706)746-2141

US Forest Service/Nancytown Lake at Lake Russell WMA, May 11th. (706)754-6221

Moccasin Creek State Park June 8th, All day. (706)947-3194

US Forest Service/Tallulah River, June 15th, 8-12pm. (706)782-3320

Overnight Camping and Fishing Trip To The Nantahala River

The chapter has planned an overnight fishing excursion to the Nantahala River that is primarily designed for those "younger" folks in our group. That is not meant to insinuate that those of us that are a bit older are not welcome, oh contrar', the (shall we say) more experienced members (and friends) are not only welcome, but needed! The "younger" folks on the trip can benefit from your fishing expertise and tall tales around the campfire.

We normally do not meet in May but on Tuesday, May 7th at 6:30 in the Rabun County Library, we will have a short planning session for the campout and fishing trip. If you plan to join us on this adventure, you need to be at the meeting. And even if you don't plan to go, your input will be helpful. If you can't make the meeting but want to go, contact either Tom Landreth or Sharon Wilson and we will fill you in on the details! This is a trip that you don't want to miss!

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Saturday, May 4th, Fishing Rodeo, Black Rock Mtn. State Park.

Tuesday, May 7th, Planning meeting for Nantahala Trip, Rabun County Library, 6:30pm.

Saturday, May 11th, Fishing Rodeo at Nancytown Lake/Lake Russell WMA.

Friday and Saturday, May 17th and 18th, Campout and fishing on the Nantahala River.

President's Corner

POPCORN CREEK FLOODOUT

At our April chapter meeting we had a lively discussion regarding our partnership with the U. S. Forest Service and the effects of budget cutting on the the planned projects in the Tallulah district. Dave Jensen presented his budget in the areas of fisheries, wildlife and threatened or endangered species. It became quite obvious that the monies necessary to fund planned projects will not be there in this next fiscal year. The Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited needs to rethink how we wish to allocate our funds so that they are utilized for the enhancement, protection and improvement of our cold water fisheries. That is our mission, that is our goal and that is what Trout Unlimited is about. A planning meeting will be called shortly and I urge every member in our area to attend. Our chapter has been very successful, both in raising funds and in projects beneficial to the cold water resource in this area. Your input is vital to the future success of the Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited.

And didn't it rain brother..and sister! Yes it did! But, before it came we raked the gravel down on the road leading into one of the campsites; seeded, fertilized and mulched eight or so berms and roadside shoulders; cleared a debris dam allowing the water level to return to normal in the streambed and exposing one of our previously installed structures; rocked a couple of more deflector style structures; then shocked about 200 yards of Popcorn Creek and discovered a healthy population of Brook Trout.

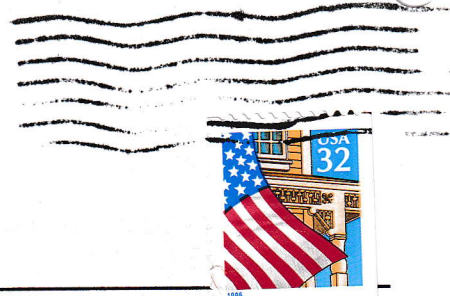
We did all of this in about four hours. We did all of this thanks to Terry Seehorn and his band of students from Rabun Gap Nacoochee School (some are also members of the chapter); Bo and his two fanatical trout fishing sons; Frank Tolbert, one of our newest members, who drove from Norcross on a questionable weather day to join us; Doug "4 Wheel" Adams; Louise and Jim "Count On'im" Nixon; Doug Watson and Dave Deavours of the USFS; and your pres, Tom Landreth.

After the above, we spread a lovely repast on Jim's table. Naturally the younger folk and Seehorn were first in line and as it turned out were the only ones to have a sandwich on more or less dry bread. The heavens opened up and the rains came and came.

The Forest Service road into the Popcorn Creek area became a quagmire of mud and it took some real doing to get out. But thanks to friends , four wheel drive and chains, we all made it out. Thanks to all of the aforementioned for their help in making our first project a success.

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