



Trout Lines

May 2017

STREAM CLEANUPS

HARD WORK BY VOLUNTEERS

Two big stream cleanups of note were held during April. The first was the 20th annual Elkhorn Cleanup held on Saturday, April 15, 2017. More than 100 hard working volunteers from West Virginia and other states were hosted by the Southern West Virginia Chapter of Trout Unlimited. They pulled truck loads of trash ranging from beer cans to old automotive gas tanks from the creek. A big thanks to every person and every group that participated. Hopefully, some day, the people trashing this great trout stream will learn what a treasure it is.



Elkhorn Cleanup photo by Shawn Hornsby



Elkhorn residue being gathered to haul away

The second big cleanup was on Dunloup Creek, Fayette County. Among the volunteers were Mike Bailey, Larry Orr, Mike Sayre, and Dennis Cottrill. I didn't receive the names of the others. These folks were not deterred by all the rain on April 22nd at all. Though the turn out wasn't nearly as large as the cleanup in Elkhorn, the enthusiasm was just as great.



The Dunloup Creek Cleanup Crew

**Take a kid fishing and teach them to
enjoy the outdoors. It will improve
their whole life and make yours more
enjoyable.**

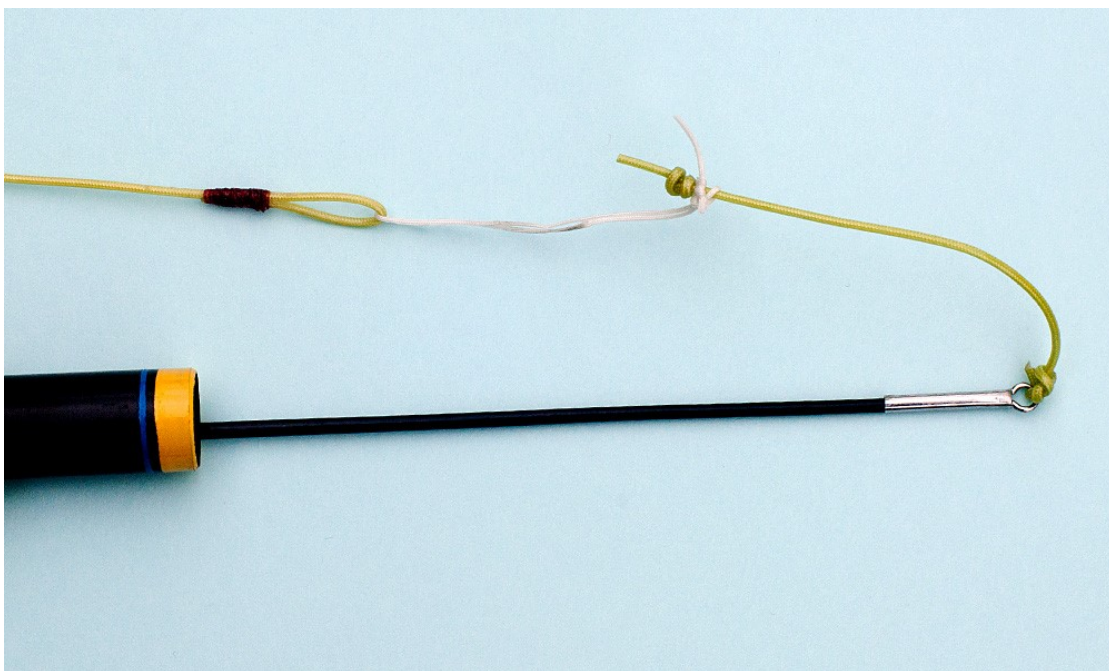
A POOR MAN'S TENKARA

BY HARRY MORAN

I was curious about the Tenkara method of fishing, but not willing to shell out \$100 or more just to try it. I went searching for an alternative. I found an inexpensive way to check it out. It does not have the finesse or the feel of an expensive rig, but it works well for me.

I found a \$10.98 Cabela's 13 foot telescoping crappie rod, that I bought on sale for \$7.98. I tied a lillian into the eye tip made from 4 weight fly line and put a knot in it 1/2 inch from the end. I used a 12 foot piece of old floating fly line and made a loop in each end. At the heavy end I made a loop from a short piece backing line passed through the loop in the fly line and tying the ends leaving a single one half inch tag end on it.

I use a girth hitch to attach the fly line loop to the lillian behind the lillian knot. You can release the fly line with one tug on the backing line loop's tag end. I put a 3 to 4 foot tippet, with a loop on one end, on the end of the fly line with a loop to loop connection. Tie on a fly and you are ready to go. You can use this rig for dapping or regular fly fishing. The 13 foot length allows a stealthy placement of a fly on small streams. I used the hand hold punch out from a foam garden kneeling pad to wrap the line on. Use a small velcro strap to keep the line in place. You can use this rig where there is a lot of over hanging limbs or brush. I have no problem putting the fly where I want to on the small streams in the WV mountains. It is a poor man's Tenkara. Here is a Tenkara fly line attachment and detachment video link: [Attachment & Detachment Video](#)



LOOP CREEK SOS

BY LARRY ORR

Fourteen ENCTU members gathered on April 8 to attempt to complete a WV DEP Save – Our – Streams survey on Loop Creek. The survey could not be completed, because of the high flow. The flow was measured to be 93 cubic feet per second and was the highest that ENCTU has measured on this stream. We have encountered higher flows, but this is the highest we have actually measured. The benthic macroinvertebrate or “bug count” assessment could not be completed because the flow was too high to be able to physically hold the sampling screens in the stream. ENCTU will continue to measure and monitor the health of trout streams using the benthic macroinvertebrate assessment method in spite of recent misguided WV SB 687 legislation negating this scientific technique and replacing it with observation of the presence of trout and the presence of enough water for a trout to swim in.

An informal benthic macroinvertebrate assessment was done on the small tributary coming into Loop Creek above the cemetery, since its’ flow was low enough to be allow management of the bug sampling screen. Numerous bugs were found, but the diversity (lack of intolerant insects) was lacking, indicating an unhealthy stream. The pH was high at 7.7 in this trib and the conductivity was high at 879 micro siemens. This is an indication that mining activity in the area is probably impacting this tributary.

The next ENCTU Loop Creek SOS survey on Loop Creek will be on Saturday, October 24 at 10 AM. Announcements and reminders will be issued prior to that date. Come and join us and learn about things that your legislators don’t seem to understand.



Taking a reading on Loop Creek

PROTECT AMERICA'S LANDS

BY ROMAN D STAUFFER

From frozen tundra to beach to mountaintop, America's 640 million acres of public lands are open to all of us. For decades, families have filled photo albums with long lasting memories made on America's public lands. These treasured places are used for relaxation, recreation, and some provide hunting and fishing opportunities for millions of Americans.

Many of West Virginia's most iconic places, the roaring rapids of the New River Gorge National River, the breathtaking vistas of the Monongahela National Forest, the tranquil valley wetlands of the Canaan Valley National Wildlife Refuge, are part of our national public lands. These public lands and millions of additional acres across the United States of America embody the wild and free American spirit.

Unfortunately, one of America's greatest ideas is at risk. The threat of losing public lands looms large. Some members of Congress would like to allow the federal government to transfer control of some of our public lands to the states or allow them to be sold.

Handing over federal lands to states does not guarantee they will continue to be available to the public. Lands held by state governments, like our state parks, are often operated to generate revenue for the states. Selling public lands to private owners will most certainly mean they will likely never be open for the public to enjoy again.

Last year and as recently as January, President Donald Trump told *Field & Stream* magazine that he has concerns about transferring America's public lands to the states. He acknowledged the uncertainty of shifting the responsibility of millions of acres of public lands to the states, which may sell off some of America's most treasured landscapes.

Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke, a Montanan who was selected by President Trump to lead the agency that maintains land controlled by the federal government has stated that he opposes selling America's public lands or transferring them to the states.

The management of America's public lands may not be perfect. Many states, including West Virginia, are not equipped to shoulder the enormous costs associated with fighting wildfires, maintaining roads and trails, treating noxious weeds, combating invasive species, and conducting habitat restoration of millions of acres of federal public lands.

President Trump and West Virginia's congressional delegation should emulate President Teddy Roosevelt, one of America's greatest conservationist, and work to protect and preserve America's public lands. During Roosevelt's presidency, he established one hundred fifty national forests, fifty-one federal bird reserves, four national game preserves, five national parks, and eighteen national monuments.

The places that President Roosevelt protected and millions of acres more that inspire awe and wonder belong to all of us. Backpackers, trail runners, fly fishing enthusiasts, and outdoorsmen and women all across the country are speaking out about protecting public lands from sea to shining sea. West Virginians who want to ensure that America's most magnificent and beautiful places are protected for their children and grandchildren should encourage our representatives to protect America's public lands.



RECENT TIC STOCKINGS

BY HARRY MORAN

On April 15th, New Haven Elementary School participants in the Trout In the Classroom program made the long trip to Kanawha State Forest to stock their brown trout raised from eggs given to the teachers at the Edray hatchery in October. New Haven may have created a record in the program by raising 324 trout in their tank. That many trout fry required a lot of extra work, such as changing the tank water twice a week and a lot more attention to the water chemistry.

Besides all the different subjects learned from this program, such as water chemistry, stream ecology, trout life cycle, macroinvertebrates, and responsibility for caring for the trout, the students are rated on reading. The student with the most AR points for reading gets the honor of stocking the first trout! Hopefully the students in this program grow up to be more responsible West Virginia citizens who will, unlike our legislators and governor, protect our streams and mountains.

On April 21st, Mary C. Snow Elementary, from Charleston's west side, stocked their trout. Though the day was a little grey and overcast, with a slight drizzle, the children didn't seem to mind. They had a great time during their day out in the Kanawha State Forest. They had a large number of healthy little brown trout to stock and really enjoyed seeing their fish swim off in Davis Creek. This is such a wonderful program and all of us that volunteer to help at these stockings leave feeling great about what we have just witnessed. Volunteer today!



New Haven Elementary TIC Photos



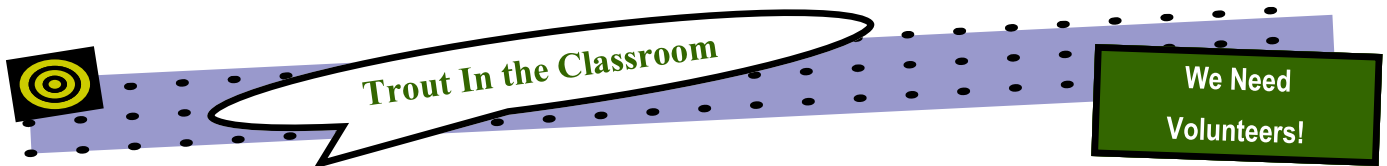
Mary C. Snow Elementary School TIC Photos



LAST ISSUE UNTIL SEPTEMBER'S

NEWSLETTER ON SUMMER BREAK

The membership meeting in May is the last one until September. The newsletter will also be on summer break, until the September issue. We will be busy in the field with stocking events, fishing, and vacations, so everyone have a great summer! Consult our website's [activity calendar](#) for more information about our scheduled events.



Upcoming School Releases

May is a busy month for TIC volunteers and schools in the program. Anyone interested in helping just arrive 1/2 hour before the scheduled time for a school's release, at Kanawha State Forest. If you just want to come and watch to see the results of the program with students, that is good too. Safety is the main job for most volunteers at these events, unless you are involved with helping with the actual releases. When there are 60 to 75 students in a group, extra watchful adults are an asset.

We meet in the parking lot, near where the old swimming pool was located.

Here are the known schedules at this time:

May 4th - Shoals Elementary	9:30 AM	May 5th - Hometown Elementary	9:30 AM
May 16th - Kenna Elementary	9:00 AM	May 17th - Elk Elementary	9:30 AM
May 18th - Alban Elementary	9:30 AM	May XXX - Lakewood Elementary (Pending?)	

"The man who coined the phrase "Money can't buy happiness", never bought himself a good fly rod!"

~Reg Baird

Bragging may not bring happiness, but no man having caught a large fish goes home through an alley. *~Author Unknown*

Scheduled Events

May 9th—Membership Meeting at the South Charleston Library 7 PM (Socialize at 6:30 PM)

May 23rd - ENCTU Board Meeting at the South Charleston Library - 6:30 PM

Summer events are posted in detail on our website under [Activity Calendar](#) :

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