

Newsletter June 2023

News from the Spring Creek Chapter of TU

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Family Fishing Picnic

Sunday, June 4th from 1pm-5pm

[Tussey Mountain Pond](#)

Free admission, hot dogs, drinks, fishing, and hands-on educational activities. This is also the official launch of Centred Outdoors season 7! There will be guided hikes at 1pm and 3pm. Please bring your own water bottle! Contact Hazel to volunteer.

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Memorandums

With heavy hearts we would like to honor three volunteers who we have recently lost.

[Mark Antolosky](#)



A member of the Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited, and an avid fisherman passed away in April. Mark was born in Bellefonte, graduated from Bellefonte High School and received his Bachelor of Science from Penn State. He was also known for being a talented fast pitch softball player. Throughout his career, he worked in advertising for several media outlets. Mark's greatest joy was sharing his love of fly fishing with his many clients and friends. His knowledge, patience, skill, and kindness made him the perfect instructor. One of his notable students was former President Jimmy Carter. Mark's favorite streams were Spring Creek and Spruce Creek. Mark is missed by many in the fly fishing community, including Dave McMullen and Joe Humphreys. The family has requested that in lieu of flowers, donations are made to the Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited for

which we are incredibly grateful. Thank you Mark for inspiring so many in our community!

Dan VanWinkle



Dan was a man of many talents and passions. Foremost among his passions was fly fishing, and in particular, supporting the Veterans Service Program of SCCTU. Dan joined the VSP leadership team and served as the “event coordinator” for the monthly gatherings under the sycamores at Fisherman’s Paradise. He was instrumental in creating a welcoming environment for returning and first-time guests and insisted that we all knew the script to greet and welcome our guests. Dan used his woodworking skills to craft a beautiful fishing rod holder as well as multiple storage devices for equipment and of course the pedestal for Tony the Trout! What brought Dan the most joy was sharing his love of all things fly fishing with anyone interested in learning! As an accomplished fly tyer Dan would assist in the VSP sponsored “Intro to Fly Tying” and “Intro to Fly Fishing” winter series. On the stream Dan was staple of the Stream-side Mentors and helped us all improve our techniques and spirit! He will be missed by the SCCTU community.

Greg Hoover



Greg was the consummate educator, the self-professed "bug geek" to the worlds of fly fishing, agriculture, and conservation. He was widely-considered to be North America's most knowledgeable fly fishing entomologist. If heaven has a trout stream, Greg is already matching the hatch with his encyclopedic knowledge of aquatic insects, and all things natural. In "retirement" Greg spent 8 years as the director and lead instructor for the famed fly fishing courses at Penn State, continuing the tradition started by his late mentor George Harvey and bolstered by his friend Joe Humphreys. In 1992, Greg coauthored a book with Charlie Meck, "Great Rivers, Great Hatches," a guide to nearly 60 trout streams and their hatches across the United States. Greg enjoyed volunteering with all age groups, specifically the yearly "On the Fly" competition, the Wildlife Leadership Academy, and Casting for Recovery. Late in life, anglers found him behind the counter at Flyfisher's Paradise, tying flies, telling stories, and nurturing the love for the sport. At Greg's request, there will be no memorial service. Immediate family will commemorate Greg's life by a trout stream later this summer.

The Mayfly Project

Our friends from The Mayfly Project are looking for a Lead Mentor for the State College project. Email Kaitlyn to find out more:

Kaitlin@themayflyproject.com

The Mayfly Project is a national non-profit on a mission to support children in foster care with the sport of fly fishing. Their goal is to not only teach children in foster care how to fly fish, but to also introduce them to their local water ecosystems, knowing that connecting them to a rewarding hobby will provide an opportunity for them to: have fun, build self-esteem, and develop a meaningful connection with the outdoors.

LEAD MENTOR WANTED

Bring people together in the community and change the lives of children in foster care with local fly fishing adventures!

VOLUNTEER LEAD MENTOR POSITION AVAILABLE FOR THE STATE COLLEGE, PENNSYLVANIA PROJECT, 2023

Looking for a lead that is organized, has time to develop the local program, and is a fun leader for kids and mentors.

Please email us to find out more:
kaitlin@themayflyproject.com



Women Anglers

The Women Anglers got out on the water to hone their fly fishing skills and catch some trout. Thanks to Dr. Jon Sweetman and Morgan Stum for their presentations of identifying aquatic invertebrates and trout species.

In early May, a few Women Anglers got out on the creek at a spot restored and preserved by ClearWater Conservancy. Despite the drizzling rain they had a great time! Thanks to everyone who joined them.

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If anyone would like to join the Women Anglers, please contact Diane Brown at dmb490@gmail.com

Veteran Service Program

The SCCTU Veteran Service Program met on April 30th with 4 Veterans wanting to fish. The SCCTU VSP met again in the rain on May 10th with 8 Veterans joining the group. Along with the Veterans, we had 6 volunteers that helped to improve their skills, leading to most of them catching fish. Snacks and beverages were provided. Members from the Air Force National Guard unit located at our local airport were those in attendance. Our next get-together is scheduled for Saturday, June 10 at Fisherman's Paradise.

Next Outing in 2023 is on JUNE 10



VETERANS SERVICE PROGRAM
SPRING CREEK CHAPTER

Calling All Veterans

Learn to Fish on Spring Creek

Veterans Service Program



All Veterans, Active Duty Military Personnel, National Guard, Reserves - Join the Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited talented stream coaches to learn fly fishing, improve your existing skills, and learn about conservation projects to keep our streams and watersheds healthy and protected. We also provide free educational programs in the winter months for fly tying and "Fly Fishing 101".

We provide fishing gear, supplies, and a one-year membership to Trout Unlimited. The VSP is a free fishing and outdoor recreational program for veterans. Come and check out our program.

Light snacks and refreshments will be provided.

When: Saturday, June 10, 2023, 4 -9PM

**Where: Fisherman's Paradise
1150 Spring Creek Road
Bellefonte, PA 16823**

For More Information Contact:

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For more information about SCCTU visit:

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www.springcreektu.org

Youth Education Committee

Our Youth Education Committee assisted Mrs. Gonzales with her students on Saturday May 13, to release their Trout in the Classroom fingerlings into water at Whipples Dam. Parents, siblings, and grandparents all attended to participate in the release with the addition of fishing, aquatic insect identification, and a fun scavenger hunt.

On April 29th, they worked with 10 boys and girls with the STREAM Keepers

program at Camp Anderson in Tyrone.

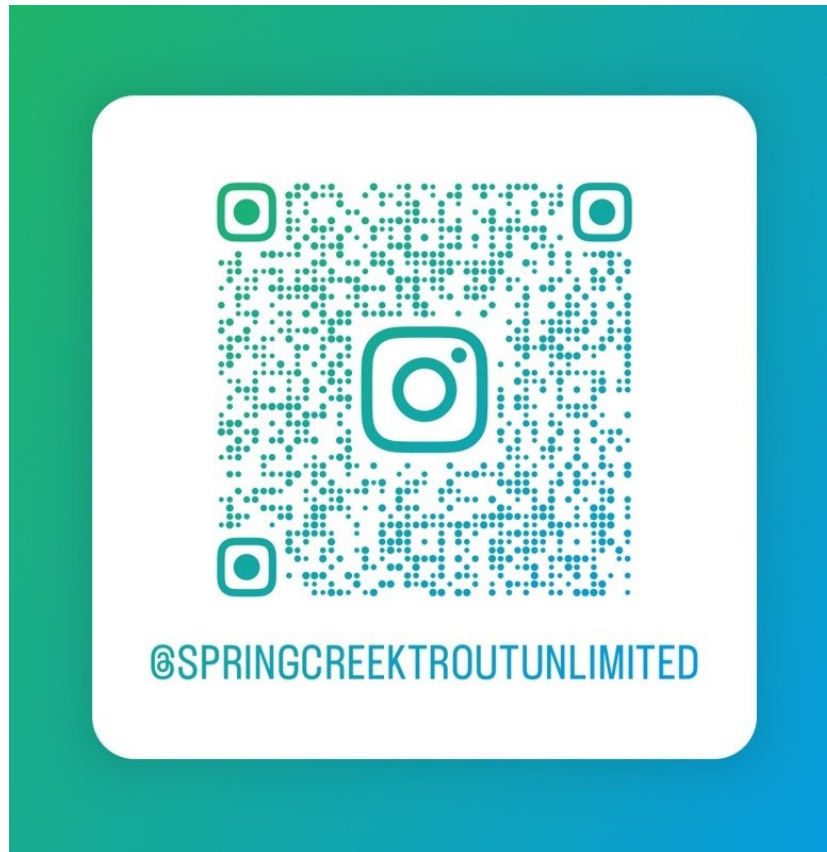


Check out some upcoming events:

June 24, 12-4pm - Great Outdoor Picnic; Penns Cave

June 29, 10-11:30 - YSB Fishing; Lamar US Fish Hatchery

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Outreach Events

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited reached out to more than 50 families at the Spring Creek Elementary School "Pollinator Days". The event included the use of Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited Enviroscape to demonstrate the impact of everyday events from farm to home on the quality of water.

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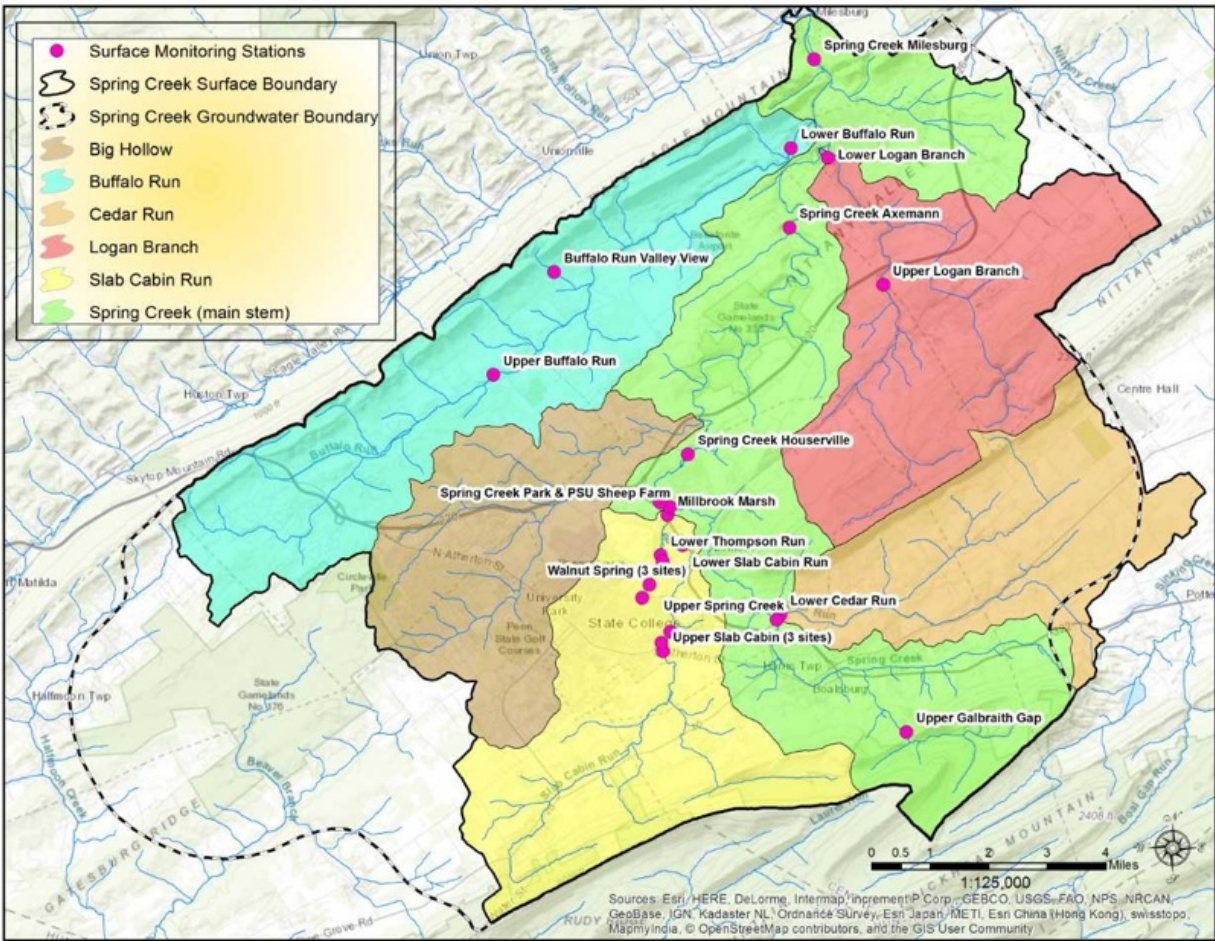
The Spring Creek Watershed Atlas

Title: Thermal Characteristics of Springs and Streams in the Spring Creek Watershed

Author: David R. DeWalle

The temperature of spring and stream water within the Spring Creek watershed in central Pennsylvania is important for many water uses, especially maintaining healthy aquatic ecosystems, water recreation and a highly-valued trout fishery. Trout are stressed when water temperatures exceed about 68.0 degrees Fahrenheit ($^{\circ}\text{F}$) and temperatures above about 74.2 $^{\circ}\text{F}$ can be lethal. Many headwater mountain streams and springs emerge from the forested uplands with non-carbonate rocks such as sandstone and shale and relatively stable temperature regimes, which fluctuate around the regional mean annual air temperature of about 50.2 $^{\circ}\text{F}$.

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