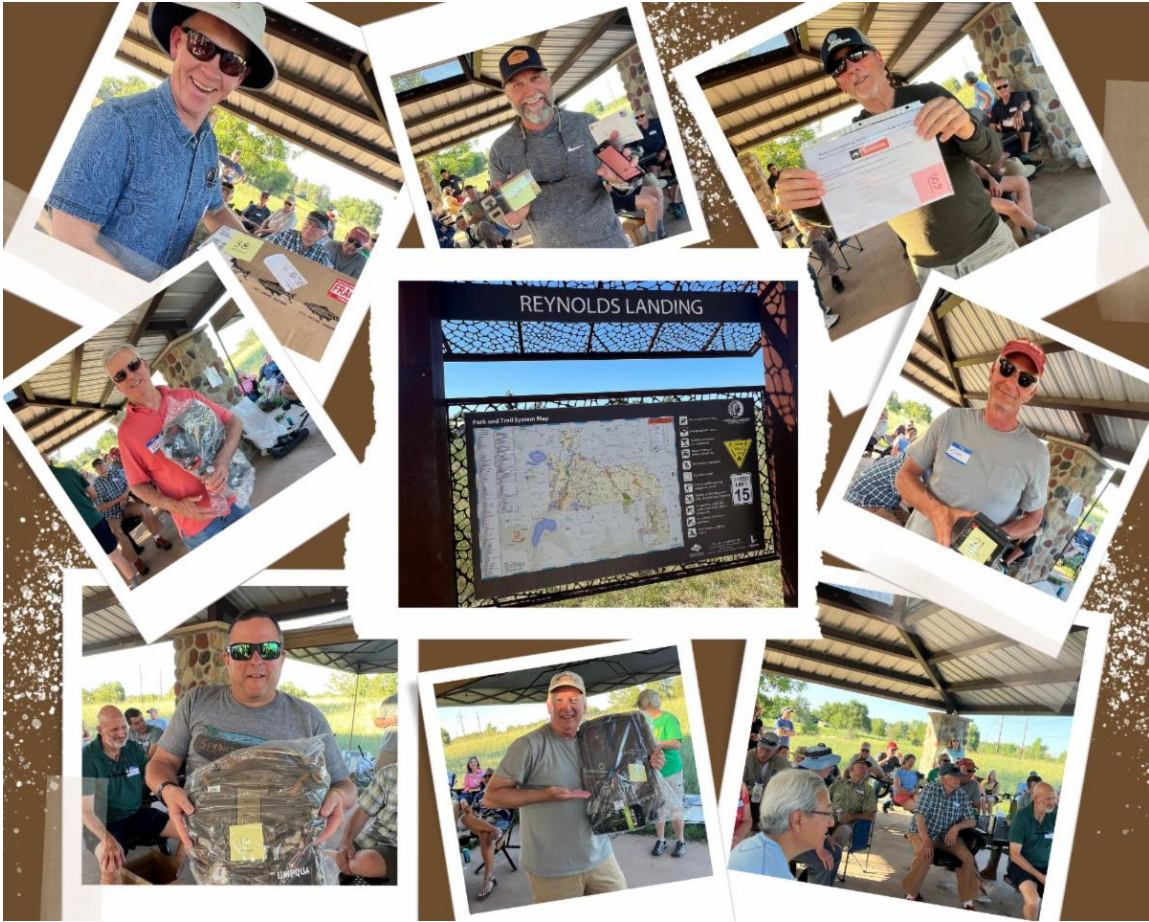


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Upcoming Events



CCTU 2023 Annual Picnic and Raffle

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## CCTU CHAPTER MEETING - September 19, 2023

Lone Tree Brewing  
8200 Park Meadows Dr.  
Lone Tree, CO 80124  
6:00pm Knot tying demonstration  
6:30pm Meeting begins

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### Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83053491355?  
pwd=UUZ1TXdSR1ZFNIWQmdyKzUxT0lQUU09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83053491355?pwd=UUZ1TXdSR1ZFNIWQmdyKzUxT0lQUU09)

Meeting ID: 830 5349 1355

Passcode: Cutthroat

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**CCTU CHAPTER MEETING SEPT 2023**



**PAUL VERTREES**

Lead Backcountry Guide

**Royal Gorge Anglers**



**HIKING & FISHING THE BACKCOUNTRY**

*Smaller Streams that Flow into the Arkansas*



**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19**

Knots Tying Demo at **6:00 PM**

Meeting Starts at **6:30 PM**

**Lone Tree Brewing Company**



**8200 Park Meadows Drive, Lone Tree, CO 80124**

- Overview of hiking and fishing the Arkansas backcountry in surrounding areas of Cañon City
- How to find and access smaller streams
- What day hikers and backpackers should carry and what to leave at home
- Types of packs that work well when hiking specifically to fly fish
- Advantages/disadvantages of conventional fly rods vs Tenkara
- How to narrow fly selection to avoid carrying flies you do not need



<https://www.royalgorgeanglers.com>

[info@royalgorgeanglers.com](mailto:info@royalgorgeanglers.com)

888-994-6743

**Fly Tyer: Bob Getz**

Come early (6:00pm) - Bob is giving a special demo on tying knots!



**Attend the meeting and try your luck for these raffle prizes  
compliments of the CCTU Chapter**





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Join Cutthroat Chapter at Lake Lehow in Littleton



**COME FISH  
WITH US**



**With a BBQ**

**FRIDAY, SEPT 22**

**4:00 pm – 8:00 pm**



*This is a wonderful opportunity for Beginners to learn to fish, and for a Family-Friendly Fishing Outing close to home.*

- *It's a stocked private lake - no fishing license is needed*
- *Catch and Release only - no worries about the fish you catch*
  - *We fish from shore - no waders or fishing boots*
  - *We supply water and soft drinks*
- *We provide coaching on casting, catching, and releasing fish*
- *Bring your fishing rod and flies with barbless hooks – if you don't have equipment, no worries, we can set you up*

**EASY-PEASY!  
JUST SHOW UP!**



Entry to Lake Lehow is from the east side of the Waterton Canyon Parking Lot. Take the Wadsworth exit south to Waterton Road, left into the parking lot. Veer to the right as you enter (toward van/trailer parking) and drive east down the dirt road to the green gate in back.



A CCTU representative will be at the gate at 4pm and for an additional 5-10 minutes. The gate chain will then be "soft locked" for any late arrivals. If you arrive after 4pm, please redo the chain "soft lock" before proceeding to the lake.

**CCTU POC: David Coward [dpcoward@hotmail.com](mailto:dpcoward@hotmail.com)**

## COME FISH WITH US - MOVING WATERS

This day-trip activity is for you if you want:

- To meet people in the chapter.
- To explore Colorado rivers.
- Help with an aspect of your fishing game.



On August 24th seven folks made the long two and a half plus hour trip out to Gypsum Ponds to fish the Eagle River. We all arrived at Gypsum Ponds SWA a little past 10:30 due to a late start from the T-Rex Park and Ride because several people got tied up in Denver rush hour traffic. Gypsum Ponds SWA was a great option with a lot of fishable water and no crowds. The water temperatures were a bit high pushing 60 degrees which kept the fishing a bit slow. However nearly everyone had a fish story or two to share by the end of the days with both dry flies and nymphs being equally effective. The blue skies turned to afternoon thundershowers around 4 pm chasing everyone back to our rides. The group headed home about 4:30 and everyone agreed that the long trip over to the Eagle was well worth it. Thanks to Dr. Allen Adinoff for the great pictures.



The beautiful day produced a nice fish for Allen.



Lunch was a good time to swap stories and tactics before heading back out for the afternoon.

For our September trip we are closer to home and fishing **Clear Creek!**

**CCTU COME FISH WITH US**  
**MOVING WATERS PROGRAM**  
**WEEKEND FISHING TRIP**

Join us on  
**Clear Creek**  
**SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 30**  
**7:45am Meet Up**  
**Park-n-Ride**  
**C-470/University Blvd**  
**(SW Quadrant)**  
**8392 S Burnley Ct, Highlands Ranch**

- Clear Creek is more river than creek and flows 66 miles from its headwaters near the Continental Divide to the South Platte River
- There is a string of old mining towns along the way as Clear Creek passes through Georgetown, Silver Plume and Idaho Springs; you can find some exceptional fly-fishing conditions without having to search for parking
- Clear Creek from Georgetown to Golden offers excellent fishing for rainbow, brown and Snake River Cutthroat trout

**To RSVP and to request more information**  
**from trip leader Harlan Husmann:**  
**harlan.husmann@outlook.com**  
**(701) 893-6068**

**CCTU COME FISH WITH US**  
**MOVING WATERS PROGRAM**  
**MID-WEEK FISHING TRIP**

Join us on  
**Clear Creek**  
**THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 28**  
**7:45am Meet Up**  
**Park-n-Ride T-Rex Lot**  
**(near I-70 & I-470)**  
**18425 US-40, Golden, CO 80401**

- Clear Creek is more river than creek and flows 66 miles from its headwaters near the Continental Divide to the South Platte River
- There is a string of old mining towns along the way as Clear Creek passes through Georgetown, Silver Plume and Idaho Springs; you can find some exceptional fly-fishing conditions without having to search for parking
- Clear Creek from Georgetown to Golden offers excellent fishing for rainbow, brown and Snake River Cutthroat trout

**To RSVP and to request more information**  
**from trip leader Mark Davis:**  
**mdavissci22@gmail.com (303) 941-0393**

**Destination:** Saturday, September 30 Clear Creek      Thursday, September 28 Clear Creek

**Meeting Time** 7:45am      7:45am

**And Location:**

Park-n-Ride  
C-470 and University  
8392 S Burnley Ct  
Highlands Ranch, CO

Park-n-Ride  
T-Rex Lot  
18425 US-40  
Golden, CO

**NOTE:** The date of the Saturday trip has been changed from what was listed in the past newsletter. The new date is Saturday, September 30.

**TYPICAL AGENDA:**

7:45am	Meet at Park-n-Ride.
8:00am	Leave from Park-n-Ride.
10:00am	Arrive at river.
1:00pm-ish	Lunch (bring your own lunch).
4:00pm	Conclude fishing and begin packing to leave.
4:30pm	Begin return trip.
6:30pm	Return to Park-n-Ride.

**DATES OF FUTURE TRIPS:**

October 14 and 19

**WAIVER:**

A CCTU waiver is required for these trips. Please bring a signed one along with you and give to the trip organizer. If you need one, you can download from [here](#) or e-mail Harlan.

**QUESTIONS:**

Saturday trip:

Harlan Husmann  
(701) 893-6068  
harlan.husmann@outlook.com

Thursday trip:

Mark Davis  
(303) 941-0393  
mdavissci22@gmail.com

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## CCTU VOLUNTEER EVENT



### SEPTEMBER 9

1.0 Explore a stream, collect flow data, sample macroinvertebrates, tie flies, and learn fly casting

**NEED 7 VOLUNTEERS  
(HYDROLOGY, TYING,  
CASTING, PHOTOS)**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e4fa9a92aa3fdcf8-2023#/>

**Kassler Center@  
Waterton Canyon  
7:30 am – 5:30 pm**

**11338 Waterton Road  
Littleton, CO 80125**

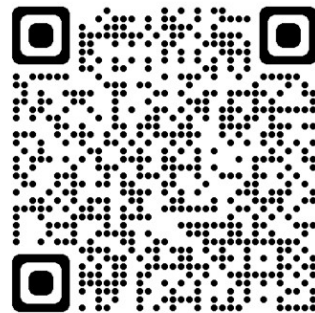


<https://coloradotu.org/stream-girls>

### SEPTEMBER 10

2.0 Fly fish with graduates of STREAM Girls 1.0

**NEED 6 VOLUNTEERS  
(KNOTS, CASTING,  
FISHING, PHOTOS)**



**Lake Lehow**

**10:15 am – 2:00 pm**

**11250 Waterton Road  
Littleton, CO 80125**

STREAM Girl is Trout Unlimited's watershed STEM program for girls that builds confidence and breaks down barriers in science and the outdoors. Through the eyes of a scientist, artist and angler, girls make a personal connection to their home waters.

Every person is a citizen of her watershed, and Trout Unlimited has partnered with Girl Scouts USA to show what that means to us. By visiting a local stream and having the opportunity to observe it as scientists, anglers, and artists, girls will get the complete picture of what their stream could mean to them.

Over the course of multiple sessions, Trout Unlimited volunteers lead the Girl Scouts in observing a stream, collecting flow data, sampling macroinvertebrates (aka aquatic bugs), fly tying, and fly casting. Each day also gives the girls time to intimately explore their natural surroundings and record their thoughts, feelings, and observations in their handbooks

### TU - STREAM Girls

For more information contact Cyndy Scholz  
303-507-3068  
cyndyscholz@msn.com



### Fly Fishing 101 with Orvis

Learn fly-fishing basics with our FREE Fly Fishing 101 class. Based on 50 years of running schools and fly-fishing education programs, our class will provide you with the basics on fly casting, rigging, fly selection, and more. Perfect for beginners of all ages to get started fly fishing (under 16 years of age must be accompanied by an adult). All equipment is provided, all you need to do is sign up today to begin your lifetime of outdoor adventure!

Click the sign up links below to view our calendar with all the available dates. We currently have classes post for through the end of July!

Orvis Park Meadows  
303-768-9600

<https://www.orvis.com/parkmeadows>

FF 101 Sept 9th

FF 101 Sept 16th

FF 101 Sept 23rd

FF 101 Sept 30th



Check out this article about the new Resource Management Plan for South Park:  
Park:

[BLM Resource Management Plan for South Park \(RMP\)](#)

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Note closure of Cheesman Canyon parking lot:



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## 2023 CCTU Annual Picnic & Raffle Fundraiser Recap



Thank you to all our supporters who helped us raise \$17,100 for CCTU conservation and education efforts!

Congratulations to all our prize winners! It was a beautiful afternoon and Big Belly Brothers BBQ was "deeeelicious"!

Our supporters:

Allen Adinoff  
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To see a list of prizes and their corresponding winning ticket number:

[Prizes and Winning Ticket Numbers](#)

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## 2023 CCTU Board Retreat Recap

As you know, your board holds a late summer weekend retreat to get away, do a bit of planning and a lot of fishing. This year we met in Almont, CO at Three Rivers Resort to fish the Taylor and Gunnison Rivers. As I am sure you know, the Taylor starts high up in the Rockies and descends for almost two miles before emptying into the Taylor Reservoir. From the Reservoir the Taylor makes its way through Taylor Canyon for about 20 miles before meeting the east River to form the Gunnison River near the town of Almont. If you have not fished there, it is well worth the drive.

Friday John and Allen took the scenic route driving over Cottonwood Pass from Buena Vista and fishing the Taylor above the reservoir. The river is not large there, but it provides lot of holes that hold fish if you get the flies down to where they are.



View of Taylor Reservoir from Cottonwood Pass



Saturday morning we all headed out on a float trip down the Gunnison. Putting in where the two rivers come together in three drift boats, we floated south taking out north of the town of Gunnison. Fishing was a bit slow in the morning but picked up as the day went on. Discussions about who caught the largest fish are still on going and may never come to an agreement.

Sunday Allen, Barry and John drove to access points below the town of Gunnison to wade fish the river. Unfortunately, we were not able to cross a swollen side channel on the path from the parking lot to the river. Although a few fish were found, we spent more time hiking than fishing. Scott and Mark chose to again float the river above town and had much more successful day.



Headed downriver

Monday we packed up and headed home. All in all we had a great time enjoying the fellowship of other board members and landing a few fish. Colorado has lots of great places to explore, hike and fish. Almost is one you should try!

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### **A Trip to Visit Famous Waters of the West**

In May of this year, Shannon and I (Mike Myers) of CCTU took a rare opportunity for a once in a lifetime tour of some of the fabled moving waters of the mountain west. This opportunity arose when I changed jobs and Shannon talked me into creating a multi-week gap between these jobs, which is something I've never done in my multi-decade career, and in retrospect, highly recommend.

So, Shannon set to making all the arrangements while I was still securing the new job, hence, I was virtually useless in the planning process (and frankly, I often am) except to make a list of the waters that were on my bucket list: The

Green, the Madison, the Paradise Valley Spring Creeks DePuy's and Armstrong, the Big Horn, and the North Platte. We would rent a car and essentially make a giant, 1500-mile loop from Arvada, around Yellowstone National Park and back home.



After securing a rental car large enough to carry our luggage and enough fishing gear for four people (if you know me, you understand that I generally pack like it's the end of the world), I outfitted it with my newly acquired RiverQuiver and we set off for one of my favorite western rivers, the Green River. Being early May, we would be catching the tail end of the Blue Wing Olive hatch. We had a great day floating the river on those deep, drop-shot, balloon rigs and brought some healthy fish to net. We even got a double, though, these were not the biggest fish of the day.





We spent the next day walk-wading the river and were able to bring quite a few fish to the surface throughout the day. Nothing quite like tricking a trout with a surface imitation. Shannon had three on before I even got my rod rigged. The third fish was met with a tepid response of “That’s nice, honey”, as I hadn’t even finished rigging my rod yet! A good start to the trip, to be sure.

The next stop was the Madison river near Ennis, MT. Being in the early part of spring, the river was high and off color and our guide decided the best section was the upper one rather than the section below the dam. I deferred to his expertise, having never been here before, but I wish I would have made a stronger case for the section below the dam. We must have caught 40 or more whitefish in the upper section of the Madison. And that's not necessarily a bad thing; it just wasn't what we were expecting. And truth be told, the Rocky Mountain Bonefish does fight hard!

From Ennis, MT, we made a short drive to Livingston, MT where we would be based for three days on the legendary spring creeks of DePuy's and Armstrong's. Livingston is a darling, welcoming, and historic town built by the gold-rush pioneers. We stayed in a historic hotel called The Murray, which was home to the likes of Wild Bill Hickok and where the legendary movie The Wild Bunch was filmed by director Sam Peckinpah. Everything is in walking distance and in addition to the history, there are some great restaurants there. Now, back to the fishing!





DePuy's and Armstrong's Spring Creeks were wonderful and felt a lot more comfortable than the 50-mile riffle that is the Madison. These Spring Creeks are slightly smaller in breadth than the Deckers section of the South Platte, for comparison. We had a wonderful guide there that got both Shannon and I into some beautiful rainbows on the small flies we are used to. The only detractor was a relatively consistent wind that apparently often blows through the valley.

From Livingston and the Spring Creeks, we headed east to Fort Smith, MT and the Big Horn. We arrived at what would turn out to be the tail end of a wind front that had been harassing the area for a couple of days (including the Livingston area, I discovered). The following day on the river was classic mountain weather with soft, puffy, bright white clouds on a perfect blue sky background. The Big Horn is another very wide river and was a bit tricky for us to manage. Thankfully, we had a great, although somewhat stoic, guide that got us into more great rainbows and browns. There was one eddy we got out of the boat for that required a fun, water-loaded 30-foot cast with a nymphing rig where I hooked 4 nice fish on about 6 casts. It was really exciting and even garnered a guide compliment, which I think I'm still reveling in!







The final stop on the Epic Trip was Alcova, WY where we would spend the day on the North Platte River. In retrospect, it worked out that we saved the best day for the last. Shannon and I believe we conservatively caught 20 fish each (I consulted with the guide on this, too) but we stopped counting pretty early as we got into fish right off the bat. Additionally, we had an unscheduled stop of about 45 minutes on the bank near an eagle's nest waiting out a very electrified anvil-cloud storm. It even hailed on us while we were huddled in some short shrubbery, far from any tall trees. And the icing on the cake was twofold, Shannon landed a beautiful Snake River Cutthroat just before the take-out and I helped the guide bag his first dry-fly take of the year, just before the storm shut everything down.

All in all, it was an Epic trip/tour of only some of the fabled rivers of the mountain west. I have several more still on my list and hope that I don't have to wait again for a break in between career moves or retirement before taking the next one.



If you have any questions about our arrangements for the trip, I'd be happy to share them with you. Just reach out to me via email (not.that.mike.myers@gmail.com).

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## **CCTU *EVERYDAY* FUNDRAISING VEHICLES**

**King Soopers Card Program** – Link up your King Soopers Rewards Card to CCTU for their Community Rewards program and get King Soopers donations flowing to the Chapter. Requires no ongoing effort on your part. Set up is very simple....check the CCTU website at [CCTU Website](#) for the directions how to link your King Soopers card to Community Rewards donations to CCTU.



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## **UPCOMING EVENTS & TRIPS**

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**



9/9 and 9/10 Stream Girls  
9/19 September Chapter Meeting  
10/17 October Chapter Meeting

### **COME FISH WITH US AT LAKE LEHOW**

9/22 4-8pm BBQ  
10/20 3-6pm

### **MOVING WATERS**

9/28 Clear Creek (Th)  
9/30 Clear Creek (Sat)  
10/14 Destination TBD  
10/19 Destination TBD

## **ANNUAL TRIPS**

**San Juan River** (Oct 22 - Oct 28)

Limited to 16 anglers

contact Jerry Shin ( [gsshin51@gmail.com](mailto:gsshin51@gmail.com)) for reservations/wait list

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## CCTU CHAPTER MEETING OCTOBER 2023

# MIKE GEARY: FISHING SW MONTANA'S RIVERS

Beaverhead, Big Hole, Jefferson, Madison,  
Ruby & Private Water



## TUESDAY OCTOBER 17

Fly Tying Demos at **6:00 PM**  
Meeting Starts at **6:30 PM**



**MIKE WILL MAKE A PRESENTATION VIA ZOOM,  
BUT WE WILL STILL MEET UP AT THE BREWERY  
WE WILL HAVE OUR USUAL TYING DEMO AND RAFFLE**

**Lone Tree Brewing Company**

**8200 Park Meadows Drive, Lone Tree, CO 80124**

**Lewis & Clark Expeditions Fly Fishing Outfitters  
Healing Waters Lodge**

**2020 Orvis Endorsed Fly-Fishing Lodge of the Year**

**Twin Bridges, MT**

**<https://www.hwllodge.com/lewis-clark-expeditions/>**

**hwllodgemt@gmail.com**

**406-459-2030**



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