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Volunteers Repairing the Gill Trail



Thursday's Crew at the end of the day.

This Month's Events

CCTU CHAPTER MEETING - October 17, 2023

Lone Tree Brewing

8200 Park Meadows Dr.

Lone Tree, CO 80124

6:00pm Fly Tying demonstration

6:30pm Meeting begins

For those unable to attend in person, you can view via the Zoom link below.

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83053491355?
pwd=UUZ1TXdSR1ZFNlVMQmdyKzUxT0lQUt09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83053491355?pwd=UUZ1TXdSR1ZFNlVMQmdyKzUxT0lQUt09)

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To learn more about the challenges facing our speaker's home rivers, check out this report by Montana PBS:

[Trout Decline - The Problems & Solutions](#)

Fly Tyer: Harlan Husmann

Come early (6:00pm) - Harlan will be tying his Perdigon which as of May this year has been outlawed on the Big Horn.

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

Our Mission: Conserve, protect, and restore Colorado's cold-water fisheries and watersheds

Join Cutthroat Chapter at Lake Lehow in Littleton



**COME FISH
WITH US
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20
3:00 pm – 6:00 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 needed***
- ***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 3pm and for an additional 5-10 minutes. The gate chain will then be "soft locked" for any late arrivals. If you arrive after 3pm, please redo the chain "soft lock" before proceeding to the lake.

CCTU POC: David Coward 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 Saturday, September 30, we fished the Philadelphia Mill site on Clear Creek. The water was beautiful as you can see in the pictures. Barry Wiebe hooked and landed a "huge" fish for Clear Creek - a 12" brown - which was the best of the 25+ fish Barry caught. All fish were caught on Euro nymphs, and most were caught on a Perdigon pattern.



Upcoming October Trip

NOTE: The Thursday trip originally scheduled October 19 is **CANCELLED**.

The Saturday trip is scheduled with the Arkansas River as its destination.

From a reliable source the fishing is excellent on the Arkansas in Bighorn Sheep canyon. Water levels are low, so the river should be very accessible to the wading angler. That's where we're headed!

Destination: Saturday, October 14
Arkansas River

Thursday, October 19
CANCELLED

Meeting Time 7:45am
And Location: Park-n-Ride
C-470 and University
8392 S Burnley Ct

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:

None! We've reached the end of the season. Next Trip: 2024!

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
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Recaps and Information You May Find Interesting...

RECAP: September Chapter Meeting

Paul Vertrees leads a discussion entitled Backcountry 2.0 Turning Survival into Thrival!

September we were pleased to welcome Paul Vertrees, a guide from Royal Gorge Anglers in Canon City to discuss hiking and fly fishing in the backcountry. He started his presentation asking why backcountry? Well, that is where the fish are, and the people are not. With a little effort, or sometimes a lot of effort, you can fish places that see very little pressure.

As the presentation continued, Paul instructed us on scouting for water, the appropriate gear needed to hike into the backcountry, fly fishing techniques and finally a bit on protecting the resource.

While not the main topic of the night, Paul is an avid Tenkara angler and guide. His brief discussion on Tenkara spawned a number of questions from our members on the technique and tactics. In an effort to get to the end of the planned discussion, most of those questions were handled after the main presentation.

Paul is a great choice if you are looking for a guided trip in the Canon City area no matter if you fish Tenkara or with a traditional fly rod. He can be reached at Royal Gorge Anglers.

[September Meeting on YouTube](#)



RECAP: Stream Girls

CCTU held successful STREAM Girls 1.0 and 2.0 events this past weekend. Thank you to Cyndy Scholz who led the events, and to all our volunteers from Cutthroat Chapter TU, West Denver TU, Colorado Women Flyfishers, AvidMax, and parents and troop leaders.

On Saturday morning, three teams (Blue Jays, Cicadas, Rainbows) explored the South Platte with a Stream Walk, then learned about bugs through collection and analysis, and stream flows through data measurement (timing ping pong balls released in the river) and scientific calculation. The afternoon consisted of learning to fly cast, and also tie a caddis pattern. The day culminated with graduation marked by certificates of completion and award of STREAM Girls patches.

STREAM Girls 2.0 on Sunday consisted of learning to assemble rods, tie knots and fly fishing on Lake Lehow. The weather was a bit cooler than Saturday, overcast with some clouds, and perfect for fishing. What an exciting day it was! The girls applied their newly acquired knowledge and caught blue gill, bass and trout, and watched a resident snapping turtle swim along the shoreline.

Congratulations to all our new STREAM Girls graduates and welcome to Fly Fishing and Trout Unlimited!

Denver Water, Colorado Trout Unlimited, West Denver Trout Unlimited, Girl Scouts of Colorado, AvidMax, Colorado Women Flyfishers, Colorado Parks and Wildlife



An alluvial fan created by the July storm

Cutthroat Chapter Leads the Way on Gill Trail Repairs

On the last day of July this year, a violent storm in Cheesman Canyon destroyed the trail system and washed decomposed granite into the South Platte River changing the flows at some favorite fishing holes.

The US Forest Service called on our chapter president in a effort to bring volunteers into the canyon to repair the Gill Trail. This work required trained technical leaders to ensure the work was done correctly. Fortunately, the Colorado Mountain Bike Association (COMBA) has full time, trained individuals that work with the USFS and CPW on trail work and they were available!

On September 20 and 21, 30 volunteers along with four members of the COMBA trail team met at the lower Gill Trail parking lot, hiked into the canyon and spent the day repairing the trail.

Each day started with a safety presentation and training on how trails are properly constructed so they are not destroyed by routine weather and use. After that, packs were donned, tools picked up and crew members hiked the canyon. Once reaching the work site, volunteers spread out repairing sections of the trail as needed. The days were warm and dry, perfect for getting work accomplished. By Thursday afternoon the trail was completely repaired from the parking lot to the USFS boundary with Denver Water. Work from here to the upper Gill Trail parking lot will be done by the Denver Water and the Coalition for the Upper South Platte.

Thank You to everyone that added their name to the Cheesman Canyon volunteer list and especially to those who came out to support this effort. If you were not available to support these dates, more days will be announced in the future when other areas of the trail system will be repaired. We hope you can join us taking care of this special location we all love to fish.





John moves the net capturing the sample while Bill kicks up the bug life

Hunting Macro Invertebrates (Bugs) on the South Platte

Are you aware that your chapter annually works with Colorado Parks and Wildlife and River Watch of Colorado to take bug samples from the South Platte river across from the Lone Rock Campground upstream of the town of Deckers? Emeritus board member Jim Rasmussen leads a small team of chapter members that take water samples from Waterton Canyon monthly and

take samples of the water samples and macro invertebrates at site 922 near Deckers once a year.

The site is laid out in a grid and bug samples are collected in each spot for 30 seconds each. Two of the samples are taken in fast water and two in calm water. With a net full of various bugs, sticks, grass and whatever else is on the bottom of the river, the team moves to the banks to sort and fill the sample bottle. Once collected, the sample is delivered to the River Watch office of CPW.

The River Watch organization has a contractor that analyzes our bug sample. It usually takes a couple of months to get the results back. The contractor does not count every bug in the sample. The bugs (Macro Invertebrates) are spread out on a grid. The grid is then subdivide into 6 cm subgrids. A random subgrid is selected and the organisms counted. Subgrids are counted until a count of 300 is reached.

Here are the results from the 2022 sample from the South Platte River near Lone Rock.

Benthics Taxonomy

Taxon	Count			
Baetis tricaudatus	182	MAYFLY, BLUE WINGED OLIVE		
Brachycentrus americanus	1	CADDIS, MOTHERS DAY CADDIS		
Brachycentrus occidentalis	1	CADDIS, MOTHERS DAY CADDIS		
Caecidotea	3	SOW BUG		
Ceratopsyche oslari	1	CADDIS		
Cricotopus/Orthocladius	7	MIDGE		
Drunella grandis	0	MAYFLY, GREEN DRAKE		
Ephemerella	6	PALE MORNING DUN		
Eukiefferiella	12	CHIRONOMID, MIDGE		
Gammarus	0	SCUDS		
Helobdella	24	LEECHES		
Hesperoperla pacifica	19	STONE FLY, GOLDEN STONE		
Hydroptila	1	CADDIS FLY		
Isoperla	2	STONE FLY, YELLOW SALLY		
Lebertia	5	WATER MITE		
Lispoides aequifrons	1	HOUSE FLY		
Lumbricidae	7	ANNELID, EARTH WORM		
Optioservus	40	RIFFLE BEETLES		
Pagastia	12	CHIRONOMID, MIDGE		
Paraleptophlebia	3	MAYFLY, MAHOGANY DUN		
Physa	3	AQUATIC SNAIL		
Plauditus	2	MAYFLY, TINY BLUE WINGED OLIVE		
Potamopyrgus antipodarum	6	NEW ZEALAND MUDSNAIL		
Rheotanytarsus	1	CHIRONOMID, MIDGE		
Simulium	222	BLACK FLY		
Synorthocladius	1	CHIRONOMID, MIDGE		
Thienemannimyza group	8	CHIRONOMID, MIDGE		
Tipula	0	CRANE FLY		
Torrenticola	1	MITE		
Tricorythodes expilcatus	18	MAYFLY, TRICO		
Tvetenia	76	CHIRONOMID, MIDGE		
Sum	665			

Basically, it is "let's see what lives in the river this year". As fly fishers and fly tiers this is a lot of fun. The Cutthroat Chapter usually collects bugs in October or early November. This year we saw a lot of scuds, stonefly, leaches and worms. The sieve below shows how much material is removed from the sample to get to the bug life. As you would expect, bugs can hide in there, so care is needed to ensure everything is clean before it is discarded. Unfortunately, we also again found some mud snails that were added to the sample for analysis.



Zebra Mussel



Washing out the dirt and grass
to find the bugs



Stonefly

Check out the new Resource Management Plan for South Park:

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

Upcoming Events & Trips

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

10/17 October Chapter Meeting

10/22	San Juan Trip
11/21	November Chapter Meeting
12/12	Holiday Party

COME FISH WITH US AT LAKE LEHOW

10/20	3-6pm
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MOVING WATERS

10/14	Arkansas River
10/19	CANCELLED

ANNUAL TRIPS

San Juan River (Oct 22 - Oct 28)

Limited to 16 anglers

contact Jerry Shin (gsshin51@gmail.com) for reservations/wait list

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CCTU CHAPTER MEETING NOVEMBER 2023

TYLER BANKER: HORSEBACK FLY FISHING IN THE FLAT TOPS



TUESDAY NOVEMBER 21

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

Meeting Starts at **6:30 PM**



Lone Tree Brewing Company

8200 Park Meadows Drive, Lone Tree, CO 80124

<https://www.minturnanglers.com/>

970-827-9500 (Vail Valley)

720-851-4665 (Lone Tree)



November Chapter Meeting
Fly Tyer: John Vevurka

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.



Hello CCTU Community!

We are actively looking for additional Board of Director members for the Cutthroat Chapter of Trout Unlimited.

We are a non-profit organization dedicated to conserving Colorado cold-water fisheries and watersheds, with a focus on the local environment of the South Platte River Basin.

BOD members attend a virtual meeting once a month to plan and enact strategies and tactics for the Chapter.

We conduct monthly meetings for our members at the Lone Tree Brewing Company (near Park Meadows) and plan various conservation events during the year.

If you are curious and this has piqued your interest, contact Scott Tampa (scott.a.tampa@gmail.com) or John Egan (john.j.egan@icloud.com) for more information.

Thank you for your support!

Would you like to join us? Just hit a button below!

Yes

You bet!



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