

# Nor'East Chapter | Trout Unlimited

## May 2013 Newsletter



### Mayfly Hatches and Other Happenings

Seemed a bit late this year with all of the chilly weather, but the mayflies are currently dodging rising trout on local rivers.

The month of May plays host to some of the best hatches of the year and now is the time to get on the water before swimming pools and green lawns cause the rivers to drop and heat up.

April was fun for the chapter, having hosting the Fly Fishing Film Tour and our Annual Parker River Paddle. Lots of cooperative fish greeted the crew that made the paddle out to Crane Pond. Check out the photos on the following pages.

Our May meeting is this Monday, May 6th. Bill and Janet Thompson, owners of North Country Angler in North Conway, will discuss fishing the eastern slope of the White Mountains.

Be sure to read on to learn more about other events like the annual Indian Hollow camping weekend sponsored by the Mass/Rhode Island TU Council.

Hope to see you soon.

Warm regards,

Kevin Correa  
President  
Nor'East Chapter | Trout Unlimited



*KC on the Parker by Z. Johnson*

### Around the Bend

**May 6, 2013**

**Chapter Meeting**

Bill & Janet Thompson  
"Fishing the Eastern Slopes of the White Mountains"  
6:00PM Dinner  
7:00PM Presentation  
IRWA  
143 County Road  
Ipswich, MA

**Early May**

Float Stocking the Parker River.  
Times/Locations TBD.  
(see article)

**May 17-19, 2013**

**MA/RI TU Council Indian Hollow Weekend**

Join us for this family-friendly weekend of camping and fishing along the banks of the Westfield River.  
(see article)

**June 3, 2013**

**Chapter Meeting**

Alaska Resident and Film Maker Ryan Peterson discusses the controversial Pebble Mine.  
Location/Time TBD

**Have you renewed your TU membership?  
Do it today at [www.tu.org](http://www.tu.org)**

## Chapter to Float Stock Again This Year

As in years past, the chapter is once again helping the state float-stock trout on some of the local rivers. This stocking will happen in the next week or two. We could use more hands to help recently stocked fish from ending up in buckets within minutes of their release.

Dates/locations are TBD. If you would like to help with the stocking, please contact Tom Schultz at [tschultz\\_215@yahoo.com](mailto:tschultz_215@yahoo.com). Tom will provide further information as it becomes available.

On the subject of stocking, TU's policy is not to stock fish on top of NATIVE trout. This policy does not apply to rivers where native trout are not present.



*Stocking the Parker in 2012*

## May Meeting Preview:

Bill and Janet Thompson, owners of North Country Angler - "The Biggest Little Fly Shop in New Hampshire" - will discuss fly fishing the eastern slopes of the NH White Mountains. As North Conway is such a popular vacation destination, this is a must-see presentation, and will help you make the most of those precious minutes away from Storyland and outlet shopping.

The presentation covers fishing the Saco, Ellis, Wildcat and Swift Rivers.

Bill has fished the valley for over 30 years, is a licensed NH guide and writes fishing columns for a weekly paper and the NH Outdoor Gazette.

Monday April 1, 2013

6:00PM Dinner

7:00PM Presentation

Ipswich River Watershed Assn.

143 County Road

Ipswich, Mass.

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# MA/RI Council Indian Hollow Camping/Fishing Weekend May 17-19

Join the Nor'East Chapter and members from around Massachusetts and Rhode Island for this family friendly weekend. The event takes place at the Indian Hollow campground on the banks of the Westfield River.

Quick note on the weekend: good fishing in the Westfield River for pro's and amateurs, Chili cook-off contest with a nice prize, a free BBQ for all (hdogs, burgers, chips, apples, cookies & soft drinks) and a raffle for a custom fly rod and baseball tickets (Red Sox) and a huge Bonfire on Saturday night.

We'd like to get a head count of people from the chapter planning to attend so we can stake out some camping sites and help with the BBQ planning.

This weekend is a lot of fun. If you're planning to attend, please let John LeJeune know by sending him an email at [jrlejeune@gmail.com](mailto:jrlejeune@gmail.com).



*Indian Hollow 2012 by J. LeJeune*



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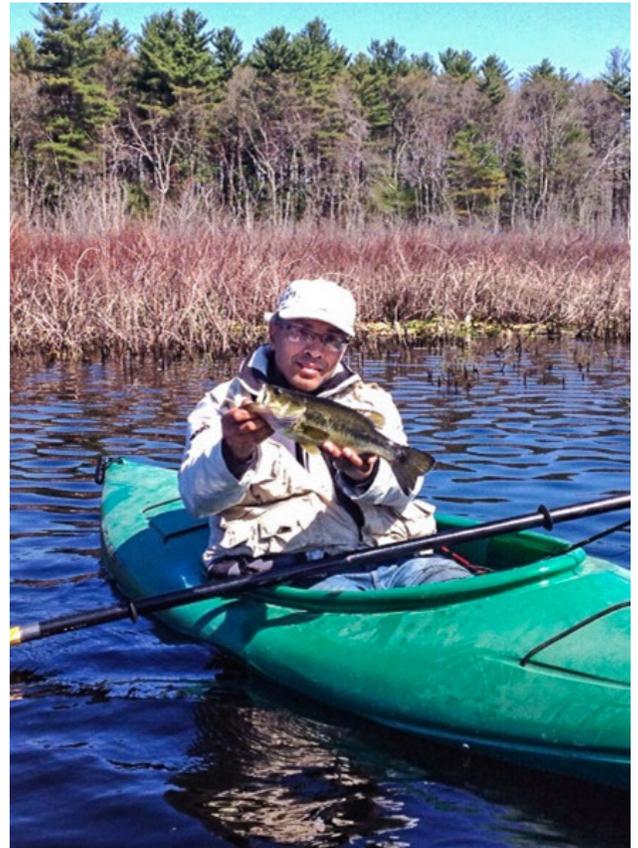
## Parker River Paddle 2013

Everyone caught fish and some boats were in double digits this year for the chapters annual Parker Paddle to Crane Pond. We welcomed some new faces to the event as well. A dozen chapter members took part in the morning fishing which ended in a wonderful riverside BBQ lunch prepared and executed by chef Mike O'Neill. The weather cooperated with cool but comfortable temperatures. Partly cloudy skies and a light breeze may have been helpful factors in making the fish very aggressive.

This year we counted eight species brought to hand using all manner of tactics. The 2013 species roll call included; Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass, Chain Pickerel, Yellow Perch, Bluegill, Crappie, Hornpout and Golden Shiner. Some anglers managed "grand slams" catching four species and many got triples. Also of note were many interesting bird species pointed out by Jim MacDougall which included Northern Goshawk, Least Bittern, Virginia Rail, Osprey, Swamp Sparrow as well as many Redwing Blackbirds, Cardinals, Grackles and Canada Geese.

Following lunch members took part in our traditional clean-up of the area that resulted in several trash bags being filled leaving the area cleaner than when everyone arrived. Since we've cleaned up the same area over the last four years, we have noticed a year to year improvement in how much trash accumulates in this area.





*Photos by Kris Kendrick, Tom Schultz, Jim MacDougall, Kevin Correa and John Lejeune.*