



# Nor'East Chapter Trout Unlimited

## April 2015 Newsletter

Protecting, conserving and restoring Massachusetts' Northshore coldwater fisheries and their watersheds.

### Greetings!

We have been remiss in not maintaining this NETU newsletter, but we're trying to remedy the problem. There are lots of things going on, and we hope you will come to our meetings (the last one before our summer break occurs on Monday, May 4th) to learn about what we're doing locally and in Massachusetts to preserve and restore cold water fisheries. I will give a presentation on "Stripers: Fishing and Conservation" and I'll talk about my own unique ways of fishing for stripers and then about the efforts of Stripers Forever to conserve this valuable fishery. My own unique ways of fishing for stripers include the following: the use of canoes (no motors) and "riding the tides"; the use of ultralight fly tackle (2-4 weight rods in 6-7.5 foot lengths); special rigging techniques; understanding a tidal estuary; dealing with wind; flies; etc. The Stripers Forever part will be to talk about the fishery: its current state (deteriorating); management problems and solutions; legislative efforts; regulatory options; the need for recreational anglers to "get into the fight". We're also planning some outings that are always fun, so please stay tuned for news on that front. The next one will be to Crane Pond on May 9. Meet us at the Thurlow Street Bridge in Georgetown at 8:30am. Bring your kayak or canoe. Thanks for your ongoing support for Trout Unlimited, and if you've not taken a few minutes to complete our NETU Survey, please do so! The link is here: [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NETU\\_Members\\_Survey\\_2015](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NETU_Members_Survey_2015). We hope to see you on May 4th or at any of our other meetings.



Warm regards,

Fred Jennings  
President  
Nor'East Chapter | Trout Unlimited

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### Around the Bend

**May 4, 2015**

**Chapter Meeting**

6:00pm Dinner

7:00pm Presentation by Fred Jennings

Ipswich River Watershed Association

143 County Road

Ipswich, MA

<https://www.google.com/maps/@42.6665124,-70.8413757,16z?hl=en>

**May 9, 2015**

**Crane Pond Outing**

8:30am Meet at Thurlow Street Bridge in Georgetown from where we paddle down river to Crane Pond.

12:00am Cookout.

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**May 15-18, 2015**

**Indian Hollow Weekend**

**May 30, 2015**

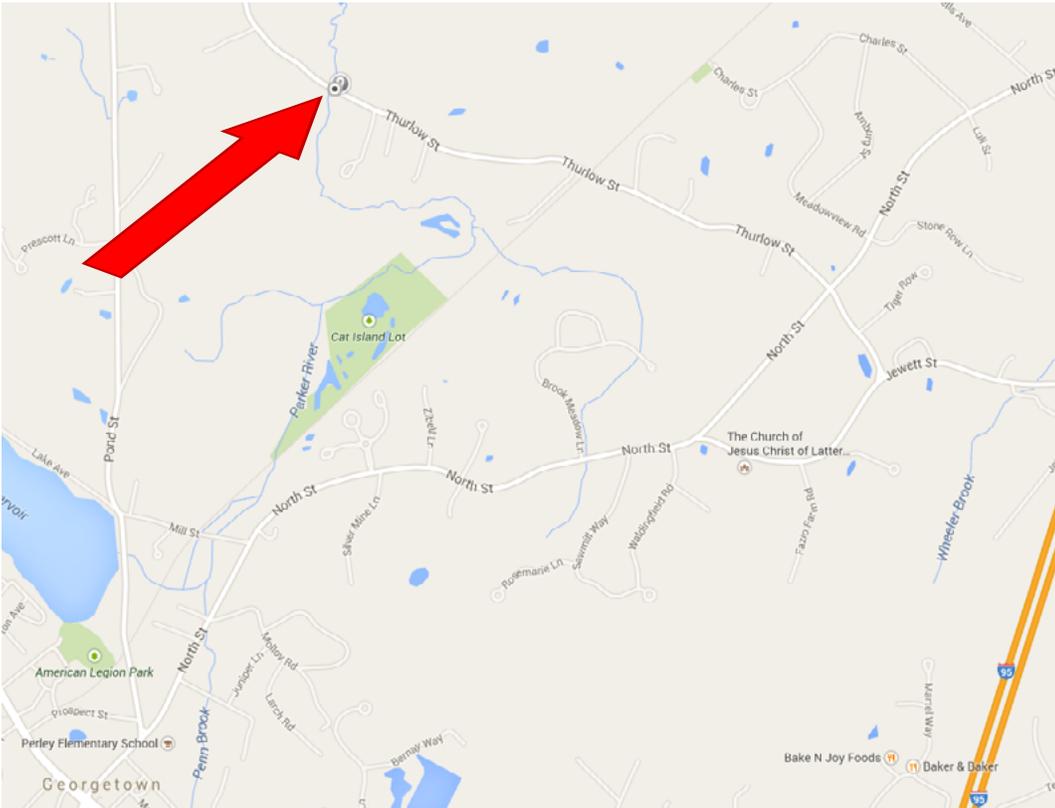
**Mill River Cleanup Project**

9:00 - 12:00am

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

**Got Too Much Stuff?**  
Send it our way to be used in the Bucket Raffle!

## Crane Pond Outing May 9, 8:30am



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Let's kick off the fishing season with our annual chapter paddle of the Parker River through the Crane Pond Wildlife Management Area. This beautiful stretch of water is home to a vast array of wildlife (including holdover trout, bass and monster pickerel) and is best accessed by canoe or kayak. As we have in the past, the plan is to meet at the Thurlow

Street bridge (off of North Street in Georgetown) at 8:30 a.m., paddle downstream through Crane Pond to the Hemlocks section of the river, then fish our way back to the bridge at our leisure. While the river is home to plenty of trout, come prepared to battle bass and huge pickerel as well (think wire tippet).

Please RSVP to [jrlejeune@gmail.com](mailto:jrlejeune@gmail.com) if you're interested in attending and indicate if you have access to a canoe or kayak so that we can match boat-less participants with those with an extra seat. We will have a cookout across the street at 12:00.

John Lejeune



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## Committee Updates



**Conservation report:** Chett Walsh reported that the biggest anticipated project (most likely next year) will be the new Middleton Road culvert in Boxford. This will be close to the one TU helped design last year. Michael O'Neil reports that the preliminary design is complete (which is about 40% of the total effort). Total project cost is estimated at \$230-250k for the town. Also reported that the Bostick Dam in Middleton is coming out this year.

## UPDATE: Willowdale Mill Fish Ladder visit

Fish ladder chambers are functioning as best we could balance them. 2 TU members installed a variety of 6" & 8" lower baffle boards and top 8" notched boards and adjusted all for an approx 5-6" avg drop. There are 9 chamber drops but because the lower discharge level is so high, only 8 drops were viable to install, as the flow drops the 9th one can be installed and all baffles will be incrementally adjusted at that point.

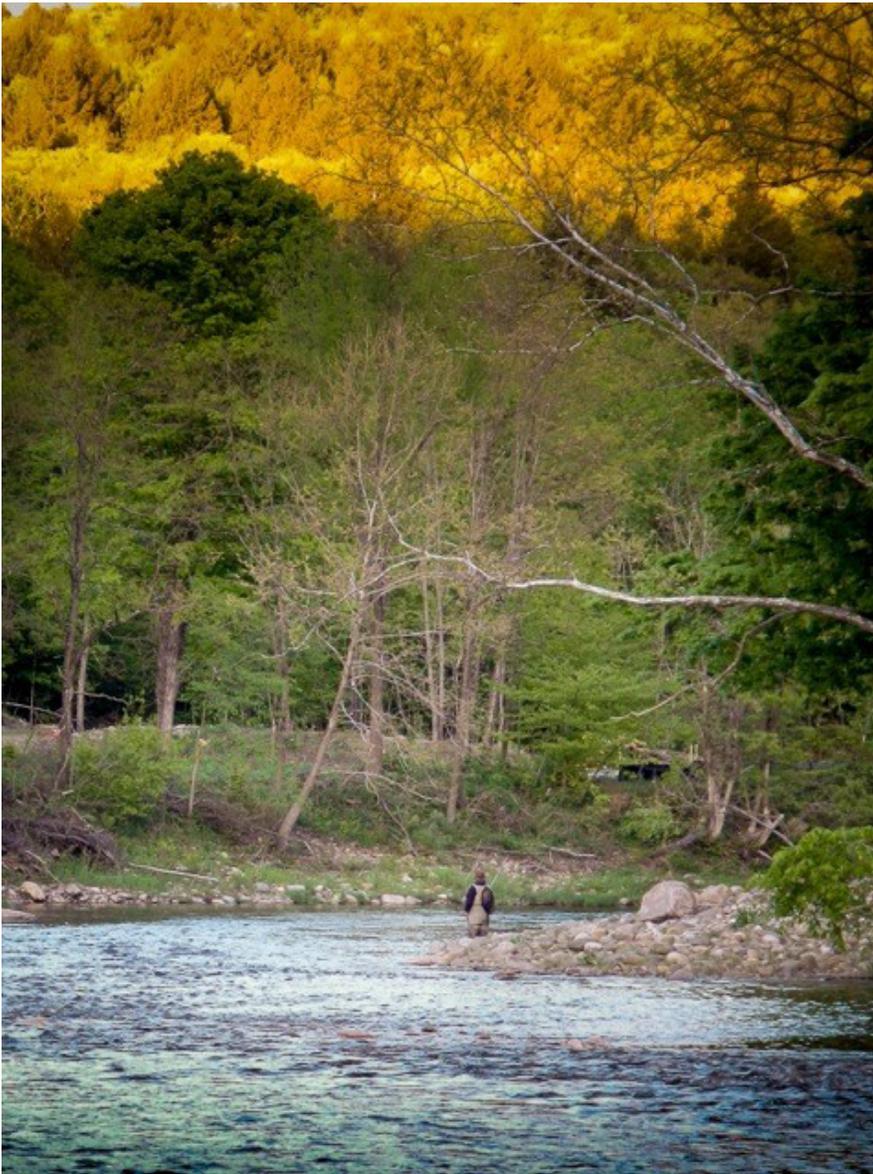


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## **MA/RI Council Indian Hollow Camping/Fishing Weekend May 15-18**

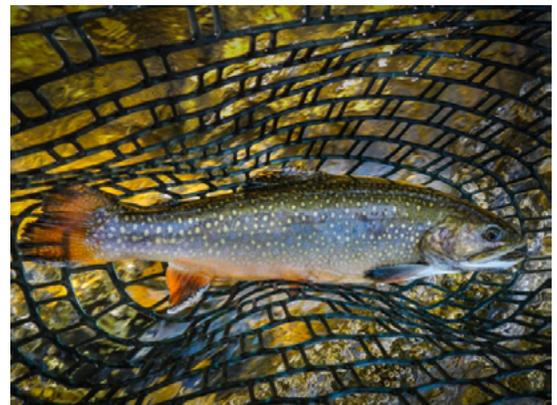
Join the Nor'East Chapter and members from around Massachusetts and Rhode Island for this family friendly weekend. The event takes place at the Indian Hollow campground on the banks of the Westfield River.

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 (hotdogs, 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

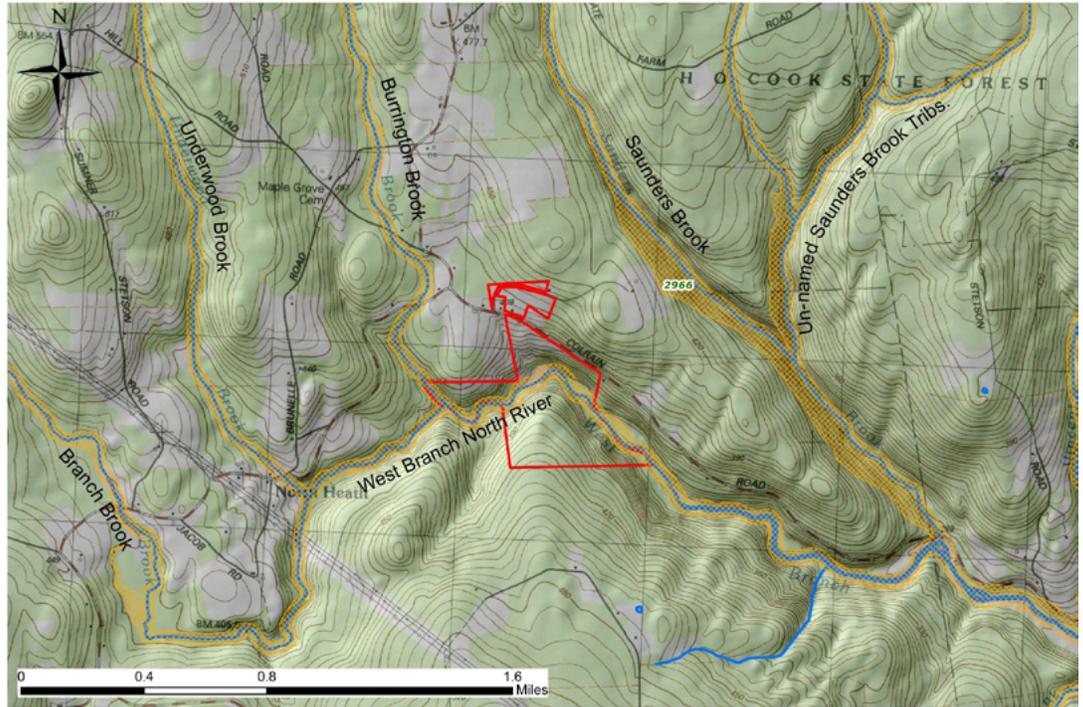
to attend so we can stake out some camping sites and help with the BBQ planning.

This weekend is a lot of fun. If you're planning to attend, please let Peter Vandermeulen know if you are planning to go by sending him an email at [pvanderm@comcast.net](mailto:pvanderm@comcast.net).



# Franklin Land Trust Grant:

Fred Jennings reported that the 100 acres of land in Heath in Franklin County (the West Branch of the North River) have been purchased and closed last week. NETU pledged \$1,200. GBTU put in \$10k. Every TU chapter except one in MA participated, as did the two RI chapters. This is about one mile of pristine river. The land is owned by the Franklin Land Trust and not by TU.



**W. Branch N. Project, Crowningshield Parcel BioMap2 CNL  
108 acres +/-, Heath MA**

Sources: USGS topo or 2008 Ortho, MA EOEEA MassGIS, field observations. Boundaries are approximate. Map Date: 11/12/2014. Joshua Morse

- Legend**
-  BioMap2 Core Habitat
  -  Perennial Streams
  -  Crowningshield\_Parcel



**Have photos you'd like to share with the chapter?  
Send them to [vanderm@comcast.net](mailto:vanderm@comcast.net)**

## OTHER EVENTS OF NOTE

# April 25...

	Fly Fishing 101	Fly Fishing 201
April	25th	
May	2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th	17th & 24th
June	6th, 13th, 20th	14th

## LEARN THE FLY-FISHING BASICS

# FOR FREE

## FLY FISHING 101 & 201



If you've never fished before, our Fly Fishing 101 classes are ideal—you'll learn casting and all the basics.

FF101 graduates will want to join us for Fly Fishing 201, which is a short outing on local water for a chance to catch your first fish!

SEE CLASS DETAILS

FIND YOUR STORE

**Class spaces are limited.**  
Stop by your store or sign up online now to reserve your spot.

## Orvis Peabody Spring Kickoff Party!

Thursday, April 30th  
6-8:30pm  
[Add to Calendar](#)

**Orvis Peabody**  
North Shore Mall  
210 Andover St.  
Peabody, MA 01960

Orvis Peabody at the  
Northshore Mall  
210 Andover Street  
Space P188A  
Peabody, MA 01960



[Driving Directions](#)

Dear Friends of Orvis Peabody,

Enjoy wine, refreshments and plenty of local fly-fishing knowledge at our "come out of hibernation" event!

From 6-7pm on April 30th, join fishing guide Jonathan Bunker of Square Tail Anglers in Western Massachusetts as he describes his experiences and techniques for catching tons of trout on the Deerfield River, from wading to floating. Jonathan is also taking bookings for our store-reserved Fly-Fishing 301 weekend of July 18th and 19th where you can float and fish the Deerfield for an awesome rate, so be ready to be tempted!

From 7:30-8:30pm, join Capt. Pete Yukins of Beverly-based Molly Jean Charters for a discussion on striper feeding habits, the best flies to mimic the exact bait source and how to apply the striper's relationship to its ecosystem to catching more fish! Pete will explain exactly what "matching the hatch" means to striper fishing. He is also one of our go-to striper guides and can't wait to take you out on his boat this spring and summer, so don't miss out!

Did we mention wine-tasting? Mark Seymour, co-founder of High Hook Vineyards and avid fly-fisherman, will be showcasing their beautiful Willamette Valley, Oregon Pinot Blanc and Pinot Noir. Pair and savor these wines with the catered cheese and other refreshments from 6-8:30pm as you learn from our presenters and get excited about spring!

[Register Now!](#)

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