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4th Annual Trout Fishing Rendezvous

Join us for the 4th Annual Trout Fishing Rendezvous to be held June 16th-17th at Eagle Bluff near Lanesboro. Events will kick-off Saturday morning, the 16th with breakfast at Eagle Bluff followed by an electro-fishing demonstration on Trout Run Creek. There will be some informal instruction and guiding available this year for those who are just getting started with fly fishing and would like some help. Saturday will be wrapped up with a fish fry, dinner, and presentation at Eagle Bluff. For more details including, how to join us, and for a detailed itinerary, visit the MNTU.org message board.

2007 Trout Run Restoration Project

Holding with its strong tradition, the Hiawatha Chapter is planning to do another stream restoration project on Trout Run Creek in 2007. The project will be approximately 3,000 feet in length and will start at the Lohman Bridge (first bridge upstream from Bucksnot Dam) and go downstream past the brand new log cabin several hundred feet. This project will improve overhead cover habitat for all sizes of trout and increase the population of large trout. Other benefits will include improved natural reproduction of brown trout and invertebrate habitat throughout the restored reach.

This will be another cooperative effort with the Minnesota DNR, [TUDARE](#), Minnesota Trout Association, Twin Cities TU, Win- Cres TU and landowners along the stream. More details will follow as they become available.

2007 Little Rock Creek Project

Enhancement of habitat in this portion of Little Rock Creek may result in a higher local standing stock of trout by improving conditions for adult trout, although over-arching problems with the trout population may periodically negate any gains.

In straighter reaches with stream bank erosion, brush packing will be employed to protect banks and encourage deposition of alluvial material. This will be done to prevent over-widening of the stream, and perhaps even narrow the channel in places. Locally available alder or willow will be cut in appropriate lengths for eroded areas. Stakes 3 feet in length will also be cut from the same materials, and used to anchor brush in place. See below for specific locations.

Three outside bend locations are exhibiting more significant erosion, which may warrant more significant measures. Additionally, these outside bends present opportunities to enhance adult trout habitat due to the great water depths present in these locations. Two potential options are possible to achieve both erosion control and habitat enhancement: Sky Hook structures and root wad revetments.

Sky Hook structures create undercut bank habitat that is idea for adult brown trout, and the rock incorporated into the structures creates significant stability. Root wad revetments can provide overhead cover for trout, in addition to deflecting current away from streams to reduce erosion.

Plantings of floodplain tree species should accompany work on poorly vegetated bends, in addition to willow stake plantings. This should provide increased stability in the long term.

Schedule:

July 28th - Build Sky Hook structures and site prep.

Aug 18th - Install Sky Hook Structures and site cleanup.

Oct 13th - Plant native grasses and dogwood stakes.

We will be providing food and beverages on all of the work days. Please pick a day and mark it on your calendar. We will be starting at 9 am each day.

Please let us know if you are able to assist so that we can properly plan for each day. To RSVP or for more information regarding the project please contact Wayne Killmer

Electronic Newsletter

If you have an email address please send it to wkillmer@charter.net. The newsletter is emailed whenever possible to save on postage.

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