

EVERY RIVER NEEDS A CHAMPION



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The Mohawk Valley Trout Unlimited Chapter

Newsletter Edition: 2026-2

Mohawk Valley Trout Unlimited-112, New Hartford, NY

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Upcoming Events and Chapter Gatherings

Monthly Meetings, 6:30 PM each month (September to May) (confirm location and date on website or Facebook)

Thu Mar 12 6:30pm -

“The Rabbit Hole of

**Getting into Bamboo” &
General Meeting**

***A fun evening with Guest
Speaker Mitch Marsden, learn
about local rodmaking history
and this intriguing process
(rescheduled from December)***

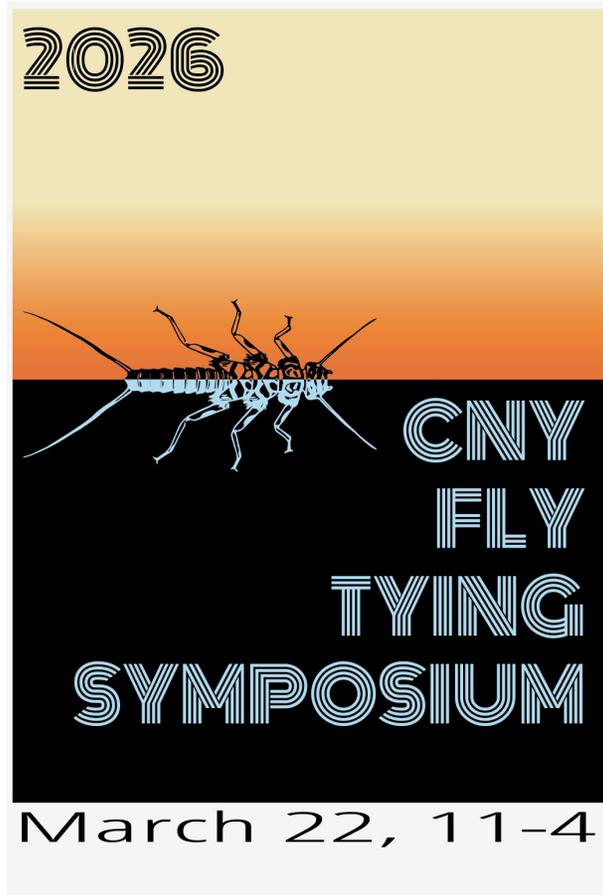
69 Steakhouse - Whitesboro



***Sun Mar 22 11:00am - 4:00pm - D.S. Smith Memorial
CNY Fly Tying Symposium - A day of family fun activities,
vendors, exhibits, speakers, and raffles to prep you for the
upcoming season.***

Harts Hill, Whitesboro, NY

Over 35 Incredible Fly Tyers, Vendors, Exhibitors, Presentations, Bucket Raffles. Refreshments from Hart's Hill will also be available. Last year we raised over \$6000 for Trout in the Classroom. This year we hope to raise a similar amount for TIC and for new MVTURK stream monitoring equipment and sampling expenses.

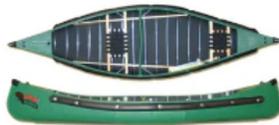


MVTU Annual Raffle

[Link to Raffle Tickets](#)

Click the button to get your MVTU annual raffle tickets from the MVTU website.
Three great prizes.

- 1st prize - Canoe from Mountainman Outdoor Supply – CRW – MVTU.
- 2nd prize - Lamson Liquid 8 wt Fly Rod & Reel Outfit from Fat Nancys Tackle Shop.
- 3rd prize - Fishpond San Juan Chest Pack with leaders, tippet etc. from the Adirondack Angler.



Lamson Liquid Fly Rod Complete Outfit



Thu April 9 6:30pm -
Learn our Local Waters -
Adirondack Ponds &
General Meeting



69 Steakhouse Whitesboro

***The second in our new Learn
Local Waters Series
An evening about fishing
Adirondack Ponds presentation
by Steve Priervo***



***Did you know there are over 400
fishable brook trout ponds***

*within a couple hours drive of
our area?*

*Join us learn about fishing an
incredible nearby natural
resource, the ponds of the
Adirondacks.*

Sat Apr 18 9 am -
Sauquoit Creek Trash
Pickup Day *Join us for a day
of clean up on one of our little
local treasures. Bring your
family to Piggy Pats parking lot
to get trash bags and tools for
collection. Rain date April 25.*

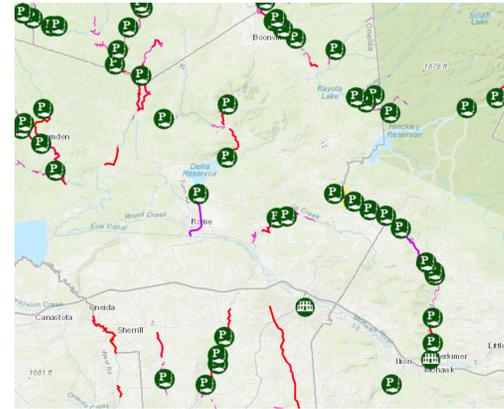


Adopt an Access Site

*Help make a difference at our
local fishing access sites.*

*There are over 50 DEC access
sites in the region. Pick a site*

near you or favorite fishing spot and volunteer to stop by once a month throughout the season to pickup left trash. Help make our regional waterways and entry points look better for all visitors. Sign up [here](#) or at one of our upcoming events to “adopt” a site.



MVTURK Streamside

Orientations The 2026

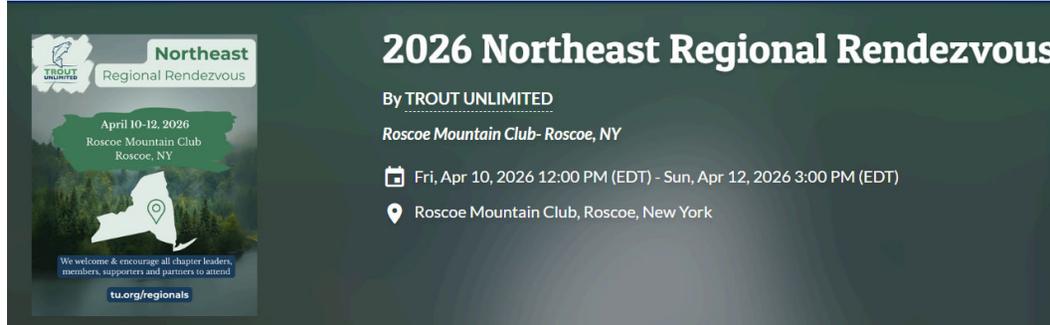
Mohawk Valley TU River Keepers will be holding streamside orientation events beginning in May on several area streams. This is a great way to get out on the stream, collect data, and learn about our watersheds. Non-anglers and non-members are welcome.

Only takes a couple of hours a month of your time. Free TU memberships for participating volunteers. If you are



interested, please contact
mohawkvalleytu@gmail.com

2026 Northeast Regional Rendezvous



2026 Northeast Regional Rendezvous
By TROUT UNLIMITED
Roscoe Mountain Club - Roscoe, NY

📅 Fri, Apr 10, 2026 12:00 PM (EDT) - Sun, Apr 12, 2026 3:00 PM (EDT)
📍 Roscoe Mountain Club, Roscoe, New York

We welcome & encourage all chapter leaders, members, supporters and partners to attend
tu.org/regionals

Check out more upcoming TU Events

INTRODUCTION TO FLY FISHING CLASS

By: CHENANGO VALLEY CHAPTER #209

When: Sunday, April 12, 2026, from 1 PM to 5:00 PM

Where: Oxford Middle School (by Oxford Fire Dept)

Room: 305, Oxford, NY

Learn fundamentals of fly fishing. Instructions include casting, tackle/gear equipment, and flies. Experienced club members will work with you to choose any gear you may need to enjoy fly fishing. Register as soon as possible – deadline for registration is Monday, April 6th. Send half the money and registration form. The remainder will be required on the day of the course. Class size will be limited to 20.

Equipment will be provided for the course. But you may bring your own rod and reel if possible.

Cost: \$45 Adults, \$30 Youth 14 to 18

Registration for this course includes:

One-Year membership in Trout Unlimited, and

One-Year subscription to Trout Magazine

Registration Form - 2026 Intro to Fly Fishing Course

Please make check payable to: Chenango Valley Chapter Trout Unlimited

Please send them to: Sam Scafidi, 138 E. Main Street, Norwich, NY 13815

Registration Includes: One year membership in Trout Unlimited and subscriptions to Trout Magazine.

Cost: \$45.00 adult, \$30.00 Youth 14 to 18

Email can be used to register at sscafidi@roadrunner.com

Click the buttons below to link to the list of activities at local, state, and chapters throughout the US including expos, film festivals, surveys, improvement projects, outings, stream explorers, etc.

Chapter
Events in New
York

View Local
Events

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Events
Nationally

Presidents Line

Hi All,

Spring is around the corner! Time to organize your tackle and prepare for the upcoming season. There are lots of activities coming up if you have time to participate. Some for fun and some to support improvements to our local waters. See the list of events on our website and in email announcements.

The biggest upcoming event is the D.S. Smith CNY Fly Tying Symposium on March 22 at Harts Hill. We are hoping for a big turnout to meet 40 expert fly tyers and other exhibitors, plus speakers, and refreshments too. It's the last chance to buy our [Annual Raffle Tickets](#). The drawing will be held on March 22 at the symposium along with many other bucket raffle items.

Our initial Learn a Local River program was well received by a great turnout at the February chapter gathering. We hope you can make one of the upcoming meetings too. The talks on bamboo rod making in March and Adirondack pond fishing in April should be very informative. If you want to get out on the streams, please come to the Sauquoit trash pickup in April and/or pick your own favorite fishing access site to keep clean throughout the year with our new "Adopt an Access Site" project.

MVTURK stream monitoring will kick off our second year in May, and we are hoping for more volunteers and locations to survey, along with more in depth analysis of water quality sampling. We will also hold a macroinvertebrate sampling event this summer through the DEC WAVE program. Stay tuned for more information. Reach out if you want to lead a stream survey team on a local stream

Hope to see you soon!

Stu Miller

President, Mohawk Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited #112

Youth Education News

Trout in the Classroom

Spring visits are in progress, planning for field trips and releases are around the corner. Looking for new classes for fall 2026. See more about the MVTU TIC program on our new [TIC website](#) page. To volunteer, please email mohawkvalleytu@gmail.com. or contact Bill Jackson or Gary Bartell.

Interested in helping with Trout in the Classroom?

NYS TU SUMMER TROUT CAMP

Teen (14-17) Fly Fishing Camp on the Delaware

- Sunday, June 28 thru Friday, July 3, 2026
- Lodging at Camp Amahami, 434 Page Pond Road, Deposit, NY
- Lessons on fly tying, casting, fly fishing, entomology, ecology and conservation.

- One-on-one lessons on the water of the Delaware River system.
 - All equipment , lodging and meals provided.
 - Fully insured by Trout Unlimited
- Cost \$850.00 (contact mohawkvalleytu@gmail.com for MVTU Scholarship)

[View and download brochure and application](#)

Conservation News

Mohawk Valley TU River Keepers (MVTURK) Stream Monitoring 2026

Do you have a stream you would like to champion? Please consider volunteering in 2026. It's a great way to get out and learn about our local waters and it only takes a couple of hours a month. If you would like to lead a stream monitoring team, please contact mohawkvalleytu@gmail.com. We will also be planning a DEC WAVE macroinvertebrate collection day this year.

***Stream Monitoring
Volunteer Info***

MVTURK 2025 Report



Oriskany Creek Watershed Commission

The Oriskany Creek Watershed Commission meetings are open to the public.

Next meeting Jan 27 4:30 PM Oriskany Falls

2026 Meetings
Schedule

OCWC
Website

February 2026
Minutes

Sauquoit Creek Basin Commission

The Sauquoit Creek Basin Commission meetings are open to the public.

Next meeting Feb 17 Oneida County DPW

SCBC Website

February 2026 Minutes

DEC and other News

2026 Mohawk River Symposium

DEC Brook Trout Pond Survey Summary 2025

ADIRONDACK BROOK TROUT POND SURVEY SUMMARY

May 17th 2025 - October 15th 2025



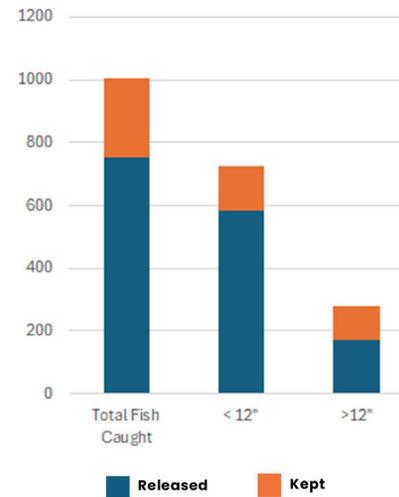
For more information visit [Adirondack Brook Trout Pond Management](#)

Trek for Trout Event

Number of Volunteers: 120
 Miles Hiked: 266
 Number of Signs posted: 189
 Number of Ponds Posted: 148

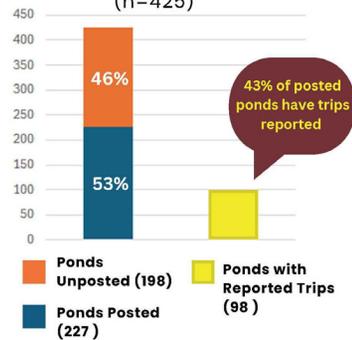
Catch/Harvest

Fish Caught (n= 1004)



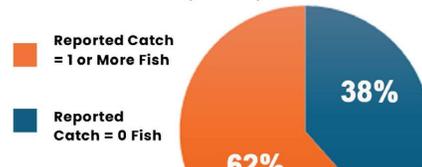
Ponds

Adirondack Brook Trout Ponds (n=425)



Trips and # of Fish Caught

Reported Trips (n=307)



Snapshot of an Average Trip

Trip Length = 2.8 hrs
 Catch Rate = 1.2 (fish/hr)
 Number of Fish per Trip = 3.3





FERC News

West Canada Creek Hinckley 2701/Jarvis 3211

- 6/22/25 WCC Below min flow - ala 0 CFS - 10/17/25 FERC ruled no violation
- 9/28/25 WCC Below min flow - ala 0 CFS Status of DO sensors installation?

Herkimer 15359

- 9/30/25 Response to deficiency of license application
- 1/9/26 Service address and contact change
- 2/2/26 FERC further request due to insufficient application info

Recent MVTU Events

Little Falls Film Night

Our first film night was a success despite the chilly weather. Thanks to those who came out and enjoyed

Regional Water

Sampling Event Update

some great fishing films. We plan to have another film night next fall/winter.



Learn a Local River West Canada

Our first in the Learn a Local River about the West Canada had lots of interest during our monthly gathering.

Thanks to Bob Janiga for a great presentation.

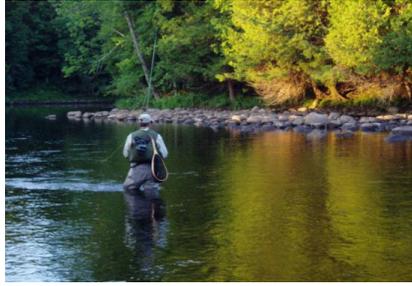
Samples analysis location has changed to Hamilton College. Results pending.



UCM Fly Tying

MVTU volunteers visited the Utica Children's Museum recently to teach youngsters about fly tying and trout fishing.





Membership Information

If you have any questions or issues with your membership please contact Bryan Kimball our new membership coordinator.

Share the Fun

Submit photos or inspirations of your recent fishing adventures.

Submit your fishing, nature photos or other items for the next newsletter.

“Brook Trout”

We come to the mountains... to search.
Not for answers, not for glory —
just to feel something true.

We wander the streams,
the hills,
the quiet folds of the world
where the map thins out
and the water begins.

Our nights are held by campfires,
embers drifting like stories,
and our dreams...
our dreams are of the speckled.

Salvelinus fontinalis.
A name that sounds like a prayer.
A beauty nature created
like the strokes of an artist’s brush.

It’s the places —
the mountain vistas,
the quiet streams,
the dancing clouds on a mountain pond.

We search for what we think is a fish,
only to find our soul.

The gentle moor of a mountain sunrise,
a sip of coffee,
a slow ponder of what lies ahead.

Brook trout are more than a fish.
They’re an adventure.
They are the Buddha of the mountains.
They refresh us,
bring us back to where we belong.

They quiet the mind
because of the quiet places they live.

There may be other fish.
There may be other places.
But there will never be another
combination of flora and fauna
that awakens the soul
and shows us how to live.

— Adirondack Trout Bum





Submit a Photo

Helpful Links

Mohawk Valley Trout Unlimited <https://mohawkvalleytu.org/>
New York State TU <https://newyorkcouncil-tu.org/>
National TU <https://www.tu.org/>
National TU Action Center <https://www.tu.org/conservation/take-action>
NYDEC Region 6 <https://dec.ny.gov/things-to-do/freshwater-fishing/places-to-fish/north-central-ny>
NYDEC Interactive Fishing Map <https://dec.ny.gov/things-to-do/freshwater-fishing/places-to-fish/trout-stream-fishing-map-guide>

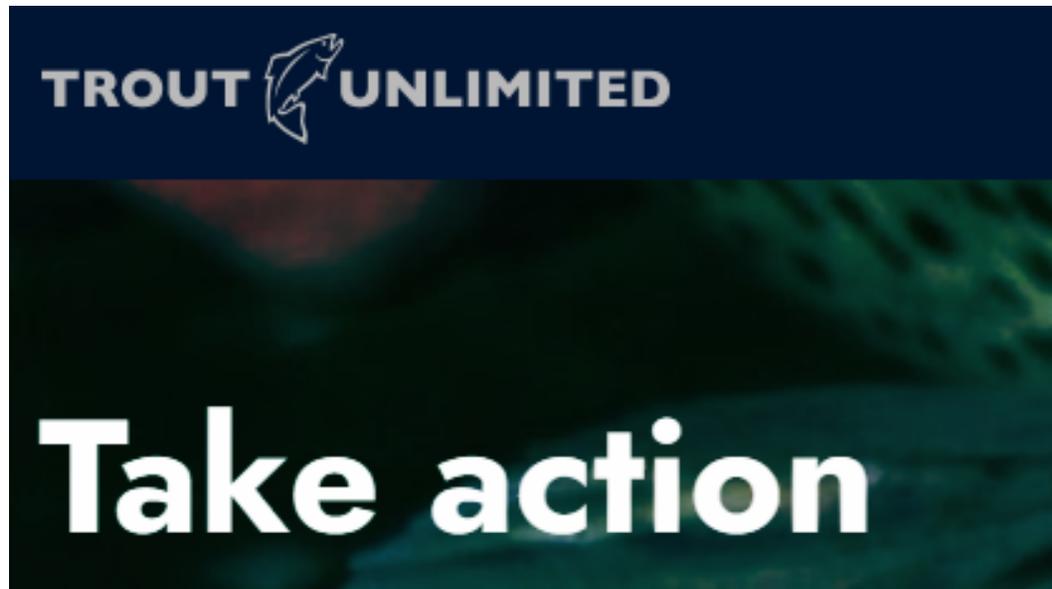
US Geological New York Streamflows <https://waterwatch.usgs.gov/?m=real&r=ny&w=map>

TU Priority Waters Interactive Map <https://prioritywaters.tu.org/explore-the-map/>

Trout in the Classroom <https://www.troutintheclassroom.org/>

Fish Creek Atlantic Salmon Club <http://www.fishcreeksalmon.org/>

Take Action



Tell your congress person how you feel about pending legislation.

TU's Action Center provides good links for your voice to be heard.

Contact J.Manion NY-22

Contact E Stefanik NY-21

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