



The August 2022 NEWSLETTER

Northern Arizona Flycasters
An active member club of the World Wide organization
“Fly Fishers International”
“Conservation, Restoration, and Education through Fly Fishing”
<http://nazflycasters.com>

We support active involvement in cold water fisheries conservation. We work to insure that Arizona’s habitat is not degraded and in the development and maintenance of fly fishing opportunities.

We support the practice of “catch and release”, the use of barbless hooks, and quick and harmless release practices. Fish should never be kept out of the water for over 60 seconds.

Northern Arizona Flycasters meets the first Wednesday of the month at the Arizona Game and Fish Regional office at 3500 S. Lake Mary Road, Flagstaff. Meetings start at 7 PM with a board meeting at 6:00 PM. The meetings are free and the public is invited.

PRESIDENT’S DRIFT :

A warm farewell to Terry Gunn, the guru of Lees Ferry, Arizona

The other day, my good friend, Terry Gunn, announced that he was officially retiring from guiding. For those of you who do not know Terry Gunn, he has, since the early 1980s, been the guy (the guru) at Lees Ferry, Arizona, which is one of the most visually captivating, technically alluring, and ultimately rewarding trout fisheries on planet earth. Kirk Deeter, TU.

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AZ Daily Sun, web edition, under Events.
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EDUCATION –



Lee's Ferry, Arizona

Lee's Ferry, the namesake of [Arizona's](#) most famous fly fishing destination, is 15 miles of glorious Colorado River pre-dating fly fishing because of its access, it remains famous today because of that same trait. It is the trips through the Grand Canyon, likewise the launching point for fly fishing upstream.







Lee's Ferry is beautiful, like whenever you see lots of fresh water in the middle of rugged desert like terrain. It is walk-in access, but expect people in the spring and fall seasons. Bring a book, a camera, your streamside is involved. The good spots, gravel bars that are numbered by those that know, and the guides, will have angles on them. Guides are plentiful or if you have a shallow drift boat with an outboard you can go up and down the pressured spots. In addition there are a few rugged scattered and somewhat dangerous hike ins, beside the launch you are doing and be prepared for a long day.

There are not the classic hatches here, despite efforts to introduce standard aquatic insects in the 60's. There they do hatch, often unpredictably. Be prepared for all phases of the hatch. Nymphs like [BH Zebra Midges](#), [F](#) the larva. [RS2 emergers](#), [Serendipity](#), [WD-40's](#), work for emerging midges. And if you see rising trout [Griffith](#) small [Parachute Adams](#) and [Parachute BWO](#) work well.

Of equal importance to the midge, is the gammarus shrimp, or [scud](#), pink and orange are often the ticket. Like around. So are aquatic worms, popular is the [San Juan Worm](#). If you are going in the summer think [hoppers](#), action. There are also [ants](#), [beetles](#) and [cicadas](#).

Lee's Ferry, Arizona

Hatch Chart

	Insect	Size	Begin	End
	<u>Midges</u>	16-24	January 1	December 31
	<u>Worm</u>	12-18	January 1	December 31
	<u>Caddis</u>	12-18	February 1	September 30
	<u>Terrestrials</u>	8-16	June 1	September 30
	<u>Shrimp</u>	14-18	January 1	December 31
	<u>Eggs</u>	14-16	December 1	December 31

NAF EVENTS SCHEDULE

Under discussion by board

Fishing outings to local lakes

Fly casting sessions on a regular basis.

Work project with game and fish

The Board welcomes suggestions from members.

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