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Annual CFFA Outing

PROGRAM:

Fifth Annual Fly Fishing Outing on the Willimantic River.

WHERE:

Nye Holman State Forest on Route 44 in Willington. (Take exit 100 off I-86; follow Rt. 44 east to the bottom of the hill; turn left into the park.)

A map of the no-kill fishing area is printed on page 7.

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Sunday, May 18, 1980

TIME:

Outing - 9 a.m. to Late Afternoon

Fishing - All Day

All fishermen and CFFA members are invited to the Fifth Annual CFFA Willimantic Fly Fishing Outing on Sunday, May 18th, from 9 a.m. to late afternoon.

CFFA will set up headquarters in the Nye Holman State Park, located on the no-kill, fly fishing only stretch of the Willi. The day's activities will begin at 9 a.m. with demonstrations of Fly Casting, Fly Tying, Rod Building and Net Making. Lou Tabory may be there if his schedule permits.

Free maps of the no-kill stretch will be provided. Guides will be available to point out the "hot spots" and give advice on fishing techniques and successful flies for the area.

There is plenty of room in the park for picnics, so bring the family. Coffee, donuts and soda will be available-Bring your own lunch.

The usual Conservation Drawing, containing some great prizes, will held during the Outing. Pack a lunch and come out for a great day of fishing and fellowship.

'An active member club of the Federation of Fly Fishermen'



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

This being the last publication of Lines and Leaders until our September issue, I would like to wish all of you a good and prosperous fishing season. There is one tip I'd like to suggest to you for the coming season.

More and more, I have people tell me the fishing pressure is getting worse each year in Connecticut. The next thing I do is ask them where they fish? Time after time I always hear the same thing. These people always fish the most popular rivers and streams, because they think that's where the State stocks all the fish. This year, when you purchase your license, be sure and ask for the Rules and Regulations pamphlet that our State supplies with your license. If one would only take the time to look this pamphlet over, you will find in the back part there are five pages listing 279 rivers and streams that are open to trout fishing. It's surprising the number of people who disregard the pamphlet and miss one heck of a lot of terrific fishing, sometimes right in their own back yard!

Good fishing -

Your President

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The Connecticut Fly Fisherman's Association is "Organized to Preserve and Promote the Pleasures and Tradition of Fly Fishing and to Conserve Game-Fish Waters." CFFA regular membership meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month, September through May. Meetings are held at the Holiday Inn, Roberts St., East Hartford, CT. Eastern Council meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of each month at the Mansfield Middle School, Spring Hill Rd., Mansfield, CT.

Legislative Action



By Vin Ringrose, Legislative Chairman

Our deepest thanks to all CFFA members who made the effort to go to the Capitol for the sportsmen's rally the night of March 18, even if you weren't able to get inside. Your presence was felt!

We are pleased that the proposed gun legislation was killed in committee, and a compromise bill, making illegal posession of a handgun an automatic jail sentence was written. We have no argument with this, and wish that stronger jail sentences for crimes committed with guns also could be enacted. Punish severely those who would abuse the privilege-don't penalize the law-abiding citizen and sportsman!

Yours truly spoke briefly at the hearings on your behalf, emphasizing the fear of all sportsmen that these bills are really anti-sportsmen, and our concern that we fishermen are also on a "hit list" right below the trappers and hunters.

The anti-leg-hold trap bill was to have been up for discussion on March 18 along with the gun bills. Due to some adroit behind-the-scenes parliamentary maneuvering by its proponents, it was held in the Environment Committee beyond its reporting time. (The March 18 hearing was before the <u>Judiciary</u> Committee.) The result is that the bill has now been petitioned out of the committee directly to the Senate floor where it will only be debated by the Senators, and the public will not be able to speak on it. Naturally, we had expected to crush it at the same hearing as the gun bill, but we have been denied the chance.

Our only recourse now is to make certain that our local legislators hear from us personally about how indignant we are at these shenanigans! Most socalled insiders at the Capitol feel that these maneuverings will backfire on on the anti-trapping faction, but we have no guarantees!

I urge you to contact your representatives!

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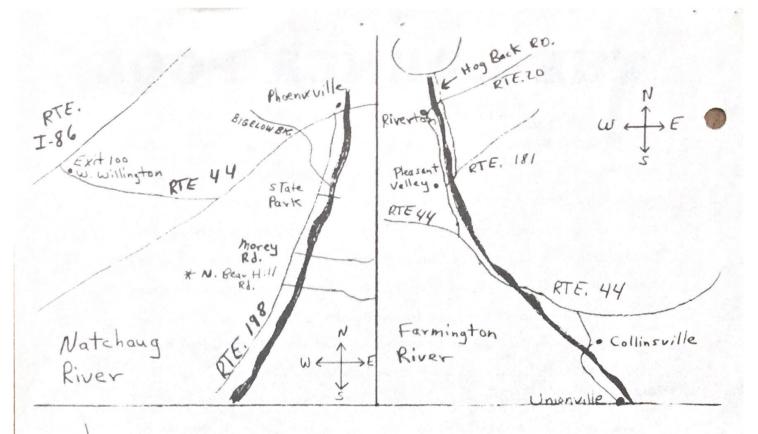
This will be the last issue of "Lines and Leaders" until next September. We hope to see you all at the Annual Outing on the Willi on Sunday, May 18, and we urge you to try some or all of the fishing spots mentioned during the fine "Spring Fishing" presentation last month. To encourage this we have provided maps or directions to many of those areas on pages 6 and 7 of this issue. This will give you maps for the Willimantic, Natchaug, Farmington and Yantic rivers and directions to the Beaverkill and Battenkill. Other areas such as the Mt. Hope River and Hewitt Pond (North Stonington) can be found on a State Highway map or on topographic quadrangle maps.

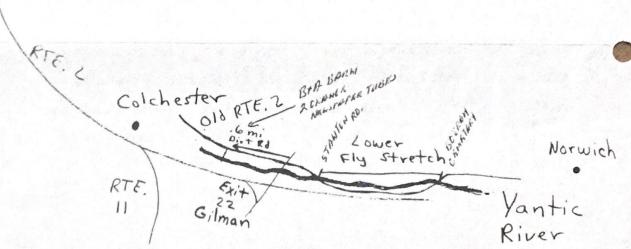
We also encourage you to write articles, stories of this season's fishing, etc., for future issues of the newsletter. These may be sent to either of the editors at the addresses indicated on page 2. We already have several articles, including directions for a fly line storage reel. which we will print next Fall. We also had a fine response regarding a rod-building class, and those who signed up will be receiving a questionnaire from Ed Roberts about the type and size of rod they would like to build.

Until next Fall, tight lines!

ROOTS

When did CFFA begin? What has CFFA done over the years? Who knows? Well, that's what we would like to find out and have a written and pictorial record of CFFA's history. We need a person or committee that would be willing to work on such a project. If you are interested and/or have information, slides, etc., please contact Gary Bogli, 82 Elizabeth Drive, Manchester, CT 06040 (649-4227).



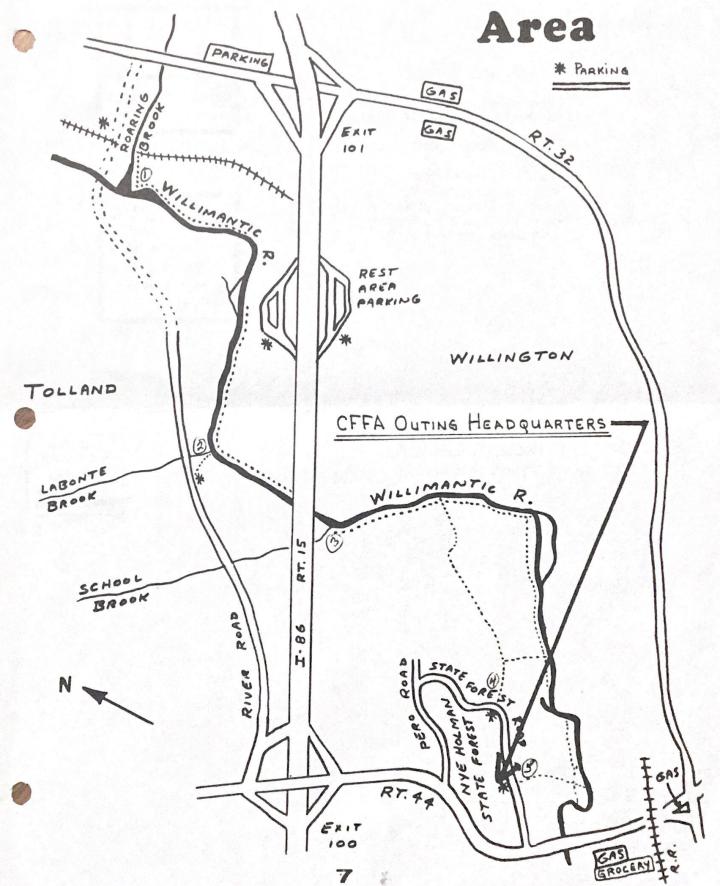


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Beaverkill

RTEISY to Middletown, N. Y.
Get on RTE 17 North
RTE. 17 N. to exit 94 Roscoe
Make left end of ramp
Gostraight to blinking yellow
light -turn left.
Old RTE. 17 Follows the
river

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MAY 1980 CALENDAR

May 7 Board of Director's Meeting 18 May Meeting-Annual CFFA Outing

COMING EVENTS

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