

# LINES AND LEADERS

CFFA

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## Annual CFFA Outing

- PROGRAM: Annual CFFA Outing
- WHERE: The Blast and Cast, South Windsor, CT  
(See page 4 for directions on getting there.)
- WHEN: Sunday, May 16, 1982
- TIME: 9 AM to Late Afternoon

All fishermen and CFFA members are invited to the Seventh Annual CFFA Outing on Sunday, May 16th from 9 AM to late afternoon. The outing will take place at the Blast and Cast, which is located near the intersection of RT 5 and RT 194 in South Windsor. This is where our monthly Board of Directors meetings are held, and was the site of several outings during the early years of the club.

The day's activities will include trout fishing in the private pond, fly tying demonstrations, special casting instruction for the ladies, and a casting contest with events for everyone. The usual conservation drawing will also be held. And-- a fishing contest, too!

Coffee, donuts and soda will be available, and there will be plenty of space for parking and picnicing. Bring your family, fishing gear and a lunch and enjoy a day of fishing and fellowship with CFFA.

### NEW MATERIAL NEEDED FOR LINES AND LEADERS

This will be your last newsletter until September, and it is almost the last of the material from CFFA members that we have to print. We printed a lot of material from new club authors this year, and we have the promise of several continuing features such as Untangling Angling and Backcasts for next year. We all fish with different equipment and flies, for different types of fish, in different places. Other club members are interested in where you fished, what it was like, what techniques and flies worked or didn't work.

Please write about it, and send your articles, letters, comments, patterns hints, cartoons etc. to Larry Johnson, 60 Willard Street, Hartford, CT 06105.



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# THE CORNER POOL

Ed Fidrych

Larry Johnson

This is our last issue until Fall, and we've tried to leave you with a good selection of places to fish and flies to try. The Natchaug is supposed to be good in the early season, and the two fly-fishing only sections on the Yantic are good, too. There are some good pools on the Farmington between New Hartford and Unionville, but the section between New Hartford and the Hogback Dam seems to get most of the action. I do most of my Farmington fishing between Riverton and Pleasant Valley. Club members vary in their preferences on the Willi. Some, including your editor, fish mainly the upper section from Roaring Brook to I-86. Others prefer the lower section from the highway to RT 44.

Myron Schulman's Summer fly pattern selection was prepared back in 1976 and is still a good guide. Caddis are found on most of our streams and the Henryville is effective everywhere.

## CFFA PHOTO CONTEST II

We have decided to give our photo contest another try! This time, however, instead of categories based on equipment we will have two topical categories and accept any type of print or slide in each. Our categories will be (1) "On the Stream"-for any shot of an active fishing activity and (2) "Fish, Flies and Equipment"-for still life, non-fishing shots. Photos must be taken this year, between the start of the season and October 1st. There will be certificates and \$15 and \$10 gift certificates for first and second place entries respectively, and we will make special awards if humorous entries are submitted in either category. Instructions for sending in your entries will be provided next Fall. Take a camera with you and get shooting!

Don't forget our May outing at the Blast and Cast and the Deerfield River trip in June.

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UNTANGLING ANGLING

At our March membership meeting, one of our guests was Mr. Chuck Phillips from the D.E.P. Chuck is our regional biologist for the Willi River. As part of our program, Chuck gave us a Creel Senses Report, which involved on the spot interviews with anglers, and "the fishing diary" that the state supplied some of our members with to complete after each fishing trip to the Willi.

I talked with Chuck at some length after the program. Not only was the fisheries unit a little disappointed in the poor return of the fishing diaries, but they were more concerned over the fact that no one was using the fly fishing, latch and release area. The general feeling was that maybe CFFA has lost interest in the fly fishing area and does not care what happens to it in the future.

I have been involved with the Willi project from the very first work outings back in 1976. There were times in the beginning when it was something to see 50 to 60 people on a Sunday morning in February breaking their butts on this section of the Willi.

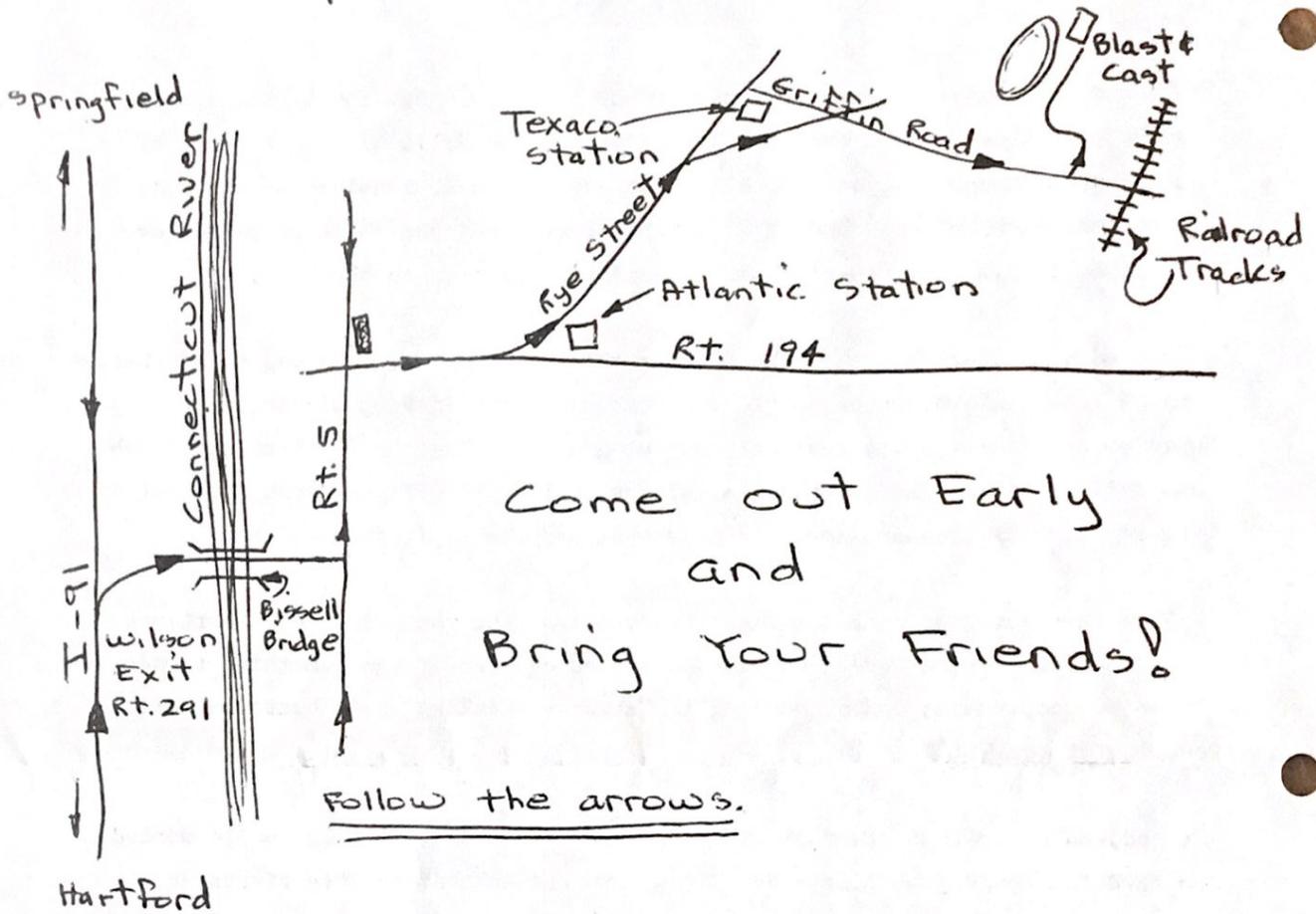
It saddens me to think that all the time and effort that so many people worked so hard for could just slip away. It's hard enough that we lose rivers and lakes each year to pollution, developers and industries, but to lose a section of river through our own neglect and lack of interest, this perhaps is the saddest loss of all.

This is the last issue of Lines and Leader until September. I'd like to wish all of you a good fishing season and may you all fish in bright and clear waters this summer.

The final details have not yet been worked out, but anyone wishing to go on our club fishing trip on June 5th and 6th to the Deerfield River in Massachusetts, contact Elmer Latham, 742-6584. This trip is for club members "ONLY".

*by  
Barlow*

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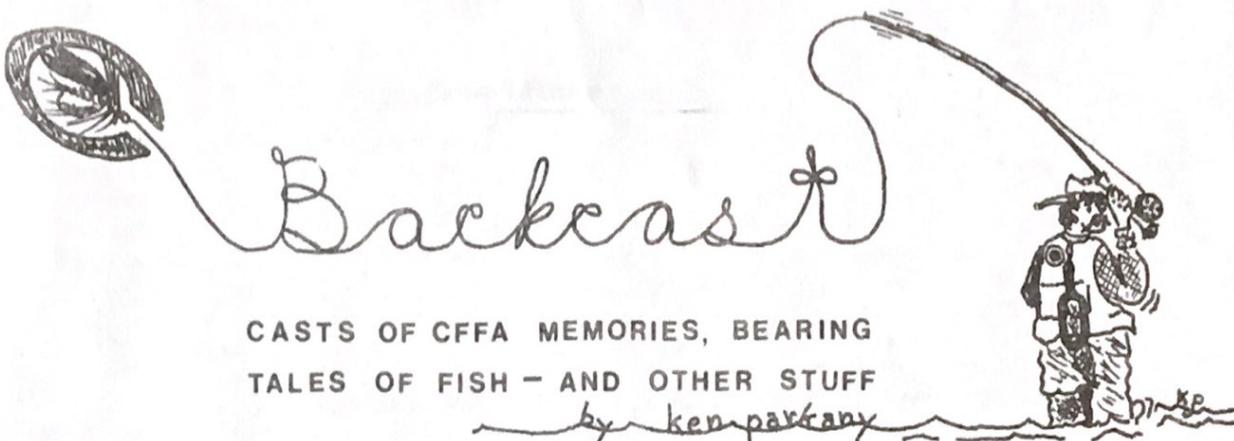
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CASTS OF CFFA MEMORIES, BEARING  
TALES OF FISH - AND OTHER STUFF

by ken parkany

"The Jeremy's River that flows through Salmon River State Forest is a better fishing stream today because of the efforts of Connecticut Sportsmen.

"In 1969, the Connecticut Fly Fishermen's Association made this stretch of idyllic stream a project..."

That's the way Bill Clede, former Outdoor Editor of the now defunct Hartford Times newspaper, began his Accent on Outdoors column in the April 16, 1972 issue of the Times Sunday Magazine. And then he went on to describe how the CFFA <sup>was</sup> clearing trash and building "weirs and dams to improve fish habitat" — all with the approval and close supervision of the Park and Forest Commission and Board of Fisheries and Game. — and also why. As Dr. Vincent P. Ringrose, then CFFA President, so eloquently explained: " 'There's no doubt we can double or even treble the fish population the stream can hold during the season...If fish have a place to live — good habitat — they can stay. And that's what we're creating, good habitat.' "

Good habitat meant deeper pools, undercut banks, sluice or narrow channel currents and eddies. For the most part, these were created by low rock dams and weirs. Yes ROCK. The same rock that earlier Connecticut settlers found so abundant and ideally suited for stone wall land boundaries. But if you walk the Jeremy's today, you will not find many stone walls near its banks. But you will likely find some nice pools in the stream, like the Trestle, Elbow, Henryville, Hewitt, Apple Tree, Pine Tree and Stone Wall. There's a saying that goes: You can tell when you are getting old; it's when your back goes out more than you do. Well, a lot of CFFA Conservation Committee members experienced premature aging during the Jeremy's Project. But it was well worth it — and it is still worth preserving.

For the Jeremy's Project and the CFFA are synonymous, in a way. If you look at a membership brochure or the bottom of the Lines and Leaders Editor's page, you will see that the CFFA was "Organized...to conserve game fish waters", not just trout waters and not just for fly fishermen, but game fish waters for all fishermen.

In January, 1968, I attended the first general membership meeting of the CFFA in the basement of the former Sportsmen's Den, Route 75, in Windsor Locks. Curiosity (and fate, I discovered several years later) drove me to the meeting. Just six months earlier I had moved to Connecticut from Pennsylvania. My native state pioneered the use of special regulations like "FISH FOR FUN and NO KILL and I was curious why Connecticut had no such regulations and if the CFFA planned to do anything about it. (Little did I know then that some six years later, I would coincidentally be President of CFFA when the Association would undertake its Willimantic Project to mark the beginning of the Catch-and-Release regulations on the Willi.)

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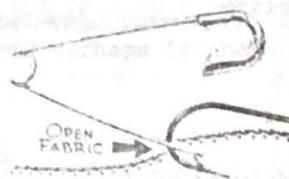
When I expressed my curiosity at the January meeting, Conservation Committee Chairman, Vin Ringrose, said then that one of the CFFA goals was to get a NO KILL regulation established on a Connecticut stream. The State, Vin continued, had already been approached. Though some state fisheries officials were "sympathetic", "time" was needed to locate a stream where imposing such a radical regulation would not be offensive to other types of fishermen, who were in the majority. Also, the State was constantly being besieged by private clubs for special favors. Consequently, the CFFA would have to prove itself -- demonstrate that its objectives included all fishermen and that it was a "doing" club not just an "asking" club.

So conceptually speaking, the Jeremy's Project was conceived long before the stream was selected or even suggested by a member and Colchester resident who lived along its banks: Walt Stachura. Walt was responding to the CFFA Directors search for a "piece of water that the Association could develop into a 'showcase' or our purpose and achievement", wrote Larry Weidemier in the Association's first newsletter, December, 1969. The stretch of the Jeremy's that Walt recommended and the CFFA later inspected and approved flowed through State land in the Salmon River State Forest, Hebron. It was "exactly what the Association had been seeking", continued Weidemier, "This stretch of the Jeremy's was relatively isolated, lightly fished, and distinguished by much good 'pocket water'. Most important, however, the stream had tremendous potential which could be effectively developed through the type of work project the Association had wanted to undertake."

And so it began and continued very actively for five years - a two mile experimental stretch of the Jeremy's River. (More Jeremy's History in the next BACKCAST.)

FROM - SIERRA PACIFIC FLYFISHERS

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Cream Variant in larger sizes.
- ② Blue-winged Olive (18-24)
- ③ Dun Variant (14-16)
- ④ Trico Spinner (24-28)

Wets

Small suggestive nymphs (18-20)  
Brown, Olive, Grey, Yellow-brown, Tan, Cream

Caddisflies

Dries

	Body	Palmer	Wing	Hackle	Size
① Henny Lee	* Olive Tan	Hizzly Hunger	Grey Mottled Brown	Brown Hunger	(14-20) (16-20)
	White	Hizzly	Light Grey	Light Hunger	(18-20)
	Black	Hizzly	Black	Black	(20)
② Adams	(18-22)				

Wets

- ① Caddis pupae (16-20)  
Olive, Tan, Grey
- ② Scuragly (10-12)
- ③ Bullmoose (14-18)

Midges

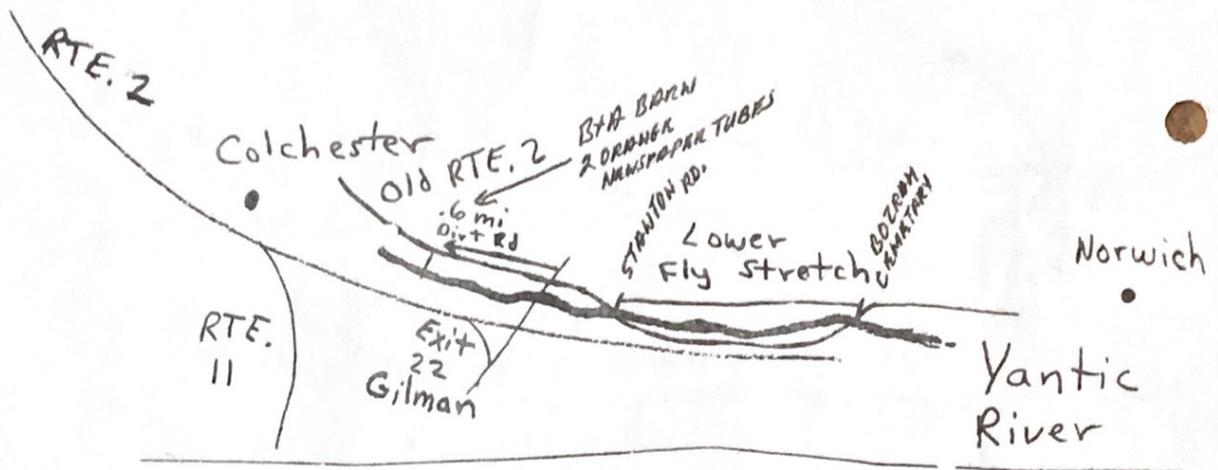
- ① Pupae (18-22)  
Grey, Olive
- ② Hackled Adults (18-28)  
Adams, Hizzly Quill, Blue Quill, Cream, Black

Spiders

- ① Badger (14-18)
- ② Cree (14-18)

Terrestrials

- ① Ants  
Black (16-22)  
Cinnamon (18-22)
- ② Black Beetle (18-20)
- ③ Cricket (16-18)
- ④ Inch worm and Caterbug (14-18)

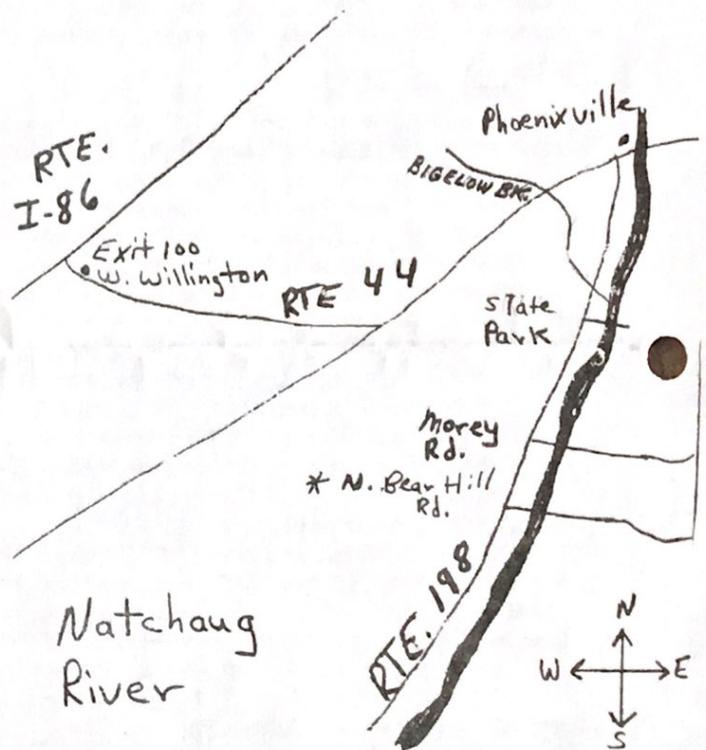


Trout Weight Estimator

This handy table appeared in a Hartford Courant "Outdoors in Maine" feature in 1977.

Remember that thin fish weigh less, usually thick fish more.

In.	Lbs.	Oz.	In.	Lbs.	Oz.
9	0	5	18	2	8
10	0	7	19	2	15
11	0	9	20	3	7
12	0	12	21	4	0
13	0	15	22	4	9
14	1	3	23	5	3
15	1	7	24	5	15
16	1	12	25	6	11
17	2	2	26	7	8



**BATTENKILL:** Take RT I-91 north to 2nd Brattleboro exit. Take RT 30 north to (Vermont) RT 30-11. Follow RT 30-11 west to RT 7. Go south on RT 7 to Arlington, RT 313. Access from RT 313 along the river.

**BEAVERKILL:** Take RT I-84 to Middletown, NY. Get on RT 7 North and follow this (New York) to exit 94, Roscoe. Go left at end of ramp, then straight to blinking yellow light, then turn left. Old RT 17 follows river.

**HOUSATONIC:** See the April, 1982 issue of "Heading Out" magazine for a map and description. Good trout and smallmouth fishing. Water level can rise rapidly in the morning and stay high all day due to a water release from the upstream dam!!! Keep an eye on the water level and don't get caught in mid-stream or on the wrong side of the river. Felt soles and wading staff advised.

### Notes from the BOD Meeting

The fly-fishing school has ended. Thirty-six students took the class.

A motion was made and passed to place our fish in the Willie conservation area.

A motion was made and passed to take a supporting membership (\$50.00) in the International Atlantic Salmon Foundation.

A motion was made and passed to try to get George Harvey for our guest speaker at the banquet next year.

Our Outing will be held at the Blast and Cast this year.

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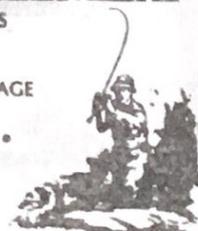
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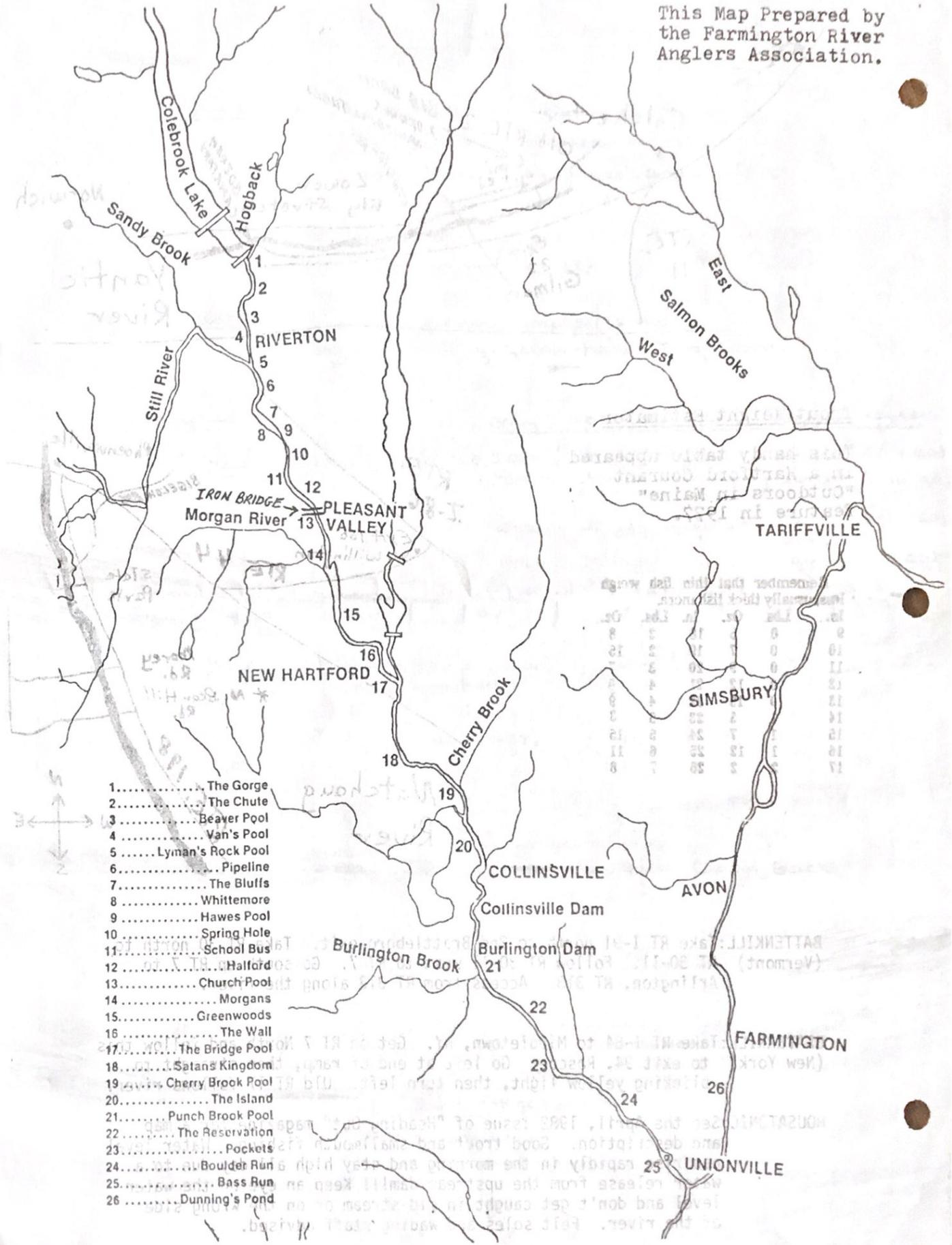
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- 1..... The Gorge
- 2..... The Chute
- 3..... Beaver Pool
- 4..... Van's Pool
- 5..... Lyman's Rock Pool
- 6..... Pipeline
- 7..... The Bluffs
- 8..... Whittemore
- 9..... Hawes Pool
- 10..... Spring Hole
- 11..... School Bus
- 12..... Halford
- 13..... Church Pool
- 14..... Morgans
- 15..... Greenwoods
- 16..... The Wall
- 17..... The Bridge Pool
- 18..... Satans Kingdom
- 19..... Cherry Brook Pool
- 20..... The Island
- 21..... Punch Brook Pool
- 22..... The Reservation
- 23..... Pockets
- 24..... Boulder Run
- 25..... Bass Run
- 26..... Dunning's Pond



MAY 1982 CALENDAR

- May 5 Board of Directors Meeting
- 16 Annual CFFA Outing

COMING EVENTS

- June 2 Board of Directors Meeting
- 4,5,6 Deerfield River Trip-Members Only
- July 7 Board of Directors Meeting
- August 4 Board of Directors Meeting
- Sept. 1 Board of Directors Meeting
- 8 September CFFA Meeting

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