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Connecticut Fly Fishermen's Association

Program: Annual Outing on the Housatonic.

Place: Housatonic Meadows State Park.

When: Sunday, June 7, 1987.

Time: 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

CFFA's 1987 Annual Outing will be held on the Housatonic River, at the Housatonic Meadows State Park picnic area, on Sunday, June 7th, from 10 AM to 3 P.M. We will set up in the picnic area, which is just north of Cornwall Bridge on Route 7, right across from the Housy Fly Shop. See the map on page 5 for details.

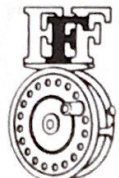
This is the same weekend that HFFA is holding their outing, so there will be plenty of opportunity to seek advice on where the pools are and what to try. Also a chance to pick up a copy of HFFA's excellent map, since you will no doubt be coming back again. This is a big river, so don't worry about having no place to fish. And because its a big river, don't forget felt soled boots and a wading staff--this is one place you really need them!

This is a good opportunity for a family picnic. If you're not going to fish or watch the fishing, there is hiking, the well known covered bridge just up Route 7, etc. The club will also be providing hamburgs, hot dogs, soda and coffee for those who don't want to pack a lunch. This is a good chance to get to know a river that many say is as good as any in the country.

Hope for clear weather and low water levels, and we'll see you there! Any members who want to help out with the barbecue and other chores should contact Activities V.P. Mike Stewart at 653-4203.



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



THE CORNER POOL

Ed Fidrych

Larry Johnson

Errors and Omissions:We want to apologize for leaving some names out of the listing of banquet contributors in the last newsletter. Dick Lerche helped to make the display cases for the flies tied by Jack Gartside (mentioned) and Dick Talleur (not mentioned). Dick Lerche and Pete Trani made the cases, and George Degen mounted the flies. We hope there isn't anyone else who was left out.

Fishing Expo:We want to thank the following CFFA members who volunteered their time to help out with our booth at the Civic Center in Hartford. Tying flies, doing a seminar or just talking to people are a lot of fun, and this show is one of our best opportunities to let the public know who we are. Activities chairman Mike Stewart coordinated our activities and all of the necessary time scheduling.

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CFFA Club Trip:There will be a members-only trip to the Connecticut Lakes Region on September 7-13, 1987. You may stay at Tall Timber Lodge or at a local campsite. The state campgrounds do not take reservations. Brook and rainbow trout fishing is available at Back Lake (Tall Timbers), other lakes in the area and the Connecticut River. Landlocks and Lake Trout can be found in the Connecticut Lakes. Licenses, flies, etc. are available at the lodge.

The cost at Tall Timber is \$38 per day for 1-3 days or \$36 per day for 4 or more days. This includes meals, lodging and maid service. A deposit of one day's cost is needed for reservations. Send a check payable to Tall Timber Lodge to Mike Stewart, 10 Bradley Brook Drive, North Granby, CT 06060. For information call Mike at 653-4203 (home) or 654-5659 (work). Send your deposit soon to ensure your reservation.

More Books to Look At:Last month's issue listed more than enough books to keep you busy for a while. Some additional books to consider are: Stoneflies, by Carl Richards, Doug Swisher and Fred Arbone; Dave Whitlock's Guide to Aquatic Trout Foods, by Dave Whitlock, Caddis Flies by Gary LaFonatine, Stoneflies for the Angler, by Eric Leiser and Robert H. Boyle, and The Caddis and the Angler, by Larry Solomon and Eric Leiser. If you fly fish and tie your own flies, you should take a look at The Hook Book, by "American Fly Tyer" publisher Dick Stewart. This little book describes all of the relevant hook models from Mustad, Eagle Claw, Kamasan, VMC, Tiemco and Partridge, including measurements, strength tests and full size illustrations. Just what you need if you're really fussy about getting the right hook for the job, or curious about what your options are.

FROM THE VEST OF THE PRESIDENT

Well the season has finally arrived. I hope you have all been successful. Did you get those anxious feelings in the pit of your stomach as you drove to the stream for the first time? Did you drive a little faster than you usually do? I did. In fact I guess I have these same feelings most of the time when I am on my way to go fishing.

Although the Willi has been high due to all the rain, the fishing has been pretty good. There have been some decent Hendrickson hatches along with a few Quill Gordons, Mahogany Duns and caddis. My first trout this year came through great skill and cunning. As I was taking the water temperature a fat rainbow wacked the streamer hanging in the surface film. Later I did catch four legitimately on dries.

I hope if you fish the Willimantic you will fill out a diary and check fin clips. The clips could be left or right pectoral (front) fins, left or right ventral (rear) fins, or the adipose fin, the small fin before the tail. This information is critical to the biologists to help them determine which strains are holding over and which rainbows don't migrate.

Mike Stewart still needs a couple more people to help at the outing on the Housatonic June 7th. If you can help the club call Mike at 653-4203. See you there.

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1987 JUNIOR CONSERVATION CAMP

This year the Connecticut Fly Fishermen's Association will sponsor the attendance of one youth at a one-week Junior Conservation Camp held at Camp Workcoeman in New Hartford, Connecticut, during the month of August.

The Junior Conservation Camp gives boys twelve through fourteen years of age an opportunity to gain education in the proper use of our natural resources, the safe use of firearms, woodsmanship, fly fishing, fly tying, camping, boat safety, archery, skeet shooting and more. All of the training comes from experienced and well-trained instructors.

The Connecticut Wildlife Federation developed the conservation camp program. The camp staff is composed of well-qualified adults from throughout the state who donate their time and talents to this worthwhile project. There is one counselor for every ten boys.

This year the tuition is approximately \$125.00. CFFA will provide full tuition for the one boy that it sponsors. The tuition includes health and accident insurance, buses for various field trips and all instructional materials needed for the week.

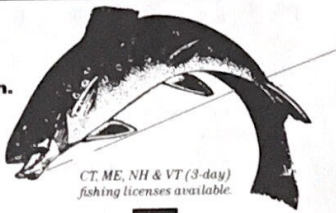
Any boy between the ages of twelve and fourteen, in the immediate family of a CFFA member, is eligible to be sponsored by CFFA. The full tuition will be awarded through a random drawing conducted at the June Annual Outing. To qualify for the drawing, please submit the following information by May 31, 1987: (1) Name of adult CFFA member; (2) Name and age of youth; (3) Address and telephone number. Forward information to: CFFA Conservation Camp Sponsor Program, P.O. Box 18268, Silver Lane, East Hartford, CT 06118.

Dan Record, Education Chairman


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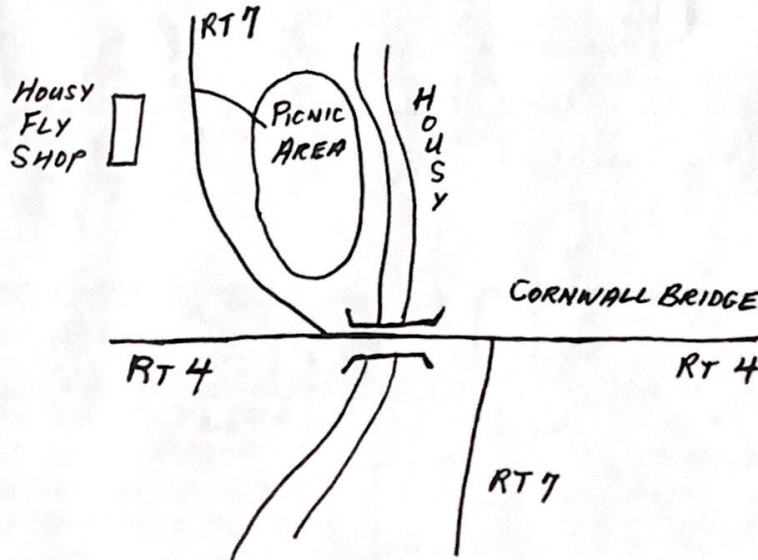
by Larry Johnson, Editor

I mentioned in the last newsletter that there was some very serious interest in the position of editor, and it's really true. This will be my last issue as editor. It doesn't seem like almost eight years since Ed Fidrych and I agreed to become co-editors. Back then we were meeting at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Windsor. A nice cosy place, where you could go downstairs for a beer after the meetings. A risky place, too, since you could end up with a newsletter if you had your beer with the right people.

It's been fun, but as they say in the TV ad, "It's Time." I want to thank Ed Fidrych for co-editing in the early years (I wouldn't have taken on the job alone) and for doing later issues when I was away; Pete Trani, who worked with Dick Lerche and countless students to collate, staple and fold the issues and bring them to Dillon's in Hartford; the teachers and students who printed our newsletter over the years; and all of you who helped by sending in articles, tying patterns, photos, etc.

I also want you to welcome and support your new editor, Malcolm MacKenzie. Malcolm is a long-time member of CFFA, and is President of the Amscot Group, which includes Finlay Printers. He will be assisted by Patricia McLean, who is a writer and a lobbyist. They have some new ideas for Lines and Leaders which they presented at the last Board of Directors meeting. We were all very impressed, and I'm sure you will be too. I'll be waiting for that September issue I haven't seen before, and watching for those articles you will be sending in.

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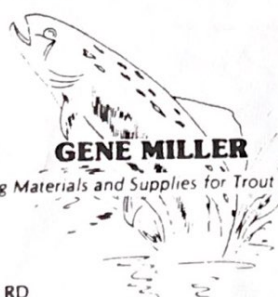
State Buys Land Along the Willimantic

The State of Connecticut recently purchased 885 acres of land on the west bank of the Willimantic River in Tolland. The parcel was purchased for \$1.19 million from Vladimir M. Kollar, who has lived on the property for over 60 years. This is the largest purchase of recreation land the State has made in 5 years. Mr. Kollar will have lifetime use of the house and a small parcel around it.

Our Willi map this month shows the small portion of the parcel (less than 1/6 th of the total) which is in the Trout Management Area. This lies between North River Road (which you take to the abutment pool) and the river, and extends from just above the abutment pool to Roaring Brook. You can now drive on dirt roads right up to the Tarzan Pool on State owned land. The main portion of the land lies on the other side of North River Road, and includes another mile or so of river bank above the T.M.A.

The State guaranteed the preservation of the land as it is now, and will probably improve the trails and install picnic facilities, etc. According to Charles Reed, director of land acquisition and management for the Department of Environmental Protection, the land could be used for hiking, cross-country skiing, picnicing, and of course, fishing. This information came from an article in the Hartford Courant. Mr. Reed sent us a topo map with the parcel marked on it and marked the section within the T.M.A. If anyone would like to see the map of the full parcel, they can send a note to the CFFA P.O. Box and we'll send them a xerox.

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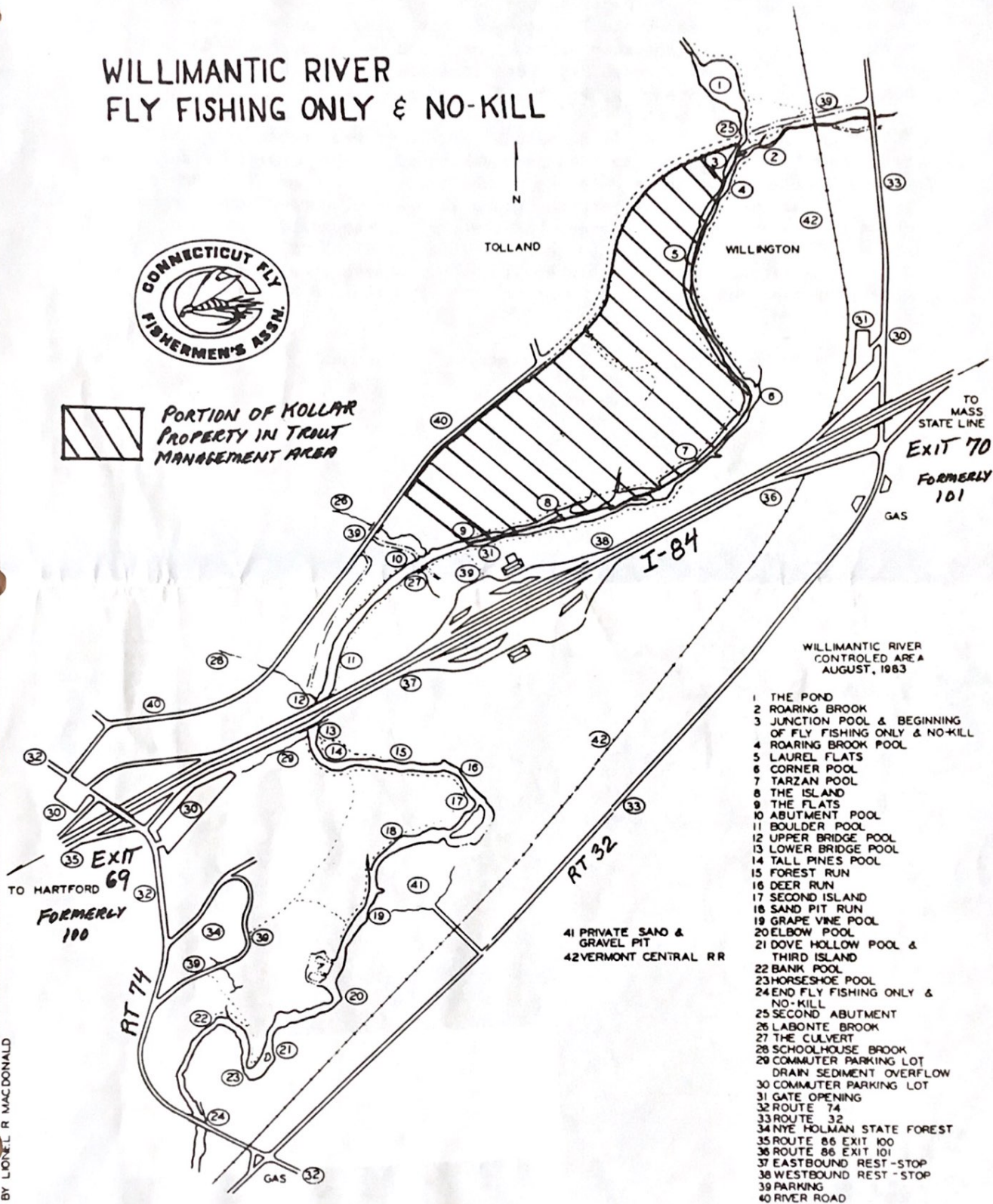
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- 1 THE POND
- 2 ROARING BROOK
- 3 JUNCTION POOL & BEGINNING OF FLY FISHING ONLY & NO-KILL
- 4 ROARING BROOK POOL
- 5 LAUREL FLATS
- 6 CORNER POOL
- 7 TARZAN POOL
- 8 THE ISLAND
- 9 THE FLATS
- 10 ABUTMENT POOL
- 11 BOULDER POOL
- 12 UPPER BRIDGE POOL
- 13 LOWER BRIDGE POOL
- 14 TALL PINES POOL
- 15 FOREST RUN
- 16 DEER RUN
- 17 SECOND ISLAND
- 18 SAND PIT RUN
- 19 GRAPE VINE POOL
- 20 ELBOW POOL
- 21 DOVE HOLLOW POOL & THIRD ISLAND
- 22 BANK POOL
- 23 HORSESHOE POOL
- 24 END FLY FISHING ONLY & NO-KILL
- 25 SECOND ABUTMENT
- 26 LABONTE BROOK
- 27 THE CULVERT
- 28 SCHOOLHOUSE BROOK
- 29 COMMUTER PARKING LOT DRAIN SEDIMENT OVERFLOW
- 30 COMMUTER PARKING LOT
- 31 GATE OPENING
- 32 ROUTE 74
- 33 ROUTE 32
- 34 NYE HOLMAN STATE FOREST
- 35 ROUTE 86 EXIT 100
- 36 ROUTE 86 EXIT 101
- 37 EASTBOUND REST-STOP
- 38 WESTBOUND REST-STOP
- 39 PARKING
- 40 RIVER ROAD
- 41 PRIVATE SAND & GRAVEL PIT
- 42 VERMONT CENTRAL RR

MAP BY LIONEL R. MACDONALD

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