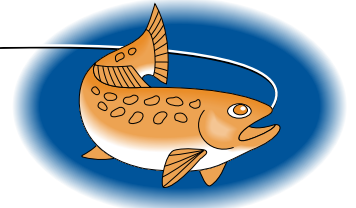


# TROUTLINE



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## OCTOBER MEETING



### DETAILS

**October 2, 2014**

**6:45 p.m.** Fly tying demonstration

**7:30 p.m.** Chapter meeting

**NOTICE:** No Merit Badge meeting this month. Please contact Bill Errico (703) 725-8801 if you have a troop in mind for the Spring class.

### WHERE

Flame Room of Vienna Volunteer Fire Department, 400 Center Street, SE, Vienna.

### GETTING THERE

Chain Bridge Road (123) becomes Maple Avenue in Vienna. Turn south on Center Street. Continue on Center Street past the athletic field on the left; note the fire station on the left at the intersection with Cherry Street. Turn left on Cherry and park behind the building. Go in the side door at the corner of the building and proceed up the stairs to the meeting room.

### OCTOBER PROGRAM

Rowland Harrison  
Yellow Breeches Outfitters

### OCTOBER CALENDAR

**2:** Chapter Meeting  
**3:** Stocking of Holmes Run  
**4:** FWAM White Oak Canyon (VA)  
**9:** Board Meeting  
**25:** Morgan Run (MD)

## WHAT'S COMING OFF

ROWLAND HARRISON

# Yellow Breeches Outfitters

Rowland Harrison has been the owner of Yellow Breeches Outfitters since Nov. 2011. He is a former member of the Cumberland Valley TU Board of Directors and a former board member of the Rivers Conservation and Fly Fishing Youth Camp. He is currently a board member of the Pennsylvania Fly Fishing Museum

Association. Rowland started fishing in the early 70's and started fly fishing in the early 80's. He is the past Executive Director of a Harrisburg YMCA and holds degrees in Social Services and Criminal Justice. Rowland is going to talk about the homewater Yellow Breeches and his journeys in Yellowstone.

## Honoring New Members

We would like to welcome aboard our newest members! We look forward to seeing you at our Chapter events.

**Farshad Abbassi**, Ashburn, VA  
**Creighton Anderson**, Leesburg, VA  
**Samantha Bachert**, Arlington, VA  
**Brandon Baker**, Oakton, VA  
**Kate Ballard**, Leesburg, VA  
**Jamie Belli**, Reston, VA  
**Oliver Bootz**, Leesburg, VA  
**James Brasell**, Potomac Falls, VA  
**Phillip Chudoba**, Stafford, VA  
**Joanna Claustro**, Reston, VA  
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**Orrin Mills**, Springfield, VA  
**Rick Mrstik**, Sterling, VA  
**Andrew Mueller**, Alexandria, VA  
**Sean Nannery**, Montclair, VA  
**Kevin Noll**, Leesburg, VA  
**Robert O'Donnell**, Arlington, VA  
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**Lindsey Packard**, Leesburg, VA  
**Danell Palladine**, Lovettsville, VA  
**Anna Ramsey**, Arlington, VA  
**Henry Smith**, Great Falls, VA  
**Jeff Staples**, Leesburg, VA  
**Christopher Stock**, Ashburn, VA  
**Devin Tidwell**, Leesburg, VA  
**Luke Tidwell**, Leesburg, VA  
**Paul Tidwell**, Leesburg, VA  
**Clifton Turner**, Chantilly, VA  
**Jason Valandingham**, Ashburn, VA  
**mRlon Velasco**, Reston, VA  
**Franz Wesner**, Leesburg, VA  
**Nate Whitbey**, Hamilton, VA

# White Oak Canyon Run

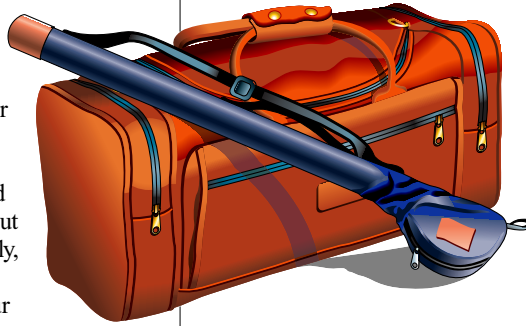
VIRGINIA

**When:** October 4, 2013  
**Depart:** 8 a.m.  
**Return:** Whenever  
**Meet:** Dick's Fair Lakes parking lot

White Oak Canyon Run flows down the east slope of the Blue Ridge Mountains in Shenandoah National Park. The stream has several well-known waterfalls that attract anglers and non-anglers alike. Don't expect a day of solitude if the weather is nice and leaf watchers are about. Since you will be fishing in the Park, you will not need a trout stamp.

Your lightest rod is all you'll need, and shorter rods are popular and effective. As with most Park streams, hip boots will suffice, but if the weather turns warm you may be comfortable wet wading. This is the time to consider rubber-soled wading boots that can double as hiking boots. If you use your regular wading boots, wear an additional pair of heavy socks to keep them snug on your feet. If the water is low, the fish will be very spooky and you shouldn't be doing much wading. In this case, your best bet is to sneak up to the stream using whatever cover you can find, and dropping your fly into the water with a minimum of motion. Even a 3-weight fly line can scare the hell out of the fish under these

conditions. Some anglers like to fish downstream to avoid "lining" fish. Others prefer to fish upstream and casting side armed to keep rod and line low and out of view. Incidentally, when the fish are really spooky your fly line doesn't have to pass over them to scare them. Sometimes it seems that if it lands in the same pool, the fish flee. At times like that, get near the chute flowing into the head of a pool and drop your fly into the flowing water and shakeout enough line to get the fly down to the fish. Since the fish are facing upstream, you have to stay pretty low. If the fish are spooky, sudden and rapid movement will send them into hiding. Hopefully the water won't be low and you won't be faced with jittery fish. Just in case, in addition to 5X tippet material, through in some 6X tippet as well. Speaking of vests, you will be walking in steep country and excess weight will be unwelcome. Take out a few essentials and leave the vest at home. You'll still want a small daypack to carry a cooling libation, your lunch, and a camera. Your fly box should include the usual gang of suspects: a few attractor dries that are easy to see (hair winged Royal Coachman, Royal Wulff, yellow Stimulator and Mr. Rapidan) and some #14-18 nymphs. You may also want a few crickets, black beetles, and black



ants; a bright green caddis larva; and maybe some stonefly nymphs. Soft hackle flies with orange or lime-green bodies work well in the deeper water.

## TRIP 2

# Morgan Run

MARYLAND

**When:** October 25, 2014  
**Depart:** 8 a.m.  
**Return:** You decide  
**Meet:** Vienna Community Center parking Lot

The second trip this month is to Morgan's Run in Carroll County, Maryland. The fish here are stocked browns and rainbows, and the browns seem to last longer than the rainbows. It isn't clear if the rainbows are easier for poachers to catch, if they suffer increased risk of mortality during the summer when the water warms, or if they have some remnant of steelhead genes and head for the ocean (or in this case Liberty Reservoir). Regardless of the answer, you'll see

more browns.

Light rods (3 and 4 weight) work well and there is plenty of room to cast. Hip boots will do for most of the stream, but there are some holes where even chest waders won't save you. Morgan's Run has both flat-water sections with undercut banks and log jams, and fast-water sections with rocky bottoms, boulders, chutes, and runs. For the flatter water, don't forget to bring midge patterns and be alert for any midge activity. Midge fishermen are known for carrying a wide selection of midge patterns, colors, and sizes. The Browns can become damnably selective to minor differences in patterns. It is not clear if this happens because there are so many midges available or because, in flatter water, the trout can get a better look at potential food. In addition to midges, bring your terrestrial box and don't let anyone tell you that there won't be any terrestrials left after the first frost. Make sure you have some #16-20 black ants. In addition to terrestrials, you might also see some small #18-20 blue winged olives. In the pre-spawn period Trout become aggressive toward their own spawning colors. In the case of brown trout that color is yellow. The Patuxent Special (#6-10) is pattern that is very popular (because it works) on stocked trout streams, including Morgan's Run. The Patuxent Special is similar to a Woolly Bugger but is a golden-tan color. Don't forget to bring a few. This stream is also good for fishing nymphs. It's not too wide, and the current isn't too strong allowing **FWAM** CONTINUED NEXT PAGE

## OCTOBER FLY OF THE MONTH: DEMONSTRATED BY JOHN HADLEY

# Gold-Ribbed Hare's Ear



This is an old standby nymph pattern that represents a number of insects and should be in everyone's fly box.

**Originator:** Unknown.

**Techniques to be learned:**

- Attaching a bead head
- Selecting and preparing guard hairs
- Attaching ribbing: wire or tinsel
- Selecting the abdomen dubbing
- Cutting and attaching a mottled turkey feather wing case
- Selecting the thorax dubbing
- Tying down the wing case

- Pluck out dubbing

**Pattern:**

**Hook** - TMC 3761 #12-20, or any 1x or 2x long hook

**Thread** - Black, Tan, or Red, 6/0, or 8/0

**Rib** - Gold oval or flat tinsel; or gold or copper wire

**Weight** - Optional Gold or Copper Bead Head and/or lead

**Tail** - Hare's Ear Guard Hairs from base of ears

**Abdomen** - Hare's Ear Dubbing, light color from Hare's mask or use light Hareline dubbing

**Thorax** - Hare's Ear Dubbing, dark color from Hare's mask with some guard hairs

**Wingcase** - Mottled Turkey Feather, coated with sealant or head cement

**Fishing Techniques:** With or without an indicator, weight should match the water depth or if in a strong current a little greater than the depth. Cast to a likely spot far enough above the target area to allow the nymph time to sink to the bottom. Keep a tight line when covering feeding spots.

# Fall Orvis Days in Leesburg

## Fly Fishing 101 for FREE:

Join our expert staff for a free introductory course in fly fishing. All equipment is provided in this 2-hour course. Time: 9am on Saturday October 11th and 18th

## Fly Tying with Chuck Abbott:

Chuck Abbott has over 20 years of experience tying flies. This is your opportunity to observe one of the best. Time: 12:30- 2:00 October 18th

## Bamboo Workshop, Exhibit:

Learn from an expert. Paul Kearney will be demonstrating what to look for when purchasing a bamboo rod. Time: 1:00- 4:00 October 18th

## Fly Tying with Morris Gills:

Store Fishing Manager Morris Gills will be demonstrating how to tie classic Catskill flies and everyone's favorite the Parachute Adams. Time: 2:30- 4:00 October 18th

## Fall Tune-Up Special:

Get your gear ready for the fall fishing and hunting seasons. Get your line cleaned and knife sharpened free. Time: 10:00- 6:00 October 18th

## Free refreshments:

All day October 18th



## CALLING ALL STOCKING VOLUNTEERS!

NVATU is looking for **eight** volunteers to help DGIF stock Holmes Run and Accotink Creek on **October 22, 2014**.

If you are interested in stocking trout on that date please contact **Roger Brown** at [matchbox@cox.net](mailto:matchbox@cox.net).

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anglers to keep most of their line off the water. Size #14-18 Gold-ribbed Hares Ears, Pheasant tails, a few tan or olive bead-head nymphs, and some caddis larva should suffice. In the slower water fish streamers, nymphs, and midges under a small indicator. Natural colors (white, tan, yellow, and black) work best. You can also strip the streamers through the larger pools. If all else fails, tie on a soft hackle and start probing the most likely water. This water is popular with anglers, and most of these anglers fish the easy-to-reach spots. You can find virgin water if you avoid the locations where casting is easiest and investigate those fishy looking spots that most anglers pass by.



Bubba (from Burgandy Farm School) ate all of his tank mates and is now swimming in Wildcat Hollow Run looking for more to eat.

## NVATU Trout in the Classroom Annual Release Totals



2010:	<b>71</b> in Little Stony Creek
2011:	<b>390</b> in Redbud Run
2012:	<b>838</b> TOTAL
	<b>709</b> in Wildcat Hollow Run
	<b>129</b> in Passage Creek
2013:	<b>1,107</b> in Wildcat Hollow Run
2014:	<b>896</b> TOTAL
	<b>824</b> in Wildcat Hollow Run
	<b>60</b> in Fiery Run
	<b>12</b> in Passage Creek

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## CONSERVATION CALENDAR

### Unless otherwise noted:

- **Chapter meetings:** Vienna Volunteer Fire Station, 7:30 p.m.
- **Board Meetings:** Century 21 Office, 6631A Old Dominion Drive, McLean, VA, 7:30 p.m.

### NOVEMBER

- 1:** FWAM trip to Rose River (upper)
- 6:** Chapter Meeting (annual elections)
- 13:** Board Meeting
- 29:** FWAM trip to Gunpowder (MD)

### DECEMBER

- 4:** Chapter Meeting
- 6:** FWAM trip to Little Stony (VA). Need National Forest Stamp if under age 65
- 11:** Board Meeting  
Final Trip for 2014???

### Rappahannock River Levels Safety

Friends of the Rappahannock has real-time data from the USGS linked to their website:

<http://riverfriends.org/TheRiver/RiverLevelsSafety/ta/bid/490/Default.aspx>

If you ever have doubts about safety, please call Bill Micks at the Virginia Outdoor Center (540-371-5085).

He is their recreation expert.



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## MEMBER ALBUM

### Anna writes:

I'm enjoying salmon fishing in the Pacific North West! Record runs this year. This coho was caught at the mouth of the Columbia river, just north of Astoria, OR. Not caught on a fly rod ... but I will try for a steelhead on an 8wt later this Fall.



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