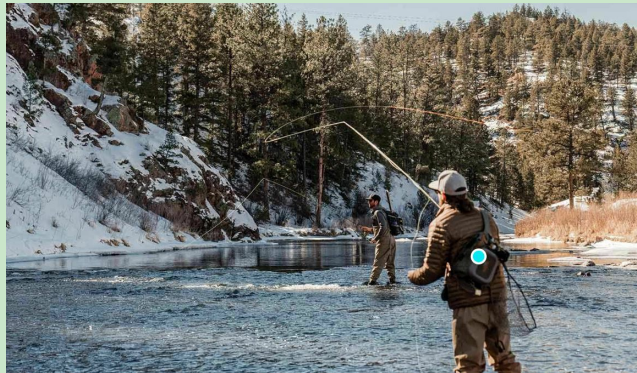




Adams County Trout Unlimited - March 2023 Newsletter

Fishing Season Can't Get Here Soon Enough!

I am dying to get on the water! I was out a few times during the winter months to get my "fix" but, while the fishing was enjoyable, the catching was not so much. Come to think of it, my catching throughout the year isn't anything to write home about either!



The coming season is upon us! Stocking is underway. Hopefully, you will soon be out in pursuit of the wily game fish, be it spin fishing, fly fishing or bait fishing.

Fishing is a simple activity that is great on your own or with family and friends alongside. In the busy hustle and bustle of our daily routines, stepping out for a day of communing with nature may be just what we all need.

Importantly, the members of Adams County Trout Unlimited (ACTU) are available to spend time helping you learn the ropes or to hone your skills. As passionate anglers, we love to spend time on the water with novices and experienced anglers. If you are so inclined, [contact me](#) to arrange for fishing together with an ACTU member. - *Frank Kozak, President*

Cool Stuff That Already Happened

The chapter's monthly gatherings, on the third Wednesday of the month, continue to be valuable and educational for us anglers. In December, Dean Simpson led an engaging workshop on tying leaders and knots.

The chapter has been laying the groundwork for creating a 600-yard nature trail and planting some 250 trees at the Zeigler Mill Road Access site. The trail location has been flagged.

Cool Stuff That's Happening Soon

On March 15th, Dave Swope will present a program on Trout Streams of Adams County.

Both the trail creation and tree planting are planned for this spring, with volunteers needed to support the work – when the time comes, please consider pitching in to help! Planning is also underway for the stocking season and for the Latimore Creek Youth Fishing Derby on May 13th.

Adams County PFBC Trout Stocking List 2023

Stream	Pre-season Date	Meeting Time	Meeting Location	In-season Date	Meeting Time	Meeting Location
Conewago	February 25	10:00	<u>Arendtsville</u>	April 18	10:00	<u>Arendtsville</u>
Bermudian, Latimore	March 6	10:00	York Springs	April 3	10:00	Fairfield
<u>Ortanna Pond</u>	March 6	10:30	<u>Cashtown</u>	-	-	-
Marsh, Opossum	March 7	10:30	<u>Cashtown</u>	April 24	10:30	<u>Cashtown</u>
Toms	March 16	10:30	<u>Cashtown</u>	April 3	10:00	Fairfield
Little Marsh, Middle	March 16	10:30	<u>Cashtown</u>	April 24	10:30	<u>Cashtown</u>

The Mummasburg Sportsman's Association Trophy Trout stocking is also coming soon! A planning meeting is scheduled for March 14th, 7:00 pm at the club's facility at 2501 Mummasburg Road, Gettysburg, PA. The stocking is tentatively planned for March 31st.

Season Summary

Species	Seasons	Minimum Size	Daily Limit
 ALL SPECIES OF TROUT <small>Additional regulations may apply- see Trout Regulations-pages 23-36. See page 23 for stream sections that are both Stocked Trout Waters and Class A Wild Trout Waters.</small>	Regular Opening Day of Trout Season - April 1 at 8 a.m. through Sept. 4	7 inches	5-streams, lakes, and ponds (combined species)
	Extended Season: Stocked trout waters Jan. 1 through Feb. 19 and Sept. 5 through Dec. 31	7 inches	3 (combined species)
	Extended Season: Stocked Class A wild trout stream sections. Jan. 1 through Feb. 19 and Sept. 5 through Dec. 31	NO HARVEST - Catch and immediate release only Class A stream listing: fishandboat.com	
BASS - Lakes, Rivers, and Streams Largemouth, Smallmouth, and Spotted <small>Additional regulations may apply- see page 11</small>	Jan. 1 through April 7 and Oct. 1 through Dec. 31	15 inches	4 (combined species)
	April 8 through June 9	NO HARVEST - Catch and immediate release only (no tournaments permitted)	
	June 10 through Sept. 30	12 inches	6 (combined species)

Support Your Chapter - Today.

Our chapter is ASKING each of our members to make a Supporting Contribution to help ensure that we can continue to contribute to and support our activities in Adams County. The many programs and activities we support through our three pillars of Fishing, Conservation, and Community include:

- Stocking the eight approved trout streams in the county,
- Improving the stream habitat on Conewago Creek,
- Creating a walking trail and planting 250 trees on the Zeigler Mill Road Access Site,
- Stocking of the Mummasburg Trophy Trout,



- Supporting Reel Recovery for anglers confronting cancer, and
- Running the Latimore Youth Fishing Derby.

We hope you consider donating to ensure that ACTU can continue to carry out its role as the focal point for anglers and other outdoor enthusiasts in our community. Donations can be made to the general fund, which is distributed across all of the Chapter costs, or earmarked to support specific activities. Just add a note to earmark all or a portion of your donation.

Your donation is tax-deductible. Contributions by check can be made out to Adams County Trout Unlimited and sent to **ACTU Supporting Contribution, c/o Dave Swope, 601 Hanover Street, New Oxford PA, 17350**. If requested, we will send you a Donation Acknowledgement letter.

Save the Date – March 15, 2023



Learn first-hand from Dave Swope, who has almost 50 years' experience fishing and stocking the "Battlefield" trout streams of Adams County. Dave is a local wealth of knowledge who will leave you well prepared for the upcoming trout season.

This gathering is for anyone interested in learning about the eight approved trout streams in Adams County. The streams include Marsh, Little March, Opossum, Bermudian, Latimore, Conewago, Toms, and Middle Creeks. Numerous topics, including stocking dates and locations, will be presented, followed by a question and answer period.

Join us for his presentation on Wednesday, March 15th, 6:30 pm at the Adams County Conservation District Building, 670 Old Harrisburg Road, Gettysburg for an informative evening discussing and identifying the local hotspots. You'll be glad you came.

Monthly Chapter Programs

Join us for our informative fishing and conservation programs, which most monthly gatherings lead off with. Our gatherings, which usually start at 6:30 pm, are held at the Adams County Conservation District Office, 670 Old Harrisburg Road, Gettysburg. Check our website and Facebook sites regularly, as the program schedule is fluid.

March 15
Trout Streams of Adams County led by Dave Swope

April 19
WCO Rachel Diaz-Thurner and Board Meeting

May 17
Fishing the Rocky Mountain Region led

July 19
Entomology Seminar led by Dan Herrick

August 16
Board Meeting

September
Chapter Picnic

June 21

Women's Fly-Fishing Program

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facebook.com/adamscountytu

Get involved with Adams County Trout Unlimited

- How can you do it? EASY!
Email ACTU President [Frank Kozak](#) with questions, concerns or ideas.
- Make sure we have your current email address. Send an email to [Jerry Gladfelter](#).
- Attend our monthly fishing and conservation programs. Check our website at [Adams County Trout Unlimited](#).
- All are welcome to join and participate.



Why Do I Fish?

I fish because:

- I love to.
- My fishing is an endless source of delight.
- I love the beautiful areas where trout are found - the water, the fields, the woods, and the fresh air.
- On the water, I can find quiet solitude without loneliness.
- I escape from all the noise of the world.
- On the water, I watch all around me, deciphering what the water is telling me.
- My success is measured when the surface breaks, the fly disappears, and I feel that unmistakable tug. It is all about the tug! - *Frank Kozak*

Report What You See	
If you see something that doesn't seem right, such as a spill or fish kill, call immediately to:	Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection <i>Fish Kills, Illegal Dumping, Water Quality, and Pollution</i>
Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission <i>Illegal Fishing, Poaching, Disturbance of Waterway, Fish Kills, or Illegal Dumping</i>	Report emergencies immediately to the South-central Regional Office at 717-705-4700 (8:00 am to 4:00 pm weekdays) or 1-800-541-2050 (24 hours a day).
Report emergencies to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• our local WCO, Rachel Thurner-Diaz at (717) 486-7987, and• PFBC Southcentral Region at (717) 486-7087 (8:00 am to 4:00 pm weekdays).	Adams County Conservation District <i>Soil And Water Resources Issues</i> 717-334-0636 (8:00 am to 4:30 pm weekdays).

It is Time to Step Up

We have been granted a rich heritage through the legacy of dedicated sportsmen and

women before us. Those following us deserve the same. We have an obligation to educate them on the importance of protecting, conserving, and restoring our cold-water fisheries.

Remember the first fish you caught? The fulfillment of releasing that beautiful fish back to the water? Fishing with a family member or friend on the opening day of the season?

As sportsmen and women, we have a job to do. Each of us can play a significant role as a protector and educator of this great heritage and fishery in Adams County. ACTU has a long, successful history of conservation activities in the county. You can help the chapter continue that success. Don't put it off. Don't rely on someone else. There is much conservation work yet to accomplish. Step up and get involved.

Heidlersberg Fishing Show

The turnout at the show on February 26th was a big success. The boxes of flies, which were obtained by Ed Lough, sold very well. And donations to the chapter were twice as much as at last year's show. Thanks are due to Hank, Dave K., Buzz, and Rick for manning the chapter's tables at the show and to Hank for donating the cost of the tables.



The Best Trout Spinning Reels of 2023

(adapted from Field and Stream)

Good trout spinning reels can make all the difference between landing a bunch of fish or a frustrating day on the water. Finicky trout call for a light line and a smooth drag that fights fish without breaking them off. The flashy lures and different baits are eye-catching, but won't do you any good if you can't land fish. If you've been losing too many fish over the last few seasons, it might be time to upgrade.

Reels with low start-up inertia, smooth drags, and small sizes are all key to finding a good balance with ultralight rods. You want something light enough that you can still feel subtle strikes but strong enough to handle a big fish. Finding the best of both worlds can be tricky. Here are Field and Stream's pick of some of the best trout spinning reels on the market.

- Best Overall: Abu Garcia Revo SX
- Best for Saltwater: Daiwa Procyon
- Best Budget: Pflueger President Spinning Reel
- Best Premium: Shimano Stradic Ci4+
- Best Lightweight: Okuma Ceymar Tactical Spinning Reel

Membership Updates

Welcome New Members

Edward James

Leo Fisher
Mitchell Zost
Robert Decker
Sharon Almoney
Tracy Showvaker
Mike Waldron

**Thank You for Renewing and
Contributing**

Anne Lane
Anthony Bretzman
Carl Gentzler
Charles Dettinburn
Dave Landis
David Kamsler
David Markle
David Topper
Earl Trump

Eric Hostetter
Frank Kozak
Fred Klein
Jeffrey Orndorff
John ReedJohn Snoke
Joseph Lemmon
Justin Klingler
Lynn Rebert
Mervin Kunkel
Michael Martys
Patrick Dunigan
Rich DeGerolamo
Robert Feister
Scott Rebert
Stephen Piper
Thomas Plovock
William Breighner

A Great Family Activity!

May 13th



15^{and under}

No Entry
Fee
Keep your
Catch

Bait Fishing
Only
Drinks
Provided

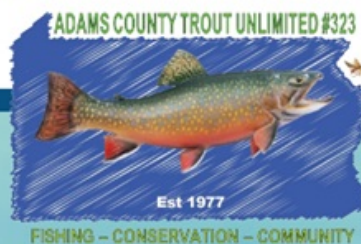
Latimore Valley Fairgrounds

7:30am Stocking / 8am-11am Fishing



Trout provided by Yellow Breeches Anglers & Conservation Association

DIRECTIONS: Travel North on US Route 15, 2 miles North of York Springs, PA, turn right (east) on Latimore Valley Road. Go to first stop sign (old US 15 or Harrisburg Pike) turn right. Cross bridge, Baltimore Road, turn left. Latimore Creek at Latimore Valley Fairgrounds – Special Regulation Section.



Questions contact: Dave Swope swopeda@hotmail.com or Bob Miller millercpa@hotmail.com

Our mission is the conservation, protection, and restoration of the coldwater fishery resources of Adams County.

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