

HOW TO FISH THE CLINCH (Fly and Spin Cast)

Saturday, May 8, 2010 – 8:30AM to 1:30PM

This CRCTU program is for the Chapter's members and their families. The idea is to have fishermen with experience fishing the Clinch introduce newcomers to fishing the Clinch through some class-like discussion and actual fishing on the river.

All participants are to bring their:

- Fishing gear (rods, waders, boots, etc.)
- Lawn chairs
- Picnic lunch, including beverage
- Some members may want to bring boats; however, there is no boat launch ramp on the Hatmaker property

Mr. Lonnie Hatmaker is allowing us to use his property that borders the Clinch.

Weather: Light Drizzle, the event is on; Heavy Rain, the event is canceled indefinitely.

Plan-of-the-Day

8:30AM to 1:30PM at the property of Lonnie Hatmaker located on the Clinch River below Miller's Island and above Highway 61 bridge.

1. 8:30AM - For those needing direction to Mr. Hatmaker's property, meet at the Big Lots parking area located near the Highway 61 bridge, and we will convoy from there to Mr. Hatmaker's – **Buzz Buffington** convoy leader
2. 9:00 – 10:00AM On-the-Bank Class
 - a. The Clinch River - **John Thurman** – 15 minutes
 - i. What is the Clinch – describe tailwater, watershed, dam history, fishing history, etc.
 - ii. Biology – fish species, reproduction, stocking, etc.
 - iii. What fish eat
 - b. Fishing Etiquette - **Buzz Buffington** – 15 minutes
 - i. Sportsmanship - how to behave when fishing, both wading and boating
 - ii. Catch and release – how to properly release a fish for minimum damage.

- iii. Safety, both wading and boating
- c. 30 minutes – (Fly Group Leader, **Clayton Gist**; and Spin Cast Group Leader, **Bill Shipman**) Form 2 groups, fly and spin cast, for simultaneous discussion of trout fishing covering such topics as:
 - i. Gear - rods & reels; fly lines and leader; types of flies, etc
 - ii. Knots - line to tippet; tippet to fly
 - iii. Casting - roll cast; upright cast; water cast, etc.
 - iv. Fishing - drag free drift; indicators/nymphs; streamers; dry flies
- 3. 10:00 to 12:30PM - On Stream – pair up students with as many experienced chapter-member fishermen as are present and disperse along the river to practice topics discussed above.
- 4. Noon to 1:30PM – picnic at Hatmaker’s property and discussion of day’s events
- 5. 1:30PM – pack up and head for home!