



# The Arkansas Trout

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## CHECK-OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE!!!!

You'll want to check the new website often to keep up with current postings to our calendar of events and other interesting "stuff": [arkansaschaptertu.org](http://arkansaschaptertu.org). Also, you can email us at [webmail@arkansaschaptertu.org](mailto:webmail@arkansaschaptertu.org).

**NEXT CHAPTER MEETING: Monday, December 3 @ AQ Chicken in Springdale**  
Meeting starts at 6:00 p.m. w/social hour, w/program at 7:15 p.m.

Two-part program:

- Wayne Patton with "Project Healing Waters": Teaching fly-fishing to wounded vets
- AGFC perspective on impact of population growth on role of AGFC: District biologist, Ron Moore; Centerton Hatchery manager Tom Laird, and Brian McKenzie, area enforcement supervisor

**NOTE: January meeting will be held on January 14th in lieu of January 7th to allow attendance at the AGFC hearing in Mt. Home regarding the Bull Shoals/Norfolk trout management plan.**

Program: Guides Night - local guides provide tips and answers to your questions about fishing our home waters

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS !!

### LEARN TO FLY-FISH DAYS

First Class: Murphy Park, Springdale, Saturday, December 8 from 10:00am-1:00pm

Second Class: Lake Atalanta, Rogers, Saturday, January 19 from 10:00am-1:00pm

If you can assist in teaching the basics of fly-fishing, please contact Ken Richards at 479-531-5741. All equipment will provided and all ages are welcome. Students under the age of 18 must have an adult present with them. Sign-ins are necessary. AGFC has promised extra stocking of trout for these sessions.

### RIM SHOALS OUTINGS

Two scheduled outings for the upcoming year:

Friday, February 29 - Sunday, March 2, 2008

Friday, October 17 - Sunday October 19, 2008

The always popular week-end with your friends from T.U. for great fishing, fellowship, fun, food. The monster breakfasts on Saturday and Sunday mornings and the incredible steak dinner on Saturday night are worth the price of admission - not to mention the best fishing, tall tales around the campfire, and just hanging out with friends.

### ANNUAL BANQUET 2008

Friday, March 7, 2008

Our annual fund-raising banquet. Dinner, raffles, silent and live auctions. This is our huge annual event that raises the bulk of the funds necessary to underwrite our important projects.

## **Arkansas Chapter Donates \$5,000 to Friends of the Norfolk Federal Fish Hatchery**

*Reprinted from "The Raceway" newsletter of the Friends group: check their website: [norforkhatcheryfriends.org](http://norforkhatcheryfriends.org)*

A contribution of \$5000 by the Arkansas Chapter of Trout Unlimited has kicked started fund raising for enhancement and extension of the handicapped and youth access at Dry Run Creek. Dry Run Creek provides catch and release fishing for trophy sized trout for youth under age 16 and handicapped individuals. Dry Run Creek is fed by the outflow of the Norfolk National Fish Hatchery, runs beside the hatchery and flows into the Norfolk River at Quarry Park, below Norfolk Dam.

The Friends of the Norfolk National Fish Hatchery plans to refurbish the existing access to Dry Run Creek. And, ultimately, plans to extend the boardwalk for 600 feet alongside the creek.

Hatchery Manager Ken Boyles, Friends president Davy Wotton, and John Holsten have met several times to determine how the existing structure can be extended and enhanced with a ramp to a lower level boardwalk. They have come up with this plan:

The Boardwalk will be approximately one foot above the water of Dry Run Creek and will follow the water's edge along the creek bank. It will start at the Handicap Landing and will transition down to the new Boardwalk in accordance with Handicap Regulations for wheelchair slope. The initial construction of the Boardwalk will allow for handicap access to 100 feet of Dry Run Creek that is currently not accessible. It will also allow for more traffic for children and their adult guardians to the creek for Catch and Release Fishing along the bank. The low height will provide greater access for fishing and retrieval of the trout with less stress in catching and releasing. There will be access points along the Boardwalk that will allow for easier access to wading while providing a safer entry and exit to the creek.

For the future, the plans include the extension of the Boardwalk for 500 additional feet upstream for a total length of approximately 600 feet. The Boardwalk will follow the creek and remain at about one foot above the water's edge with numerous access points for entry to the creek for wading and trout retrieval. Small bridges will be built to cross over the discharge areas for increased safety.

The Friends estimate that the initial extension of the Boardwalk will cost \$5000 with the ultimate cost for 600 feet of boardwalk to be about \$35000. The construction of the boardwalk will require concrete footing to be placed on bed rock along the creek. The boardwalk will be bolted to the footings. The Friends plans to raise the money to pay for materials and any labor that cannot be done by volunteer effort. It is expected that prisoners from the Calico Rock Correctional Facility will provide much of the heavy lifting that will be required.

Dry Run Creek was originally dedicated in October, 1990



Scenes above are from our November Chapter meeting. Mike McLellan and Todd Moncrief from McLellan's Fly Shop previewed new exciting fly-fishing gear that we can look forward to including on our "wish lists" of stuff we can't do without.

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*Remember to check our new website early and often as we move to reduce mailing costs and to expedite information to our members. Our intention is to post timely information regarding meetings, functions, and to provide current updates as they occur.*

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Chapter meetings are held on the first Monday of each month, but are subject to change due to holidays, etc. Stay posted by checking our chapter website or calling one of the board members - info is on page 3. Unless posted otherwise, we meet at AQ Chicken House in Springdale. Arrive around 6:30 if you want to order dinner and/or enjoy a nice visit with other members. We usually start the meeting around 7:15. We have excellent programs lined up for this upcoming year, to include some special surprises that you will be hearing about later!