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Outing Information

North River
March 21-25, 2012

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River Information

This trip allows access to several streams in the Tellico Plains area, including several smaller creeks, the Bald River and the bigger waters of the Tellico River (check the fishing regulations because they change from stream to stream, and some require a daily permit). The North River is not a tailwater, but rather wild like a mountain stream. As always, have a variety of flies handy in your fly box. But in particular, make sure you include the Tellico Nymph which originated in these waters, as the name implies.

Fishing Species

Rainbow Trout, Brown Trout and Brook Trout

Campground Location

McNabb Creek Group Campground – Primitive Camping

250 Ranger Station Road
Tellico Plains, TN 37385
(423) 253-2520

The group leader generally makes the reservation for the club outing, but if you want to make your own trip sometime, you can make your reservation online:

www.recreation.gov/campgroundDetails.do?contractCode=NRSO&parkId=70495

or

www.reserveamerica.com/campgroundDetails.do?subTabIndex=0&&contractCode=nrso&parkCode=mcna

Campground

McNabb Creek Campground is located on North River. NO WATER OR ELECTRICITY is available. This is a group campground and the fees have been prepaid. We will be collecting funds to recover the costs from members attending the outing event. The cost should be minimal. Nearest phones are located about 3 miles in Green Cove. Possessing or leaving any food or refuse in campsite unless it is stored properly, being eaten or prepared and disposed of in a bear resistant trash receptacle can result in a \$50 minimum fine. Campground has 2 portable toilets mid-March through mid-November only. Gate must be locked at the end of your stay. All food must be properly stored in vehicle or hard shell camper. Please pack out all trash.

Driving Directions

This is one of the most remote outing sites and a detail map (Gazetteer) will be essential if you have not made the trip. Everyone you ask may tell you a different way, but here are some options.

Directions to TELLICO PLAINS, TN from NASHVILLE via I-40 - 208 mi (3 hrs 25 min)

I-40 E from NASHVILLE toward KNOXVILLE, TN - 159 mi

Merge onto I-75 S via EXIT 368 toward CHATTANOOGA, TN - 24 mi

Take the TN-68 exit, EXIT 60, toward SWEETWATER, TN

Turn LEFT onto TN-68 S/LOST SEA PIKE. Continue to follow TN-68 S – 25 mi

Directions to TELLICO PLAINS, TN from Nashville via I-24 - 206 mi (3 hrs 45 min)

I-24 E from NASHVILLE toward CHATTANOOGA, TN (Passing through GEORGIA, then crossing into TENNESSEE) - 138 mi

Merge onto I-75 N via EXIT 185B on the LEFT toward KNOXVILLE, TN - 19 mi

Take EXIT 20 toward US-64-BYP E/CLEVELAND.

Merge onto US-74 E/APD 40 toward US-11/US-64-BYP/CLEVELAND/CHEROKEE NATIONAL FOREST - 7 mi

Merge onto US-64 E/US-74 E/OLD COPPER RD/TN-40 E toward OCOEE - 8 mi

Take the US-411 ramp toward MARYVILLE/CHATSWORTH.

Turn LEFT onto US-411 N/TN-33 N. Continue to follow US-411 N - 19 mi

Turn RIGHT onto TN-310 - 6 mi

TN-310 becomes TN-39/MECCA PIKE - 8 mi

Turn RIGHT onto TN-68 - 0.5 mi

Directions to McNABB CREEK GROUP CAMPGROUND from TELLICO PLAINS, TN - 18 mi (30 min)

From TN-68 S, Turn LEFT TN-165 - 6 mi

Turn RIGHT onto FDR 210 (Tellico River Road) - 10 mi

Turn LEFT onto 217 (North River Road) - 2 mi

The entrance to the campground is the gated road on the left just before the bridge going over McNabb Creek. I believe it is the second bridge you will come to on North River Road (but the first time you cross the North River). I have attached a map of the area in case anyone needs it.

Tellico Basin Fly Shops

Green Cove Motel &

Trailer Camp

2870 River Rd

Tellico Plains, TN 37385

(423) 253-2069

Little River Outfitters

106 Town Square Dr

P.O. Box 505

Townsend, TN 37882

1-877-448-3474

www.littleriveroutfitters.com

The Green Cove Motel and Trailer Camp has a selection of local favorites and specialties, and the Green Cove store sells all the necessary fishing licenses and permits.

Little River Outfitters is one of the best Southern fly shops. It has all locally-tied flies and sells regional patterns such as the Thunderhead (a Smoky Mountains Wulff fly) and the soft-hackle Tellico Nymphs.

Nashville Fly Shops

Cumberland Transit

2807 West End Ave.

Nashville, TN 37203

(615) 321-4069

www.cumberlandtransit.com

Fly South

1514 Demonbreun St.

Nashville, TN 37203

(615) 251-6199

www.flysouth.net

Game Fair Ltd.

5703 Old Harding Rd.

Nashville, TN 37205

(615) 353-0602

www.gamefairltd.com

Local Guides

Contact the local fly shops.

Gear

- For casting nymphs or dry flies, an angler should consider 6 to 7 ½ ft; 2 to 4 WT medium action rods; all rods should be equipped with floating line.

Recommended Flies

Nymphs:

Quill Gordon (10-14)

March Brown (10-14)

Blue Wing Olive (14-18)

Hare's Ear Nymph (10-18)

Stonefly Nymphs (10-14)

Golden Stonefly Nymphs (8-16)

Squirrel Hair Nymphs (12-16)

Prince Nymphs (10-16)

Copper Johns (12-16)

Dry Flies:

Blue Quill (16-20)

Blue Wing Olive (16-20)

Quill Gordon (12-14)

Dark Hendrickson (12-14)

March Brown (12-14)

Black Elk Hair Caddis (16-20)

Parachute Adams (12-16)

Thunder Head (12-16)

Royal Wulff (12-16)

Grey Palmer (12-16)

Stimulator (12-16)

Class / Group Function

Dry Fly Fishing Class – Saturday, March 24, 2012

One of our knowledgeable MTFF members will conduct a dry fly fishing clinic for the club on the river early Saturday morning providing information dry fly and fly line care, river information, casting techniques, and fly suggestions.

Recommended Resources

Books

Tennessee Trout Waters by Ian Rutter

www.randrflyfishing.com/pages/store.shtml

Trout Streams of Southern Appalachia, 3rd Edition by Jimmy Jacobs

www.countrymanpress.com/titles/TroutStreamsSAppalachia2.html

Maps

Tennessee Atlas & Gazetteer by Delorme

shop.delorme.com/OA_HTML/DELibeCCtpSctDspRte.jsp?section=10096

Cherokee National Forest: Tellico and Ocoee Area by National Geographic

shop.nationalgeographic.com/ngs/product/maps/travel-and-hiking-maps/trails-illustrated-hiking-and-recreation-maps/tennessee/781-tellico-and-ocoe-rivers-trail-map

Bald River Falls by USGS

Big Junction by USGS

www.usgs.gov/pubprod/maps.html

See the North River Outing Resources page.

Emergency/Medical Information

Hospitals:

Woods Memorial Hospital

886 Highway 411 N

Etowah, TN 37331

(423) 263-3600

www.woodshospital.org

Medical Clinics:

Chota Community Health Service

412 Hunt Street

Tellico Plains, TN 37385-5046 [Map](#)

(423) 253-6545

www.chotahealth.org

Ranger Station:

Tellico Ranger District

Ranger: Katherine Foster

250 Ranger Station Road

Tellico Plains, TN 37385

Office: (423) 253-8400

Monday thru Friday Yearlong: 8:00am-4:30pm

Always remember to only call **911** if you have a life threatening emergency.