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It's Salmon Time

North Branch of Cedar on the Lane Preserve - project update – Steve Wilkowski

Plans are in the works to complete fish shocking and sampling on the North Branch of the Cedar that flows through the Lane Preserve. To help prepare for this work, Kathrin Schrouder, Fisheries Biologist and her colleagues, Vince Balcer and a summer intern scouted out sections of the stream as well as access points for launching the shocking barge. Steve Wilkowski, Chapter Vice President led the DNR Team around the Lane Preserve to show them potential access points to the Cedar. The DNR Team was pleased by the work previously completed by volunteers from our Chapter to remove obstructions from the stream that would have made the shocking and sampling impossible. The DNR personnel marked sections of the stream that should provide a good representative sampling to establish baseline data that will be used for habitat assessment and future project

planning. Once schedules can be reviewed to ensure personnel and equipment are available, a date will be set to complete the shocking and sampling. Stay tuned for updates. The results should be interesting!



Evaluating Survey Sites



Checking Stream Conditions



A Promising Site



Another Site for the Survey

Forest Management Workshop

Forest Management Workshop September 7th
2 PM at George and Sue Lane Preserve Meet
us at 5135 M-18 Gladwin, MI 48624

Speakers: Nia Becker - Forester from Gladwin
Conservation District Best Management
Practices - As a landowner how can you
ensure you or a contractor are using the best
techniques for soil and water quality and
maintaining a sustainable management plan.
Jim Baker - Fisheries Unit Supervisor from
Michigan Dept. of Natural Resources

Managing a Riparian zone for fish habitat - how does the forest around a river impact the fish population and how you can improve fish habitat. John Van Dalen - Leon P. Martuch Chapter of Trout Unlimited Trout Unlimited's role in maintaining healthy fish habitat and some history of the Lane Preserve Sara Huetteman -Stewardship Coordinator from Little Forks Conservancy Management plans for the Lane Preserve as we open it up to the public this fall. Sign up with Sara at shuetteman@littleforks.org or call 989-835-4886

Our Plastic Environment

(I came across this article about plastics at Disney Properties. After reading it, I thought that the content may be pertinent to what we do as trout fisherman. ed)

In recent months, there have been changes made all over the world in the effort to improve our collective environmental impact. In June, Australians saw the end of single-use plastic bags in supermarkets, the European Union proposed a ban on plastic cutlery and US companies felt mounting pressure to say goodbye to plastic straws. July brought new legislation in the city of Santa Barbara, California introducing a \$1000 fine or jail time for giving out plastic straws in food service businesses. The city has stepped up the punishment for straw violations compared to laws in Seattle that were updated earlier in July to allow a \$250 fine for plastic straws distribution. Stirrers are still available in Santa Barbara, for now, but only upon request. In a more extreme example, in 2017 it became illegal in Kenya to produce, sell or carry a plastic bag, with authorities threatening huge fines and prison time.

The world is finally starting to wake up and smell the non-decomposing plastic; so, what's next to keep this movement headed in the right direction within our favorite theme parks?

Bring Your Own Straws and Cutlery

Isn't it ironic that in some parts of the USA, restaurant servers are not allowed to give you water unless specifically asked, to conserve water; however, they freely throw a handful of plastic straws on your table without request?

Plastic straws have become socially and environmentally unacceptable for years now, with many marine institutions like SeaWorld [leading the charge](#). As plastic straws disappear from more and more establishments, people are beginning to make changes in their homes; choosing to do away with disposable plastic plates, cutlery, straws, shopping bags and more — opting instead for more sustainable, reusable options. The trend is starting to catch on.

Disney made their own [headlines](#) this week renewing their conservation efforts and environmental awareness with a new list of statistics and goals the company is working towards. The list included the removal of single-use stirrers and plastic straws from all "owned and operated" locations around the world by mid-2019. Could this be a delayed response to the 29,000 signatures gathered by environmentalists behind the [Care2 petition](#) that called on the company to remove straws from Disney Cruise Line ships in early June? This petition also brought public attention to the fact that DCL had not yet followed the lead of Carnival, Cunard, P&O Cruises and Royal Caribbean that had already made individual commitments towards removing straws and other plastic products from their ships by 2019 – 2020.

For the moment though, these are still offered in theme parks around the world so consider keeping your straw, fork, and spoon set in your bag. Sound unnecessary? Think of how many times a year you eat or drink something outside the home, and then consider how much of that plastic was discarded.

Small personal cutlery sets are available in stores as well as online at Amazon and come in everything from stainless steel to Bamboo.

They are much nicer to eat with than the sharp-edged plastic utensils that can be found in the parks, and you can be sure they are free from the other people's germs.

Straws are one of the biggest offenders when it comes to ocean pollution, so think about using an alternative. While some establishments may make paper straws available, also think about bringing your own. Environmentally friendly straw alternatives can also be found in stainless steel or Bamboo and with a quick wash can be used time and time again.

When ordering a cocktail, you may need to expressly ask your server for no straws so you can use your own, or choose to go without a straw at all. This brings me to my next point.

Bring Your Own Drink Bottle

Everyone reminds you to drink water in the parks, but that doesn't have to mean the wasted plastic, and expense, of *buying* water every time. Bring your light-weight water bottle and fill it as you go. In Disney World, where you can get free water at any quick service location, fill your water bottle instead of using the plastic cups. If you're unable to fill the bottle directly, use one cup to refill everybody's water bottle in your group. This *is* more time consuming, you have me there, but every little bit counts.

A more self-serving advantage of the water bottle is the convenience of breaking it out in that long, hot wait for Flight Of Passage. Having your own bottle encourages more consistent hydration, helping you make the most out of your days. Drink bottles can also be filled at drinking fountains around the parks.

Say "No" To Shopping Bags

During your stay at the park, most people will be tempted to make a purchase or two along the way, and at those times, take the opportunity to say "No, thank you" when offered a plastic bag. Most people take their

plastic-bag-wrapped purchase and then stuff it into a bag of their own, another Disney bag from a separate purchase or in their backpacks.

Skip the extra plastic and put your treasures carefully into your day bag or backpack. If you do need a bag to carry things in, keep it to just the one. If you are offered another bag at a separate location, offer to just put the new purchase into the same one you're already carrying.

If you know that you will be making purchases in the park (or prefer to be organized in case something comes up), grab a material tote bag from home that can be folded up to just about nothing and then break it out when needed. Choose one with a zip at the top to add extra protection for your purchases when riding rougher attractions that might throw your belongings around a little.

Should Disney Ditch The Helium Balloons?

I know these are a family favorite for many parents with little kids; however, do they do more harm than good? Helium balloons are responsible for tons of pollution — the ultimate example of out-of-sight, out-of-mind, seeing as they can travel thousands of miles before landing in oceans or remote locations.

Disney-goers have found these balloons to be a pest for years. They bounce off your face as people walk along with them tied to strollers, they obstruct our view when parents allow them to be taken on rides or held up high during fireworks, they even fly away a decent amount of the time and end in tears.

Helium balloons are not just an environmental hazard; they are also a strain on the world's supply of helium, which is a finite resource. Perhaps Disney should look to replace their helium balloons for regular air-filled balloons on sticks, or better yet, let's confront the issue of

how unnecessary balloons are in a theme park and do away with this environmental disaster once and for all.

Is Your Chewing Gum Hurting the Environment?

It is said that chewing gum is the second most common form of litter, due to 80 – 90% of gum not being disposed of correctly. What's number one? Cigarette butts.

Chewing gum is made from a synthetic plastic which is not biodegradable. Chewing gum is such a problem around the world that in Singapore, there has been a ban in chewing gum throughout the country since 2004, with the only exemptions being for therapeutic, dental or nicotine gum when purchased from a doctor or registered pharmacist.

Is it time to start a chewing gum ban while inside the theme parks? Disney World does not currently sell any chewing gum on property in an effort to keep the parks clean; however, is it time to extend that standpoint even further and request that guests do not bring in their own?

What is the next step in the fight against environmental destruction? How can we incorporate more of our at-home practices of recycling and minimizing waste into our experiences at the parks?

Draw down at Hoister Lake complete, recreators can get back in action



Hoister Lake is a 23-acre impoundment located in the North Branch Cedar River drainage and in the Gladwin Field Trial Area in Gladwin County. The lake is a uniquely managed cooperatively by several divisions of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources; including Fisheries, Wildlife, Forest Resources and Parks and Recreation.

The lake and the surrounding areas are truly special and it has a popular campground within the Field Trial Area also. Fisheries Division maintains the lake and its control structure, and it also manages the waters in the Gladwin Field Trial Area.

In 2016 Hoister Lake's control structure began to fail so the various DNR divisions began working together on a planned drawdown with strong stakeholder support to repair the structure. This would allow Hoister Lake to continue to serve as an impoundment for recreation, rather than being lost.

The concrete in Hoister Lake's control structure had been deteriorating and the original wooden boards began to leak starting in the fall of 2016. Previous inspections suggested the concrete structure needed work, especially in the exposed air-water interphase areas, and the original stop logs were going to need a full replacement.

Due to the age of the structure it was also suggested to inspect the condition of the underground culvert to see if replacement was necessary. The design of the structure and culvert did not allow for safe camera inspection and therefore a drawdown was necessary for inspection and also any subsequent work. Fortunately, the inspection revealed the culvert to be acceptable.

During the impoundment's draw down the DNR knew sediment would be released downstream, so Trout Unlimited was consulted on the best approach and we've been working together on projects to mitigate sediment transfer and improve conditions.

The outlet from Hoister Lake is unique in that it has a bottom draw, which by design, will provide cooler water and support the North Branch Cedar River to be managed as a quality trout stream.

Staff located in the DNR's Southern Lake Huron Management Unit (Chris Schelb, Ryan Histed and Vince Balcer) orchestrated the repair of the cement stack and replacement of the boards. The DNR's Wildlife Division managed the timing of the refilling to protect seasonal animals while Parks and Recreation Division assisted in outreach and news releases to keep the public informed.

Because Hoister Lake has many natural springs flowing into it, there was a permanent flow and deep hole which remained filled though the entire process. The deep hole held plenty of fish, mainly bass and bluegill that will replenish the lake well into the future.

After the new boards were replaced in the beginning of May 2018, the impoundment only took two weeks to fill. After that Fisheries Division also stocked rainbow trout to provide an interim fishery until the resident fish population fully recovers.

Recreators who have a small boat, canoe or kayak and want to visit a secluded lake, maybe catch a rainbow trout or camp on the shore, may want to consider stopping by Hoister Lake.

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Banquet

The Chapter's 2018 banquet netted just over \$4,000. Attendance has been steadily dropping over the last few years (66 attended in 2018).

The BOD is considering changes and needs input from our members. Some ideas discussed are: 1. Drop the banquet, 2. Change the date back to Tuesday's, 3. Have a summer event such as a barbeque or other similar event. 4. Etc.

Think it over and if you have any ideas or thoughts contact a BOD Member.

This event is our only fund raising event and without the income from the event we are unable to fund chapter and TU projects in Michigan.

Adam's Fly Print

We have some prints of the Adam's Fly by Beth Ward Donahue that celebrate TU's 50th Anniversary. Costs are \$120.00 and \$160.00 (remarked). Contact Ross Rosenbrock 989-662-6533, rrosenbrock@live.com. Check out our website.

Lane Property River Dead Tree Removal

This summer the Chapter cleared downed trees from the river to allow MITU & the MIDNR to conduct shocking to inventory the fish population in the Lane Property.

A date has not been selected for doing the inventory

If you are willing to help, contact Steve Wilkowski 989-495-7151 – swilkowski2000@yahoo.com or John VanDalen 989-631-6873 jvdfish@gmail.com

Stockwell Rd Project

Work is progressing on the road stream crossing on Stockwell and the Cedar.

Initial grading and roadbed work along with the ditch work has been completed. Still to come is final grading, roadbed hardening, ditch work and seeding of the ditches.

This is a project by the Clare Road Commission with support from WIN, USF&WS and our Chapter



Stockwell Rd Looking West



Stockwell Rd Looking West at Stream Crossing



Stockwell Rd at Stream Crossing

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Interesting web sites

<http://www.martuchtu.org/Pages/default.aspx> Leon
P Martuch Website

<http://h2o.usgs.gov> Hydrology data for all rivers in
the US

<http://www.totalflyfishing.com> Fly Fishing Website

www.flyangleronline.com Fly patterns, articles,
and general information.

<http://info.abrfc.noaa.gov/rfc-wfo.html> National
Weather Service river forecasts

www.tu.org Home page Trout Unlimited.

www.steelheadsites.com Steelhead information

www.fedflyfishers.org Federation of Flyfishers
Home Page.

<http://www.michigantu.org/> Michigan Council of
Trout Unlimited Home Page

www.fffglc.org Federation of Fly Fishers

www.lssu.edu Lake Superior State University. Fish
cam at the power plant at the Soo

www.trailstotrou.com Website for trout fishing

On Line Fishing Log mydailyfishinglog.com

Guide to fly fishing waters of the US –
www.kyndoutdoors.com

American Museum of Fly Fishing
www.amff.com

Anglers of the AuSable www.AuSableAnglers.org

On AOL Look under Interest, Hobbies, and Fishing

We will publish more sites, as they become known.
If you know of interesting sites let me know at
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Trout Unlimited has a membership program going. Our Chapter can greatly benefit by having you sign up a new member. Log onto www.tu.org/intro and you can get a special introductory rate of \$17.50. Be sure to enter

code 250 so our Chapter will receive credit for the membership. This would make a great gift for your fishing buddy.

For membership problems, contact George

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