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Hello fellow MRVTU Chapter members and friends:

Inside is the 2023 Spring Issue of the Chapter newsletter...returning after a rather extended hibernation period.

What's different about this issue is that it's now a "paperless" virtual collection of our favorite articles that we thought would be great to share with you all. This is a sustainable cost-effective way to share. Each article contains [hyperlinks](#) to take you to the full article...this is an experiment, so feel free to let us know if it all works as planned! We want your feedback!! It's designed to be user friendly on all devices from wherever you are, i.e., like reading during lunch hour. You also have access from the MRVTU website or downloading the full pdf to any of your devices. The hyperlinks on this page will have to be typed in manually. We'll fix it on the next issue. |

I'd like to also share a few fly fishing/outdoor tradeshows coming around in the next few weeks and months as well as our remaining membership meetings and speakers.

Membership meetings:

March 14, Dave Perry – Wild Native Trout

April 11, Joel DiStasio – The Brennan Dam Removal Project

May 9, Streamside membership meeting. Piscataquog River, Bring your rod, flies and waders. We're planning on an event that includes fishing, fly fishing advice, some food and beverages. Location TBD

Events

Greater Upper Valley TU auction site March 7 to 31

1. Silent Auction Site:

<https://go.tulocalevents.org/guvtu2023auction>

2. Ken Tedford Memorial Delaware River Raffle:

<https://go.tulocalevents.org/tedfordmemorial>

3. Lopstick Lodge/Guided Trip Package:

<https://go.tulocalevents.org/lopstick>

4. Hot Air Balloon Trip:

<https://go.tulocalevents.org/hotairballoon>

5. Nantucket Vacation Rental

<https://go.tulocalevents.org/nantucket>

Eldrege Brothers Fly Shop event March 25

www.eldregeflyshop.com

Discover Wild NH Day, April 15 Volunteers Needed. Contact: mcroteaulaw@gmail.com

<http://www.wildnh.com/>

Battenkill FF Festival April 28 – 30

<https://www.vtflyfest.com/welcome/#contact>

Dr. Shilling & Trout Unlimited Fly Fishing Celebration, October 14. An all-day event held along the Ammonoosuc River and Shilling Beer Co., 18 Mill St., Littleton, NH. Money raised benefits the Dr. R. J. Schilling Fund and NH Trout Unlimited's Youth Trout Camp. Join us for this great cause.

Thank you for your support of the Chapter. We look forward to seeing you at the monthly meetings and as they say "tight lines".

Bob Bluhm
President



In September of 2021 during the NHTU Council meeting, Colin Lawson the TU New England Project Coordinator mentioned a proposed project. That project was the removal of a private dam on Brennan Brook and restoration of Eastern Brook Trout habitat there. We immediately volunteered our Chapter to assist in any way necessary to help the project. Over the next few months in 2021, NH TU and a number of partners, specifically, the Francistown Land Trust, NH Fish & Game, USFWS, Merrimack River Watershed Council and the NH Dam Bureau began the work to remove the dam. There were applications for grants to fund the project, site assessments, contacting contractors and planning the project. The project is currently proposed to begin in the summer of 2023. MRVTU Chapter members will assist in the restoration of the stream banks and wherever the Project needs our assistance.

You can find the current status and background on the MRVTU website, <https://merrimacktu.org/> or our Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/Merrimack-River-Valley-Trout-Unlimited>. You can also donate to the project at our NEW donation page, <http://go.tulocalevents.org/donatemrvtu>. **Please specify if your donation is for the Brennan Dam Removal Project.**



Is wood in streams always good?

In the face of long-term declines in the wild populations of our state fish, the Eastern brook trout, one of the actions being taken across the state and region is putting wood into streams. For many decades, it was assumed that getting wood out of streams was important to protect water quality, bridges, and river banks, and prevent flooding. This thinking has changed, especially when it comes to smaller streams.

[Is wood in streams always good? – New Hampshire Bulletin](#)



Paul Doscher is a former environmental science professor and retired conservation professional. Paul is also a longtime volunteer with Trout Unlimited and serves on its national board of trustees. He and his wife live on and manage a Certified Tree Farm in Weare.



[Fly Tying Tutorials – Fly Fish Food](#)

The Wooly Bugger is arguably the most versatile and effective fly on the planet, so we decided to show you one very tidy method to tie them. This is a good way to start tying buggers so you can always refer back to this style for proportion, lack of additional bulk, and proper hackle taper. The Wooly Bugger can represent anything from a baitfish to a leech, and are very effective flies in black, olive, brown, claret, and white. Mix and match colors to create your own little slayer.

~ Cheech

[Clean Wooly Bugger – Fly Fish Food](#)



Clean Wooly Bugger

Material List

- **Hook:** TMC 5263 Nymph & Streamer Hook - 25 Pack - 8
- **Hook (Alt):** Fulling Mill 1710 - Nymph Special - 8
- **Thread:** Semperfly Classic Waxed Thread - 6/0 - Black
- **Thread (Alt):** 6/0 UNI-Thread Waxed - Black
- **Tail:** Fish Hunter Premium Strung Marabou - Black
- **Tail (Alt):** Wapsi Strung Blood Quill Marabou - Black
- **Chenille:** Chenille - Medium - Black
- **Chenille (Alt):** Speckled Chenille - Midnight Fire
- **Hackle:** Special Purchase: Hebert Miner Pro Grade Cape - Black

Summer Fly Fishing Bug Guide

THE TOP FLIES AND HATCHES FOR SUMMER FLY FISHING

Summer fly fishing is what everyone dreams of when they want to go fly fishing. Green landscapes and blue skies that mirror the cool and crystal clear waters that trout inhabit. Summer sun warming your skin as you ditch the waders and enjoy the cool temps of the river. Perhaps the best time to connect with nature, summer fly fishing embodies the love and passion we all share for the sport. If that isn't enough, camping and the wealth of additional activities makes being in the mountains a joy and fills us up in so many ways.

In This Guide

In this guide, we're going to go through the major differences in the summer season and why they matter for your fly selection and fishing decisions. Then, we'll go through the major hatches including sizes and colors. Lastly, we'll wrap it up with the top six flies we recommend for fly fishing in the summer.

[Summer Bug Guide](#)

"Learn Basics of Insect Hatches for Trout Fishing"

Producer: [Orvis Guide to Fly Fishing](#)

"Tom Rosenbauer discusses the essentials of learning the key insect hatches for trout fishing."

["Learn Basics of Insect Hatches for Trout Fishing"](#)

[Night Fishing for Pike on the Fly – AvidMax Blog](#)

By: Nick Campos

The superstitions of getting your line in the water on a clear full moon evening have been ingrained into the fabric of fishing culture for generations. The thought of the grandfather fish being on the hunt for a large meal is enough to get your blood pumping. My dad and I planned our trip to 11 Mile Reservoir in Colorado to target big Pike on the evening of the Hunters Moon.

[The Saltwater Edge](#)

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Night Fishing for Pike on the Fly



A future where the hearts and minds of the fly fishers come together around conservation and community. A future where we preserve, protect and embrace our differences as we do our common interests. A future where ego and self-interest are replaced with respect and service.

The future of fly fishing rests in our hands

The answer is blowin' in the wind

by Todd Tanner - Wednesday, Mar 1st, 2023

Let's start off with two vital questions. What happened on August 16th, 2022? And will that date go down as the single most important day in the history of fly fishing?

[The future of fly fishing rests in our hands | Hatch Magazine - Fly Fishing, etc.](#)

Getting your fly gear organized and ready for a new year on the water

Tips on getting your lines, fly boxes, and more ready for the coming season

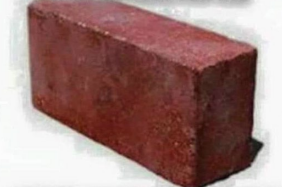
by George Daniel - Monday, Mar 8th, 2021

Every winter I look forward to prepping for the upcoming fly fishing season. I like to set the stage for a successful season with gear maintenance and preparation. For me, organization is the key to an enjoyable time on the water.

[Getting your fly gear organized and ready for a new year on the water | Hatch Magazine - Fly Fishing, etc.](#)



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THROW IN THE AIR IF THE
BRICK LANDS GO FISHING

The 17 Best Flies For Brook Trout (And How To Fish Them)

How To / By Spencer Durrant

Brook trout conjure up all sorts of wonderful imagery in the minds of fly anglers. From the far-flung locales of Labrador, to the Appalachians on the East Coast, the thought of getting into brook trout anywhere in North America usually captures the attention of fly fishers at least once in their career.

“The Disappearing Creek”

Producer: [Hardman Fishing Adventures](#)

“I ran into a particularly impressive and interesting waterfall and figured out that the creek runs subsurface. In other words, the creek is dry for a solid half mile. I couldn’t find fish above the section that runs underground, meaning the spring is probably limestone fed which allows the lower section to be so productive.” ["The Disappearing Creek" | MidCurrent](#)

“How to Fish Small Streams”

Producer: [Orvis Guide to Fly Fishing](#)

“Tom Rosenbauer loves small stream fly fishing and in this educational video discusses how to do it effectively for trout.”

["How to Fish Small Streams" | MidCurrent](#)

Giving fish the finger

An alternative fly casting grip to consider

by George Daniel

What is the best fly-fishing grip? The simple answer is: the grip that feels and works best for you. Period. Though there may be no fly fishing topic that earns the ire of internet fly casting trolls, also known as the “casting police,” most of these individuals live in an echo chamber where they preach about the One Way to fly cast. What these individuals fail to understand is that no single fly casting style is best for everyone. While there are certainly tactics that work best for the masses, there’s always a minority in need of another approach.

[Giving fish the finger: An alternative fly casting grip](#)

The muskies most likely to hit a fly? You might be surprised.

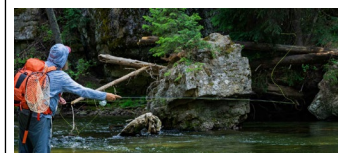
A new study reveals surprising details about musky behavior

by Chris Hunt

This just in. Muskies are hard to catch. That is all.

OK, that’s a little simplistic, but the results of a new study show that muskellunge (*Esox masquinongy*) are, indeed, the “fish of 10,000 casts,” and that catch-and-keep practices involving muskies might be the worst thing anglers can do for the musky fishery and for other anglers.

[The muskies most likely to hit a fly? You might be surprised](#)



Why You Need to Buy a Fishing Kayak

by Badger Sportsman

Kayaking has been around for many years, but right now, it has gained popularity among anglers for their activities. While boats provide better area coverage, kayaks also have advantages over their bigger counterpart. If you're a serious angler, here are some reasons why you need to get your fishing kayak for your next trip:

[Why You Need to Buy a Fishing Kayak - Morning Moss](#)



Expert Anglers On Fly Fishing For Trout In The Summer

Browns, brooks And Rainbows

By Kayak Angler Staff

[Expert Anglers On Fly Fishing For Trout In The Summer](#)



Choosing the Right Pedal Fishing Kayak

With more options than ever before, you can find a pedal-powered platform that fits your fishing style.

by [Kevin Blinkoff](#)

To pedal or not to pedal; is that the question? Not so much anymore, as pedal-drive kayaks have come to dominate kayak fishing. Whether buying your first fishing kayak or upgrading an older model, you're more likely to be asking yourself, "Which pedal kayak should I pick?"

[Choosing the Right Pedal Fishing Kayak - On The Water](#)

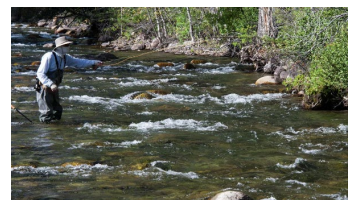


Seven New Fly Fishing Tips

By: [Skip Morris](#)

I wrote a book titled *365 Fly-Fishing Tips for Trout, Bass, and Panfish* but, in fact, if you include the short extra tips the book calls "bonus tips," there are 399 tips altogether. It's fortunate, at least in this one regard, that I'm now an old fly fisher: no one under, say, 55, is likely to have had time to collect so many genuinely useful tips.

[Seven New Fly Fishing Tips](#)



Are you guilty of the 5 most common smallmouth fly fishing mistakes? Here are quick fixes for better float fishing.

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Fly Fishing Tips: Adapting Streamer Designs for Warm Water

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Fly Selection and Speed of Current

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The Art of Stripping Streamers: Fly Fishing Tactics

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Temperate Bass Flies: How to Diversify Your Fly Box

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“Fly Casting With John Juracek”

Producer: [School of Trout](#)

["Fly Casting With John Juracek"](#)

Become a Master Observer

LEARN THE TECHNIQUES TO APPLY YOUR KNOWLEDGE AND MASTER FLY SELECTION

Written by Allen

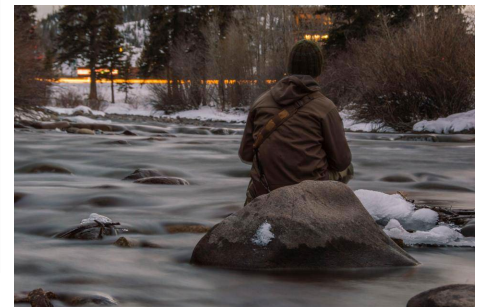
‘Do Nothing for 5 Minutes’

IT MAY BE THE MOST PRODUCTIVE PART OF YOUR DAY

Most anglers are just too excited to fish that they barrel out of the car, either grab their pre-rigged rod, or rig up at the car with some ideas about what they should fish only to miss the boat completely.

If you learn all of the insects, what fly patterns imitate which insects, come prepared to the river, but don't spend any time figuring out what is happening on any given day in the water, it's all for naught. Even an angler like myself who has spent years of effort to master fly selection, I'm still learning tons and this is the hardest part of fly selection.

[How to Become a Master Observer When Fly Fishing](#)



Standing in a River Waving a Stick

by [John Gierach](#) (Author)

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Brilliant, witty, perceptive essays about fly-fishing, the natural world, and life in general by the acknowledged master of fishing writers. With his inimitable combination of wit and wisdom, John Gierach once again celebrates the fly-fishing life in *Standing in a River Waving a Stick* and notes its benefits as a sport, philosophical pursuit, even therapy: "The solution to any problem--work, love, money, whatever--is to go fishing, and the worse the problem, the longer the trip should be."

"Wild River," Poetry and Prose About People and Waters

[Warren Winders' Wild River • The Fish Wrap Writer, Rhode Island](#)

A fisherman and lover of moving waters, Warren paints for us; room to room, porch to field, river rock to open sea. Trout swim through its pages as he carries us to The Cape, with her dismantled salter brook trout populations, over Mount Bald Cap, because there is always joy in mountain and along the Neponset River where his father jumped across on the tops of icebergs. It's his remembrances, some sewn tightly with grief, loss, pain and past joys which gripped me because he reminds us this is life; these are our struggles and ultimately we are just human after all, infallible and fragile.

Fly Fishing the Hex Hatch

"When we are in the right place at the right time with the right gear, a Hex hatch can be one of the most exciting experiences in fly fishing. The author's own excitement comes through loud and clear in this thorough and entertaining guide to the Hex hatch in Northern New England. Wass writes in a friendly, chatty, and light-hearted conversational style. He explains where to go and how to prepare for the challenges of fishing at or after dark. I've marked my calendar to get out there and put his advice to work." --David Van Wie, author of *Storied Waters* and *The Confluence*.

[Fly Fishing the Hex Hatch](#)

THE FISH OF A LIFETIME

The Best Fly Fishing in the World - Volume 1

Matt Harris

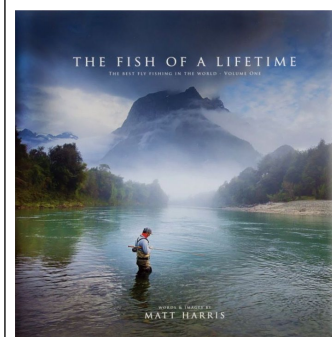
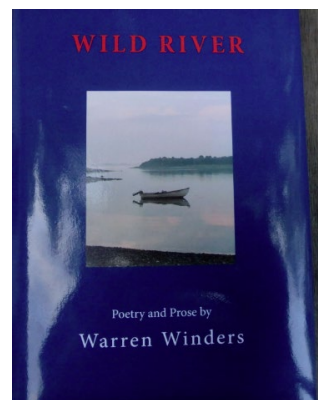
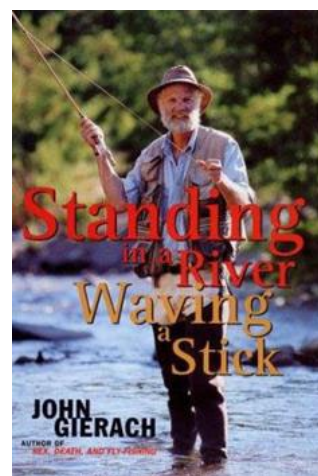
Author & award winning photo journalist

The Best Fly Fishing in the World, includes Chapters featuring the following countries: Argentina, the Bahamas, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Guatemala, Germany, Iceland, Mexico, Mongolia, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Russia, the Seychelles, Slovenia, Tanzania, and the USA.

And covers the following species:

Arapaima, Arctic Char, Atlantic Salmon, Bonefish, Brown Trout, Bumphead Parrotfish, Chinook Salmon, Coho Salmon, Dorado (freshwater), East Siberian White Spotted Char, Giant Trevally, Huchen, Indo-Pacific Permit, Marble Trout, Milkfish, Northern Pike, Pacific Sailfish, Payara, Peacock Bass, Permit, Rainbow Trout, Red Drum, Roosterfish, Sea-run Brown Trout, Steelhead (sea-run rainbow trout), Taimen, Tanzanian Tigerfish, Tarpon, Yellowfin Tuna.

<https://thefishofalifetime.com/>



Trout Hunting: The Pursuit of Happiness

by Bob Wyatt

Challenging and thought-provoking book on all aspects of trout fishing. Beautifully illustrated with color plates of flies and extensive photographs. Trout Hunting is for those who take fly-fishing's traditions seriously, for whom it is more than just a pastime. Bob Wyatt gets to the heart of the matter in a book packed with insight and challenges to conventional thinking. Well known to readers of Fly Fishing & Fly Tying magazine, Wyatt presents a wide-ranging and entertaining investigation of some of fly fishing's central mysteries, including a fresh look at the theory of the selective trout. Trout Hunting will help get your strategies organized and inspire reflection on the nature of this fascinating pursuit.

[Trout Hunting \(the pursuit of happiness\)](#)

Fly Fishing New Hampshire's Secret Waters

by [Steve Angers](#) (Author)

New Hampshire's hard and rugged exterior protects one of America's richest native brook trout fisheries. These abundant waters are as varied as the landscape, from Mount Washington to peaceful meadows. The anticipation of the largest mayfly hatch contrasts with the quiet, deep waters of holding pools, and anglers are rewarded when they learn how to read the rivers and streams. Remote areas such as the Perry Ponds may require an entire day, while more accessible waters such as Mink Brook still provide excitement. With more than fifty years of experience, Steve Angers reveals some of his favorite spots and details what it takes to be successful when fishing in the Granite State.

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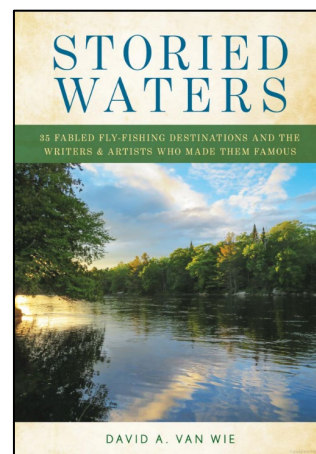
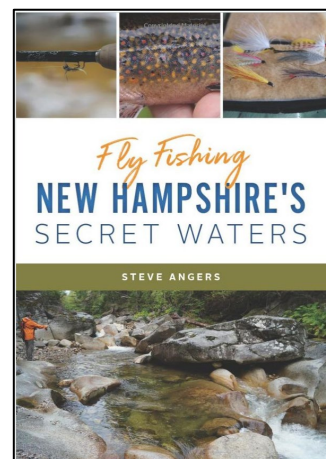
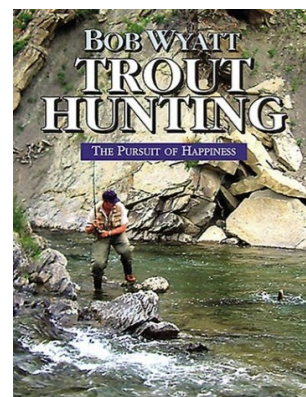
Storied Waters: 35 Fabled Fly-Fishing Destinations and the Writers & Artists Who Made Them Famous

by [David A. Van Wie](#) (Author)

Storied Waters chronicles the author's six-week odyssey from Maine to Wisconsin and back to explore and fly fish America's most storied waters and celebrate the writers and artists who made them famous.

In a 5,000-mile odyssey covering over 50 locations in eight states, Van Wie follows and fishes in the footsteps of giants from Thoreau to Hemingway, Robert Traver to Corey Ford, Louise Dickinson Rich to Aldo Leopold to Winslow Homer and many more. Storied Waters provides a virtual roadmap through 200 years of fly-fishing literature and a literal roadmap—complete with local fishing tips—to the hallowed waters of our sport. In each chapter, informative sidebars detail fishing spots, best times to fish, major hatches, and other intel. Storied Waters is a grand vicarious adventure, driving the backroads for weeks at a time exploring beautiful places, and meeting fascinating people who share a common interest. With an easy, conversational writing voice enhanced with spectacular photographs, Van Wie relates an eclectic mix of travel narrative, natural history, and fishing tips and advice, as well as a deep (but sometimes humorously irreverent) appreciation for the writers who have created such a rich legacy of stories about fishing over the past 200 years.

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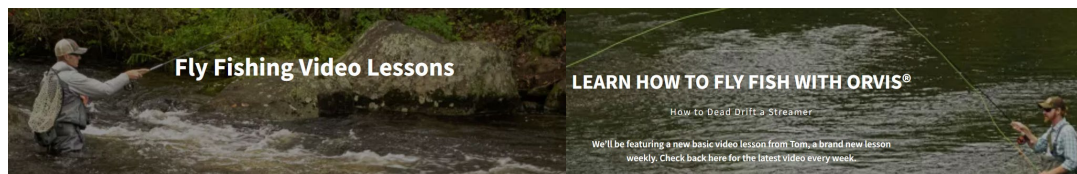
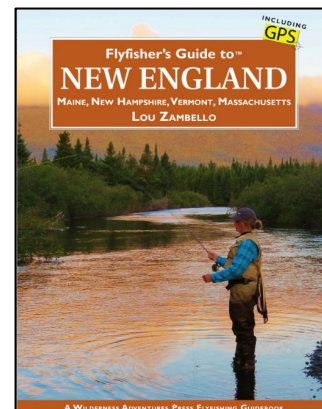


Flyfisher's Guide to New England: Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts

by [Lou Zambello](#) (Author)

This completely new flyfishing guide to New England is the best flyfishing guide ever on this fishery-rich and historic area. Author and flyfishing guide Lou Zambello provides all the information to improve your catch rate in Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont and Massachusetts. Full-color maps accompany the fisheries, complete with GPS coordinates, access points, public land, access roads, boat ramps (including small hand launches), parking areas, named holes and pools and more. Many flyfishers flock to the same well-known waters that are written about again and again and face crowded conditions. Yet there are hundreds of productive waters that are ignored. Zambello, who has spent over 30 years fishing in New England, teamed with former Maine State Fisheries Director John Boland and other experts to cover many of these great uncrowded waters in the Flyfisher's Guide to New England. Lou spent the last several years criss-crossing New England researching this book, a review of many hundreds of both popular and unknown, moving and stillwaters in Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, and Massachusetts. Following Wilderness Adventures Press' tradition of creating the best flyfishing guide books, the new full-color 8.5x11-inch Flyfisher's Guide to New England will help you get your own piece of fishing heaven. Also check out Zambello's first book, Flyfishing Northern New England's Seasons.

https://www.google.com/books/edition/Flyfisher's_Guide_to_New_England/v7v7CwAAQBAJ?hl=en



"Whether you're sharpening your skills or are just beginning, this site was created with you in mind. We love this sport, and we can't wait to share it with you. Be sure to check back every week for more advanced techniques!"

- **Tom Rosenbauer**

You can learn at your own pace. Watch a chapter or part of a chapter, then leave a bookmark and either go out and practice your casting or go fishing! The rest of the lessons will be here waiting for you, and you can pick up right where you left off using your bookmarks.

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WHAT'S WILD IN NH

New Hampshire Wildlife News
by Certified Wildlife Biologist, Eric P. Orff



Eric Orff has been a conservationist and wildlife biologist in New Hampshire for 50 years. Throughout his career, he has shared his knowledge and insights about The Granite State's fish and wildlife. To encourage us to be aware of and observe nature around us, Eric has been able give us details of what is happening right now and to forecast what will be happening in the next few weeks. He brings the very pulse of New Hampshire's Nature to us.



John Voelker was a judge in the state of Michigan. He was also a lyrical writer, and a lifelong intrepid angler—mostly fly fishing during his younger years, and then exclusively so in his middle and older ages. His classic book, *Trout Madness* (St. Martin's Press, 1960), written under his pen name, Robert Traver.

Testament of a Fisherman

I fish because I love to. Because I love the environs where trout are found, which are invariably beautiful, and hate the environs where crowds of people are found, which are invariably ugly. Because of all the television commercials, cocktail parties, and assorted social posturing I thus escape. Because in a world where most men seem to spend their lives doing what they hate, my fishing is at once an endless source of delight and an act of small rebellion. Because trout do not lie or cheat and cannot be bought or bribed, or impressed by power, but respond only to quietude and humility, and endless patience. Because I suspect that men are going this way for the last time and I for one don't want to waste the trip. Because mercifully there are no telephones on trout waters. Because in the woods I can find solitude without loneliness. ... And finally, not because I regard fishing as being so terribly important, but because I suspect that so many of the other concerns of men are equally unimportant and not nearly so much fun.

— Robert Traver, *Anatomy of a Fisherman*