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The Au Sable River Trip - A Flyfisher's Heaven

Joe Guenther

With all of the activities that B.U.F.F. has scheduled, trips are an excellent way for members to meet other members and share information. The trip I will be describing is on the AuSable River, east of Grayling, Michigan. This area is a world renown fishery, but don't let this intimidate you because it is very beginner friendly as well. This is an excellent opportunity for newer members that have not had the opportunity to fish this river. We encourage all B.U.F.F. members to go on this trip. We need your support to make this trip happen.

The beautiful AuSable River is where the term "holy waters" originated. This is also the very place where Trout Unlimited started. This historic and fabled river is where the Adam's dry fly was created. WOW! This river is not only breathtaking, it has a lot of history.

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President's Corner

Jim LeBlond

As you can probably tell by now, our 2001 is packed full of excitement. We have fabulous trips, outstanding speakers, first rate programs, and much much more in store for you this year. To follow-up on our Banquet theme, in order to achieve all of these lofty goals, there is a lot of work that must be done. And, we need your help. In order to keep this momentum going you'll find a list below which outlines our leaders for various projects. These individuals will establish our direction, budget, and time frames. We in turn need to assist them in these efforts as much as possible. As we showed last year, it's truly amazing what we can accomplish when we all pull together.

How can you help? You can help in many different ways. First review the list below and pick the items in which you would be interested in

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A pril Meeting Program

The program for the April dinner meeting is on the famous Pelee Island Club on Lake Erie: A History, Fishing the Island, Guest Visits & Membership Opportunities. Bob Hellebush will be the speaker.

Also, there will a beginners fly casting lessons out by the pond prior to the dinner meeting at the Deerfield Lodge. Make sure to bring your fly rods.

As a thanks to our membership for all their support over the past year, we will be conducting a raffle for a Steelhead Fly Vest (donated by FreeStone American Fly Gear). Anyone attending the April dinner meeting will be eligible.

Casting lessons, free raffles, good food, good presentations, good times – plan to be there!!

STEELHEAD REPORT

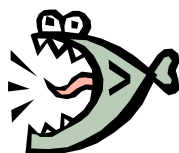
Steve Groome

Last weekend Bob Bell from Northern Kentucky and I journeyed to Newaygo, MI to fish Steelhead on the mighty Muskegon River. We towed a 16 ft. flat bottom johnboat with a 15 HP four stroke with us. On the first day, we fished and learned what was going on with Matt Supinsky, owner of Gray Drake Outfitters and one of, if not THE best, steelhead guides in the Midwest. (Especially and exclusively on fly tackle!) He is also a great host and cook!

The second day and third day we fished on our own using the "chuck and duck" method we had perfected with Matt on the first day! Running line with a 15 ft. piece of 8 pound Maxima leader to a 2-way swivel with a sliding piece of pencil lead above the 2-way. Then a 3 ft. piece of 2X Fluorocarbon off the 2-way to the first fly (usually an Egg pattern) and then a 2 ft. piece of fluorocarbon to a nymph, typically a Black Stone, Green Caddis, or Hex Wiggle Nymph. (Flick it out slowly and carefully and tick the bottom until the ticking stops or the rod gets pulled out of your hands and then set the hook and don't touch the reel! It is very easy to break these fish off! Have your drag set right and let it do the work.) What a great way to entice steelhead to bite. The Egg pattern attracts and the natural makes them eat in the holes. If

on gravel, they bite out of aggression. However, sometimes they would take the egg. And I did catch a 12-pound buck on a double egg rig on the third day in a deep hole!

During the two and a half days we fished, we hooked up and fought 13 fish and landed 5 between 12 and 16 pounds. Not bad, but could have done better since we were only fishing the beginning of the run do to the cold winter this year! By the end of March the run should be in full swing this year! Also, I heard from Brian at Mad River Outfitters that the Ohio streams are in good shape now and ready to fish! So this is THE time to head to Michigan and fish (the Muskegon) or Northeast Ohio and Western PA streams for some great steelhead action! Notice I mentioned the Muskegon again! Grapevine says the PM run is not very good this year, however the Muskegon should be great and loaded with BIG Lake Michigan Steelhead! And what a beautiful river to boot! ■



I would like to thank everyone for the calls, cards, flowers and prayers over the recent passing of my father after a prolonged illness. Jan, Kiel and I are appreciative of everyone's thoughts.

Mike Bryant

2001 Spring Nantahala Trip

Bob Ireton

Has everyone been getting those killer flies tied for the trip? Well, there is still a little time left. But don't wait too long! I can already hear those trout calling!

There has been another great response for the Spring Nantahala Trout Trip! Over twenty participants have signed up. I am working on details as I write this update. Linda and I will be staying at the Bryson City Sleep Inn, and I have made arrangements with them again this year to hold a block of rooms for us. Those of you who choose to stay here with us will receive a discounted rate that will be the same rate each night, including the weekend! In order to receive this deal, participants will need to call the Sleep Inn by April 20 to make their reservations. Past participants will attest that the Sleep Inn is a very nice place to stay! Full details will be in your trip packet that you will receive at the April BUFF meeting. If you have a need to make your reservations sooner, give me a call or email, and I will tell you what you need to know. Regardless, remember that this block of rooms will be released after April 20!

Our traditional Friday evening dinner-story telling session will this trip be at Relia's Garden Restaurant, at the Nantahala Outdoor Center. Dress is casual, and by casual, I mean we can wear

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The section of river we will be fishing, will be a flies only section, where the hatches of mayflies and caddis, are some of the most famous in the east. What an opportunity to see unbelievable hatches and catch a wild trout! The trout in this river are wild trout. There are not too many places within our reach to catch wild trout. Folks, this will be an incredible experience!

We will be staying at Bromley's Whippoorwill Lodge, right on the banks of the AuSable "holy waters." The dates for this trip are May 24-26. I hope you can make it.

Bromley's has been a privately owned resort for over 100 years and has recently been opened to the public. I have personally stayed here with my family and we were all impressed with the scenic beauty, the majestic river running nearby, and the accommodations. We felt as if we were completely alone to enjoy the river to ourselves.

I have three cabins reserved here for our club, and based on full occupancy it will be approximately \$100 per person. This price is based on a full signup. If we do not get a full signup, the price will increase per person. There are plenty of spaces for members, and I urge you to make it on this trip. It is an incredible flyfishing experience. You can call me (Joe Guenther) by phone to sign up, at 724-6343, and there will also be a sign up at the April meeting. Please have your check for \$100 at the meeting as well since we have to pay in advance. I hope

many members can attend this trip. I would like to have a full house, and be able to add this trip to our yearly B.U.F.F. trips calendar.

I would like to end by sharing an experience I had on my first trip to the AuSable. It was about four years ago that I first had an opportunity to fish the AuSable. It was a stopover point and a nights stay on my way the U.P., on a family vacation. We stayed at Gates AuSable Lodge, and I had pre-arranged for a half day guided float trip, on a historic AuSable driftboat. On the trip, I learned so much about insect hatches, the history of the river, and famous flyfishers that originated from this stream. We had a very successful day. At the end of the trip, I thought to myself this is what it is all about, matching the hatch and catching trout on a dry fly. I thought my cup of enthusiasm for flyfishing was just about full. Then something happened the next morning to enrich a deeper understanding. As we were getting ready to leave, after breakfast, I thought I would take my six year old son to the river and let him cast in this section of the river called the "holy water." As we neared the river there was an elderly woman sitting on a park bench reading a book. We said hello, she nodded, and my son and I went out into the river. After about twenty minutes or so of casting and having fun with my son, we came out of the river. The elderly woman replied "It sure is nice to see a father fishing with his son. Maybe he will grow up to be a flyfisher". I told her I hoped he did. She said that neither of her children took up the sport. I could tell she wanted to chat for a while. During the

conversation she had told me that her husband Charley was a flyfisher and that they had always come here to stay. He had passed away seven years prior, and she had continued to come back every year to the "holy waters" to be near Charley. Most of the people she knew from years of coming to the Au Sable River had also passed away, but she had her memories. She loved to see new people coming to the river, especially the children. As we parted company and said our goodbyes, she said she was going to return to her reading. My son and I began walking away and I turned to look back at her. She hadn't bothered to pick back up her book, and she was looking back

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SmallMouth Bass & Camping Trip to the Elkhorn

Don Hogue

A kidney stone caused cancellation of a scouting trip to the Elkhorn. But we will do it soon. Bob Ireton and I were going to go down and find the campground, canoe livery, restaurants, a place to get a fishing license and primarily to find public access points to the Elkhorn. I have procured several maps and plan to make one map designating all of the above. Several people have mentioned that there are access points in the city of Georgetown Ky., but the smallmouth tend to be smaller in the upper parts of the Elkhorn. I plan to visit the Orvis shop in Lexington. They have their own map, showing access to the Elkhorn.

I suggest you plan on getting Roy Matthews as a mentor. He has a honey hole, but won't tell anyone where he caught that 17" small mouth. Steve Grooms, Bob Ireton and Joe Guenther will also be there to give some pointers. Please place the dates of July 12, 13 & 14 (Friday-Sunday) on your calendar. It is only an hour and fifteen-minute drive from Florence, if you kind you can only come down for the day. However it could be hot then with the best fishing in the morning and the evening.

I will have a sign-up sheet at the April and May meetings. In order to get nametags made up as well as camping reservations, I would appreciate you signing up as soon as possible, or giving me a call at 231-4852 or email mhogue@dot-net.net. ■

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what we have on from fishing, except your waders and wading shoes. Relia's is near where we will be fishing, and reservations are for 7:30 pm. This will allow us maximum time on the river!

In the trip packet you will receive, there is a BUFF trip waiver that has to be filled out and signed, and in my possession before the trip. The easiest thing for everyone would be to do this right away at the meeting, and return the completed waiver to me while at the meeting. The next best way is to mail to me the completed waiver in the supplied envelope.

Enough said for now! Let's get started on those familiar piles of stuff for the trip, and working on tying some more flies! ■

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assisting. These projects are spread throughout the year, so odds are there is something that you can find to match your schedule. Experience is not a prerequisite, all you need is a desire to help. Next, contact these individuals and let them know you want to help. Many of our plans are directly effected by the number of people willing to assist. If you are interesting in becoming an apprentice for any of these positions, in order to lead them next year please let us know that too. The more hands, the easier the work and the better our results. Not to mention, the more fun you'll have, the more friendships you make, and the more you will learn. This is not a zero sum game, the more you put into BUFF the more you will get out. So, please pitch in and let's have some fun!



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Thanks!!

Mike Bryant

As you know, the Cabin Fever Relief Banquet is the major fundraiser for B.U.F.F. By all accounts, our Banquet last February was wildly successful, with record setting monies raised from the various raffles and auctions. Without all of the donations from our members, friends, fly shops, and corporate supporters, we could not generate the resources needed to support our club activities, including education and conservation efforts. So, please take the time to recognize the individuals and support the businesses who generously donated their gifts. Despite our best efforts, we may have inadvertently left someone off the list.

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New Member Hosts: (All of BUFF)

Membership: Don Prince

Dinners & Cleanup: Dave Uckotter

Bill Fisher

Joe Fondacaro, Sr. conducted and excellent program on entomology last month. I want to apologize to all the members that had to cut out early. I think if we try to steer the first people through the dinner line into the back room, we may be able to free it up sooner. We will then need to tear down the tables & line up as many chairs as we can in that room as soon as we can. If we all try to start the dinners a little earlier, with your help, we can set up the back room sooner too. We should generally shoot for starting the main program around 7:30 in the back room. Please remember to call in your dinner reservations, and I hope to see you at the meeting! ■

Volunteers Needed!

May 19, 2001

Buckeye United Fly Fishers, Ohio DNR and Deerfield Township Parks are hosting a Fly Fishing Clinic: Introduction to Fly Fishing. It's free of charge, and open to the public. Activities include:

- Fly Tying
- Fly Casting
- Fly Fishing Knots
- and More

Lunch will be provided. Volunteers are needed to help with instruction, to cook lunch, to staff a BUFF table, etc.

The Clinic will be held at:

Deerfield Park
Saturday May 19th, 2001
9AM to 2PM

To volunteer, call Don Prince or Bob Goldsberry

Penns Creek Trout Trip

Joe Guenther

There will be a sign up sheet at the April meeting for the Pennsylvania, Penns Creek fishing trip. The dates for this trip are June 8 - 10. We will be staying at a Bed and Breakfast/Fly Shop, called the Feathered Hook. The price for this trip is \$120.00, for three nights, per person, including a breakfast every morning. The dates for this trip coincide with some of the best dry fly fishing to be had. This should be a real bug factory with several hatches happening at one time. There are thirteen miles of flies only regulated water and other famous creeks, such as, Spruce Creek, Pine Creek, Fisherman's Paradise, and Big Fishing Creek. This is an open opportunity for anyone that is interested, and everyone is welcomed. For more information or to get signed up, contact Karl Krefting, at 683-9524, or Joe Guenther, at 724-6343. ■

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APRIL

6 Fri / 7pm - **Beginners Fly Tying**
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8-11 Sun - Thurs - **B.U.F.F.**

Michigan Steelhead Trip (Jeff and Joe Guenther)

11 Wed 4pm **Beginning Fly Casting Instruction** At Monthly Meeting from 4 pm to 5 pm), with videos & instruction Deerfield Township Park

11 Wed/6pm - **BUFF Monthly Meeting @ Deerfield Township Park**

18 Wed/7pm - **BUFF Director's Meeting @ Deerfield Township Park**. Members encouraged to attend.
19 Thurs/6:30pm - **Tie & Lie**.

General fly tying and story telling session. Hardee's Restaurant, Batavia (Bob Goldsberry)

MAY

4-6 Fri-Sun **Nantahala Trout Trip**
(Bob Ireton)

9 Mon/6pm - **BUFF Monthly Meeting @ Deerfield Township Park**.

16 Wed/7pm - **BUFF Director's Meeting @ Deerfield Township Park**. Members encouraged to attend.

17 Thurs/6:30pm - **Tie & Lie**.
General fly tying and story telling session. Hardee's Restaurant, Batavia (Bob Goldsberry)

19 Sat /10:00am - 3:00pm - **Deerfield Township Park Day** (Jim LeBlond)

2001 Calendar of Events

The BUFFER attempts to provide up-to-date information on club events. Check the calendar each month & call the contact person for the event for potential changes. If you notice errors, please contact The BUFFER editor. Additional contact names will be added following announcement of the Year 2001.

MAY(cont.)

24-26 Thurs - Sat - **B.U.F.F. Au Sable River Fishing Trip** (Joe Guenther)

JUNE

8-10 Fri-Sun - **Penns Creek, Pa Fishing Trip**

13 Wed/6pm - **BUFF Monthly Meeting @ Deerfield Township Park**

17 Sat - **East Fork Stream Monitoring** (Goldsberry)

20 Wed/7pm - **BUFF Director's Meeting @ Deerfield Township Park**. Members encouraged to attend.

21 Thurs/6:30pm - **Tie & Lie**.
General fly tying and story telling session. Hardee's Restaurant, Batavia (Bob Goldsberry)

JULY

11 Wed/6pm - **BUFF Monthly Meeting @ Pattison Park**.
13-15 Fri-Sun - **B.U.F.F. Elkhorn Fishing Trip (Joe Guenther)**
18 Wed/7pm - **BUFF Director's Meeting @ Deerfield Township Park**. Members encouraged to attend.
19 Thurs/6:30pm - **Tie & Lie**.
General fly tying and story telling session. Hardee's Restaurant, Batavia (Bob Goldsberry).

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up over the stream, with a smile on her face, as if Charley were there making a cast with his split bamboo, placing his Adam's dry fly perfectly for a rising trout, like he had done so many times before. Then I thought to myself the term "holy waters" can mean a lot of different things to different people, and for her it was truly "holy water." My cup of flyfishing enthusiasm that I thought was full less than twenty four hours ago now only has maybe a few drops in it.

This is a great river and trip. Please try to make it, you won't regret it. Plan on signing up for this one and add some enrichment and knowledge to your cup. ■

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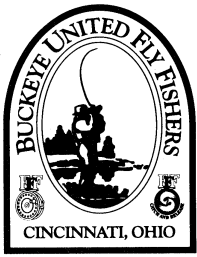
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Au Sable River: May 24 - 26

Penns Creek: June 8 - 10

Elkhorn River: July 13 - 15

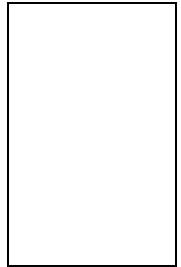


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Next Monthly Meeting – April 11

CALL 732-0735 FOR DINNER RESERVATIONS NO LATER THAN 10 PM OF THE SUNDAY BEFORE THE NEXT MEETING. DINNER IS \$1.00 EXTRA WITHOUT A RESERVATION - IF THERE'S ANY LEFT! WE'VE BEEN KNOWN TO RUN OUT - DON'T WAIT - CALL NOW!

PROGRAM: Pelee Island Presentation. Casting lessons before dinner.

WHERE: Deerfield Park (October through May meetings) 5847 Irwin-Simpson Rd., Deerfield Township, (southern Warren County). The Park is located on the southeast corner of the Irwin-Simpson / Snider Road intersection, approximately ½ mile north, and ¼ mile west of the Mason-Montgomery Rd./ I-71 interchange. We meet in the large white house.

DIRECTIONS: Following the directions below will help you avoid the traffic congestion at the Fields-Ertel / Mason-Montgomery / I-71 interchange.

From The East Side: Take I-275 West to the Montgomery Rd exit. Turn right (north) and get in the left lane. Turn left onto Cornell Rd. Turn right at the 1st light onto Snider Rd. Follow Snider Rd. for about 2 miles and turn right onto Irwin-Simpson Rd. The park is now on your right. Turn right into the 1st driveway. There is no park sign, but the mailbox has a township emblem on it.

From the West Side: Take I-275 East to the Rt. 42 Exit. Turn left (north) and follow Rt. 42 for about 1 mile to Dimmick Rd. and turn right. When Dimmick Rd. crosses Butler Warren Rd. it turns into Irwin-Simpson Rd. When Irwin-Simpson Rd.

