



### **SCCTU Winter Education**

#### **[Fly Fishing 101](#)**

**Wednesdays Feb 17-March 17, 2021**

The Spring Creek Chapter Trout Unlimited is pleased to announce the 2021 Winter [Fly Fishing 101](#) program to learn about and enjoy the sport of fly fishing or improve your existing skills. This education program is open to all who are interested and is hosted and provided by the Veterans Service Program (VSP) of the Spring Creek Chapter Trout Unlimited.

All five sessions will be held online via [Fly Fishing 101 Zoom](#) **Wednesdays** from 7:00pm ET to 8:05pm ET. Circumstances allowing, there will be a gathering in March at Fisherman's Paradise as a final meeting.

Contact Larry Ragan, SCCTU VSP Education Coordinator at [lcr1@psu.edu](mailto:lcr1@psu.edu) for more information.

Registration is required, please click [here to register](#). <https://flyfishing101.eventbrite.com>

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[Fly Fishing 101 Zoom](#)

All are welcome to this virtual (Zoom) class on the basics of fly fishing. You are registering for the entire FF 101 course but do not need to attend all sessions.

In this course you will be able to:

1. Describe how fly fishing is different from other types of fishing
2. Identify where to fish in the Centre region
3. Tie a common clinch knot and several others
4. Identify a brook, brown and rainbow trout
5. Describe some of the equipment necessary for fly fishing
6. Identify stream etiquette and how to handle fish safely
7. Recognize some of the common insects in our streams and identify the flies that imitate them.

### **Session 1**

#### **Overview of Fly Fishing and Approaches and Presentations**

Wednesday, Feb 17, 2021

[Fly Fishing 101 Zoom](#)

Guest Instructor: **Ashley Wilmont** (Flyfishers Paradise)

Guest Instructor: **Joe Humphryes** (author, guide and fly fishing legend!)

This session will provide an overview of fly fishing and introduce you to the basic equipment and terminology of the sport. This session will introduce how to set-up a fly rod as well as attaching a fly to the line. Proper approaches and presentation styles for various fly-fishing scenarios and situations will also be covered.

### **Session 2**

#### **SMART Fly Fishing and Where to Find Fish in Central PA**

Wednesday, Feb 24, 2021

[Fly Fishing 101 Zoom](#)

Guest Instructor: **Jamie SanFilippo**

Judi Sittler

This session will cover the SMART acronym as well as where to find fish in Centre County and the Spring Creek Watershed. Also, an overview of some of the most productive waters in the Centre Region.

### **Session 3**

#### **Decoding the Equipment**

Wednesday, March 3, 2021

[Fly Fishing 101 Zoom](#)

Guest Instructor: **Richard Novak** and guest

This session will take a deeper look at the basic gear and maintenance (waders, vests, daypacks, etc...) fly lines, tippets as well as how to avoid the common errors of fly fishing! We will also discuss how to dress for different seasons to continue fly fishing throughout the year!

#### **Session 4**

##### **Stream (People and Fish) Etiquette and Knot Essentials**

Wednesday, March 10, 2021

[Fly Fishing 101 Zoom](#)

Guest Instructor: **George Costa** (TCO) and Carson Angeli

This session will review a few of the more common knots that are necessary when fly fishing including the clinch and improved clinch, double surgeon's, Duncan loop, Perfection loop and the Davy knot. Also we'll discuss how to manage the people and the fish you may encounter while visiting our waters.

#### **Session 5**

##### **Fish, Bugs, and Flies that Fool 'Em! Our Local Waters**

Wednesday, March 17, 2021

[Fly Fishing 101 Zoom](#)

Guest Instructor: **Bob Carline**

This session will review the trout species of PA, and the most common insects and bugs in Central PA waters and the flies that imitate them and an examination of our watershed and where to find trout!

#### **Onsite Session**

##### **Streamside Practice and FF 101 Graduation**

March 27

Location TBD

Circumstances permitting we will gather at a local stream for hands-on practice and fun applying what we've learned in Fly Fishing 101. All gear and flies necessary will be provided. Guides and support members will be available to help.