

# Wild Rivers Tribune

WILD RIVERS CHAPTER



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## Chapter Report

By John Simonson, Chapter President

Another WRTU Chapter Expo is in the books. Our Expo 2025 held at Flat Creek Lodge in Hayward was very well attended again. I appreciate all the people who came out and to all our wonderful exhibitors. Everyone I talked to had fun and found it enjoyable as well as educational.



I want to thank Hayward Fly Fishing Company, Anglers All, and Superior Fly Anglers for their donations. Also, a big thank you to St. Croix Fly Rods, Scientific Angler, Lamson, Umpqua, Northern Lakes

Co-op, as well as others who graciously donated to our Expo fundraiser. The flies donated by Dave Lucca, Dick Berge and Jim Emerson were big hits during our live auction and very much appreciated.

Now we will be soon turning our attention to our WRTU habitat stream projects and other events planned for this Summer. We always must wait for the WI DNR fishery biologist to finish their extensive Springtime lake shocking days before we can begin our stream habitat work. Once the DNR is done we will begin announcing workdays. We are always looking for volunteers to help with our stream habitat workdays.

## Volunteers Needed for Kids Fishing Day

This year will be the 25th edition of Kids Fishing Day. Wild Rivers TU Chapter members have always participated in this fun event, and we're looking for volunteers for this year. We need WRTU chapter volunteers to help with the kids' fishing equipment, putting worms on the hooks, releasing the fish, etc.

- **Date:** June 7th, 2025
- **Location:** Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center, Ashland
- **Time:** 8:00 am volunteer meeting
- **Event Time:** 9:00am to 1:00pm
- **RSVP:** email [john@wiflyfisher.com](mailto:john@wiflyfisher.com) or text/call my cell phone (920) 212-0185



## Upcoming 2025 WRTU Events

Below is a list of upcoming WRTU Chapter 2025 stream habitat projects and other events. Our stream habitat workdays cannot be scheduled without the WI-DNR fishery biologist. Unfortunately, the DNR fishery biologists every Spring spend every day of the week shocking fish in our area lakes. As soon as they are done we will start to plan our stream habitat workdays. If you want to volunteer to help, please shoot me an email. That doesn't mean you are committed to those workdays, but you would like to be notified in case you are able to help with our habitat workdays.

- 1. Adopt White River State Fishery Area** – June 4th tree planting, meet 9:00am.
- 2. Adopt Clam River State Fishery Area** – June workdays to be announced
- 3. Mosquito Brook Climate Resiliency Project** – work in progress
- 4. Marengo River Lincoln Community Forest Project** – in the planning stage
- 5. Fish Creek Project with Burke Center** – more meetings coming up
- 6. Johnson Springs Dam Removal / Habitat Restoration** – probably August/September start
- 7. Rivers of Recovery Veterans Program** – WRTU donated \$1,500
- 8. Hwy H Cleanup** – May 17th, meet at Delta Diner at 9:00 am.
- 9. Kids Fishing Day** – Great Lakes Visitor Center, June 7th, 9:00am – 1:00pm
- 10. Brule Family Fun Day** – August 16th at Brule Fish Hatchery
- 11. Brule River Fall Gathering and Cookout** – date/place to be determined
- 12. Teach Students Fly Tying / Fly Casting** – Ashland High School in progress
- 13. Free Fly Casting & Fly-Fishing Clinics** – to be determined.

We will also post workday events on our website – <https://wrtu.org> and on our Facebook page. Email: [john@wiflyfisher.com](mailto:john@wiflyfisher.com), or try text/call my cell phone at (920)-212-0185.

## Ashland High School Fly Tying and Fly Casting Instructions

Once again WRTU Chapter members have been teaching Ashland High School students how to tie flies, thanks to Dick Berge and Bob Traczyk. The students also received expert fly casting instructions from Larry Mann and Wendy Williamson.



### WRTU Chapter YouTube Channel



If you haven't checked it out, please see our updated WRTU Chapter YouTube channel. I have been videoing presentations with our various WI-DNR fishery biologists across our seven county region. A lot of great information about the state of our local trout streams and trout fisheries.

WRTU YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/@wildriverstu>

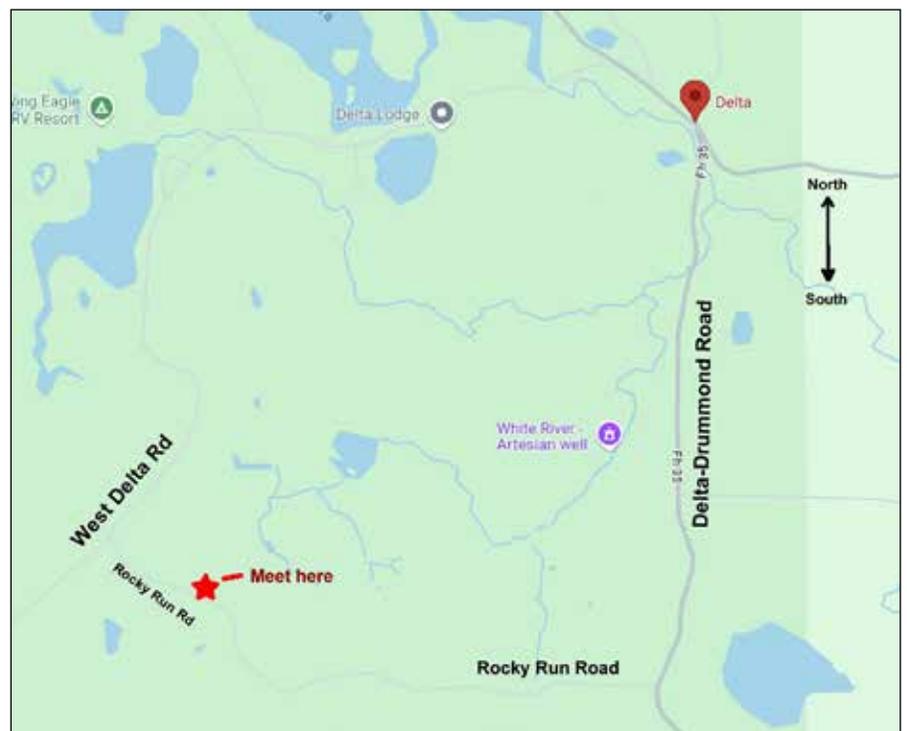
## Volunteers Needed for White River Tree Planting

By John Simonson

Volunteers are needed on Wednesday June 4, 2025, for a tree planting session at the White River State Fishery Area. We plan to plant approximately 1000 trees along the South Fork of the White River with the White River State Fishery Area south of the Town of Delta.

If you'd like to come, please bring gloves and rubber boots. We'll meet at 9:00 am at Rocky Run Road at the Fish Hatchery. The session will take about three hours, depending on the number of volunteers. We'll have a box lunch afterwards.

Please RSVP via email to [john@wiflyfisher.com](mailto:john@wiflyfisher.com) or text/call my cell phone (920) 212-0185. Hope to see a good crowd there!



# WRTU Chapter Expo 2025

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I would like to thank everyone who came out and supported our Expo on April 6th at Flat Creek Lodge in Hayward. Here are a few photos from the event.



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