LITTLE RIVER CHAPTER

TROUT UNLIMITED

Chapter Meeting
May 2024

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Agenda

- Welcome
- New Member & Guest Recognition
- Feature Presentation: Ben Fields, Videographer - Euro Nymphing
- Upcoming Events
- Annual Activity Report Summary
- Volunteer Recognition
- Trout in the Classroom
- John Thurman Trout Adventure Camp
- Norton Creek
- Closing Remarks

Upcoming Events

- May - Jun: AOP Stream Barrier Surveys
- 30 May: Clayton Bradley Trout in the Classroom Release
- 26 - 27 Jun: Anthony Creek Brook Trout Restoration Evaluation
- 27 Jun: Monthly Chapter Meeting – Tennessee Aquarium Biologist
- 10 Jul: Middle Prong Little Pigeon River Index of Biotic Integrity (IBI)
- 11 Jul: East Prong Little River IBI
- 20 Jul: Bi-Monthly Acid Deposition Water Sampling
- 25 Jul: Chapter Picnic at River Johns

LRCTU Annual Activity Report Summary

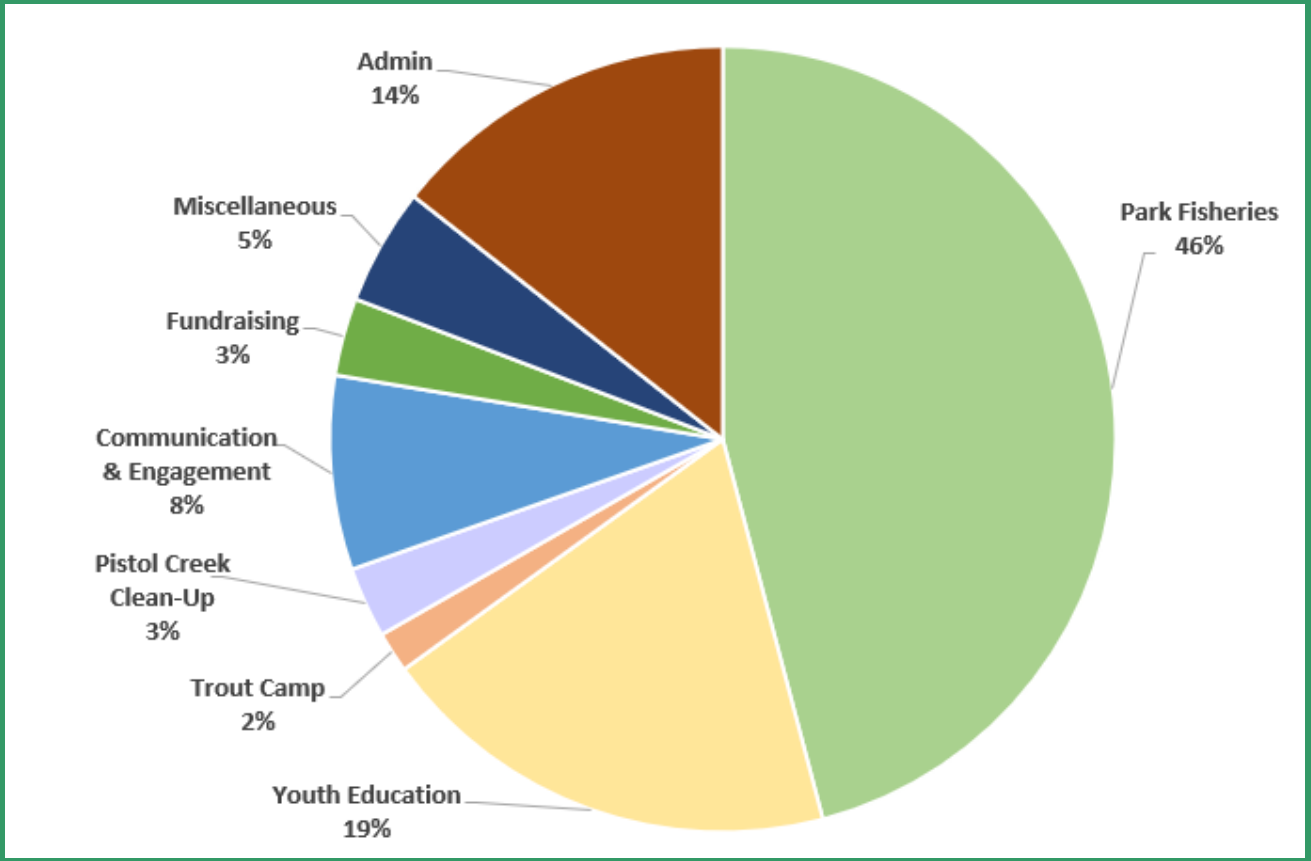
- Nonprofit Volunteer Organization
  - Chartered in 1992
  - 271 LRCTU Members
  - 62 Active Volunteers (23% of Membership)
- 4,231 Volunteer Hours (22% Increase)
  - Conservation, Science & Monitoring: 2,065 Hours (> 31%)
  - Youth Education: 881 Hours
- $22,543 Spent on Conservation, Science, & Monitoring
  - 12% Increase Over FY 2023
  - 95% ($21,510) of Funding to GSMNP Fisheries Department
    - $11,510 Grant from TN TU Council Sponsored by LRCTU
    - $10,000 Donation (Auction, Donations, General Fund)
- $9,671 Auction Proceeds (63% Increase)

LRCTU Annual Activity Report Summary

- Stream Barrier Surveys for Aquatic Organism Passage
  - High Priority with TU Southeast Region and GSMNP Fisheries
  - Phase I – Crossings with Trout
    - Completed April 2023
    - 16 Severe Barriers Identified
  - Phase II – Crossings with Fish
    - Initiated November 2023
    - 124 of 165 Sites Surveyed (75%)
- Trout in the Classroom
  - Eleven (11) Schools Participating
  - Over 600 Students Involved
- Implementation of Volunteer Recognition Program
- Over 200% Increase in Communication & Engagement

LRCTU Annual Activity Report Summary

VOLUNTEER HOURS BY CATEGORY



CATEGORY	HOURS
Park Fisheries	1942
Youth Education	810
Trout Camp	71
Pistol Creek Clean-Up	123
Communications	338
Fundraising	135
Miscellaneous	203
Veterans	0
Administration	609
TOTAL	4231

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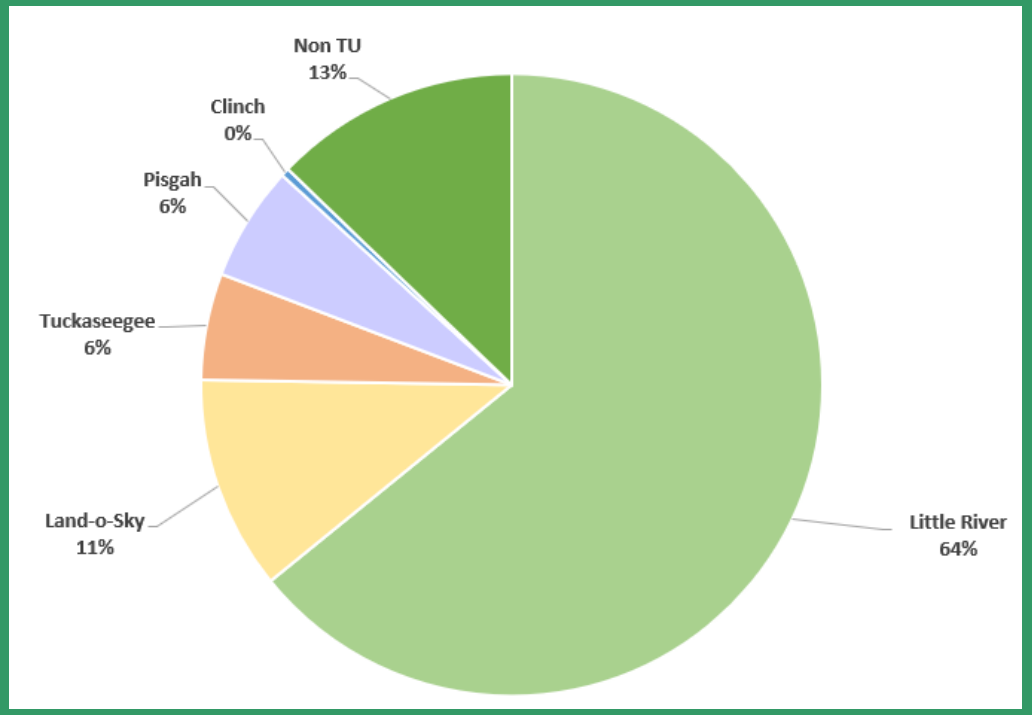
GSMNP FISHERIES VOLUNTEER HOURS



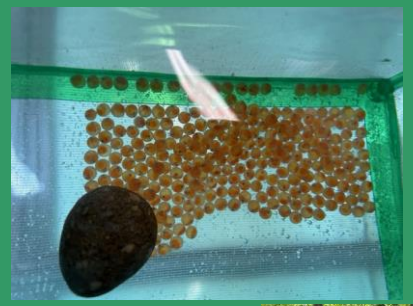
- 3,015 Total Volunteer Hours (3rd Highest All Time)
- 1,934 LRCTU Volunteer Hours (32% Increase)
  - 55 Volunteers
  - 64% of Total
  - Value of Over $52,500

Volunteer Recognition

- 4,231 Volunteer Hours from April 2023 thru March 2024
  - 62 Volunteers
  - Over 1,700 Participants in LRCTU Events
- Milestones
  - Annual
    - One Event: 62 Decals
    - > 25 Hours: 30 Pins
    - > 50 Hours: 20 Mugs
  - Cumulative/Lifetime
    - Two Events: 28 Safety Vests
    - > 75 Hours: 17 T-Shirts
    - > 125 Hours: 9 Medallions
    - > 250 Hours: 6 Medallions
    - > 500 Hours: 1 Medallion

Trout In The Classroom Spring Releases

- Over 300 Students Participating in Spring 2024
- Eight of Nine Releases Complete
- Final Spring Release on 30 May at Townsend KOA



John Thurman Trout Adventure Camp

- Teaching Conservation thru Fly Fishing
- June 17 -22 at Tremont Institute in GSMNP
- Eighteen (18) Campers Ages 12 – 16
- Additional Information at www.tntroutadventure.org
- Interested in Volunteering:

  Contact Bob Bishop (bishmoose@sbcglobal.net)

Norton Creek Fishing

- Thanks to Earl & Margit Worsham for this Opportunity
- Coordinator: Dan Spradlin (danielspradlin93@gmail.com)
- Assistant Coordinator: Harry Fetterman (hefetterman@gmail.com)
- Private Stream Adjacent to GSMNP near Gatlinburg
  - Lower Section Managed as Trophy Trout Water
  - Upper Section Managed for Southern Appalachian Brook Trout Restoration
- Contact Dan Spradlin or Harry Fetterman to Reserve a Date