



## October 2020 Conservation & Fishing Outings

Do you have Covid Lockdown Cabin Fever? Oak Brook TU has three opportunities to participate in outdoor outings in October. These activities lend themselves well to social distancing. Everyone will be required to follow applicable safety protocols and guidance, such as wearing personal protective equipment when in close proximity to others. We invite you to the following:

1. Coldwater River Macroinvertebrate Survey (near Grand Rapids, MI) – Sat, October 10th
2. Northeast Iowa Fishing Outing (near Decorah) – Friday Oct 16 thru Sun Oct 18
3. DuPage River Cleanup Day (in Naperville) – Saturday, October 24th

We hope you can join us for one or more of these events.

Dave Carlson,  
OBTU Vice President and Conservation Committee Chair

### 1. Coldwater River Macroinvertebrate Survey – Saturday, October 10th

After missing our spring macroinvertebrate survey on the Coldwater this past May, we are planning to start back up with an October survey. This is a great “hands on” learning opportunity for those who have not experienced a macroinvertebrate survey.

The project takes approximately 4 hours on Saturday morning, while teams survey one of 5 stream sections, collecting insects with seines, recording the stream habitat, and returning to the meeting point to identify and count the insects collected. Our data aids in planning future restoration project and is uploaded to a statewide database.



The Coldwater River is located approximately 15 miles southeast of Grand Rapids, MI. Many volunteers combine the project with fishing on local rivers such as the Coldwater, Rogue and Muskegon on Friday, Saturday afternoon or Sunday.

For more information and/or to sign up please contact:

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## 2. Northeast Iowa Fishing Outing – Friday Oct 16 thru Sun Oct 18

### **Oct 16-18: Iowa Driftless Area (near Decorah)**

A group of 8 OBTU members are currently signed up for the Iowa trip. You are welcome to join us. Everyone will book their own individual, socially distanced lodging in Decorah Iowa. We will loosely coordinate fishing plans so that small teams of about 2 or 3 will be deployed in various high quality stream access points. If you like, we'll meet you at the stream. The trip will be friendly to beginners and seasoned fisherman alike. If desired, we will pair you up with others who know the area & can help put you on some fish! Kent Kleckner, proprietor of Bear Creek Anglers, has volunteered to support our group & help with local knowledge, fly selection, dining options, etc. You can explore a number of high quality streams including the North Bear, South Bear, Waterloo, Trout Run, Coldwater, Patterson and French Creek. You may choose to stop at Bloody Run or the Paint on your drive to or from Chicago.

Fishing in NE Iowa is typically outstanding. Naturally reproducing Browns are abundant. Iowa performs extensive stocking of Rainbows which are usually not too hard to find. Iowa's trout fishing season extends throughout the full year (trout season in Wisconsin & Iowa will be closed)

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A nice NE Iowa Brown  
(Courtesy Bear Creek Anglers)

## 3. DuPage River Cleanup Day – Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup>



Come out for the Oak Brook TU Fall 2020 DuPage River Cleanup Day - 9 a.m. to 12 noon! Bring your river shoes or waders and join us for a morning of removing debris and litter along the West Branch of the DuPage River from Gartner Road to 75th Street in Naperville.

Volunteers will meet at 9 a.m. at Pioneer Park which is located at 1212 S. Washington Street in Naperville. Gloves, trash pokers, garbage bags, water and technical support will be provided. An informal lunch will follow at a nearby location for those interested.

This event is part of the DuPage County "Adopt-A-Stream" program to help keep local water resources clean.

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