

Newsletter, August 2023

Mohican Fly Fishers

Bellville, OH

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August Meeting (August 9)

Christine Szymanski and her intern Grace from ODNR made a great presentation on the stream at Gatton Rocks. Christine is responsible for the water quality of several Scenic Rivers in Central Ohio (including the lower Clear Fork and Mohican Rivers) to ensure that water quality levels are continuously monitored by sampling macroinvertebrates at various points throughout the Scenic River watershed. Dave Harris led the first committee meeting working on river access. The initial plan is to acquire stream access from the SR97 crossing above Bellville down to the SR97 crossing at the intersection with Gatton Rocks Rd. The committee is reaching out to private, public, and industry landowners along this stretch.

Upcoming Programs

September 13. Knot tying with Dave Harris. Board meeting moved to November.

October 11. Catch and release techniques.

November 8. Regular meeting and next Board Meeting.



Next Meeting (September 13)

NOTE: the next meeting is at Gold Digger's Pavilion.

Dave Harris will lead a hands-on knot tying activity with common fly fishing knots at the Gold Diggers' pavilion. We will provide a map for newcomers. Please remember to drive 5 MPH in the area as we are guests at this location and the speed limit is closely monitored. You may park on the grass near the pavilion and bring a lunch if you like. Dave will also ask members for recommendations of a knot or two they might like to learn or demonstrate to the others.

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Christine Szymanski from ODNR tests for insects at Gatton Rocks. The presence of aquatic macroinvertebrates is one measure of water quality along with turbidity (clarity). Christine and her intern, Grace, led our members through the collection and identification of organisms in our stream at Gatton Rocks. Several members jumped into the riffles and held specimen nets while others stirred up the rocks just upstream of the net allowing loosened critters to float down and get trapped in the net. The “catch” was spread out on tables and some critters were captured in basins for viewing. ODNR identifies three levels of critters graded by their sensitivity to pollutants. They use a scoring system to rate water quality and a score of 21 is considered good. We scored 32! And, our clarity was a full meter! Gatton Rocks!



Want to learn more? Come to the next meeting and bring a friend.

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MEETINGS:

The second Wednesday of each month

6:00—7:00 pm

American Legion

77 Bell Street

Bellville, OH

Meet at American Legion pavilion in the summer

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