

## **Thursday, October 27 Post-Conference (Optional) FIELD TRIPS**

Thursday Field Trips are optional, and participants need to pay for expenses.

### **FULL Fishing the Potomac by Canoe**

Time	9 am to 3 pm
Location	Potomac River, launching from NCTC Boat Ramp
Maximum	36 participants
Minimum	10 participants needed for trip to run
Cost	\$72
Lunch	Pre-order NCTC bag lunch
Fishing Gear	Bring your own
Fishing License	Purchase either a WV or MD license ( <a href="https://www.wvfish.com">https://www.wvfish.com</a> or <a href="https://compass.dnr.maryland.gov/dnrcompassportal">https://compass.dnr.maryland.gov/dnrcompassportal</a> (3-day available)
Travel Time	30-minute drive back to NCTC

Join River & Trail Outfitters on this fun, relaxing interpretive float and fishing trip which reveals the inter-relationship of human and natural history of the watershed. This segment of the Potomac River meanders through the Blue Ridge Mountains and C&O Canal Historic Park along the Maryland and West Virginia shores. This ambling stretch of river features a few easy to navigate riffles and ledges and delightful scenery, and a diversity of wildlife along the river includes turtles, fish, heron, waterfowl, and resident bald eagles. While fishing for bass, trout, and panfish, learn about the human impacts on this river environment and the protection and restoration of the local watershed.

Participants will meet at The Commons and walk to the Boat Ramp. Transportation back to NCTC is provided. This is a 6-hour trip including transportation time. Bring your own gear, and purchase a Maryland or West Virginia fishing license see <https://compass.dnr.maryland.gov/DnrCompassPortal>.

*Pre-order a bag lunch when you choose this trip. Bring your lunch with you for this field trip. Lunch is included for overnight guests; commuters will need to pay for their lunch onsite.*

### **Fishing the Potomac on Foot**

Time	All day
Location	NCTC Campus
Maximum	N/A
Cost	Free
Fishing Gear	Bring your own
Fishing License	Purchase either a WV or MD license ( <a href="https://www.wvfish.com">https://www.wvfish.com</a> or <a href="https://compass.dnr.maryland.gov/dnrcompassportal">https://compass.dnr.maryland.gov/dnrcompassportal</a> (3-day available)

The Potomac River, in addition to being the “Nation’s Waterway,” is an excellent fishing venue. The National Conservation Training Center has river access along one of the best protected stretches of the river with the National Park Service’s C&O Canal National Park on the opposite bank. Bass, trout, and panfish are abundant in the river, with the occasional walleye and even muskie taken out of this stretch. The closest access to the river can be found on the Twin Leaf Trail beneath the wooden bridge at The Commons, while slightly wilder access can be found behind the Lab Building and at the Boat Landing.

**CANCELLED. Fishing at Zetts Tri-State Fish Hatchery**

Time	8:30 am to 4:30 pm
Location	Inwood, West Virginia
Cost	\$70, plus \$13 entry fee paid at site
Lunch	Pre-order NCTC bag lunch
Maximum	25
Fishing License	NA (private hatchery)
Fishing Gear	Bring your own. Bait available for purchase.
Transportation	Provided
Travel Time	70 minutes round trip

Fish the ponds at the Hatchery, including trout, catfish, bass, bluegill, and perch. On site, find fishing tackle available (no rods), Port-a-Johns, and a store with snacks and drinks. This site is about 35 minutes from NCTC. No fishing license needed. More at <http://www.zettsfishhatchery.com/id2.html>.

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**CANCELLED. Fishing at Harpers Ferry Dam #4**

Time	8:30 am to 4:30 pm
Location	Shepherdstown, West Virginia
Cost	None
Lunch	Pre-order NCTC bag lunch
Maximum	15
Fishing License	West Virginia at <a href="https://www.wvfish.com">https://www.wvfish.com</a>
Fishing Gear	Bring your own
Transportation	Carpool. AREA will organize carpools for limited parking 2 miles from NCTC.
Travel Time	75 minutes round trip

Fish Dam #4, including bass, bluegill, and catfish. There is ample area to fish from the discharge raceway of the hydroelectric plant to wading through slack pools. Rocky Marsh run offers a small trout cold water stream; access is challenging. Dam #4 offers a diversity of fishing opportunities for beginners to more experienced anglers. More at [http://www.wvdnr.gov/fishing/public\\_access.asp?county=Jefferson&type=Public+Access+Sites&point=P40](http://www.wvdnr.gov/fishing/public_access.asp?county=Jefferson&type=Public+Access+Sites&point=P40).

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### On Your Own Guided Fishing — White Fly Outfitters

Location	Harpers Ferry, West Virginia
Cost	On your own, See <a href="http://www.whiteflyoutfitters.com">http://www.whiteflyoutfitters.com</a> and call soon for rates and reservations; full payment required 4 weeks in advance
Lunch	Pre-order NCTC bag lunch
Maximum	N/A
Fishing License	Discuss with outfitter
Fishing Gear	Discuss with outfitter
Transportation	On your own

Fish the wild Potomac and Shenandoah Rivers, ranked #1 and #2 in the country for catching small-mouthed bass, with a guide. Contact White Fly Outfitters to book your trip in advance.

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