



# FRIENDS OF WOLF CREEK NATIONAL FISH HATCHERY NEWSLETTER

October - December 2024

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## 2024 Holiday Open House & Nature Ornament Workshop

On December 7, the Visitor Center was alive with Christmas.

Lots of amazing ornaments were made along with smiles.

Cookies, cider, and hot chocolate were available to all.

The gift shop was 10% off sales for the day and a gift basket was given away as a door prize.

We want to thank our volunteers for all their help in making this day such a fun one. They made sample ornaments, helped our visitors as needed and assisted with the clean up after the event.



## Outdoor Adventure

On October 16, approximately 200 Russell County 4th Grade students and teachers/staff visited the Wolf Creek National Fish Hatchery for the Annual Outdoor Adventure Day. There were 10 different stations: BEES! By Gunnar Coe of Gunnar's Bees, Sue Duncan of Three Springs Fiber Farm presenting rabbit fur and spinning wheel to make thread, Water Quality with Alice Mandt of the Kentucky Division of Water, Life Cycle of a Trout by Makenzie Foster and Marsha Hart of the USFWS, Fish Sampling /Techniques and Tools by Marcy Anderson of the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, Water Safety by Dylan Norton and Codey Hensley of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Composting with Jonathan Oaks and Sarah Beard of the Russell County UK Extension office, Caving by Mammoth Cave, Ranger Jonathan and Ranger Brendan, Proper Waste Management with Miranda Morehead, Patrick Bickett and Crystal Davis of the Kentucky Division of Waste Management, and Birds of Prey with Lake Cumberland Wildlife Refuge-Home of the Liberty Nature Center.

Food was provided for the presenters, staff and volunteers by the Friends of WCNFH.



## **Special Thanks & Appreciation :**

**We appreciate these volunteers who have been with us for many months.**

**They are hard working, kind, and a joy to be around!**

**You will be missed as you go unto new adventures!**

**Jeff & Jannette Miller**

**Christine & Ben Thomas**

### *Special Thanks & Appreciation*

*We want to express our heartfelt gratitude to James Clark who served as President of the Friends of Wolf Creek National Fish Hatchery and has volunteered with this organization for 19 years. He is leaving his position to devote more of his time to the D.A.V as Commander. He has selflessly gave of his time and talents and made such a positive difference to all who knew him.*

*Wishing you the best!*

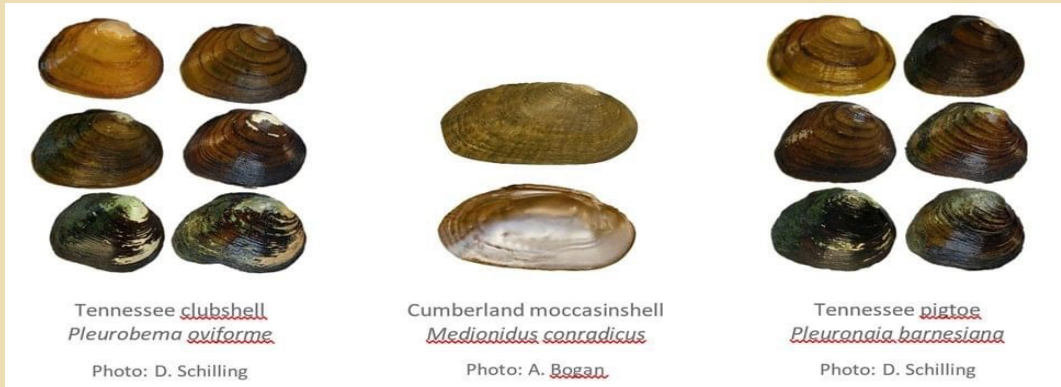


## Interesting Hatchery Information

### Mollusks:

**October-December:** The staff has spent many days taking care of racks, cages, and the boathouse.

They currently have several thousand Cumberland Elktoe and Cumberlandian Combshell, Purple Cats Paw, Cumberland Bean, Fluted Kidneyshell, Round Hickorynut, Pink Mucket, Snuffbox, Tan Riffleshell, Purple Lilliput, Kentucky Creekshell, Pheasantshell, Black Sandshell and several other species in the floating culture at the boathouse.



### Barrens Topminnow Recovery:

**October-December:** The Barrens Topminnow is a very rare fish that was listed as endangered under the Endangered Species Act on November 20, 2019. The Barrens topminnow, as of today, is still one of the most endangered species in the world. Due to the drying up of a spring and the lack of rainfall, Biological Science Technician Makenzie Foster met the staff of Conservation Fisheries, Inc. in Cookeville, TN to move 210 Type population Barrens topminnows to a 300 gallon circulation systems in the Wolf Creek National Fish Hatchery's T&E lab.

Endangered Laurel Dace, received by Biological Science Technician Makenzie Foster in the fall time from Tennessee Ecological Services Field Office staff, Crossville, TN. The drought conditions raised concern for their habitat on Walden Ridge in TN. Wolf Creek provided the proper space needed to keep the species alive and continues to hold them at 90 endangered dace.



## Fishy Facts about the Hatchery

**October:** 2,500 Rainbow Trout stocked in Hatchery Creek for the disabled, elderly, and children.

Total of 125,075 fish weighing (52,871 lbs.) were stocked.

Total Visitor Center Volunteer Hours: 634

Total Number of Visitors: 5,564

**November:** 2,000 Rainbow Trout stocked in Hatchery Creek for the disabled, elderly, and children.

Total of 56,475 fish weighing (17,788 lbs.) were Stocked.

Total Visitor Center Volunteer Hours: 560

Total Number of Visitors: 1,958

**December:** 2,000 Rainbow Trout stocked in Hatchery Creek for the disabled, elderly, and children.

Total of 23,750 fish weighing (8,489 lbs.) were stocked.

Visitor Center Volunteer Hours: 495

Total Number of Visitors: 897



## Eggs Received in 2024

**October:** None

**November:** 200,000 Arlee (ARD) strain Rainbow Trout eggs from Erwin National Fish Hatchery, TN

**December 3:** 200,000 Arlee (ARD) strain Rainbow Trout eggs from Ennis National Fish Hatchery, Montana.

**December 5:** 100,320 Arlee (ARD) strain Rainbow Trout eggs from Erwin National Fish Hatchery, TN.

**December 5:** 154,842 Hot Creek (HCD) strain Rainbow trout eggs from Auburn State Fish Hatchery in Wyoming.



## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT / INFORMATION

**The Friends of Wolf Creek NFH had the privilege and honor to participate and help in these special programs:**

- **Assisted with various items needed for workshops.**
- **Provided hot chocolate, hot cider, other drinks, Christmas cookies, and treats. A gift basket full of various items and a gift certificate were provided for the door prize for the Holiday Open House & Nature Ornament Workshop.**
- **Provided candy and decorations for the distribution truck that was entered into the Russell County parade.**
- **Hot chocolate and small promotional items were provided for all at the Christmas on the Square in Jamestown.**
- **Donated items as needed for the Library Fishing & Tackle Program.**
- **Donated 2 gift bags for the Russell County Jaycees Toys for Tots Radio Auction**
- **Provided various outdoor fall decorations for the Wolf Creek National Fish Hatchery.**
- **Provided lunch for the partners, staff, and volunteers for the Outdoor Adventure Day.**



## Upcoming events for 2025:

\*(Dates and Times TBA)

January 11: 2nd Saturday Fly Fishing Clinic at 10:00 am CST. Register w/Marsha Hart  
270-343-3797 or email : marsha\_hart@fws.gov

January 14: Friends of Wolf Creek NFH monthly board meeting 1pm CST.

February 8: 2nd Saturday Fly Fishing at 10:00 am CST Register w/Marsha Hart  
270-343-3797 or email : marsha\_hart@fws.gov

February 11: Friends of Wolf Creek NFH monthly board meeting 1pm CST.

March 6: Mushroom Grow Bag Workshop held at the Russell County Public Library  
5-7 p.m. CST (\$25.00 pre-registration) Contact Makenzie Foster or Marsha Hart at:  
Makenzie\_foster@fws.gov or Marsha Hart at: marsha\_hart@fws.gov

March 8: 2nd Saturday Fly Fishing Clinic at 10:00 am CST. Register w/Marsha Hart  
270-343-3797 or email : marsha\_hart@fws.gov

March 11: Friends of Wolf Creek NFH monthly board meeting 1pm CST.

March 22: Fly Fishing 101-Pre-registration required, \$75.00 all-day class: 8-5p.m. CST.  
Contact Makenzie Foster at: Makenzie\_foster@fws.gov or  
Marsha Hart at: marsha\_hart@fws.gov

March 29: Fossil ID Workshop 9-11 a.m. CST. Contact Makenzie Foster or Marsha Hart at:  
Makenzie\_foster@fws.gov or Marsha Hart at: marsha\_hart@fws.gov

For more information call: Makenzie or Marsha 270-343-3797

*NOTE: The 2nd Tuesday of every month Friends of Wolf Creek NFH hold their monthly  
board meeting at 1pm CST in the hatchery classroom. All are welcome!*

## Ways you can help support The Friends of Wolf Creek National Fish Hatchery:

- ◆ Visit Wolf Creek National Fish Hatchery and feed the fish, shop the gift shop, and have fun!
- ◆ Add us as the recipient for Kroger rewards (you will still receive your fuel points):  
<https://www.kroger.com/i/community/community-rewards>
- ◆ Visit our website: [www.friendsofwolfcreeknfh.com](http://www.friendsofwolfcreeknfh.com). You can make donations here and find out more ways you can help!
- ◆ Volunteer
- ◆ Attend our monthly board meeting-2nd Tuesday of each month at 1:00 pm CST in the hatchery classroom.
- ◆ Follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/fowcnfh>

*Thank you to all who volunteer, donate, and sponsor us!! We appreciate all of you!! It is because of you that these special events and programs are able to bring joy to so many!!*