



CHERRY CREEK ANGLERS

Trout Unlimited #474



ARKANSAS RIVER FISHING TRIP

May 10, Saturday

Canon City-Salida, Arkansas River

General Information

The Mother's Day Caddis Hatch on the Ark is one of the more famous hatches in the West. Spend an enjoyable day on the Ark with your CCA buddies, fishing for good size browns, bows, and cutthroats. Perhaps we'll experience the "caddis blizzard." We'll fish between Canon City and Salida, exactly location depending on the river flows and the hatch progress. We'll learn and share that information on Friday, May 9. To receive that information, it is important that you sign up for the trip at the May chapter meeting or by calling Randy Kittelson at 303.667.1262. It's possible the snow melt and the BOR releases will make the river difficult to fish, so we'll have an alternative destination, likely a tailwater, planned as a back-up. Also, everyone will have to sign a TU release of liability form to participate in this chapter outing.

Trip Schedule

6:00 a.m. Carpool from Gander Mountain.

(You may drive yourself if you so choose. We'll meet at the Ark Angler in Salida or the Royal Gorge Angler in Canon City, depending on where we choose to fish on the river. With gas at around \$3.50 per gallon, and the one-way drive being about three hours, carpooling is encouraged as it is less expensive, more safe, and more enjoyable. And remember, whether we drive by ourselves or carpool, we're never late for fishing.)

9:00 a.m. Arrive at the Canon City or Salida rendezvous location.
Fish on your own or in small groups.

12:30 p.m. Gather for lunch at a designated spot.

7:00 p.m. Return to Gander Mountain

Equipment:

Suggested fishing gear includes 4-6 wt. rod, layered wicking clothing, hat, sunscreen, waders, boots, wading staff, net, vest/pack, etc.

Bring your own lunch, snacks, and beverages.

Hatches and Flies:

(Go to http://www.royalgorgeanglers.com/best_fly_patterns.php for fly patterns)

Hatch:

Flies to Match:

Caddis

Brachycentrus occidentalis

Rhyacophila brunnea

Rhyacophila coloradensis

#14 Metallic Larva, #14 Larry's Larva, #16 BH Pupa

#16 Sparkle Pupa, #14 Black Foam Caddis

#14-16 Elk Hair Caddis, #14 Peacock Caddis

#14 Hi-Vis Caddis, #14 Egg Layer

Stoneflies

#10 Orange Stimulator, #10 Golden Stone

#10 Yellow PMX, #10 Rubberleg

#10 Royal PMX, #10 BH 20 Incher

Baetis tricaudatus Mayflies

#18 Emerald Ice, #20 Black Ice, # 18 Blue Wing Olive,

18 Hi Vis Baetis, #18 BH PT, #18 Parachute Adams,

#18 Copper John, #18 Adams, #18 Quill BWO

Trip Host:

Randy Kittelson, Fishing Trips Committee Chair

Call 303.667.1262 (mobile) for more information or to sign up.