



**The Thames River Basin Partnership
Floating Workshop XIX
Friday, June 14, 2019
Bozrah Town Hall
1 River Road, Bozrah, CT 06334
12:00 – 4:30 PM**

Discover the Yantic River

Registration is now open for the 19th annual Thames River Basin Partnership Floating Workshop. The cost of this year's Floating Workshop is \$25, and will include a light lunch. Pre-registration required.

The Yantic River is one of the nine regional watersheds upstream of the Thames River main stem. Did you know that the Yantic River is a popular whitewater paddling destination and a Trout Management Area with some areas restricted for fly fishing only? Because of its special qualities, the Yantic River was designated a State of Connecticut Greenway in 2013.

We will begin this year's workshop at the Bozrah Town Hall, where Neal Hagstrom of CT DEEP Fisheries will give a talk about the CT DEEP Trout Management Program. As we transition to Riverwalk Park on Stockhouse Road, we will learn about rain gardens and how they help protect water quality. We will have a light lunch at the park, then break into groups to visit several hands on learning stations including water quality monitoring and interpretation, introduction to underwater bugs and the story they tell us about water quality, and a fly fishing lesson by our Partners at Thames Valley Trout Unlimited.

There will be optional morning activities, sponsored by the Town of Norwich. Sign up information for these programs are on page 2 of this form.

This year's Floating Workshop is funded in part by Millennium Power through The Last Green Valley and in partnership with the Eastern Connecticut Conservation District. For more information, call Jean Pillo at 860-928-4948 or email at Jean.Pillo@Comcast.net.

Registration must be received by June 7, 2019. Any late registrations must be confirmed through Jean Pillo. Registration is limited to 45 people. Please make your check payable to the **Eastern Connecticut Conservation District**, and mail it with the completed registration form below to:

TRBP Floating Workshop, c/o ECCD, 238 West Town Street, Norwich CT 06360

✂ _____ CUT HERE TO SAVE WORKSHOP INFORMATION ABOVE _____ ✂

Workshop Registration

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

Organization _____ Phone _____

Email address _____ Amount Enclosed _____

I wish to make an additional tax deductible donation to the TRBP of \$ _____

Special dietary restrictions: _____

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Optional morning activities sponsored by the Town of Norwich

Option 1: Hike along the Heritage Trail in Norwich, which is a 2.8-mile roundtrip trail along the Yantic River connecting historic downtown Norwich, CT to Uncas Leap. This 40 minute hike includes some steep inclines. Pre-registration is required. Hikers will gather at 10:00am at Howard Brown Park. To register for this interpreted walk, call Jean Pillo at 860-928-4948 or email Jean.Pillo@Comcast.net.

Option 2: Paddle from Howard Brown Park up the Yantic River to Uncas Leap and return along the opposite side of Hollyhock Island. Participants are required to provide their own paddle craft, PFD, paddles and a whistle. This “paddle at your own risk” event will meet up at 9 AM for a 2 hour adventure up the Yantic River to the falls. Pre-registration is required. To register for this event, email Tucker Braddock at HTuckerBraddock@gmail.com and CC Jean.Pillo@Comcast.net.