

Kyle Sieber's 2016 Work Project Summary

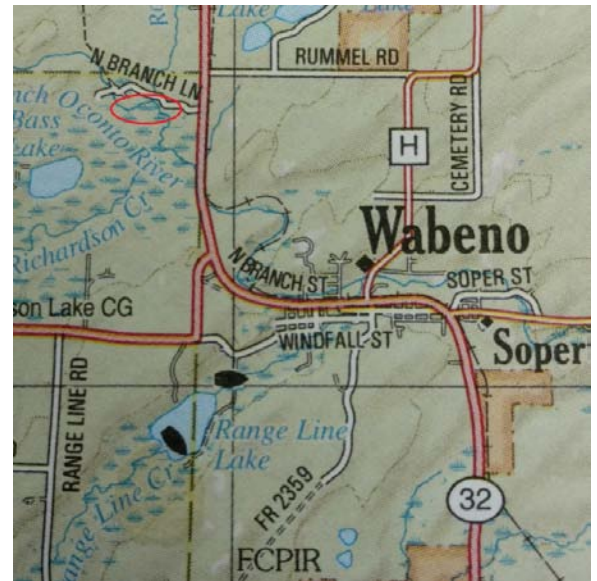
North Branch Oconto River

Location: Forest County, North of Wabeno, West on North Branch Lane. Round Creek flows North to South under the road and empties into the North Branch a short distance downstream.

Work Completed: Fishability brushing, brush bundles, large wood/root wad additions.

Importance: Headwaters of the North Branch used by spawning trout. Stream narrowing will increase depth and uncover gravel spawning substrate. Woody additions increase refuge cover for spawning trout and young of the year.

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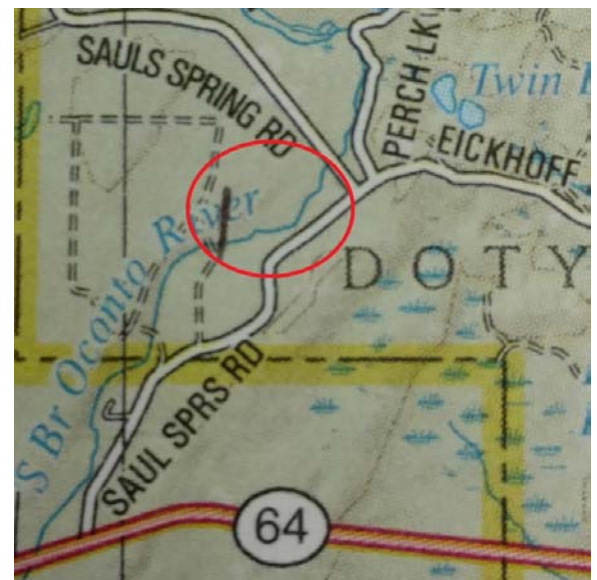
South Branch Oconto River off Sauls Springs Road

Location: Oconto County, West of Mountain on Highway 64, North on Saul Spring Road

Work Completed: Fishability brushing, brush bundles, large woody debris.

Importance: Brushing allows for increased sunlight which leads to increased aquatic vegetation, leading to an increase in aquatic macro invertebrates. Brush bundling narrows and deepens the stream. Large wood increases refuge cover and feeding lies. Fishability brushing opens up the stream for relatively easy fishing.

GPS Coordinate Information: Parking = 45.217819, -88.653183 OR 45.210910, -88.658212; Project Start = 45.217184, -88.652769; Project End = 45.212641, -88.658447



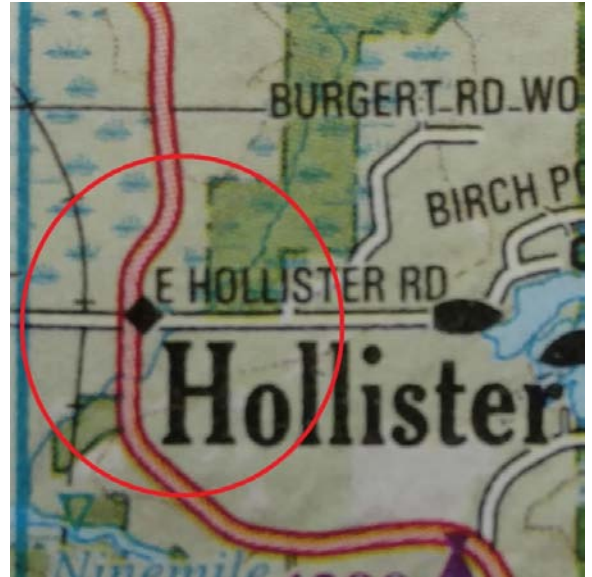
Ninemile Creek

Location: Langlade County, North of White Lake on Highway 55. East on East Hollister Road

Work Completed: Fishability brushing, brush bundles.

Importance: Fishability brushing opens up the stream for relatively easy fishing. Brush bundling narrows and deepens the stream

GPS Coordinate Information: Parking = 45.243673, -88.792916; Project Start = 45.242941, -88.796310; Project End = 45.248603, -88.786679



McCaslin Brook

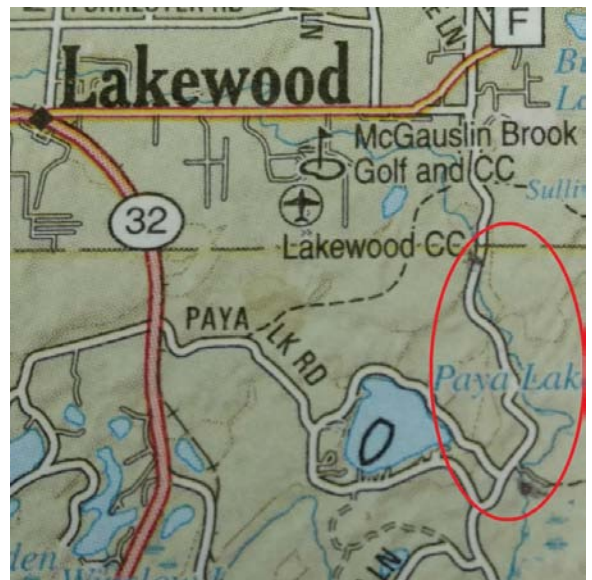
Location: Oconto County, East of Lakewood on County F, South on Old 32.

Work Completed: Fishability brushing, brush bundles, large woody debris.

Importance: Brush bundling narrows and deepens the stream. Large wood increases refuge cover and feeding lies. Brushing opens up the stream for relatively easy fishing.

Note: McCaslin is quite rocky. Wearing a pair of ice cleats greatly increases traction and reduces the risk of slips, falls, and injuries.

GPS Coordinate Information: Parking = 45.287974, -88.475797 OR 45.286887, -88.476054 OR 45.282843, -88.473263 OR 45.272678, -88.471359; Project Start = 45.288124, -88.475549; Project End = 45.272662, -88.471134



South Branch Oconto River

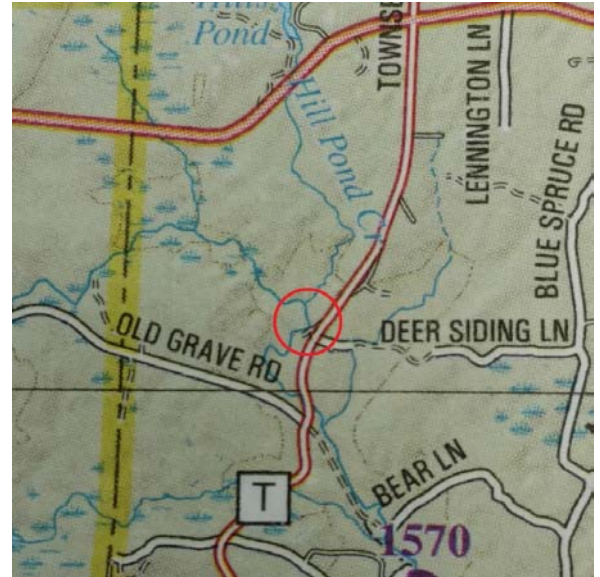
Location: Oconto County, West of Mountain on Highway 64, South on County T

Work Completed: Fishability brushing, brush bundles, large woody debris.

Importance: Forest Service camp sites with handicapped accessible boardwalks and fishing platforms. Brush bundling narrows and deepens the stream. Large wood increases refuge cover and feeding lies. Fishability brushing opens up the stream for relatively easy fishing.

Note: This section is commonly referred to as “Barrier Free.”

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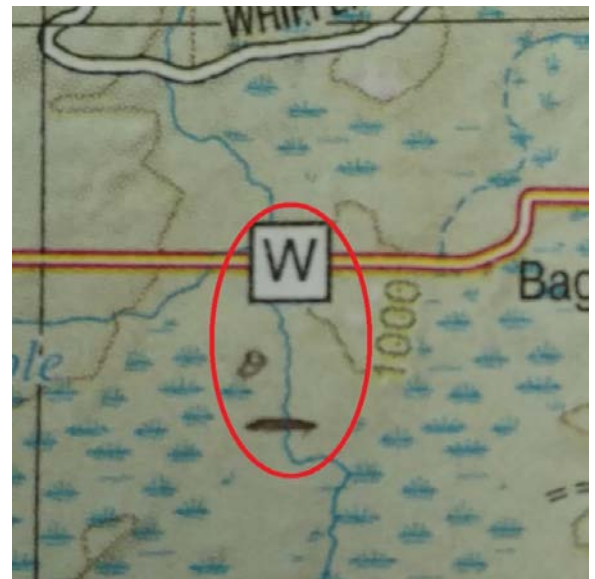
1st South Branch Oconto River

Location: Oconto County, West of Mountain on County W.

Work Completed: Fishability brushing, brush bundles, large woody debris.

Importance: Brush bundling narrows and deepens the stream. Large wood increases refuge cover and feeding lies. Fishability brushing opens up the stream for relatively easy fishing. Old Bank Covers were overgrown prior to brushing.

GPS Coordinate Information: Parking = 45.160318, -88.526277 OR 45.160279, -88.523315 OR 45.160066, -88.520550; Project Start = 45.160092, -88.524380; Project End = 45.153963, -88.524278



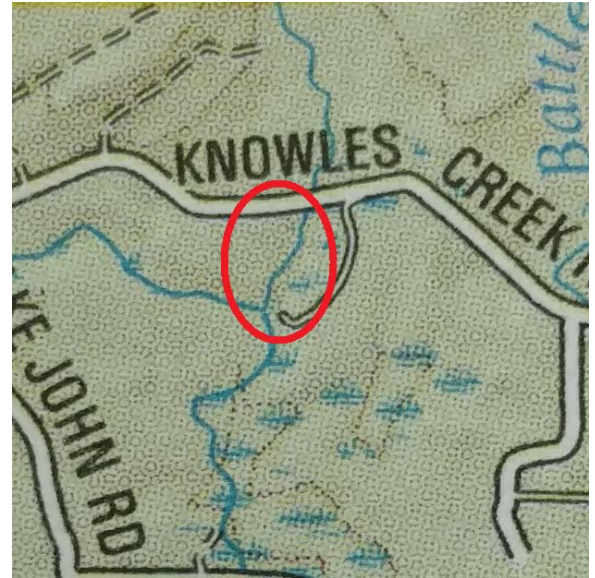
Knowles Creek

Location: Oconto County, East of Lakewood on County F, North/West on Knowles Creek Road

Work Completed: Brushing, brush bundles, large woody debris.

Importance: Knowles Creek used by spawning trout of the North Branch Oconto River. Stream narrowing will increase depth and uncover gravel spawning substrate. Woody additions increase refuge cover for spawning trout and young of the year.

GPS Coordinate Information: Parking = 45.367472, -88.488054; Project Start = 45.367503, -88.488316; Project End = 45.364980, -88.489596 Give or take.



Upcoming Projects

South Branch Oconto River: Hill Road downstream to Highway 32. Repositioning and/or removal of large willow trees. These willows have reached the end of their lifespan and are breaking apart and falling into the river. Numerous log jams make navigation nearly impossible. These large trees will make excellent log sills and sweepers. Additional recon will occur downstream of Highway 32 to Clay Road.

1st South Branch Oconto River: Pat Lake Road downstream to Whiffen Lane and Highway 32 downstream to Highway 64. Heavy damage occurred during the last tornado. The wood makes for some great, albeit difficult, fishing but access is a nightmare. Some large wood will be removed or rearranged, but the main goal is to make these sections more easily accessible to fisherman. Brushing will also take place.

North Branch Beaver Creek: West of Beaver, WI on County P, North on 21st Road. The handicapped fishing platform is in need of repair. The fishing hole that the platform overlooks could use some improvement as well. Brushing and bundling will continue downstream.

South Branch Oconto River: County T. Barrier Free Fishing Area. Brushing, bundling and large wood additions will continue upstream of where we left off last summer.

McCaslin Brook: Recon to occur in numerous locations between Townsend and Lakewood.

While You're Here

- Restaurants abound along Highway 32. A personal favorite is Mulligans, located just South of Lakewood. O'Neills Halfway Bar and Tracey's Place also serve fine food.
- If you're looking for a break from the trout fishing there are hundreds of lakes in the area that offer fishing for nearly anything you could hope to target.
- McCaslin Brook Golf Course in Lakewood is an affordable course if you're in the mood to swing a club.
- Cathedral of Pines, just West of Lakewood, offers a glimpse of some of the State's last remaining old growth Red Pines. These trees are truly enormous and are worth your time.
- The Wolf River in Langlade County offers numerous tubing and rafting opportunities. Kosir's Rapids Resort on the Peshtigo River also offers aquatic excursions.
- This is just a short list of activities in the Lakewood area. For a more complete list, check out the Oconto County Tourism website at <http://www.ocontocounty.org/>.

Work Days

If you're interested in contributing to the work being done please don't hesitate to join us for a work day. Trout Unlimited Work Days are the third Saturday of every month from May through September involving members from the Green Bay, Oconto, Marinette, and Wolf River chapters. Members from other chapters do turn up on occasion, and you certainly don't need to be a member to attend. For additional information on past or future work days, including numerous photos and project recap summaries, check out the Green Bay Trout Unlimited website at <http://greenbaytu.org/>.