

## **Kids' Fishing Area in Cross Fork**

**Kettle Creek Watershed Association's long awaited project in the Kids' Fishing Area in Cross Fork is complete. A huge "Thank you" goes out to all who helped install the 5 log faced, stone filled triangular deflectors. These improved overhead cover structures improve the habitat for fish and will allow kids to stand on them.**

**Some of the Kettle Creek Screamin' Maggots from Ohio, Ken Skala, Dan Mc Clintock and Jason Weese, worked every day. These tireless guys (and all the maggots left behind in Ohio) have been unbelievably helpful to KCWA since we met them in May, 2008. Ken got us the extra Volvo excavator to use, cost free from Highway Equipment in Lock Haven. Without this piece of equipment and Ken to run it, the project could have taken another 2 days as had been expected.**

**Jeff Lewis and his son, Dean, from Meadville again came to their camp at Windfall and gave us many hours of hard labor.**

**Jerry Boone, from south of Columbus, Ohio, stayed at the Kettle Creek Adventures Bed and Breakfast as did the Cleveland-area Maggots. We hope he will return to help us at our May planting since he is a marathon runner and works very fast. He and Dave Cardellino, board member and owner of K. C. Adventures, were always working without much rest.**

**There were several other KCWA board members who always show up to help and are very appreciated. Special thanks to board member Dick Sodergren, KCWA Habitat Committee Chairman, for the water and Gatorade in a cooler with ice. He brought snacks, too. Work happened on the hottest days of the summer. Other KCWA board members who helped were Carol Hyde, John Larson, Joe Letcher, Dean Mertz and Dave Mc Intyre.**

**Jim Toth, KCWA board member, brought help from his camp and a young college guy named Steve Polonkey can really swing a sledge hammer. "Guru" took pictures for them. Jim's brother, Denny, left this life too soon and will have a stone with a plaque at this site. The Denny Toth Memorial Fund is making a generous donation for the project since Denny loved to fish and teach kids to fish.**

**Scott Koser, Watershed Specialist for the Clinton County Conservation District, also gave us his labor.**

**The KCWA photographer was board member Rich Wykoff. For his pictures from the first day's work on Monday, August 17, check out <http://picasaweb.google.com/rwykoff68/KCWAKidsarea> and for pictures of the finished product <http://picasaweb.google.com/rwykoff68/KettleCreekWatershedAssociationStreamEnhancementProjectCrossForkChildrenSFishingArea> .**

**George Labant, somewhat retired from the famous 'Let George Do It' company, donated his time and expertise on his backhoe all 3 days. The 440 tons of stone used for the project was purchased from his son Danny who now runs the company. Danny also cut and delivered the larch logs used.**

**Cross Fork Sportsmen's Club made a monetary donation to the project. We hope the work done will benefit their already successful Kids' Fishing Derby held every year on the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend.**

**Last but not least were the PA Fish and Boat guys. Of course there is no one easier to work with than the very knowledgeable Dave Keller. His/our helpers were John who runs a mean chain saw, Lance who ran the PA F&B excavator and Wyatt who ran the skid steer and. These four made a hot, humid job less unbearable.**

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