

Fall 2020 Stocking on SF 10 Mile Creek

It was 7AM on Saturday, Nov 14 & Frodo & I were headed for Greene Co. The Izaak Walton League/Harry Enstrom Chapter would be stocking trout today & we'd never made one of the events before, so it was about time. I'd tried to find the site on Mapquest, etc, before, with no luck, but Dallas Slagle had sent me a map, so no excuses this time. Forty-five minutes later I understood why. We were snaking down a narrow, one lane, patch of asphalt in the middle of nowhere, Greene Co. (That's the city boy talking). I was surprised it even had a name. Pollocks Mill Road it said. After several minutes I rounded a bend to see the stocking crew ready to start. It had been about 30F when we left home in Washington Co but by the time we got down to the valley at Pollocks Mill Rd bridge it read 25F outside. Toasty!

There were about a dozen cars & 15 people milling around. So, a very good turnout for a very frosty, very early, Saturday morning.

About a 1000 lbs of trout were stocked at several sites between the bridge and Clarksville. At each stop lines would form at the fish truck, buckets & bins would be filled, and carried to the creek. At some locations the bank was quite steep so a line would form down the hill and buckets of fish would be passed hand to hand down to the creek. Empties would come back up to the next runner who would take it back to the truck for a refill. The system worked pretty efficiently and there were enough hands to get all the fish in the water in about an hour. And some fish they were. I passed by buckets & bins hauling fish that were at least 15" long & more. They should provide a bit of excitement to some lucky anglers.

Well done folks, and thank you to the volunteers & members who helped get it done.

Ken Yonek