



Tours (more details to follow)

All tours have no up-front cost and transportation included. However, any purchases during tours (food, beverages, fishing licenses, etc.) are the responsibility of the participants. Details of these costs will be provided to those who indicate interest in the survey.

USGS S.O. Conte Anadromous Fish Research Laboratory

This tour will showcase the state-of-the-art fish passage research facilities at the Conte Laboratory, including the Flume Facility (three 38 m long, 3-6 m width open channel flumes with maximum 10 m³/sec flow), Hydraulic Laboratory, and new Aquatic Biomechanics and Kinematics Station (ABiKiS) apparatus for investigations of fish swimming performance and kinematics. A possible side tour of the adjacent Cabot Fishway at the FirstLight Power Resources hydroelectric project may also be offered.

Robert E. Barrett Fishway at Holyoke Gas & Electric

The fishlift at Holyoke Gas & Electric's Robert E. Barrett Fishway helps migrating fish over the dam. It was the first and most successful fish lift on the Atlantic coast. It consists of two elevators or "lifts" which carry migrating fish up and over the Holyoke dam.

Connecticut River Tributary Passage Projects

There are a number of tributary dam removals and fish passage projects on small tributaries to the Connecticut River. We will visit the site of the Amethyst Brook dam removal and the Owen's Pond fishway and other sites with controversy or ongoing effort to restore river connectivity. Join Boyd Kynard and other guests for a tour and discussion.

Connecticut River Brewery Tour

The Connecticut River energy was once harnessed to run mills and industrial efforts, however many of these historical sites fell in a state of non-use. However, the area is seeing the emergence of a craft beer industry that is finding use for these old abandoned buildings. Join a group of beer enthusiasts on a trip to a number of these efforts along the river and tributaries. The evening will end with an optional dinner overlooking the water. Perfect timing on the heels of Western Mass Beer Week!

Quabbin Reservoir Fishing Trip

Quabbin Reservoir is among the largest man-made public water supplies in the United States. It was completed in the 1930s by construction of two huge earthen dams that impound 39 square miles (18 miles long and has 181 miles of shoreline). When full, the Quabbin holds 412 billion gallons of water. Avid graduate student fishermen will lead a group onto the Quabbin for a fishing adventure.