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H O M E W A T E R S

Nothing speaks to you like your home waters. It's your local fishery, your private retreat. A place to go and to know like no other. It's the spot you sneak away to after supper to find peace, sanity, and perhaps catch a few fish while you're at it. And whether it's the gentle riffle section or the back eddy you've named yourself, home waters are those special places that beckon you back time and time again.





For trout fisherman Frank Plucinsky, home waters lie below Blue Marsh Dam on the meandering bends of a tailwater fishery

known as Tulpehocken Creek. Just minutes from his New England Saltbox home in Sinking Spring, Pennsylvania, the "Tully" beckons him to its tumbling riffles and wadeable flats every season of the year.

When he's not fishing, Frank devotes much of his time to the management and preservation of the creek. The Tully is a fragile ecosystem that flourishes year-round thanks to the efforts of Frank and his local Trout Unlimited chapter. And though actual angling hours are more limited than he'd like, somehow, "when the Virginia Blue Bells are blooming and the caddis are on," Frank always makes time to pack his pipe with a pinch of Borkum Riff tobacco, tie on a size 16 cinnamon caddis emerger, and fish for rainbows and browns at least a couple times a week.

Hitting every spot from Red Bridge Pool and Paper Mill Riffle to the remote, but prolific Palisades section, Frank opts to fish when he knows he can avoid a crowd. And if he's lucky, his wife Priscilla will bake him a batch of her caramel-drizzled sticky buns to fuel him before setting out on his cool, hazy morning excursions.

*"some of the best holding water
is right below the bridge"*



*"the Tulpehocken fishes so well,
I don't have to go anywhere else"*



Pool to Paper Mill Riffle

*"this year we stocked the Tully by hand, carrying
fingerlings down in 5-gallon buckets.."*

*"you can start wading near the
opening at the wood duck houses"*



*"I've kept a diary of every hatch I
fished on the Tully for 26 years"*

