



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Friends of the Jordan River National Fish Hatchery



The *Friends of the Jordan River National Fish Hatchery* is a non-profit organization dedicated to conserving fishery and other resources within the Great Lakes ecosystem. The group provides support for projects and educational programs conducted by the Fish and Wildlife Service's Jordan River National Fish Hatchery. The organization assists the hatchery by raising public awareness and involvement for the Service's programs by providing educational and recreational opportunities for the public.



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Friends of the Jordan River National Fish Hatchery members Tim Moore and John Sumner were the designers and foreman of the Visitor Pavilion project at the Jordan River National Fish Hatchery.

The *Friends of the Jordan River National Fish Hatchery* were a recipient of a Challenge Cost Share grant which funded the construction of a Visitors Pavilion on the hatchery grounds. In addition to securing funding, the Friends Group held a "Barn Raising" event to complete construction of the structure.

The *Friends of the Jordan River National Fish Hatchery* is vital to the educational and public awareness programs carried out at Jordan River National Fish Hatchery. The organization sponsors: "Fish are Fun" an after school and evening program series, where children are provided opportunities to learn about our environment, natural resource conservation and Michigan fishes. The spring "Adopt a Trail Cleanup" is completed on "Earth Day." The annual event is performed in coordination with partners from the North Country Trail Association and Boy Scouts of America. The Friends Group assists in the promotion and support of numerous other hatchery events.



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Even the "Kids of the Friends" pitched in to help get the Visitor Pavilion constructed at the hatchery.



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Mother and son enjoy opening day of the Michigan Trout season at the Johnson's Pond Kid's Fishing Day. The event was coordinated with assistance from Jordan River NFH Friends Group members and hatchery staff.

The Friends of the *Jordan River National Fish Hatchery* is a public service organization dedicated to the health and preservation of natural resources of the Jordan River valley and surrounding area. They accomplish this through:

- Environmental advocacy through legislative, educational and media avenues
- Increased visibility and membership expansion to establish and grow a concerned membership
- Fundraising to support and promote environmental stewardship, and
- Mentoring the next generation of environmental stewards through promotion of ecologically sustainable management and conservation.



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The Friends Group and Jordan River National Fish Hatchery staff teamed up with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Trout Unlimited at the Oden State Fish Hatchery for this Kid's Fishing Event (left). Friends Group board member and long-time volunteer Dan Sutherland welcomes snowmobilers during a recent membership drive event (right).



Earth Day 2007 - USFWS photos

The Friends of Jordan River National Fish Hatchery teamed up with the local Boy Scout pack from East Jordan, Michigan, to do some maintenance on the nearby North Country Trail in celebration of Earth Day (left). Friends Group President Bob MacCord and his wife Liz staff a booth that promoted "No Child Left Indoors" during the event.



Visitors are welcome at our office every day from 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Established in 1963 in the picturesque Jordan River valley of northern Lower Michigan, the **Jordan River National Fish Hatchery** is dedicated to the production of lake trout for restoration purposes in the Great Lakes. Largest of three regional Fish and Wildlife Service facilities dedicated to the production of lake trout for stocking, the hatchery annually produces over three million fingerling and yearling lake trout for distribution in lakes Michigan and Huron.

For additional information about the *Friends of the Jordan River National Fish Hatchery* and visitation and outreach opportunities at the Jordan River National Fish Hatchery, contact:
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