



Did you know that there were a record nine dams removed in Vermont last year? And we managed two of those! Learn more about Free Vermont Rivers at this special Movie Night event May 21

THE WILD SIDE

A Documentary on Vermont's Trout

By Jake Leamon



Film followed by a panel discussion about local dam removal projects



Co-branded beer launch with Good Measure



The Savoy Theater

Thursday, May 21st | 6 pm - 8 pm



**Celebrate World Fish Migration Day
with Friends & Movie & New Beer**

We Are River People! Everybody has a connection to rivers, whether it's because food is gathered from there, you go kayaking, fishing or grew up next a beautiful free flowing river. We all share a connection to the rivers and the fish that live in them. [World Fish Migration Day](#) is an biennial global celebration of migratory fish, the rivers they need to thrive, and the people who are connecting around these issues because we all care about our collective future.

Thursday, May 21 at 6:00 pm at the Savoy Theater in Montpelier

Enjoy *The Wild Side*, a one-hour film produced by a local student, and stay for a panel discussion of trout, their habitat, and dam removal work in our watershed. The Savoy will have our new, limited edition **We Are River People** IPA by Good Measure brewing of Northfield for purchase from the concession stand.

Tickets are by donation at the link below. All proceeds will go to the [Free Vermont Rivers](#) fund to support our collective dam removal work.

Buy Your Tickets Today!

About the Filmmaker: Spotlight on Jacob Leamon

Jake Leamon is a junior at Middlebury College majoring in film and media studies and economics. He is currently studying abroad at the University of Otago in New Zealand. A native Vermonter, Jake is an avid fly fisherman who works as a guide and staff member at Green Mountain Adventures. He hopes that you enjoy the show!

If you're curious to see more of Jake's work you can see it at [On The Reel on YouTube](#) and [Instagram](#).

About the Panel: Teamwork for Dam Removal

Karina Dailey, Vermont Natural Resources Council, coordinates the Vermont Dam Task Force, a community of practice where we share our experiences and learn from other experts in the field. Karina has led our success in a record-breaking number of dam removals in 2025.

Bret Ladago, Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department, is our Regional Fisheries Biologist whose work is focused on restoration of fish populations, and who provides invaluable technical assistance to our barrier removal projects.

Michele Braun, our own Executive Director, leads the dam removal program at Friends of the Winooski, and has completed the removal of three dams in our watershed, with four more projects in the works.

In case you missed it, we recommend [this article in VTDigger](#) about all of the 2025 dam removals.

We look forward to answering your questions about brook trout and how we can help them continue to thrive in Vermont.

Reserve Your Tickets Today!

[Click Here!](#)



WORLD FISH MIGRATION DAY

EVENTS ACROSS VERMONT

Vermont River Conservancy - River 2021 Film Screening @ Haskelle Library & Opera House
Derby Line | May 21, 6:00 - 8:00 PM

Friends of the Winooski River - The Wild Side Film Screening @ the Savoy Theater
Montpelier | May 21, 6:00 - 8:00 PM

Vermont River Conservancy & Northwoods Stewardship Center - Clyde River Paddle Outing @ 10 Mile Square Road
Access Point Charleston | May 23, 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Vermont Rivers Program & Fisheries - The Wild Side Film Screening @ Long Trail Brewing Co.
Bridgewater Corners | May 23, 12:00 - 2:00 PM

US Fish and Wildlife Service - Brown Bag Salmon Presentation with Fisheries Biologist @ Virtual Zoom
Presentation (see website) - May 28 12:00 - 1:00 PM

Vermont Natural Resources Council - DamNation Film Screening @ ECHO Center, Burlington | May 28, 5:30-7:30 PM

Flynn and Sustainability Academy - Trout Parade @
The Flynn, Burlington | May 29, 12:00 PM



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