

West Valley Creek Hatch Chart, by James A. Lowe

These dates will vary slightly from year to year depending on air temperature and water conditions.

xxxx = Sporadic Hatch **XXXX** = Good Hatch

JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
				xxx	xxxx	xxxx	xxxx	XXXX			
				May 5 -				Sept. 30			

Fly: Stenonema Modestum

Dry Fly Pattern: Light Cahill (12 &14)

Wet Fly Pattern: Stenonema Nymph (12 & 14)

Sporadic hatches during the season with the heaviest hatches occurring during September.

JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
				XXX							
				May 12 – May 30							

Fly: Ephemerella Rotunda and Ephemerella Invaria

Dry Fly Pattern: Light Cahill (14 &16): Sulphur Dun (14 & 16) and Sulphur Spinner (14 & 16)

Wet Fly Pattern: Ephemerella Nymph (14): Ephemerella Emerger (14) and Pale Evening Dun, wet (14).

Heavy evening hatch and spinner fall.

JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
				X	X						
				May 27 -	June 6						

Fly: Ephemerella Dorothea

Dry Fly Pattern: Sulphur Dun (16 & 18): Pale Watery Dun (16) and Pale Evening Dun (16).

Wet Fly Pattern: Pale Evening Dun (16) and Ephemerella Nymph and Emerger (16).

Good evening hatch and spinner fall.

JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
					xxxx	xxxx					
					June 1 -	July 31					

Fly: Ephemerella Varia

Dry Fly Pattern: Light Cahill (12 & 14) and Sulphur Dun (12 & 14).

Wet Fly Pattern: Varia Nymph (12) and Varia Wiggle Nymph (12).

Heavy evening hatch early June. Sporadic during summer evenings.

JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
				xx	xxxx						
				May 20 -	June 18						

Fly: Baetis Specie

Dry Fly Pattern: Small dark brown to dark olive mayfly with dark gray wings and medium blue dun hackle (22 to 24).

Wet Fly Pattern: Dark nymph (22).

Sporadic morning hatch.

JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
					xxx	xxxx	xxxx				
					June 6 -		Aug. 31				

Fly: Baetis Interclaris

Dry Fly Pattern: Light Blue Wing Olive (22 & 24).

Small olive-gray mayfly that hatches from riffles during the last 1½ hours in the evening. Heavy in September.

JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
				xx	xxxx	xxxx	xxxx	xxxx			
				May 20 -				Sept. 30			

Fly: Baetis Flavistego

Dry Fly Pattern: Ginger body, light blue dun hackle and light gray or white wings (22 & 24).

Small ginger colored mayfly that hatches from riffles during the last 1½ hours in the evening.

Heavy in September.

JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
						xxx	xxxx	xx			
						July 14		Sept. 14			

Fly: Hexagenia Atrocaudata

Dry Fly Pattern: Dark Green Drake (8 & 10).

Wet Fly Pattern: Hexagenia Wiggle Nymph (10).

Sporadic hatching, some good spinner falls after dark.

JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
				xx	xxxx	xxxx	xxxx	xxxx			
				May 20 -				Sept. 30			

Fly: Stenacron Interpunctatum

Dry Fly Pattern: Light Cahill (12 to 16) and Ausable Wulff (12 to 16).

Asporadic hatch lasting all summer and into fall. Go smaller in size as the season progresses.

JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
					xx	xxxx	xxxx	xxxx	xxxx	xxxx	xx
					June 16 -						Dec. 8

Fly: Tricorythodes Allectus

Dry Fly Pattern: Trico Spinner (22 to 28).

Wet Fly Pattern: Trico Nymphs (24 & 26)

This used to be the best summer hatch on West Valley Creek. Has declined over the past few years. Spinner fall starts around 8:00 AM but will occur later in the day as the season progresses. Spinner fall will occur in the afternoon late in the fall

Note:

Periodically, there are also good hatches of caddis and, during July and August, terrestrials such as ants and crickets can provide excellent fishing.