

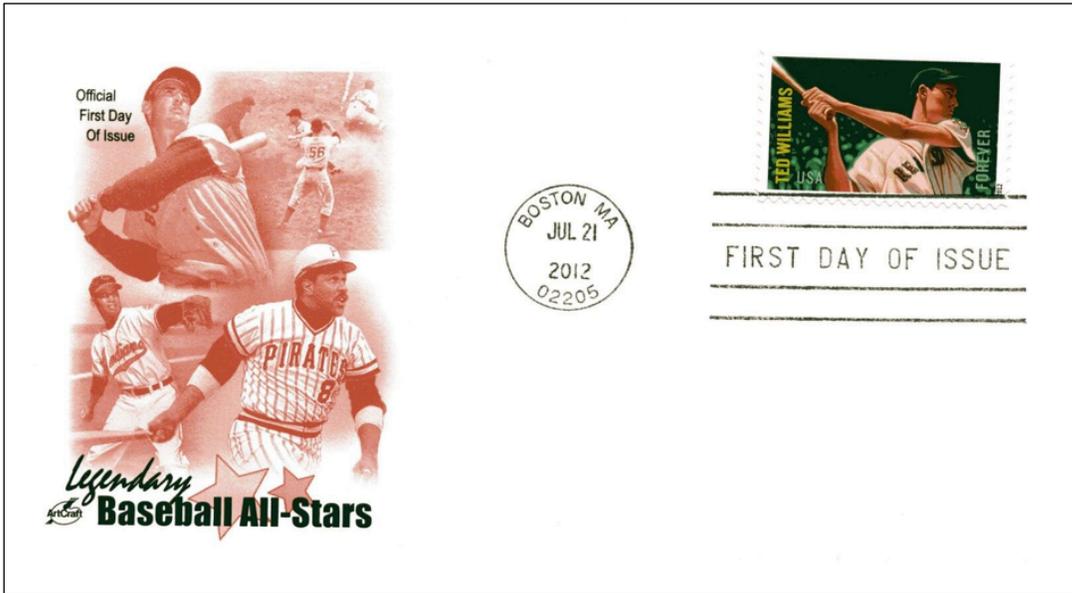
WHAT DOES FLY FISHING AND BASEBALL HAVE IN COMMON? TED WILLIAMS

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The Baseball Hall of Fame legendary hitter and 17 time All-Star for the Boston Red Sox was also inducted into the International Game Fish Association Hall of Fame and the Fly Fishing Hall of Fame.

Many have written about the skill level he achieved perfecting the fly fishing sport. He studied the habitats of fish and knew how to expertly tie flies to match the insects the fish were biting. He also developed his casting techniques, being careful certain arm movements did not interfere with his baseball swing. He was very accurate with a fly rod, often giving demonstrations at sports shows.

Throughout his career, and after, he could be found fishing in the waters near his home in Florida and in the various lakes and rivers of Maine and New Brunswick, Canada, where he owned a cabin on the Miramichi River. He was an early advocate of catch and release.

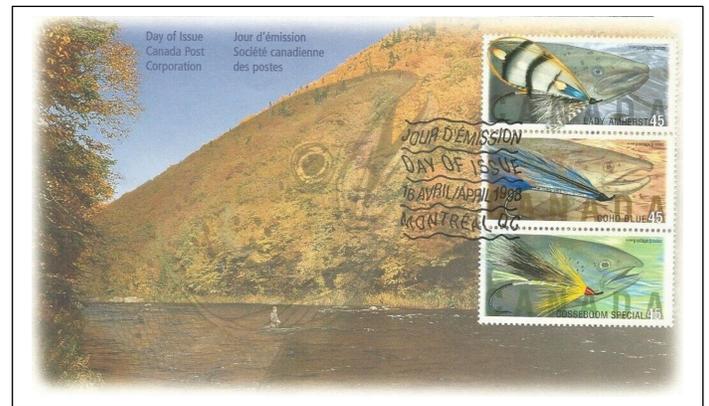


Williams and lifelong friend Bud Leavitt, sports editor of the Bangor Daily News, went on numerous excursions into the Maine woods and at times appeared together on Leavitt's PBS TV show, *Woods and Waters*, to talk about their adventures. He used the media to raise money for nature conservation, and for many charitable organizations through the Boston Red Sox.

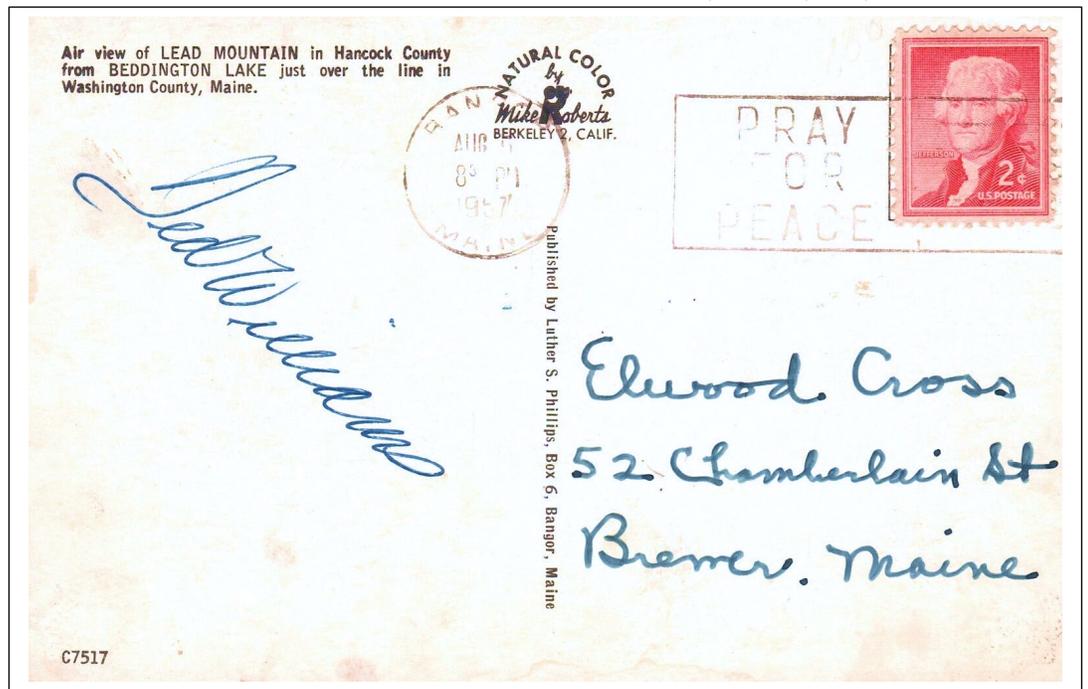
Williams also signed his name whenever asked. His autograph below is on a Maine postcard mailed from Bangor to sister city Brewer, Maine, in 1957. Beddington Lake (photo on the card) feeds the Narraguagus River, once one of the best Atlantic Salmon rivers for fly fishing in Downeast Maine.

At this time, sea-run Atlantic Salmon in Maine are on the endangered species list. Fishing for them is not allowed on any Maine river.

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