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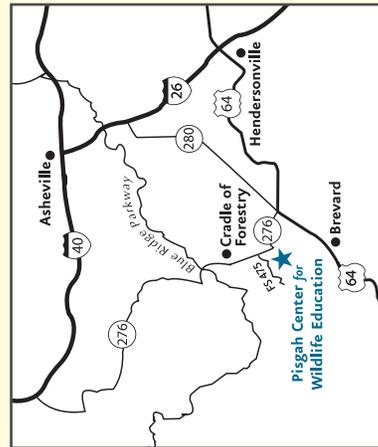
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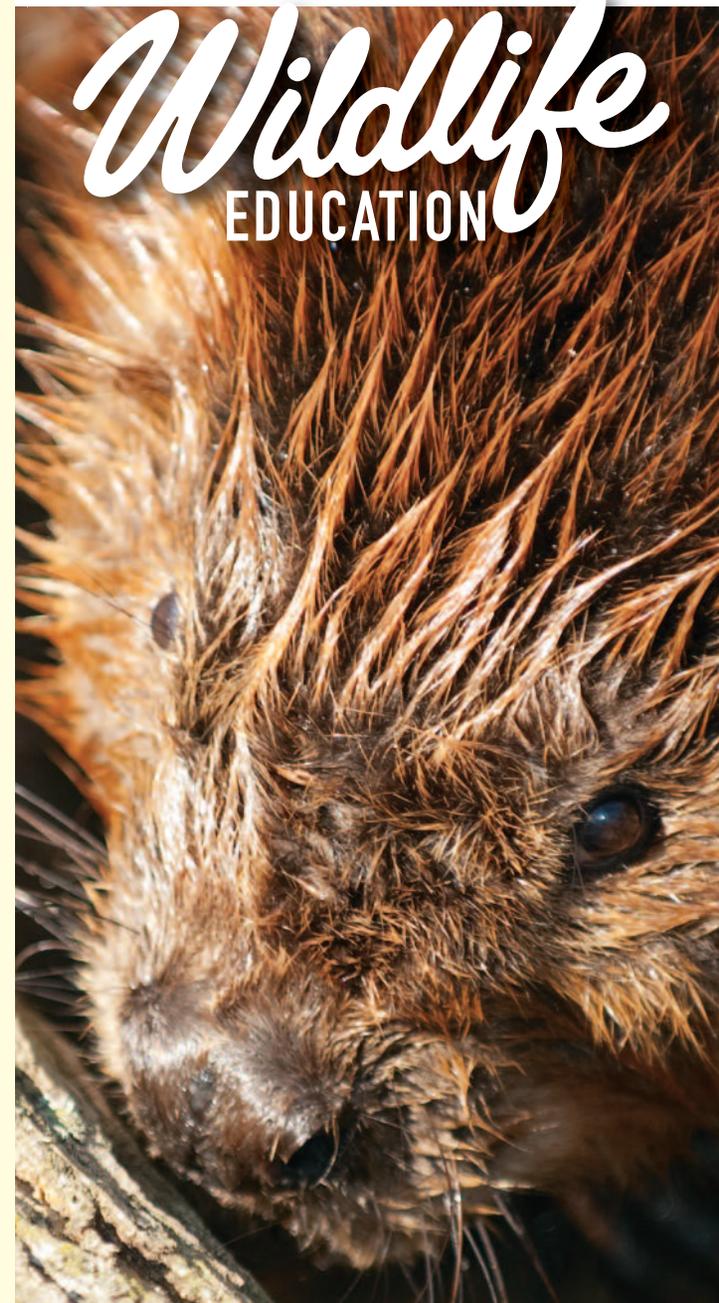
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PROGRAMS FOR THE PUBLIC

2015

Programs for the public are free unless a registration fee is listed; however, donations are gladly accepted. Pre-registration is required for all programs. Please register online at <http://www.ncwildlife.org/Learning/EducationCenters/Pisgah/EventRegistration.aspx> or call 828-877-4423.

February

Nature Nuts: Animal Senses

FEB. 11 W 9AM TO 11AM

FEB. 16 M 9AM TO 11AM

Spend the morning with PCWE education staff as we explore the world of animal senses. We'll take a closer look at some of the unique and fascinating ways in which animals interact with their environment. Ages 4-7.

Eco Explorers: Living Downstream

FEB. 11 W 1PM TO 3PM

FEB. 16 M 1PM TO 3PM

Learn about environmentally friendly planning and its impacts by designing a model town that minimizes pollution and makes commuting, living and working easier for town residents. We'll also focus on the impact the town has on river inhabitants such as trout, macroinvertebrates, and other wildlife. Ages 8-13.

Fly Tying: Level I

FEB. 13 F 9AM TO NOON

Spend a relaxing morning with our experienced fly tiers who teach the fundamentals of fly-tying. Work at your own pace to tie a basic pattern. Equipment and materials provided. Ages 12 and up.

Fly Tying: Level II

FEB. 20 F 9AM TO NOON

If you have learned the basics of fly tying and feel ready to take the next step, then come spend a day with us and we will teach you a few more advanced patterns and techniques. Equipment and materials provided. Ages 12 and up.



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March

Nature Nuts: Rabbits

MARCH 2 M 9AM TO 11AM

MARCH 18 W 9AM TO 11AM

MARCH 27 F 9AM TO 11PM

Enjoy a morning of craft making, story time, and educational games while exploring the exciting world of rabbits! Ages 4-7.

Eco Explorers: Fly Tying

MARCH 2 M 1PM TO 3PM

MARCH 18 W 1PM TO 3PM

MARCH 27 F 1PM TO 3PM

Enjoy learning the fundamentals and art of fly tying. You will work at your own pace to tie basic patterns under the guidance of our experienced instructors. Equipment and materials are provided. Limited to 8 participants. Ages 8-13.

Introduction to Fly Fishing

MARCH 6 F 9AM TO 3PM

Explore the basics of fly fishing. All materials provided. Bring a lunch and non-slip shoes or waders if you have them. Limited to 6 participants. Ages 12 and up.

On the Water: Little River

MARCH 10 T 10AM TO 3PM

Practice your fly fishing skills on the Little River in DuPont State Recreational Forest under the supervision and experienced eyes of our fly fishing instructors. Learn about Delayed Harvest regulations, wading, reading the water, fly selection, presentation, casting, knots and stream entomology during a fun and relaxed morning of fishing. Equipment and materials provided. Meet at the High Falls Parking Area. Ages 12 and up.

Hunter Education Course

MARCH 10 T 6PM TO 9PM

MARCH 11 W 6PM TO 9PM

Everyone must successfully complete a hunter education course before hunting in N.C. Covers hunter responsibility and firearms. Accepted in every state in the U.S. No minimum age. This course is offered over a two day period. Attendees must be present both days.

Introduction to Fly Fishing

MARCH 16 M 9AM TO 3PM

Explore the basics of fly fishing. All materials provided. Bring a lunch and non-slip shoes or waders if you have them. Limited to 6 participants. Ages 12 and up.

Fly Fishing Skills: Casting for Beginners

MARCH 20 F 10AM TO 3PM

Class for beginners. Work at your own pace at Lake Imaging in DuPont State Recreational Forest. All materials provided; bring a lunch. Ages 12 and up.

Archery

MARCH 23 M 10AM TO 11:30AM

Learn about archery. Topics covered will include: safety, variations in bows and arrows, and lots of time practice shooting at targets! Ages 8 and up.

BB Gun Shooting Range

MARCH 26 TH 1PM TO 2:30PM

Find out about firearm safety and shooting, and the different types of firearms. Practice shooting skills on an outside BB gun range. Ages 8-15.

Kid's Introduction to Fly Fishing

MARCH 30 M 9AM TO 3PM

Join our knowledgeable instructors for a day of fun and learning as they introduce you to the basics of fly fishing. Topics covered will include equipment, knots, casting techniques, and aquatic entomology. Equipment and materials provided. Bring a lunch and non-slip shoes or waders. Ages 9-15.



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April

Nature Nuts: Beavers

APRIL 15 W 9AM TO 11AM

APRIL 27 M 9AM TO 11AM

What is a beaver home called? Why do beavers build dams? Learn the answers to these questions and much more as we take a hike to an active beaver pond. Ages 4–7.

Eco Explorers: Fly Fishing

APRIL 15 W 12PM TO 4PM

APRIL 27 M 12PM TO 4PM

Come join our experienced instructors for a half day of fun and learning about the art of fly fishing. All equipment provided. Ages 8–13.

On the Water:

East Fork French Broad

APRIL 8 W 10AM TO 3PM

Practice your fly-fishing skills on the East Fork French Broad River under the supervision and experienced eyes of our fly fishing instructors. Learn about Delayed Harvest regulations, wading, reading the water, fly selection, presentation, casting, knots and stream entomology during a fun and relaxed morning of fishing. Equipment and materials provided. Meet at the Exxon/Kountry Mart store in Rosman, N.C. Ages 12 and up.



Birdhouse Basics

APRIL 11 SA 2PM TO 3:30PM

Come help us prepare for Spring by building a birdhouse to take home, and learn some basics about birds and bird habitat requirements while you're at it. All materials provided. For ages 7 and up. Limited to 12 families with one birdhouse per family.

Introduction to Tenkara

APRIL 11 SA 10AM TO 3PM

Come join our special guest presenter, Jason Sparks of Appalachian Tenkara, as he introduces the newly popular form of traditional Japanese fly fishing, Tenkara. Topics covered will include history of angling style, equipment orientation, a unique perspective on Japanese flies (Kebari), and the ways and methods to use Tenkara in our local waters. Bring your own lunch, and afterwards they'll be a hands-on learning session. Limited to 15 participants. Ages 14 and up.

Introduction to Fly Fishing

APRIL 24 F 9AM TO 3PM

Explore the basics of fly fishing. All materials provided. Bring a lunch and non-slip shoes or waders if you have them. Limited to 6 participants. Ages 12 and up.

Casting for Beginners: Level I

APRIL 28 T 10AM TO 3PM

This is the perfect introductory class for beginners. Our experienced instructors allow you to learn at your own pace as they teach various casting techniques. This class is held at Lake Imaging in DuPont State Recreational Forest. All equipment and materials are provided. Bring a lunch. Ages 12 and up.



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May

Nature Nuts: Salamanders

MAY 4 M 9AM TO 11AM
MAY 13 W 9AM TO 11AM
MAY 23 SA 9AM TO 11AM

Come join PCWE staff as we learn about one of N.C.'s most fascinating amphibians! Learn to identify local species of salamanders and their habitat requirements, and why they are so important to our ecosystems! Ages 4-7.

Eco Explorers: Bird watching

MAY 4 M 1PM TO 3PM
MAY 23 S 1PM TO 3PM

Birds come in all shapes, sizes, and colors. Come learn about what types of birds you can expect to find at backyard feeders and in the woods. We'll explore distinguishing characteristics and use binoculars to search for and identify our local feathered friends. Ages 8-13.

Level I: Beginner Outdoor Photography

MAY 2 SA 9AM TO 1PM

Brush up on the basics of photography and composition while focusing on wildlife and their habitats. Wear sturdy shoes and bring your camera, questions, and extra batteries to enjoy a morning of learning and clicking. Ages 14 and up.

On the Water: West Fork Pigeon River

MAY 7 TH 10AM TO 3PM

Practice your fly fishing skills on the West Fork Pigeon River under the supervision and experienced eyes of our fly-fishing instructors. Learn about Delayed Harvest regulations, wading, reading the water, fly selection, presentation, casting, knots and stream entomology during a fun and relaxed morning of fishing. Equipment and materials provided. Meet at the Sunburst Recreational Area, located on HWY 215. Ages 12 and up.

Introduction to Fly Fishing

MAY 9 SA 9AM TO 3PM.

Explore the basics of fly fishing. All materials provided. Bring a lunch and non-slip shoes or waders if you have them. Limited to 6 participants. Ages 12 and up.

On the Water: Little River

MAY 12 T 10AM TO 3PM

Practice your fly fishing skills on the Little River in DuPont State Recreational Forest under the supervision and experienced eyes of our fly fishing instructors. Learn about Delayed Harvest regulations, wading, reading the water, fly selection, presentation, casting, knots and stream entomology during a fun and relaxed morning of fishing. Equipment and materials provided. Meet at the High Falls Parking Area. Ages 12 and up.

Beyond B.O.W: Introduction to Fly Fishing

MAY 15-MAY 17 F-SU

This class is an extension of the Becoming an Outdoors Woman (BOW) program. Learn the basics of fly fishing. Materials and meals provided. Ages 18 and up. To register contact B.B. Gillen at 919-218-3638.

Casting for Beginners: Level I

MAY 19 T 10AM TO 3PM

This is the perfect introductory class for beginners. Our experienced instructors allow you to learn at your own pace as they teach various casting techniques. This class is held at Lake Imaging in DuPont State Recreational Forest. All equipment and materials are provided. Bring a lunch. Ages 12 and up.

Introduction to Fly Fishing: Lake Fishing

MAY 20 W 10AM TO 3PM

Come join our experienced and knowledgeable instructors for the day as they introduce you to the basics of fly fishing on a local lake. Topics covered will include equipment, knots, casting techniques, and aquatic entomology. Equipment and materials provided. Bring a lunch and meet at High Falls parking area in DuPont State Recreational Forest. Limited to 6 participants. *Must have completed Intro to Fly Fishing or have equivalent experience before taking this class. Ages 12 and up.

Introduction to Tenkara

MAY 23 SA 10AM TO 3PM

Come join our special guest presenter, Jason Sparks of Appalachian Tenkara, as he introduces the newly popular form of traditional Japanese fly fishing, Tenkara. Topics covered will include history of angling style, equipment orientation, a unique perspective on Japanese flies (Kebari), and the ways and methods to use Tenkara in our local waters. Bring your own lunch, and afterwards they'll be a hands-on learning session. Limited to 15 participants. Ages 14 and up.

On the Water: Davidson River

MAY 25 M 9AM TO NOON

Practice your fly fishing skills under the supervision and experienced eyes of our fly fishing instructors. Learn about wading, reading the water, fly selection, presentation, casting, knots and stream entomology during a fun and relaxed morning of fishing. Bring non-slip wading shoes or waders. Equipment and materials provided. Limit 6 participants. Ages 12 and up.

Family Fly Fishing Day (Lake Imaging)

MAY 26 T 9AM TO 12PM

Join our experienced and knowledgeable instructors for a morning of fun and learning as they introduce you to the basics of fly fishing. Equipment and materials provided. Limited to 12 participants. Ages 8 & up.

Level II: Close-up Outdoor Photography

MAY 30 SA 9AM TO 1PM

Take control over your photos as we investigate the settings and techniques needed for getting the closest, sharpest image of the fascinating world of tiny plants and animals. Wear sturdy shoes and bring your camera, questions, and extra batteries to enjoy a morning of learning and clicking. Ages 14 and up



June

Nature Nuts: Raising Trout

JUNE 1 M 9AM TO 11AM

JUNE 20 SA 9AM TO 11AM

JUNE 24 W 9AM TO 11AM

Learn about the Bobby N. Setzer trout hatchery operations and feed the fish! Ages 4–7.

Eco Explorers:

Stream Investigation

JUNE 1 M 1PM TO 3PM

JUNE 20 SA 1PM TO 3PM

JUNE 24 W 1PM TO 3PM

Come spend the morning with experienced PCWE staff as we explore the Davidson River looking for aquatic macro invertebrates!

Based on what we find, we can determine the water quality of the river and will discuss how these little critters play such an important role in the ecosystem and to our beloved mountain trout! Ages 8–13.

Introduction to Fly Fishing

JUNE 6 SA 9AM TO 3PM

Explore the basics of fly fishing. All materials provided. Bring a lunch and non-slip shoes or waders if you have them. Limited to 6 participants. Ages 12 and up.

Fly Fishing Skills:

Casting for Beginners

JUNE 9 T 10AM TO 3PM

This is the perfect introductory class for beginners. Our experienced instructors allow you to learn at your own pace as they teach various casting techniques. This class is held at Lake Imaging in DuPont State Recreational Forest. All equipment and materials are provided. Bring a lunch. Ages 12 and up.

Kid's Introduction to Fly Fishing

JUNE 12 F 9AM TO 3PM

Pick up the basics of fly fishing: equipment, knots, casting. All materials provided. Bring a lunch and non-slip shoes or waders. Ages 8–15.

Archery

JUNE 13 SA 10AM TO 11:30AM
1PM TO 2:30PM

Come spend time with experienced PCWE staff as we learn about archery! Topics covered will include: safety, variations in bows and arrows, and lots of time practice shooting at targets! Please choose only one program time to participate. Ages 8 and up.

A Week in the Water

JUNE 15–19 M–F 9AM TO NOON

Young people join us for a weeklong series of hands-on classes that focus on the art and skill of fly fishing. Participants learn about equipment, knots, casting techniques and more. Spend the last two days of the week fishing on the river. Ages 8–15.

BB Gun Shooting Range

JUNE 17 W 10AM TO 11:30AM
1PM TO 2:30PM

Join our experienced PCWE staff as we learn about fire arm safety and shooting. This program will focus on shooting safety as participants learn about different types of fire arms and how to properly handle them, and then have the opportunity to practice their shooting skills on an outside BB gun range. Ages 8–15.

Be Bear Aware

JUNE 20 SA 1PM TO 3PM

Come learn about the fascinating black bears living here in the mountains and how you can safely coexist with them. For all ages.

A Week in the Water

JUNE 22–26 M–F 9AM TO NOON

Young people join us for a weeklong series of hands-on classes that focus on the art and skill of fly fishing. Participants learn about equipment, knots, casting techniques and more. Spend the last two days of the week fishing on the river. Ages 8–15.

Project WILD: Aquatic

JUNE 26 F 9AM TO 4PM

NCWRC is now offering free workshops using the new Aquatic WILD activity guide. In addition to updating existing activities, the new guide contains field investigations, In Step With STEM activity extensions, connections to wildlife careers, new activities on fish conservation and angling, and an increased focus on outdoor activities. The 6-hour Aquatic WILD workshop counts towards CEU credits and EE Criteria I credits. If you have previously completed an Aquatic WILD workshop, you can still receive credit for this training since the guide has undergone significant changes. Contact the Regional Education Specialist in your area to inquire about attending training. The workshop will be held indoors and outside. Please dress for the weather. Ages 18 and up.

Introduction to Tenkara

JUNE 27 SA 10AM TO 3PM

Come join our special guest presenter, Jason Sparks of Appalachian Tenkara, as he introduces the newly popular form of traditional Japanese fly fishing, Tenkara. Topics covered will include history of angling style, equipment orientation, a unique perspective on Japanese flies (Kebari), and the ways and methods to use Tenkara in our local waters. Bring your own lunch, and afterwards they'll be a hands-on learning session. Limited to 15 participants. Ages 14 and up.

Level III: Backyard Bird

Photography

JUNE 27 SA 9AM TO 1PM

Delve into camera settings, equipment, and techniques for capturing bird images, while also learning about their identification and attraction. Wear sturdy shoes and bring your camera, questions, and extra batteries to enjoy a morning of learning and clicking. Ages 14 and up.

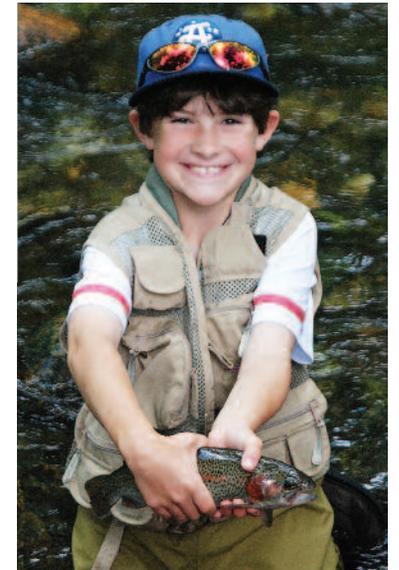
Introduction to Fly Fishing:

Lake Fishing

JUNE 30 T 10AM TO 3PM

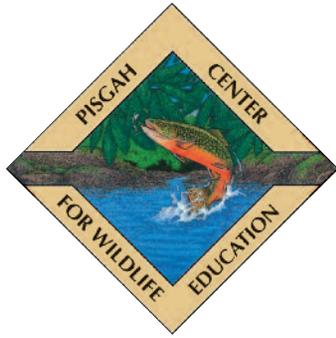
Come join our experienced and knowledgeable instructors for the day as they introduce you to the basics of fly fishing while fishing on a local lake. Topics covered will include equipment, knots, casting techniques, and aquatic entomology. Equipment and materials provided. Bring a lunch and meet at Buck Forest parking area in DuPont State Forest. Limited to 6 participants. **Must have completed Intro to Fly Fishing or have equivalent experience before taking this class.** Ages 12 and up.

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Mountain streams, where water and life begin

THE PISGAH CENTER FOR WILDLIFE EDUCATION

Mountain habitats are the theme of this education center, dedicated to exploring North Carolina's wildlife. A part of the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission, the Pisgah Center for Wildlife Education is located in Pisgah National Forest next to the state's largest trout hatchery—the Bobby N. Setzer State Fish Hatchery.

On Your Visit

Trout Hatchery: A visit to the Center starts with a walk around the hatchery raceways. Once trout reach fingerling size, they feed and grow in a series of 54 outdoor raceways, which channel 3,500 gallons per minute of cold mountain water from nearby Davidson River and Grogan Creek. You'll enjoy watching and even feeding the brook, rainbow and brown trout that supply the Commission's hatchery-supported streams.

Outdoor Trails: Check out what spring brings to the model backyard wildlife garden. From the garden, a universally accessible interpretive trail winds through a hardwood forest habitat providing a glimpse of native wildlife.

Mountain Animals and Habitats: Next stop is the Center's mountain wildlife exhibit where you can get a close look at live animals. Large aquariums representing five aquatic habitats hold colorful fish, toads, salamanders and snakes. Then, view an award-winning documentary on the natural history of the mountains and the ways that the Commission works with you to conserve our wildlife diversity.

Take a Class

Programs for the Public: Individuals can register for programs listed in this brochure. Special programs for adults and youth provide a variety of outdoor learning experiences. The Nature Nuts series offers activities and topics for children ages 4–7. Eco-Explorers engages youth ages 8–13 in natural history exploration.

Programs for Groups/Schools: The Center offers classes for groups of 10 or more. Call the Program Coordinator at 828-877-4423 to arrange a group program. Many classes give participants a chance to learn a particular skill, such as tracking, orienteering or biological water sampling. All group programs are hands-on and most are conducted outdoors. These programs are scheduled at each group's convenience and generally last one to three hours depending on the topic.

Programs for Educators: The Center's outreach educator leads Project WILD, Aquatic WILD and CATCH workshops for educators and youth leaders. Programs are offered at the Center and offsite. For more information, visit ncwildlife.org, or contact the outreach educator at 828-329-3472.



Distance Learning: Too far from a wildlife education center to manage a field trip? Videoconferencing connects groups of 10 or more with a wildlife specialist at the Centennial Campus Center for Wildlife Education in Raleigh. Interactive programs span a variety of wildlife themes correlated with the N.C. Department of Public Instruction Essential Standards. Materials for hands-on activities are shipped to your site prior to the program date. Contact the distance learning coordinator at 919-707-0205 for information, or click on Learning/Workshops at ncwildlife.org.

Outdoor Skills: Participants receive hands-on training from experts in activities such as archery, fishing and tracking in the Commission's Outdoor Skills workshops. The Becoming an Outdoors-Woman® program offers women a day-long or overnight experience with activities such as fly-fishing, archery, shooting and boating. Youth Hunts teach responsible hunting for youth, ages 13–15, accompanied by a parent or guardian. For more information on Outdoor Skills programs, visit ncwildlife.org or call 919-218-3638.

Visit ncwildlife.org for details on all programs offered by the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission.