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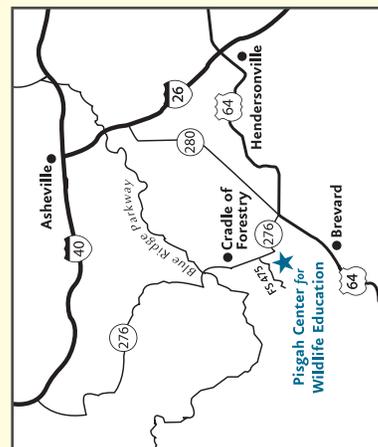
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PROGRAMS FOR THE PUBLIC

2016

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 www.ncwildlife.org/pisgah/signup or call 828-877-4423.

January

Leader Building

JANUARY 22 F 9AM TO 12PM

Join us for lessons on why different leaders make your fly fishing more effective. Try your hand at constructing your own leaders for fly fishing. Participants will construct both furred leaders and hand-tied leaders. Ages 12 and up.

February

Fly Selection 101

FEBRUARY 5 F 9AM TO 12PM

Learn the basics of various fly patterns, including when and how to use them. Discussion will include nymph, emerger, dry fly and terrestrials. Ages 12 and up.

Fly Tying for the Beginner

FEBRUARY 17 W 9AM TO 12PM

Learn the basics of fly tying during this introductory level class. Work at your own pace to tie a basic pattern. Equipment and materials provided. Ages 12 and up.

Advanced Fly Tying: Tying Nymphs

FEBRUARY 19 F 9AM TO 12PM

Nymph fishing is an effective tactic when there are no fish rising and is one of the most common fly fishing techniques used today. This course will teach you how to tie a variety of mayfly, caddis and stonefly patterns for subsurface fishing techniques. Ages 12 and up.

March

Nature Nuts: Wood Ducks

MARCH 11 F 9AM TO 11AM

MARCH 28 M 9AM TO 11AM

Wood ducks were once a rare sight in America, but now have healthy populations. Learn about their remarkable comeback, who is responsible for the decline and comeback, and find out what is still being done to ensure their future populations. Ages 4–7.

Eco Explorers: Fish Tales

MARCH 11 F 1PM TO 3PM

MARCH 28 M 1PM TO 3PM

Learn all about fish anatomy, including how and what they eat, how and why they grow scales, and how they breathe. This hands-on program focuses on trout and is taught through the use of dissection. Ages 8–13.

Introduction to Fly Fishing

MARCH 8 T 9AM TO 3PM

Learn the basics of fly fishing: equipment, knots, casting, and spend a couple of hours fishing the Davidson River. All materials provided. Bring a lunch. Ages 12 and up.

On the Water: Little River

MARCH 9 W 10AM TO 3PM

Practice your fly fishing skills on the Little River in DuPont State Recreational Forest. Meet at the Hooker Falls Parking Area. Bring a lunch. Ages 12 and up.

Advance Fly Tying: Midge Patterns

MARCH 11 F 9AM TO 12PM

Unmask the intricacy of midge fishing by learning to create simple, but extremely effective patterns for “midging.” Create a variety of patterns using similar techniques and create a few patterns for your fly box. Ages 12 and up.

Hunter Education Course

MARCH 15 T 6PM TO 9PM

MARCH 16 W 6PM TO 9PM

Everyone must successfully complete a hunter education course before hunting in N.C. This course covers hunter responsibility and firearms and is 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 21 M 9AM TO 3PM

Learn the basics of fly fishing: equipment, knots, casting, and spend a couple of hours fishing the Davidson River. All materials provided. Bring a lunch. Ages 12 and up.

Backyard Birding by Ear: For Beginners

MARCH 21 M 9AM TO 12PM

Do you enjoy listening to birds in the morning? Learn how to identify common backyard birds by their calls and songs. Start in the classroom with some listening quiz games and then move outside to put our skills to the test. Come prepared for light hiking outside. Ages 10 and up.

Casting for Beginners: Level I

MARCH 24 TH 10AM TO 3PM

This is the perfect introductory class for beginners. 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

MARCH 29 T 9AM TO 3PM

Learn the basics of fly fishing: equipment, knots, casting, and spend a couple of hours fishing the Davidson River. All materials provided. Bring a lunch. Ages 8 to 15.

Archery

MARCH 31 TH 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.



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BB Gun Shooting Range

MARCH 31 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.



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April

Nature Nuts: Frogs & Toads

APRIL 4 M 9AM TO 11AM

APRIL 23 SA 9AM TO 11AM

What's the difference between a frog and a toad? What do they like to eat? How are they important to our ecosystems? Learn the answers to these and many more questions as we explore the fascinating world of frogs and toads. Ages 4-7.

Eco Explorers: Canids

APRIL 4 M 1PM TO 3PM

APRIL 23 SA 1PM TO 3PM

Canids are more than just your pet dog at home. This group includes wolves, coyotes, foxes, and maybe a few others you've never thought of. Find out about teeth, paws, claws, and other qualities that make this group great. Ages 8-13

Reading the Water

APRIL 1 F 9AM TO 1PM

This class will enhance your fly fishing experience by improving your understanding and approach to catching trout. Topics discussed will include where to stand in the river, when to mend your line, when to pick up your line, water hydrology and much more. Ages 12 and up.

Introduction to Fly Fishing

APRIL 5 T 9AM TO 3PM

Learn the basics of fly fishing: equipment, knots, casting, and spend a couple of hours fishing the Davidson River. All materials provided. Bring a lunch. Ages 12 and up.



Birdhouse Basics

APRIL 9 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.

On the Water:

East Fork French Broad

APRIL 12 T 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.

Introduction to Tenkara

APRIL 16 SA 10AM TO 3PM

Jason Sparks of Appalachian Tenkara 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 there will be a

hands-on learning session. Limited to 15 participants. Ages 14 and up.

Backyard Birding by Ear: For Beginners

APRIL 16 SA 9AM TO 12PM

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Introduction to Fly Fishing

APRIL 18 M 9AM TO 3PM

Learn the basics of fly fishing: equipment, knots, casting, and spend a couple of hours fishing the Davidson River. All materials provided. Bring a lunch. Ages 12 and up.

Casting for Beginners: Level I

APRIL 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.



May

Nature Nuts: Life Cycles

MAY 9 M 9AM TO 11AM

MAY 28 SA 9AM TO 11AM

Come learn about the interesting life cycles of various critters that call our mountains home. Activities include story time, crafts, and a hike thru the forest! Ages 4–7.

Eco Explorers: Archery

MAY 9 M 1PM TO 3PM

MAY 28 SA 1PM TO 3PM

Learn the basics of archery in this introductory class. Topics covered will include: safety, different types of bows and arrows, and lots of time practice shooting at targets! Ages 8–13.

Introduction to Fly Fishing

MAY 7 SA 9AM TO 3PM.

Learn the basics of fly fishing: equipment, knots, casting, and spend a couple of hours fishing the Davidson River. All materials provided. Bring a lunch. Ages 12 and up.

On the Water:

West Fork Pigeon River

MAY 11 W 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 16 M 9AM TO 3PM

Learn the basics of fly fishing: equipment, knots, casting, and spend a couple of hours fishing the Davidson River. All materials provided. Bring a lunch. Ages 12 and up.

Casting for Beginners: Level I

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Beginner Outdoor Photography

MAY 21 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: Davidson River

MAY 23 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.

Lake Fishing*

MAY 24 T 7AM TO 12PM

Learn 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.

Family Fly Fishing Day

MAY 27 F 9AM TO 12PM

Learn the basics of fly fishing. Equipment and materials provided. Limited to 12 participants. Ages 8 and up.



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June

Nature Nuts: Fishing

JUNE 6 M 9AM TO 11AM

JUNE 18 SA 9AM TO 11AM

Take a hayride to a local lake and go fishing. All of the equipment needed is provided. Ages 4–7.

Eco Explorers:

Stream Investigation

JUNE 6 M 1PM TO 3PM

JUNE 18 SA 1PM TO 3PM

Get ready to get wet as we explore the Davidson River in search of aquatic macro invertebrates. Based on our findings, we can determine the water quality of the river and learn how these little critters play such an important role in the ecosystem and to our beloved mountain trout. Ages 8–13.



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Kid's Introduction to Fly Fishing

JUNE 3 F 9AM TO 3PM

Learn the basics of fly fishing: equipment, knots, casting, and spend a couple of hours fishing the Davidson River. All materials provided. Bring a lunch. Ages 8–15.

Women's Introduction to Fly Fishing

JUNE 4 SA 9AM TO 3PM

Learn the basics of fly fishing: equipment, knots, casting, and spend a couple of hours fishing the Davidson River. All materials provided. Bring a lunch. Ages 12 and up.

Introduction to Fly Fishing

JUNE 7 T 9AM TO 3PM

Learn the basics of fly fishing: equipment, knots, casting, and spend a couple of hours fishing the Davidson River. All materials provided. Bring a lunch. Ages 12 and up.

Casting for Beginners: Level I

JUNE 10 F 10AM TO 3PM

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Archery

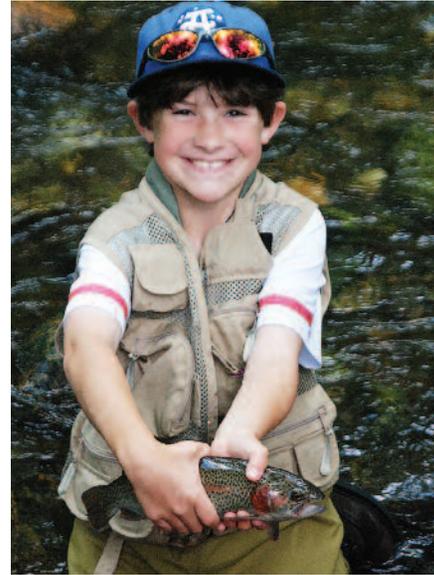
JUNE 11 SA 10AM TO 11:30AM OR
1PM TO 2:30PM

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 13–17 M–F 9AM TO 12PM, DAILY

Young people join us for a weeklong series of hands-on classes that focus on the art and skill of fly fishing. Learn about equipment, knots, casting techniques and more. Ages 8–15.



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BB Gun Shooting Range

JUNE 14 T 10AM TO 11:30AM OR
1PM TO 2:30PM

Learn about firearm safety and shooting. This program will focus on shooting safety as participants learn about different types of firearms and how to properly handle them, and then have the opportunity to practice their shooting skills on an outside BB gun range. Please choose only one program time to participate. Ages 8–15.

Be Bear Aware

JUNE 18 SA 1PM TO 3PM

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

Introduction to Tenkara

JUNE 18 SA 10AM TO 3PM

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A Week in the Water

JUNE 20–24 M–F 9AM TO 12PM, DAILY

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. Ages 8–15.

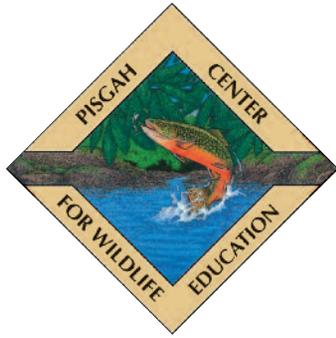
Introduction to Fly Fishing: Lake Fishing

JUNE 28 T 7AM TO 12PM

Learn the basics of fly fishing on a local lake. Equipment and materials provided. Bring a lunch and meet at High Falls parking area in DuPont State Recreational Forest. 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.