

THE PISGAH CENTER FOR WILDLIFE EDUCATION

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To register for a program, arrange group programs or receive additional information, please contact the program coordinator or register online at www.ncwildlife.org/pisgah/signup.

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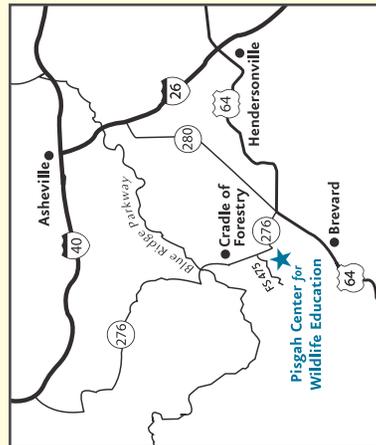
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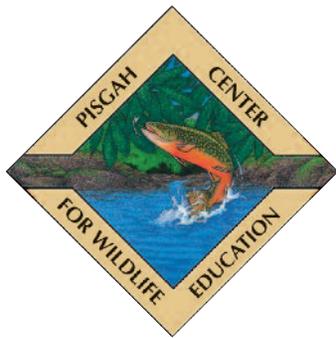
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Mountain streams, where water and life begin

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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.

PROGRAMS FOR THE PUBLIC

2017

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.

July

Nature Nuts: Wild Woodlands

JULY 15 SA 9AM TO 11AM
JULY 24 M 9AM TO 11AM

Discover the animals that call the forest home. Learn about the similarities and differences between various groups of animals, and explore the forest in search of animals and their homes. Activities include story time, crafts, and a hike thru the forest. Ages 4-7.

Eco Explorers: Salamanders

JULY 15 SA 1PM TO 3PM
JULY 24 M 1PM TO 3PM

Learn about one of N.C.'s most fascinating amphibians. Identify local species of salamanders and their habitat requirements, and why they are so important to our ecosystems. Ages 8-13.

Introduction to Fly Fishing

JULY 1 SA 9AM TO 3PM

Learn 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 12 and up.

A Week in the Water

JULY 3-7 M-F 9AM TO 12PM, DAILY
JULY 10-14 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. Spend the last two days of the week fishing on the river. Please choose one of the listed weeks only. Ages 10-15.



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A Week in the Creek

JULY 17-21 M-F 9AM TO 12PM, DAILY

Young people join us for a weeklong series of hands-on classes that focus on water quality and the fish and wildlife that depend on our local water systems. Ages 6-10.

Introduction to Fly Fishing: Lake Fishing

JULY 18 T 8AM TO 1PM

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. Limited to 6 participants. *Must have completed Intro to Fly Fishing or have equivalent experience before taking this class. Ages 12 and up.

Advanced WILD: Mountain Streams

JULY 20 TH 9AM TO 4PM

Learn techniques used in the field to study our mountain streams and wildlife. Prepare to get wet and have lots of fun in the Davidson River. This workshop is suitable for formal and non-formal educators. CEU and EEC credits are available upon workshop completion. Ages 18 and up.

Casting for Beginners: Level I

JULY 20 TH 10AM TO 3PM

Learn the overhead cast, roll cast and the art of false casting. Advanced instruction is available upon request. This class is held at Lake Imaging in DuPont State Forest. All equipment and materials are provided. Bring a lunch. Ages 12 and up.

On the Water: Looking Glass Creek

JULY 21 F 8AM TO 12PM

Practice your fly-fishing skills on the Looking Glass Creek in Pisgah National Forest. Learn about Wild Trout regulations, wading, reading the water, fly selection, presentation, casting, knots and stream entomology. Equipment and materials provided. Ages 12 and up.

Snorkeling in the Stream

JULY 26 W 10AM TO 1PM

Explore a local river in search of aquatic macro invertebrates. Learn how these little critters play such an important role in the ecosystem. Snorkels and masks will be available. Swimming clothing and a towel is recommended. Ages 8 & up.



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August

Nature Nuts: Monarchs

AUG 5 SA 9AM TO 11AM
AUG 28 M 9AM TO 11AM

Explore the exciting world of butterflies. Focusing on Monarchs—learning about their incredible annual migration and conservation efforts in place to help this extraordinary species of butterfly. Ages 4–7.

Eco Explorers: Reptiles

AUG 5 SA 1PM TO 3PM
AUG 28 M 1PM TO 3PM

What do snakes, turtles and alligators all have in common? They are all reptiles. Learn all about reptiles. Activities include taking a short hike to try and locate a few local reptiles. Please choose one of the listed weeks only. Ages 8–13.

Week in the Woods

AUG 7–11 M–F 9AM TO 12PM, DAILY
AUG 14–18 M–F 9AM TO 12PM, DAILY

Hands-on classes that focus on the Pisgah National Forest. Learn about wildlife, fish, and animal habitats through activities such as hiking, stream investigating, GPS and compass tracking. Ages 8–15.

Fly Tying for the Beginner

AUG 12 SA 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.

Introduction to Tenkara

AUG 12 SA 10AM TO 1PM

Jason Sparks of Appalachian Tenkara introduces the newly popular form of traditional Japanese fly fishing, Tenkara. Bring your own lunch, and afterwards there will be a hands-on learning session. Limited to 15 participants. Ages 14 and up.

Hunter Education Course

AUG 15 T 6PM TO 9PM
AUG 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.

Fly Tying: Level II

AUG 19 SA 9AM TO 12PM

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

Casting for Beginners: Level I

AUG 23 W 10AM TO 3PM

Learn the overhead cast, roll cast and the art of false casting. Advanced instruction is available upon request. This class is held at Lake Imaging in DuPont State Forest. All equipment and materials are provided. Bring a lunch. Ages 12 and up.

Snorkeling in the Stream

AUG 24 TH 10AM TO 1PM

Explore a local river in search of aquatic macro invertebrates. Learn how these little critters play such an important role in the ecosystem. Snorkels and masks will be available. Swimming clothing and a towel is recommended. Ages 8 & up.

Leader Building

AUG 25 F 9AM TO 2PM

Join us for lessons on why different leaders make your fly fishing more effective. Learn to construct your own leaders for fly fishing. Participants will construct both furled leaders and hand-tied leaders. Bring a bag lunch. Ages 12 and up.

Backyard Birding by Ear: For Beginners

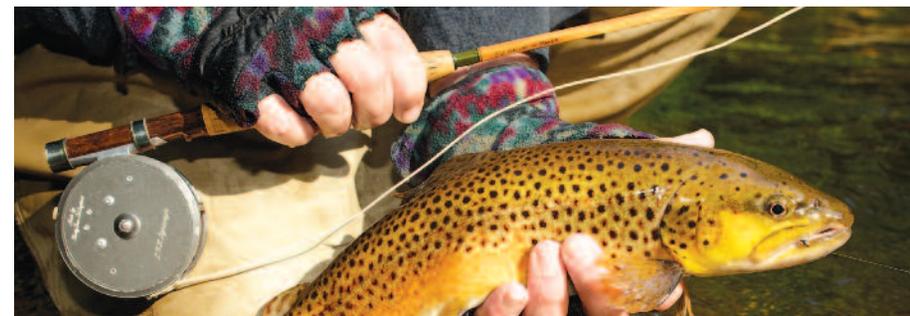
AUG 26 SA 9AM TO 12PM

Do you enjoy listening to birds in the morning? Identify common backyard birds by their calls and songs. We'll start in the classroom with some listening quiz games and then move outside to put our skills to the test. Be prepared for light hiking outside. Ages 10 and up.

Introduction to Fly Fishing: Lake Fishing

AUG 30 W 8AM TO 1PM

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. 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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September

Nature Nuts: Bird Watching

SEPT 2 SA 9AM TO 11AM
SEPT 11 M 9AM TO 11AM

You are never too young to start learning how to identify birds! We will teach your little one just how fun and rewarding birding can be. Ages 4-7

Eco Explorers: Bears

SEPT 2 SA 1PM TO 3PM
SEPT 11 M 1PM TO 3PM

One of N.C.'s most beloved mammals, the black bear, will be the focus of this month's Eco Explorer classes. Learn all about N.C. black bears. Ages 8-12.

Introduction to Fly Fishing

SEPT 1 SA 9AM TO 3PM

Learn 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 12 and up.

Introduction to Tenkara

SEPT 9 SA 10AM TO 1PM

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National Hunting and Fishing Day

SEPT 23 SA 10AM TO 3PM

Celebrate National Hunting and Fishing Day! Hands-on activities for all ages will include: outdoor cooking, tree stand safety, fly tying and casting, tracking, and much more! No registration required. All ages.

Tackle Rigging for Fly Fishing

SEPT 25 M 9AM TO 12PM

Rigging tackle is one of the most important components of fly fishing. Learn how to create different tackle setups for fly fishing in a variety of situations. We will create dropper rigs, euro style nymphing rigs and much more. The course will also cover material selection, techniques and care. Ages 12 and up.

Women's Introduction to Fly Fishing

SEPT 29 F 9AM TO 3PM

Learn the basics of fly fishing. Topics include appropriate equipment, knots, casting techniques and aquatic entomology. Equipment and materials provided. Bring a lunch and non-slip shoes or waders. Limited to 6 participants. For ages 12 and up.

Identifying Birds of Prey

SEPT 30 SA 9AM TO 12NOON

Identify the call of an owl's hoot or recognize a hawk by its silhouette and screech. Learn these skills in the classroom and then put them into practice in the field. Come prepared for a light hike. Ages 10 and up. No younger siblings please because silence and patience is imperative when birding by ear.

October

Nature Nuts: Turkey Vultures

OCT 14 SA 9AM TO 11AM
OCT 23 M 9AM TO 11AM

The turkey vulture may not be one of the best looking critters in the animal kingdom, but it sure is one of the most important ones. Learn all about vultures. Ages 4-7.

Eco Explorers: Raising Trout

OCT 14 SA 1PM TO 3PM
OCT 23 M 1PM TO 3PM

Spend the afternoon with PCWE staff as we learn about the Bobby N. Setzer trout hatchery operations, participate in an outdoor activity that simulates trout life, and feed the fish! Ages 8-13.

Introduction to Fly Fishing

OCT 2 M 9AM TO 3PM

Learn 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 12 and up.

On the Water: Little River

OCT 6 F 9AM TO 3PM

Practice your fly-fishing skills on the Little River in DuPont State Recreational Forest. Learn about Delayed Harvest regulations, wading, reading the water, fly selection, presentation, casting, knots and stream entomology. Equipment and materials provided. Meet at the Hooker Falls Parking Area. Ages 12 and up.

Introduction to Hunting

OCT 7 SA 9AM TO 3PM

Learn a variety of topics for new hunters. This will include hunting skills and methods, game species and signs, hunting safety, game processing, regulations and where to hunt. A new hunter will get started off on the right track after completing this course.

On the Water: East Fork

French Broad

OCT 10 T 9AM TO 3PM

Practice your fly-fishing skills on the East Fork French Broad River. Equipment and materials provided. Meet at the Exxon/Kountry Mart store in Rosman, N.C. Ages 12 and up.

Hunter Education Course

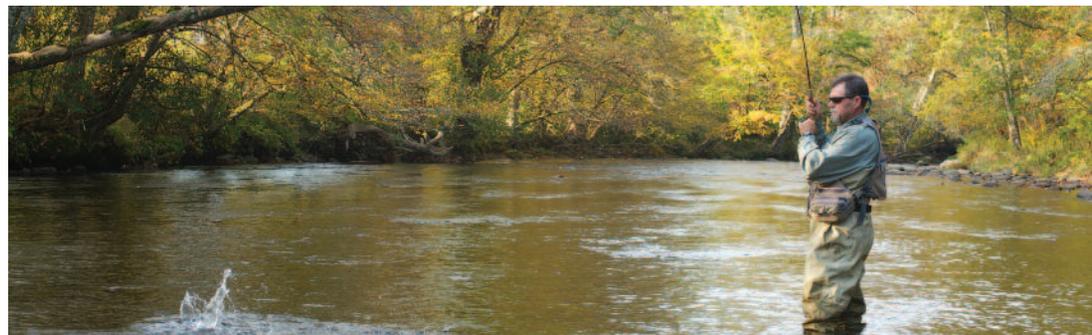
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Fishing the Dry Fly

OCT 13 F 9AM-3PM

Angling for trout with a dry fly is challenging but rewarding. Learn the techniques and tactics to enhance your fly fishing experience. This course will include sections on equipment, presentation skills for dry flies, selecting the best dry fly for the situation, and adapting to selective trout. Ages 12 and up.



Fly Tying for the Beginner

OCT 16 M 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.

Casting for Beginners: Level I

OCT 20 F 10AM TO 3PM

Learn the overhead cast, roll cast and the art of false casting. Advanced instruction is available upon request. This class is held at Lake Imaging in DuPont State Forest. All equipment and materials are provided. Bring a lunch. Ages 12 and up.

Advanced Fly Tying: Dry Flies

OCT 21 SA 9AM TO 12PM

Learn to tie common dry flies that will help you catch more fish in our area streams. In this course, you will learn what material to use, how to create a variety of patterns using similar techniques and create a few patterns for your fly box. Ages 12 and up. All materials are provided.

Wildlife Photo Hunt Competition

OCT 21 SA 1PM TO 4PM

Bring a camera, running shoes, and your competitive spirit. Your team will stalk, find, and photograph wildlife and their signs and earn points to win prizes. Only one camera per "team" needed. Teams can consist of 1–5 members. All ages.

Women's Introduction to Fly Fishing

OCT 28 SA 9AM TO 3PM

Learn the basics of fly fishing. Bring a lunch and non-slip shoes or waders. Limited to 6 participants. For ages 12 and up.

Nature Nuts: Foxes

NOV 6 M 9AM TO 11AM

NOV 16 TH 9AM TO 11AM

Is it a cat or a dog? Can they climb trees? Is there more than one species of fox living in N.C.? Learn the answer to these questions and more as we spend the morning learning all about foxes. Ages 4–7.

Eco Explorers: GPS for Wildlife

NOV 6 M 1PM TO 3PM

NOV 16 TH 1PM TO 3PM

Whether you are on a hunt, out fishing, or exploring the forest you need to know how to navigate. Learn the fundamentals of using a hand-held GPS unit while learning about wildlife. Ages 8–13.

Introduction to Fly Fishing

NOV 3 F 9AM TO 3PM

Learn 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 12 and up.

Hunter Education Course

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On the Water: Tuckasegee River

NOV 9 TH 10 AM TO 3PM

Practice your fly fishing skills on the Tuckasegee River. Learn about Delayed Harvest regulations, wading, reading the water, fly selection, presentation, casting, knots and stream entomology. Equipment and materials provided. Call for directions. Ages 12 and up.

On the Water:

North Fork Mills River

NOV 15 W 10 AM TO 3PM

Practice your fly-fishing skills on the North Fork Mills River. 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. Call for directions. Ages 12 and up.

Leader Building

NOV 17 F 9AM TO 2PM

One often overlooked aspect of fly fishing is the leader. Join us for lessons on why different leaders make your fly fishing more effective. You'll be able to try your hand at constructing your own leaders for fly fishing. Participants will construct both furled leaders and hand-tied leaders. Bring a bag lunch. Ages 12 and up.



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Outdoor Cooking

NOV 18 SA 10AM TO 2PM

Whether in a camp setting or at home, you can learn how to prepare a tasty meal over an open wood fire or charcoal briquettes. Discover other novelty methods of cooking, as well. Help prepare and eat the food created in this class. Bring a lawn chair. Your courtesy in not registering for this class if you've already taken it is greatly appreciated. Ages 12 and up.

November



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