

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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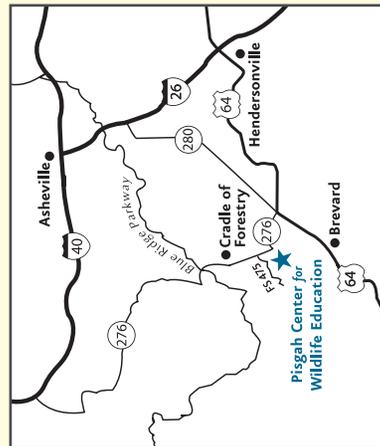
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MARCH–JUNE 2018



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2018 PROGRAMS FOR THE PUBLIC

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.

March

Nature Nuts: Owls

MARCH 16 F 9AM TO 11AM

MARCH 26 M 9AM TO 11AM

Learn all about the fascinating world of owls. Program will include dissecting owl pellets! Ages 4-7.



Eco Explorers: Fly Tying

MARCH 16 F 1PM TO 3PM

MARCH 26 M 1PM TO 3PM

Learn the fundamentals and art of fly tying. Work at your own pace to tie a few basic patterns. Equipment and materials are provided. Limited to 8 participants. Ages 8-13.

Fly Selection 101

MARCH 1 TH 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.

Introduction to Fly Fishing

MARCH 13 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.

Hunter Education Course

MARCH 13 T 6PM TO 9PM

MARCH 14 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.

On the Water: Little River

MARCH 15 TH 10AM TO 3PM

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

Fly Tying for the Beginner

MARCH 19 M 9AM TO 12PM

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

Outdoor Skills Series: Fire Making and Shelter Building

MARCH 19 M 10AM TO 2PM

Whether you are an angler, hunter, or wildlife watcher these programs offer you a chance to try your hand at skills that will help keep you safe in the forest. Ages 12 and up.

Tackle Rigging for Fly Fishing

MARCH 20 T 9AM TO 12PM

Learn how to create different tackle setups for fly fishing in a variety of situations. Create dropper rigs, Euro-style nymphing rigs and more. The course will also cover material selection, techniques and care. All materials are provided. Ages 12 and up.

Casting for Beginners: Level I

MARCH 21 W 10AM TO 3PM

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.



Birding Hike

MARCH 23 F 9AM TO 12PM

Learn to identify common bird species found in this area. This class is designed for the beginner birder. Bring water and good hiking shoes. Ages 12 and up.

Introduction to Fly Fishing

MARCH 27 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.

Reading the Water

MARCH 28 W 9AM TO 2PM

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.



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April

Nature Nuts: Turtles

APRIL 16 M 9AM TO 11AM

APRIL 26 TH 9AM TO 11AM

Explore the fascinating world of turtles. Learn all about scutes, the carapace and plastron. Story time, craft and a hike will make the day complete. Ages 4–7.

Eco Explorers: Birdwatching

APRIL 16 M 1PM TO 3PM

APRIL 26 TH 1PM TO 3PM

Learn to identify common bird species found in this area. This class is designed for the beginner birder. Bring water and good hiking shoes. Ages 8–13.

Advance Fly Tying: Dry Flies

APRIL 2 M 9AM TO 12PM

Unmask the intricacy of midge fishing by learning to create simple, but extremely effective patterns for “midging.” Learn what material to use, how to create a variety of patterns. Ages 12 and up.

Kid’s Introduction to Fly Fishing

APRIL 3 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.

Tracking

APRIL 4 W 9AM TO 11AM

Who made those tracks? What is scat? What bird left that feather? Learn the answers to these questions and more as we explore the exciting world of animal tracking. Ages 8–15.

Pisgah Hike

APRIL 5 TH 9AM TO 12PM

Learn about area wildlife and the habitats they call home in the Pisgah National Forest as we take a hike through the forest to learn about area flora and fauna. Good shoes, water and a snack are a must for this hike. Ages 8 to 13.

Family Fly Fishing Day

APRIL 6 F 9AM TO 12PM

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

Birding Hike

APRIL 7 SA 9AM TO 12PM

Learn to identify common bird species found in this area. This class is designed for the beginner birder. Bring water and good hiking shoes. Ages 12 and up.

Introduction to Fly Fishing

APRIL 10 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: East Fork French Broad

APRIL 12 TH 10AM TO 3PM

Practice your fly fishing skills on the East Fork French Broad River. Learn about Delayed Harvest regulations, reading the water, fly selection, presentation, casting, 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.



Backyard Birding by Ear: For Beginners

APRIL 14 SA 9AM TO 12PM

Do you enjoy listening to birds in the morning? Learn how to 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. Come prepared for light hiking outside. Ages 12 and up.

Casting for Beginners: Level 1

APRIL 17 T 10AM TO 3PM

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.

Outdoor Skills Series: Map & Compass

APRIL 23 M 10AM TO 2PM

Whether you are an angler, hunter, or wildlife watcher these programs offer you a chance to try your hand at skills that will help keep you safe in the forest. Ages 12 and up.

Introduction to Fly Fishing

APRIL 24 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.

Tackle Rigging for Fly Fishing

APRIL 28 SA 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. Create dropper rigs, Euro-style nymphing rigs and more. The course will also cover material selection, techniques and care. Ages 12 and up. All materials are provided.





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May

Nature Nuts: Fishing

MAY 22 T 9AM TO 11AM
MAY 29 T 9AM TO 11AM

Join PCWE staff at a local lake as we spend the morning fishing. We will provide all of the equipment needed. Call for directions. Ages 4–7.

Eco Explorers: Crayfish

MAY 22 T 1PM TO 3PM
MAY 29 T 1PM TO 3PM

Did you know there are at least 40 different species of crayfish living in N.C.? Learn about these fascinating crustaceans and then spend some time in the stream trying to identify a few. Ages 8–13.

Peregrine Falcons

MAY 2 W 8AM TO 11AM
MAY 16 W 8AM TO 11AM

Travel to a nearby location to observe nesting peregrine falcons. Our observations will be recorded and turned over to NCWRC biologists for inclusion in the 2018 peregrine falcon nesting reports. Ages 10 and up.

Birding Hike

MAY 5 SA 9AM TO 12PM

Take a short hike through Pisgah National Forest as we learn to identify common bird species found in this area. This class is designed for the beginner birder. Bring water and good hiking shoes. Ages 12 and up.

Introduction to Fly Fishing

MAY 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:

North Fork Mills River

MAY 9 W 10AM 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. Equipment and materials provided. Call for directions. Ages 12 and up.

Backyard Birding by Ear:

For Beginners

MAY 12 SA 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. Be prepared for light hiking outside. Ages 12 and up.

Outdoor Skills Series: Wild Edibles and Securing Water

MAY 14 M 10AM TO 2PM

Whether you are an angler, hunter, or wildlife watcher these programs offer you a chance to try your hand at skills that will help keep you safe in the forest. Ages 12 and up.

On the Water:

West Fork Pigeon River

MAY 15 T 10AM TO 3PM

Practice your fly fishing skills on the West Fork Pigeon River. Learn about Delayed Harvest regulations, wading, reading the water, fly selection, presentation, casting, knots and stream entomology. Equipment and materials provided. Meet at the Sunburst Recreational Area, located on HWY 215. Ages 12 and up.

Fly Tying for the Beginner

MAY 19 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 Fly Fishing

MAY 21 M 9AM TO 3PM

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Casting for Beginners: Level I

MAY 23 W 10AM TO 3PM

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.

Tackle Rigging for Fly Fishing

MAY 26 SA 9AM TO 12PM

Learn how to create different tackle setups for fly fishing in a variety of situations. Create dropper rigs, Euro-style nymphing rigs and more. The course will also cover material selection, techniques and care. Ages 12 and up. All materials are provided.

June

Nature Nuts: Raising Trout

JUNE 4 M 9AM TO 11AM

JUNE 16 SA 9AM TO 11AM

Learn about the Bobby N. Setzer trout hatchery operations, participate in an outdoor activity that simulates trout life, and feed the fish. Ages 4–7.

Eco Explorers:

Stream Investigation

JUNE 4 M 1PM TO 3PM

JUNE 16 SA 1PM TO 3PM

Explore the Davidson River in search of aquatic macro-invertebrates. We will determine the water quality of the river and learn how these macros play such an important role in the ecosystem and to our beloved mountain trout. Ages 8–13.

Women's Introduction to Fly Fishing

JUNE 2 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 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.

Casting for Beginners: Level I

JUNE 8 F 10AM TO 3PM

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.

Snorkeling in the Stream

JUNE 12 T 9AM TO 12PM

Explore the Davidson River in search of aquatic macro-invertebrates. Learn how these little critters play such an important role in the ecosystem. We'll have snorkels, masks and wetsuits available, so come prepared to get wet. Swimming suits and a towel is recommended. Ages 8 and up.

A Week in the Water

JUNE 18–22 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 10–15.

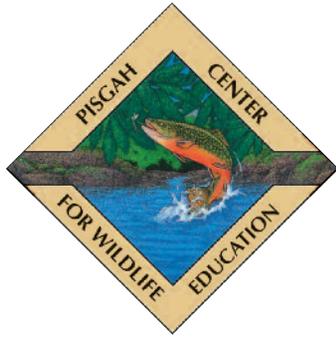
A Week in the Water

JUNE 25–29 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 10–15.



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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.