Fishing hours in any trout waters located on game lands are
may be further classified as Mountain Heritage Trout Waters. Any
license that provides trout fishing privileges may be used to fish on
Mountain Heritage Trout Waters. Resident and nonresident anglers
license valid only on Mountain Heritage Trout Waters. This license is
$5 for both residents and nonresidents and can be purchased online
at ncwildlife.org or by calling 888-248-6834, 8 a.m.–5 p.m.,
Monday – Friday. The following waters are classified as Mountain
Heritage Trout Waters and listed by county, Mountain Heritage
Trout City name and regulation type. The boundaries for
Mountain Heritage Trout Waters are marked with signs posted
conspicuously along the watercourses.

Avery County
- Newland: North Toe River (Watauga St. bridge to Roby
- Shomaker Wetlands and Family Recreation Park) [Hatchery
Supported Trout Waters regulations apply]

Haywood County
- Maggie Valley: Jonathan Creek (upstream S.R. 1302 bridge to S.R.
1309 bridge) [Hatchery Supported Trout Waters regulations apply]
- Waynesville: Richland Creek (Russ Avenue bridge to U.S. 19
bridge) [Hatchery Supported Trout Waters regulations apply]

Jackson County
- Dillsboro: Scott Creek (Hometown Place Road to Tuckasegee
River) [Hatchery Supported Trout Waters regulations apply]
- Tuckasegee River (Falls located 275 yards upstream of U.S. 23-441
bridge to Scott Creek) [Hatchery Supported Trout Waters
regulations apply]
- Tuckasegee River (Savannah Creek to falls located 275 yards upstream
of U.S. 23-441 bridge) [Delayed Harvest Trout Waters
regulations apply]
- Sylva: Scott Creek (Hospital Road to Hometown Place Road)
[Hatchery Supported Trout Waters regulations apply]
- Webster: Tuckasegee River (downstream N.C. 107 bridge to
Savannah Creek) [Delayed Harvest Trout Waters regulations
apply]

Madison County
- Hot Springs: Spring Creek (N.C. 209 bridge at Hot Springs city
limits to iron bridge at end of Andrews Avenue) [Delayed
Harvest Trout Waters regulations apply]

McDowell County
- Old Fort: Mill Creek (U.S. 70 bridge to the I-40 bridge)
[Delayed Harvest Trout Waters regulations apply]

Mitchell County
- Bakersville: Cane Creek (N.C. 226 bridge to S.R. 1189 bridge)
[Delayed Harvest Trout Waters regulations apply]
- Spruce Pine: North Toe River (U.S. 19E bridge to N.C. 226
bridge) [Delayed Harvest Trout Waters regulations apply]

Yancey County
- Burnsville: South Toe River (property boundaries of the Yancey
County Toe River Campground) [Hatchery Supported Trout
Waters regulations apply]

**TROUT ANGLERS**

**Water dogs need your help!**

**Did you know** Eastern Hellbenders (a.k.a.
“water dogs”) are harmless, nonvenomous,
giant, crayfish-eating, aquatic salamanders
that are indicators of good water quality and
healthy streams? Did you know that thriving,
diverse fish populations and healthy hell-
bender populations go hand-in-hand?

The Wildlife Resources Commission wants to
conserve this amazing mountain creature
and needs your help. If you accidentally
catch a hellbender on hook and line, please
immediately release the animal at the spot
of capture by carefully removing the hook
if possible or cutting the line as close as
possible. Let us know where you found a
hellbender by calling 919-707-0050 so we
can map their distribution. **Thanks!**

**TROUT FISHING on the Blue Ridge Parkway** Angling opportunities
on the Blue Ridge Parkway are managed by the National Park
Service which establishes fishing regulations for parkway waters.
The Wildlife Resources Commission aids with management by
stocking catchable-size trout into the following waters:

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Specific fishing regulations are displayed on signs located near fishing access points, and all persons age 16 or older must possess a valid North Carolina or Virginia fishing license to fish parkway waters. In addition, the parkway provides wild and catch-and-release trout fishing, as well as, angling for bass and sunfish.

For more information on fishing in parkway waters, contact:

**Trout Fishing on North Carolina State Parks**

Fishing in waters within a state park is limited to park operating hours. Additional park information may be obtained at ncparks.gov or by contacting the following park offices:
South Mountains State Park 828-433-4772
Stone Mountain State Park 336-957-8185
Gorges State Park 828-966-9099

**Nongame Fish**

Any fish not classified as a game fish is considered a nongame fish when found in inland fishing waters and includes shellfish and crustaceans.

### Sale of Nongame Fish

- Nongame fish caught on hook and line, grabbling and by special fishing devices may be sold, subject to the following restrictions:
  
  1. Bowfin may not be sold.
  2. Blueback herring and alewife taken by any method in inland waters may not be sold, except for those fish less than 6 inches in length that are taken from Kerr Reservoir (Granville, Vance, and Warren counties).
  3. Eels less than nine inches in length taken from inland fishing waters may not be possessed or sold.
  4. In Lake Norman and Badin Lake the daily possession limit for blue catfish greater than 32 inches in length is one.
  5. Blue crabs taken from inland fishing waters with a line containing multiple baits may not be sold.
  6. Seasons and size and creel limits for gray trout are the same as those recreational limits established by Division of Marine Fisheries in adjacent joint and coastal fishing waters. For current limits, see portal.ncdenr.org/web/ml/recreational-fishing-size-and-bag-limits or call 252-726-7021 or 800-682-2632.
  7. Those listed under “Miscellaneous Prohibitions” on page 34.
  8. A special fishing device license is required when taking nongame fish with special fishing devices and also subject to restrictions listed under “Special Fishing Devices,” on page 30, “Seasons and Waters” on pages 30–34, and “Fishing on Game Lands” on page 21.

- For special rules governing trotlines, see “Trotlines, Set-hooks and Jug-hooks” (page 18).
- Crab pots may not be used in inland fishing waters or in designated waterfowl impoundments located on game lands, except that persons owning property adjacent to the inland fishing waters of coastal rivers and their tributaries may set two crab pots attached to their property and a special device license is not required.
- Blue crabs may be taken recreationally with a single line with multiple baits without hooks (see restrictions under “Taking Nongame Fish, Crustaceans, and Mollusks for Bait or Personal Consumption” below).

### Hook-and-Line Regulations for Nongame Fish

- Season: Year-round
- Minimum size limit: None
- Daily creel limit: None

**The following exceptions apply:**

- The daily creel limit on channel, white and blue catfish (forked-tail catfish) is six fish in all game lands ponds and in the following waters:
  
  Alamance  Cedarock Park Pond
  Alexander  Ellendale Community Center Pond
  Buncombe  Azalea Park Pond
  Cabarrus  Frank Liske Park Pond
  Cumberland  Lake Rim*
  Edgecombe  Etheridge Pond*
  Forsyth  CG Hill Memorial Park Pond
  Gaston  Dallas Park Pond
  Granville  Lake Devin
  Guilford  Country Park Pond
  Kernersville Lake
  Village Point Lake
  Winston Park Pond*
  Lee  Indian Lake
  Newbold Pond*
  Lee  Indian Lake
  Mecklenburg  Freedom Park Pond*
  Mecklenburg  Freedom Park Pond*
  Moore  Lake Luke Marion
  Orange  Anderson Community Park Pond
  Pitt  River Park North Ponds
  Polk  Laughter Pond
  Richmond  Ellerbe Community Lake
  Rowan  Dan Nicholas Park Pond
  Stanly  Albemarle City Lake
  Surry  Big Elkin Creek

* Please note: For the convenience of the reader, major regulation changes appear in RED.