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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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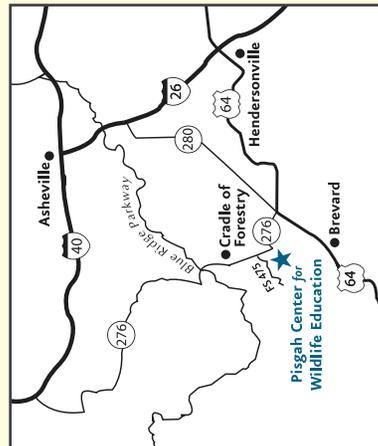
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JULY–NOVEMBER 2018



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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.

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.

July

Introduction to Fly Fishing

JULY 3 T 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.

Snorkeling in the Stream

JULY 6 F 10AM TO 2PM

Explore a local 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. We'll have snorkels and masks available. Swimming clothing and a towel is recommended. Ages 8–15.

Introduction to Fly Fishing

JULY 7 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 9–13 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. Ages 10–15.

Casting for Beginners: Level I

JULY 10 T 10AM TO 3PM

Topics include casting theory, mechanics and practice techniques. 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.

Nature Nuts: Stream Investigation

JULY 13 F 9AM TO 11AM

JULY 30 M 9AM TO 11AM

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. Ages 4–7.



GARY PEEBLES/USFWS

Eco Explorers: Raising Trout

JULY 13 F 1PM TO 3PM

JULY 30 M 1PM TO 3PM

Learn about the Bobby N. Setzer trout hatchery operations, participate in an outdoor activity that simulates trout life, and hand feed the fish! Ages 8–13.

A Week in the Water

JULY 16–20 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. Spend the last two days of the week fishing on the river. Ages 10–15.

A Week in the Creek

JULY 23–27 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.

Advanced WILD: Mountain Streams

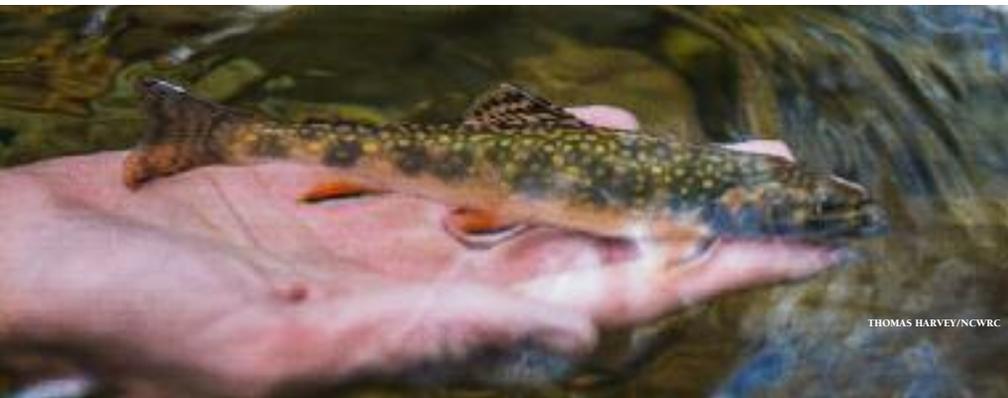
JULY 19 TH 9AM TO 4PM

Learn techniques used in the field to study our mountain streams and the wildlife that inhabit them. Some of the questions we'll discuss are: How healthy are our trout populations? What about the other animals that live in or use the rivers and streams? What are the factors affecting our mountain waterways? Learn activities you can take back to your classroom. 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.

On the Water: Looking Glass Creek

JULY 25 W 9AM TO 1PM

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.



THOMAS HARVEY/NCWRC

August

Snorkeling in the Stream

AUG 9 TH 10AM TO 2PM

Explore a local river in search of aquatic macro invertebrates. Determine the water quality of the river and learn how these little critters play such an important role in the ecosystem. Snorkels and masks are available. Swimming clothing and a towel is recommended. Ages 8–15.

Fly Tying for the Beginner

AUG 11 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.

Week in the Woods

AUG 13–17 M–F 9AM TO 12PM, DAILY

Join us for a weeklong series of 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 and much more! Ages 8–15.

A Week in the Creek

AUG 20–24 M–F 9AM TO 12PM, DAILY

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.

Trapping 101

AUG 18 SA 9AM TO 3PM

Learn the information necessary to start trapping on your own. This course will cover equipment, scent control, regulations and setting your traps. This is a hands-on course appropriate for beginners and higher skill levels. Ages 12 and up.

Hunter Education Course

AUG 21 T 6PM TO 9PM

AUG 22 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.

Casting for Beginners: Level I

AUG 23 W

10AM TO 3PM

This is the perfect introductory class for beginners. Topics include casting theory, mechanics and practice techniques. 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.

Tackle Rigging

AUG 24 F 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.

Nature Nuts: Woodpeckers

AUG 25 SA 9AM TO 11AM

AUG 31 F 9AM TO 11AM

Do you know how many different species of woodpeckers live in N.C.? Can you tell them apart? How do they survive pounding their heads all day? Ages 4–7.



PETER MILLER/FLICKE

Eco Explorers: Monarchs

AUG 25 SA 1PM TO 3PM

AUG 31 F 1PM TO 3PM

Explore the exciting world of monarch butterflies! Learn about their incredible annual migration and conservation efforts in place to help this extraordinary species of butterfly. We will also tag and release live monarchs! Ages 8–13.

Introduction to Fly Fishing: Lake Fishing

AUG 29 W 8AM TO 1PM

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.





JOHN PASTINO/FLICKR

September

Backyard Birding by Ear: For Beginners

SEPT 1 SA 9AM TO 12PM

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 10 and up.

Nature Nuts: Salamanders

SEPT 4 T 9AM TO 11AM

SEPT 19 W 9AM TO 11AM

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

Eco Explorers: Stream Stats

SEPT 4 T 1PM TO 3PM

SEPT 19 W 1PM TO 3PM

Take a very hands-on approach to learning about water quality in the Davidson River. Plan on getting wet as we analyze flow rates, dissolved oxygen levels, pH levels, and more. Ages 8-13.

Introduction to Fly Fishing

SEPT 18 T 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.

Casting for Beginners: Level I

SEPT 20 TH 10AM TO 3PM

This is the perfect introductory class for beginners. Topics include casting theory, mechanics and practice techniques. 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.

National Hunting and Fishing Day

SEPT 22 SA 10AM TO 3PM

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.

Women's Introduction to Fly Fishing

SEPT 28 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.



ALAN KRKAUER/FLICKR

Identifying Birds of Prey

SEPT 29 SA 9AM TO 12NOON

The hunting skills of birds of prey have always captured the imagination of nature lovers but few can 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. Be prepared for a light hike. Ages 10 and up. No younger siblings please because silence and patience is imperative when birding by ear.

Trapping 101

SEPT 29 SA 9AM TO 3PM

Learn the information necessary to start trapping on your own. This course will cover equipment, scent control, regulations and setting your traps. This is a hands-on course appropriate for beginners and higher skill levels. Ages 12 and up.

October

Introduction to Fly Fishing

OCT 5 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.

Introduction to Hunting

OCT 6 SA 9AM TO 3PM

Hunting has a long tradition as a challenging yet rewarding outdoor pursuit. For those new to the sport, getting started can be just as challenging. The course is designed to introduce a variety of topics new hunters will benefit from learning. 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. Ages 12 and up.

Nature Nuts: Bats

OCT 8 M 9AM TO 11AM

OCT 29 M 9AM TO 11AM

We will focus on the interesting world of bats! Learn all about their natural history, how they communicate and what is causing their current populations to decline. Ages 4-7.

Eco Explorers: Hellbenders

OCT 8 M 1PM TO 3PM

OCT 29 M 1PM TO 3PM

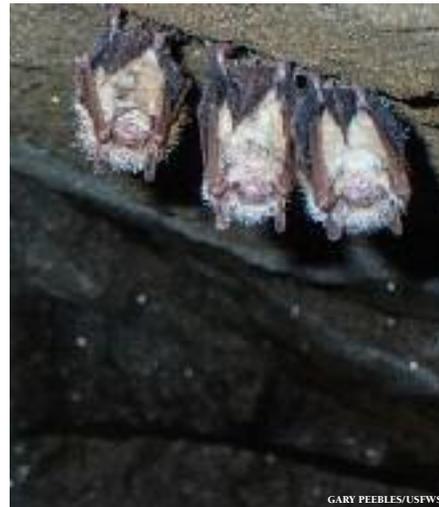
Explore the fascinating world of the hellbender! This unique salamander is considered a species of special concern in N.C. We will find out why and answer many more questions about our interesting amphibian friend! Ages 8-13.

Hunter Education Course

OCT 9 T 6PM TO 9PM

OCT 10 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

OCT 11 TH 10AM 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.

Fishing the Dry Fly

OCT 12 F 9AM TO 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 13 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.

On the Water: East Fork French Broad

OCT 17 W 10AM TO 3PM

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

Wildlife Photo Hunt Competition

OCT 20 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.

Casting for Beginners: Level I

OCT 23 T 10AM TO 3PM

Topics include casting theory, mechanics and practice techniques. Learn the overhead cast, roll cast and the art of false casting. Advanced instruction is available upon request. All equipment and materials are provided. Bring a lunch. Ages 12 and up.

Women's Introduction to Fly Fishing

OCT 27 SA 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.

November

Introduction to Fly Fishing

Nov 2 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.

Nature Nuts: Turkey

Nov 5 M 9AM TO 11AM

Nov 16 F 9AM TO 11AM

Bring your little ones out for a morning filled with lots of interesting facts, activities and more as we learn all there is to know about turkeys! Ages 4–7.

Eco Explorers: Elk

Nov 5 M 1PM TO 3PM

Nov 16 F 1PM TO 3PM

Explore the interesting world of elk. We will learn about life history, feeding habits and the reintroduction of elk to N.C. Ages 8–13.

Hunter Education Course

Nov 6 T 6PM TO 9PM

Nov 7 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: Tuckasegee River

Nov 9 F 10AM 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 during a fun and relaxed morning of fishing. Equipment and materials provided. Call for directions. Ages 12 and up.

Fishing Streamers

Nov 10 SA 9AM TO 3PM

Learn the techniques and tactics to enhance your fly fishing experience. This course will include sections on equipment, presentation skills for streamer patterns, selecting the best streamer for the situation, and adapting to selective trout. Ages 12 and up.

On the Water: North Mills River

Nov 14 W 10AM TO 3PM

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

Outdoor Cooking

Nov 17 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. Participants 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.



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