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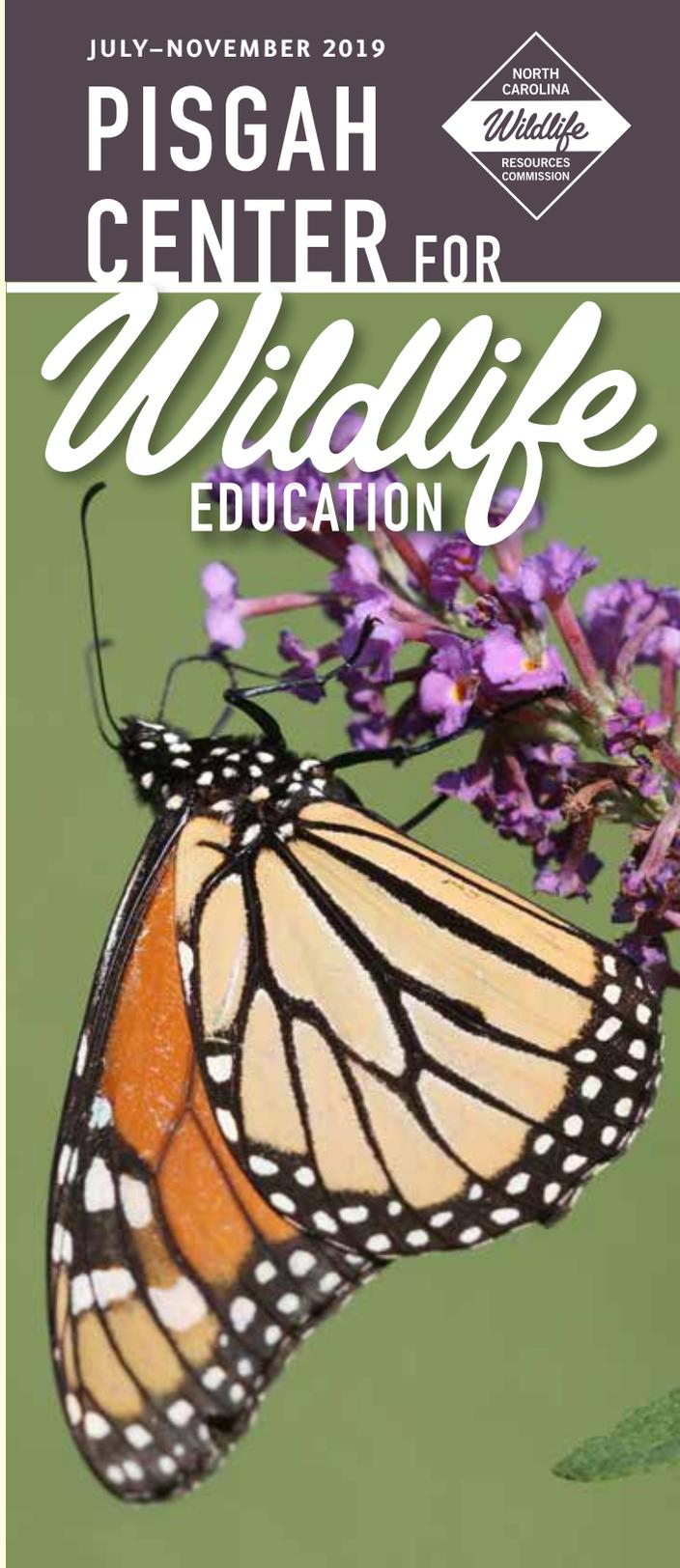
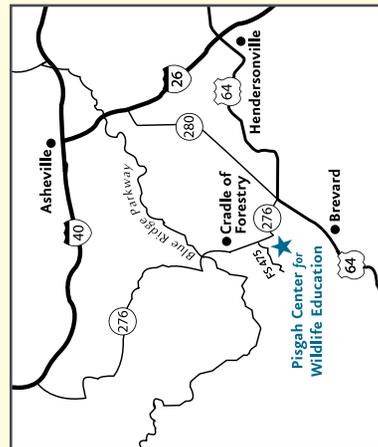
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PROGRAMS FOR THE PUBLIC

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

Nature Nuts: Wild Woodlands

JULY 8 M 9AM TO 11AM

JULY 26 F 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. Ages 4–7.

Eco Explorers: Snakes

JULY 8 M 1PM TO 3PM

JULY 26 F 1PM TO 3PM

Learn about local snake species—we'll separate facts from fiction. Activities include a hike through the forest. Ages 8–13.

Pisgah Hike

JULY 3 W 9AM TO 12PM

Learn about area wildlife and the habitats they call home in the Pisgah National Forest as we hike the Cat Gap Loop/John Rock trails to learn about local flora and fauna. This is around a 4.5 mile hike, so good shoes, water and a snack are a must. Ages 12 and up.

Snorkeling in the Stream

JULY 5 F 10AM TO 1PM

Learn about aquatic ecosystems. We'll have snorkels and masks available, so come prepared to get wet. Swim suits and a towel are required. Ages 8–15.

Women's Introduction to Fly Fishing

JULY 6 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.

Stream Investigation

JULY 10 W 9AM TO 11AM

JULY 19 F 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 8–12.

Salamanders

JULY 12 F 9AM TO 11AM

Learn about one of N.C.'s most fascinating amphibians. Identify local species of salamanders and their habitat requirements. Ages 8–12.

Tackle Rigging for Fly Fishing

JULY 13 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. We will create dropper rigs, euro-style nymphing rigs and more. Covers material selection, techniques and care. Ages 12 and up. All materials are provided.

Tracking

JULY 17 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 8–12.

Casting for Beginners: Level I

JULY 18 TH 10AM-3PM

Topics include casting theory, mechanics and practice techniques. Learn at your own pace. 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.

Fly Tying for the Beginner

JULY 20 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.

Advanced WILD – Mountain Streams

JULY 23 T 9AM TO 4PM

We will share techniques used in the field to study our mountain streams and the wildlife that inhabit them. 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.



N.C. Crayfish

JULY 25 TH 9AM TO 11AM

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.

Wildlife Photo Hunt Competition

JULY 27 SA 10AM TO 12PM

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.

Kids' Primitive Outdoor Skills

JULY 31 W 9AM TO 3PM

Do you think you could survive if you were lost in the woods with only a few essential items? Learn the basics of wilderness survival. Topics will include building a fire, constructing a shelter, and finding food. Ages 10–15. Limited to 12 participants.

August

Nature Nuts: Monarchs

AUG 9 F 9AM TO 11AM

AUG 31 SA 9AM TO 11AM

Explore the exciting world of monarch butterflies. We will learn about their incredible annual migration and conservation efforts in place to help this extraordinary species of butterfly. Ages 4–7.

Eco Explorers: Monarchs

AUG 9 F 1PM TO 3PM

AUG 31 SA 1PM TO 3PM

Explore the exciting world of monarch butterflies. We will learn about their incredible annual migration and conservation efforts in place to help this extraordinary species of butterfly. Ages 8–13.

Tracking

AUG 6 T 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 8–12.

Stream Investigation

AUG 7 W 9AM TO 11AM

Explore the Davidson River in search of aquatic macro invertebrates. Determine the water quality of the river and learn how these macros play such an important role in the ecosystem. Ages 8 and up.

Snorkeling in the Stream

AUG 8 TH 10AM TO 1PM

AUG 12 M 10AM TO 1PM

Snorkel a local stream learning about aquatic ecosystems. We'll have snorkels and masks available, so come prepared to get wet. Swim suits and a towel are required. Ages 8–15.

Salamanders

AUG 9 F 9AM TO 11AM

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 8–12.

Fly Tying for the Beginner

AUG 10 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.



Casting for Beginners: Level I

AUG 14 W 10AM TO 3PM

Topics include casting theory, mechanics and practice techniques. Learn at your own pace. 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.

Trapping 101

AUG 17 SA 9AM TO 3PM

Discuss trapping in N.C. and start trapping on your own. This course will cover equipment, scent control, regulations and setting your traps. Appropriate for beginners and higher skill levels. Ages 12 and up.

Hunter Education Course

AUG 20 T 6PM TO 9PM

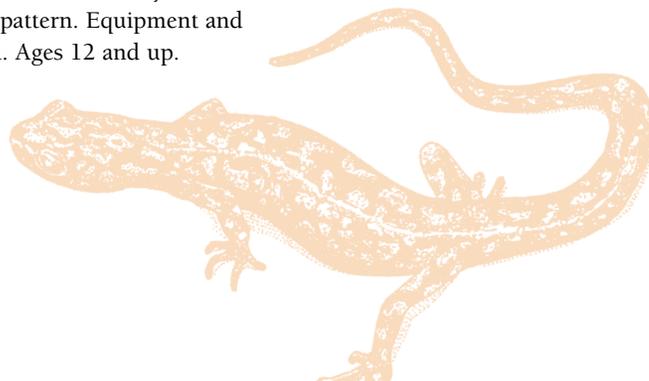
AUG 21 W 6PM TO 9PM

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.

Tackle Rigging

AUG 26 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 more. The course will also cover material selection, techniques and care. Ages 12 and up. All materials are provided.



September

Nature Nuts: Life Cycles

SEPT 4 W 9AM TO 11AM

SEPT 19 TH 9AM TO 11AM

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:

Stream Investigation

SEPT 4 W 1PM TO 3PM

SEPT 19 TH 1PM TO 3PM

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.



Introduction to Fly Fishing

SEPT 20 F 9AM TO 3PM

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.

Women's Introduction to Fly Fishing

SEPT 21 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.



Casting for Beginners: Level I

SEPT 24 T 10AM TO 3PM

Topics include casting theory, mechanics and practice techniques. Learn at your own pace as they teach 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.

Hunter Education Course

SEPT 24 T 6PM TO 9PM

SEPT 25 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.

National Hunting and Fishing Day

SEPT 28 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.

Backyard Birding by Ear: For Beginners

SEPT 30 M 9AM TO 12PM

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. Light hiking outside. Ages 10 and up.

October

Nature Nuts: Squirrels

OCT 7 M 9AM TO 11AM

OCT 21 M 9AM TO 11AM

This month our Nature Nut topic will focus on the interesting world of squirrels! Activities will include a craft, story time, a game and more. Ages 4–7.

Eco Explorers: Raising Trout

OCTOBER 7 M 1PM TO 3PM

OCTOBER 21 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.

On the Water: Little River

OCT 2 W 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 during a fun and relaxed morning of fishing. Equipment and materials provided. Meet at the Hooker Falls Parking Area. Ages 12 and up.

Introduction to Fly Fishing

OCT 4 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.

Casting for Beginners: Level I

OCT 8 T 10AM TO 3PM

Topics include casting theory, mechanics and practice techniques. Learn at your own pace. Advanced instruction is available upon request. All equipment and materials are provided. Bring a lunch. Ages 12 and up.

Hunter Education Course

OCT 15 T 6PM TO 9PM

OCT 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.

On the Water: West Fork

Pigeon River

OCT 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 on HWY 215, just above Lake Logan. Ages 12 and up.



Introduction to Fly Fishing

OCT 22 T 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.

Kids' Primitive Outdoor Skills

OCT 25 F 9AM TO 3PM

Do you think you could survive if you were lost in the woods with only a few essential items? Together with Pisgah Center staff learn the basics of wilderness survival. Topics will include building a fire, constructing a shelter, and finding food. Ages 10–15. Limited to 12 participants.

Casting for Beginners: Level I

OCT 28 M 10AM TO 3PM

Topics include casting theory, mechanics and practice techniques. Learn at your own pace as they teach 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 26 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

Nature Nuts: Bears

Nov 4 M 9AM TO 11AM

Nov 12 T 9AM TO 11AM

Learn about N.C.'s only bear species, the black bear. We'll discuss the history and future of the black bear and co-existing with humans. Activities will include a craft, story time, a game and more. Ages 4-7

Eco Explorers: Living Downstream

Nov 4 M 1PM TO 3PM

Nov 12 T 1PM TO 3PM

Learn about environmentally friendly planning and its impacts by designing a model town that minimizes pollution and makes commuting, living and working easier for town residents. We'll also focus on the impact the town has on river inhabitants such as trout, macroinvertebrates, and other wildlife. Ages 8-13.



Introduction to Fly Fishing

Nov 1 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

Nov 5 T 6PM TO 9PM

Nov 6 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 6 W 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.

Casting for Beginners: Level I

Nov 12 T 10AM TO 3PM

Topics include casting theory, mechanics and practice techniques. Learn at your own pace as they teach 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.

Outdoor Cooking

Nov 16 SA 10AM TO 2PM

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.

On the Water: North Mills River

Nov 19 T 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. Equipment and materials provided. Call for directions. Ages 12 and up.

Kid's Introduction to Fly Fishing

Nov 23 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.



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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.

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.