THE PISGAH CENTER FOR WILDLIFE EDUCATION is open from 8:00 AM to 4:45 PM Monday–Saturday from April through November and Monday–Friday December through March. The Center and its activities are programs of the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission and are supported through fees collected from hunters and anglers and through partnerships with the U.S. Forest Service, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service’s Sport Fish Restoration Program, and business and community groups. Admission is free, and all exhibits are universally accessible. Visit the Commission online at ncwildlife.org. The Center is closed on most state holidays.

To register for a program, arrange group programs or receive additional information, please contact the program coordinator or register online at https://ncpaws.org/reservations/pisgah.

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January

Leader Building
Jan. 10 F 9am to noon
Construct your own line leaders for fly-fishing. All materials provided. Ages 12 and up.

Fly-Tying for the Beginner
Jan. 15 W 9am to noon
Learn the fundamentals of fly-tying at your own pace. All materials provided. Ages 12 and up.

Fly-Tying: Level II
Jan. 17 F 9am to noon
If you have learned the basics, learn a few advanced techniques. Equipment and materials provided. All materials provided. Ages 12 and up.

February

Fly-Selection 101
Feb. 7 F 10am to noon
Discover types of fly-patterns and where and how to use them. Ages 12 and up.

Fly-Tying for the Beginner
Feb. 10 M 9am to noon
Work at your own pace to tie a basic pattern. All materials provided. Ages 12 and up.

Nature Nuts: Fred the Fish
Feb. 12 W 9am to 11am
Feb. 24 M 9am to 11am
Explore the world of Fred the Fish as we learn how various types of pollution affect fish in a mountain stream. Ages 4–7.

March

Nature Nuts: Bobcats
March 3 M 9am to 11am
March 12 W 9am to 11am
March 21 F 9am to 11pm
Enjoy a morning of craft making, story time, educational games while exploring the exciting world of bobcats! Ages 4–7.

Eco Explorers: Fly-Casting
March 3 M 1pm to 3pm
March 12 W 1pm to 3pm
March 21 F 1pm to 3pm
This is the perfect introductory class to learn fly-casting at Lake Imaging in DuPont State Recreational Forest. All materials provided. Ages 8–13.

Introduction to Fly-Fishing
March 5 W 9am to 3pm
Explore the basics of fly-fishing. All materials provided. Bring a lunch and non-slip shoes or waders if you have them. Limited to 6 participants. Ages 12 and up.

Archery
March 27 TH 10am to 11:30am
Learn about archery! Topics covered will include: safety, variations in bows and arrows, and lots of time practice shooting at targets! Ages 8–Adult.

BB Gun Shooting Range
March 27 TH 1pm to 2:30pm
Find out about firearm safety and shooting, and the different types of firearms. Practice shooting skills on an outside BB gun range! Ages 8–15.
April

Nature Nuts: Bird Watching
**April 2** W  9am to 11am
**April 12** S  9am to 11am
**April 28** M  9am to 11am
Find out what types of birds you can may find at backyard feeders and in the woods. We’ll explore distinguishing characteristics and identify our local feathered friends. For ages 4–7.

Beyond BOW: Introduction to Fly-Fishing
**April 4—April 6** F–SU
This class is an extension of the Becoming an Outdoors Woman (BOW) program. Learn the basics of fly-fishing. Materials and meals provided. Ages 18 and up. To register contact B.B. Gillen at 919-218-3638.

Fly-Fishing Skills: Delayed Harvest (East Fork French Broad)
**April 8** T  10am to 3pm
Practice your fly-fishing skills on the East Fork French Broad River. Learn about regulations, wading, reading the water, and stream entomology during a fun morning of fishing. All materials provided. Meet at the Exxon/Kountry Mart store in Rosman, N.C. Ages 12 and up.

Fly-Fishing Skills: Delayed Harvest (North Mills River)
**April 10** TH  10am to 3pm
Engage in developing your skills while learning about Delayed Harvest regulations. All materials provided. Meet at the North Mills River Recreational Area parking lot (before campground, to the left). Ages 12 and up.

Eco Explorers: Lake Fly-Fishing
**April 16** W  1pm to 4pm
**April 22** T  1pm to 4pm
Explore the basics of fly-fishing on a local lake. Equipment and materials provided. Meet at High Falls parking area in DuPont State Recreational Forest. Ages 8–13

Kid’s Introduction to Fly-Fishing
**April 21** M  9am to 3pm
Get in on 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 8–15.

Introduction to Fly-Fishing
**April 23** W  9am to 3pm
Explore the basics of fly-fishing. All materials provided. Bring a lunch and non-slip shoes or waders if you have them. Limited to 6 participants. Ages 12 and up.

Birdhouse Basics
**April 26** S  10am to 12pm
Build a birdhouse to take home, and learn some basics about birds. All materials provided. For ages 7 and up. Limited to 12 families with one birdhouse per family.

Fly-Fishing Skills: Casting for Beginners
**April 30** W  10am to 3pm
Class for beginners! Work at your own pace at Lake Imaging in DuPont State Recreational Forest. All materials provided; bring a lunch. Ages 12 and up.
May

Fly-Fishing Skills: Delayed Harvest (West Fork Pigeon River)
May 6 T 10am to 3pm
Enjoy practicing your fly-fishing skills on the West Fork Pigeon River, and learn about Delayed Harvest regulations during a relaxed morning of fishing. All materials provided. Meet at the Sunburst Recreational Area off HWY 215. Ages 12 and up.

Nature Nuts: Reptiles
May 10 S 9am to 11am
May 16 F 9am to 11am
May 24 S 9am to 11am

Introduction to Fly-Fishing
May 13 T 9am to 3pm
Explore the basics of fly-fishing. All materials provided. Bring a lunch and non-slip shoes or waders if you have them. Limited to 6 participants. Ages 12 and up.

Fly-Fishing Skills: Casting for Beginners
May 15 TH 10am to 3pm
Class for beginners! Work at your own pace at Lake Imaging in DuPont State Recreational Forest. All materials provided; bring a lunch. Ages 12 and up.

Eco Explorers: Archery
May 16 F 1pm to 3pm
May 24 S 1pm to 3pm
Engage in safe and fun practices using the bow and arrow. We’ll introduce participants to the N.C. Basic Archery program focusing on safety, equipment and shooting technique. Ages 8–13.

Introduction to Tenkara 101
May 17 S 9am to 11am
Come join our special guest presenter, Jason Sparks of Appalachian Tenkara, as he and his team introduce the newly popular form of traditional Japanese fly fishing, Tenkara. Topics covered will include a unique perspective on Japanese flies (Kebari). Limited to 15 participants. Ages 14 and up.

Family Fly-Fishing Day (Lake Imaging)
May 20 T 9am to noon
Learn the basics of fly-fishing. Equipment and materials provided. Limited to 10 participants. Ages 8 & up.

Introduction to Fly-Fishing: Lake Fishing*
May 22 TH 10am to 3pm
The basics of fly-fishing on a local lake. All 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.

Eco Explorers: Archery
May 31 S 1pm to 3pm
Enjoy the basics of outdoor photography, focusing on wildlife and their habitats. Bring your camera. Ages 14 and up.

Fly-Fishing Skills: On the Water (Davidson River)
May 26 M 9am to noon
Participate in improving your mastery of fly-fishing during a fun and relaxed morning of fishing. Bring non-slip wading shoes or waders. All materials provided. Limit 6 participants. Ages 12 and up.

Fly-Fishing Skills: Wild Trout (Looking Glass Creek)
May 30 F 10am to 3pm
Practice your fly-fishing skills on Looking Glass Creek in Pisgah National Forest. Learn about Wild Trout. All materials provided. Meet at the education center. Ages 12 and up.

Outdoors Photography
May 31 S 9am to 1pm
Enjoy the basics of outdoor photography, focusing on wildlife and their habitats. Bring your camera. Ages 14 and up.

Introduction to Tenkara: Level II
May 23 F 9am to 11am
Come join our special guest presenter, Jason Sparks and his team as they take you to the next step of Tenkara fly-fishing. Mechanics for the fisher ready to step up to the next level. Limited to 15 participants. Ages 14 and up.
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**June**

**Close-up Outdoor Photography**

*June 2  M  9AM TO 1PM*

For the advanced beginner, this focuses on the fascinating world of tiny plants and animals. Sturdy shoes and a camera capable of manual control are suggested. Ages 14 and up.

**Kid’s Introduction to Fly-Fishing**

*June 6  F  9AM TO 3PM*

Pick up the basics of fly-fishing: equipment, knots, casting. All materials provided. Bring a lunch and non-slip shoes or waders. Ages 8–15.

**Introduction to Fly-Fishing**

*June 7  S  9AM TO 3PM*

Explore the basics of fly-fishing. All materials provided. Bring a lunch and non-slip shoes or waders if you have them. Limited to 6 participants. Ages 12 and up.

**Salamanders**

*June 7  S  9AM TO 11AM*

This is one one of N.C.’s most fascinating amphibians! Identify local species of salamanders and their habitat requirements. Ages 8 and up.

**Fly-Fishing Skills: Casting for Beginners**

*June 10  T  10AM TO 3PM*

Class for beginners. Work at your own pace at Lake Imaging in DuPont State Recreational Forest. All materials provided; bring a lunch. Ages 12 and up.

**Nature Nuts: Raising Trout**

*June 10  T  9AM TO 11AM*

*June 21  S  9AM TO 11AM*

*June 27  F  9AM TO 11AM*

Learn about the Bobby N. Setzer trout hatchery operations and feed the fish! Ages 4–7.

**BB Gun Shooting Range**

*June 11  W  10AM TO 11:30 AM & 1 PM TO 2:30 PM*

Find out about firearm safety and shooting, and the different types of firearms. Practice shooting skills on an outside BB gun range. Ages 8–15.

**Catch and Cook**

*June 12  TH  9AM TO 2PM*

Experiencing catching some of our mountain trout and preparing the catch using favorite, local recipes. Ages 12 and up.

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**Archery**

*June 14  S  10AM TO 11:30 AM & 1 PM TO 2:30 PM*

Topics include: safety and lots of time shooting at targets. Choose only one program time. Ages 8 and up.

**Be Bear Aware**

*June 14  S  1 PM TO 3PM*

Get to know the fascinating black bears and to safely coexist with them.

**Eco Explorers: Stream Investigation**

*June 21  S  1PM TO 3PM*

*June 27  F  1PM TO 3PM*

Explore the Davidson River looking for aquatic macro invertebrates that play such an important role in the ecosystem. Ages 8–13.

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**Gone Fishin’ (Lake Dense)**

*June 28  S  9AM TO 11AM*

Learn fishing skills and water safety on a local lake. Equipment provided. Meet at High Falls parking area and hayride to the lake. You may register once per summer. Limited to 25 participants. Ages 5–12.

**Kebari Fly-Tying 101**

*June 28  S  9AM TO NOON*

Jason Sparks and his team introduce the art of Japanese fly-tying, Kebari. All materials provided. Ages 14 and up. Limited to 10 participants.

**A Week in the Water**

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### 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.

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### 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.

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Visit ncwildlife.org for details on all programs offered by the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission.