

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 ncwildlife.org/pisgah/signup.

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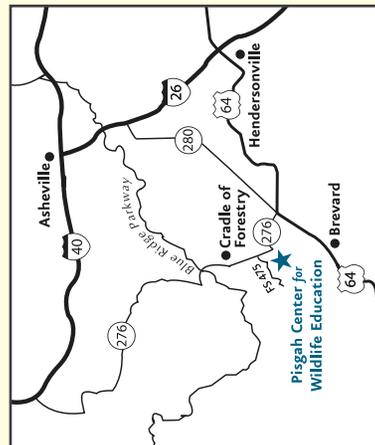
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MARCH–JUNE 2019

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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.

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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.



MIKE/FLICKE

March

Nature Nuts: Raccoons

MARCH 11 M 9AM TO 11AM

MARCH 20 W 9AM TO 11AM

Do raccoons really wash their food? What do you call their young? Learn the answers to these questions and much more as we learn about the fascinating world of raccoons. Ages 4-7.

Eco Explorers: Owls

MARCH 11 M 1PM TO 3PM

MARCH 20 W 1PM TO 3PM

Learn all about the fascinating world of owls. This program will include owl pellet dissection! Ages 8-13.

Hunter Education Course

MARCH 5 T 6PM TO 9PM

MARCH 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.

Fly Selection 101

MARCH 5 T 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.

On the Water: East Fork French Broad

MARCH 7 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 and casting. Equipment and materials provided. Meet at the Exxon/Korner Mart store in Rosman, N.C. Ages 12 and up.

Introduction to Fly Fishing

MARCH 12 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.



CAROLYN LEHRKE/FLICKE

Birding Hike

MARCH 12 T 9AM TO 12NOON

Take 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.

On the Water: Little River

MARCH 15 F

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 18 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.

Tackle Rigging for Fly Fishing

MARCH 19 T 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.

Outdoor Skills Series:

Fire Making and Shelter Building

MARCH 25 M 10AM TO 2PM

Join us each month this spring for a different topic related to outdoor skills. Whether you are an angler, hunter, or wildlife watcher these programs offer you a chance to try your hand at skills set that will help keep you safe in the forest. Ages 12 & up.



MELISSA MCGAW/NCWRC

Casting for Beginners: Level I

MARCH 25 M

10AM TO 3PM

Learn various casting techniques at your own pace. 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.

Reading the Water

MARCH 27 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.

April

Nature Nuts: Raising Trout

APRIL 15 M 9AM TO 11AM

APRIL 29 M 9AM TO 11AM

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



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MIKAEL LEEPA/FLICKR

Eco Explorers: Mtn. Habitats

APRIL 15 M 1PM TO 3PM

APRIL 29 M 1PM TO 3PM

Take a short hike into the forest and discover the various habitats that make our mountains such an ideal place for our local wildlife to live. Ages 8–13.

Fly Selection 101

APRIL 1 M 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

APRIL 4 TH 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 & up.

Backyard Birding by Ear: For Beginners

APRIL 6 SA 9AM TO 12PM

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 10 and up.

On the Water: Tuckasegee

APRIL 17 W 10AM TO 3PM

Practice your fly-fishing skills on the Tuckasegee 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.

Ages 12 and up.

Casting for Beginners: Level I

APRIL 18 TH 10AM TO 3PM

Our experienced instructors allow you to 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 22 M 10AM TO 2PM

Join us each month this spring for a different topic related to outdoor skills. Whether you are an angler, hunter, or wildlife watcher these programs offer you a chance to try your hand at skills set that will help keep you safe in the forest. Ages 12 & up.

Fly Tying for the Beginner

APRIL 24 W 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.

Tackle Rigging for Fly Fishing

APRIL 27 SA 9AM TO 12NOON

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.

May

Nature Nuts: Stream Investigation

MAY 6 M 9AM TO 11AM

MAY 13 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.

Eco Explorers: Compass

MAY 6 M 1PM TO 3PM

MAY 13 M 1PM TO 3PM

Whether you are on a hunt, out fishing, or exploring the forest you need to know how to navigate your way in the world. Learn the fundamentals of the compass. Ages 8–13.

Peregrine Falcons

MAY 1 W 8AM TO 10AM

MAY 22 W 8AM TO 10AM

Don't miss a rare opportunity to observe nesting peregrine falcons. Our observations will be recorded and turned over to NCWRC biologists for inclusion in the 2019 peregrine falcon nesting reports. Ages 10 and up.

Beyond B.O.W:

Introduction to Fly Fishing

MAY 3–5 F–SU

The fly-fishing weekend is open to women of all skill levels who want to learn more about fly fishing. The \$125 registration fee covers instruction, fishing equipment and camping for the weekend, and a light lunch and snacks on Saturday. Equipment and materials provided. Ages 18 and up. To register contact B.B. Gillen at 919-218-3638.



MELISSA MCGAW/NCWRC

Introduction to Fly Fishing

MAY 7 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.

Backyard Birding by Ear: For Beginners

MAY 11 SA 9AM TO 12PM

Do you enjoy listening to birds in the morning? Come 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 10 and up.

On the Water: Green River

MAY 14 T 10AM TO 3PM

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. Ages 12 and up.

Fly Tying for the Beginner

MAY 18 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.

Outdoor Skills Series: Wild Edibles and Securing Water

MAY 20 M 10AM TO 2PM

Join us each month this spring for a different topic related to outdoor skills. Whether you are an angler, hunter, or wildlife watcher these programs offer you a chance to try your hand at skills set that will help

keep you safe in the forest. Ages 12 & up.

Introduction to Fly Fishing

MAY 21 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

MAY 22 W 10AM TO 3PM

Learn various casting techniques at your own pace. 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 25 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.

June

Nature Nuts: Frogs & Toads

JUNE 3 M 9AM TO 11AM

JUNE 17 M 9AM TO 11AM

What's the difference between a frog and a toad? What do they like to eat? How are they important to our ecosystems? Learn the answers to these and many more questions as we explore the fascinating world of frogs and toads. Ages 4–7.



MELISSA MCGAW/NCWRC

Eco Explorers: Canids

JUNE 3 M 1PM TO 3PM

JUNE 17 M 1PM TO 3PM

This group includes wolves, coyotes, and foxes. Find out about teeth, paws, claws, and other qualities that make this group great. Ages 8–13.

Women's Introduction to Fly Fishing

JUNE 1 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 4 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.

Outdoor Skills Series: Camping 101

JUNE 5 W 10AM TO 2PM

Join us each month this spring for a different topic related to outdoor skills. Whether you are an angler, hunter, or wildlife watcher these programs offer you a chance to try your hand at skills set that will help keep you safe in the forest. Ages 12 & up.

On the Water: Davidson River

JUNE 12 W 9AM TO 12PM

Practice your fly fishing skills on the Davidson 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. Ages 12 and up.

Snorkeling in the Stream

JUNE 13 TH 9AM TO 12PM

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. We'll have snorkels and masks available, so come prepared to get wet! Wear a swim suit and bring a towel. Ages 8 & up.

Casting for Beginners: Level I

JUNE 13 TH 10AM TO 3PM

Learn various casting techniques at your own pace. This class is held at Lake Imagining in DuPont State Recreational Forest. All equipment and materials are provided. Bring a lunch. Ages 12 and up.

Kids' Introduction to Fly Fishing

JUNE 14 F 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

JUNE 15 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.

Introduction to Fly Fishing

JUNE 18 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.

Kid's Primitive Outdoor Skills

JUNE 19 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.

On the Water:

Looking Glass Creek

JUNE 21 F 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 during a fun and relaxed morning of fishing. Equipment and materials provided. Ages 12 and up.

Introduction to Fly Fishing

JUNE 25 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 27 TH 10AM TO 3PM

Learn various casting techniques at your own pace. This class is held at Lake Imagining in DuPont State Recreational Forest. All equipment and materials are provided. Bring a lunch. Ages 12 and up.

Adult Snorkeling

JUNE 29 SA 10AM 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. We'll have snorkels and masks available, so come prepared to get wet! Wear a swim suit and bring a towel. Ages 16 & up.

