

Attention Anglers

A significant amount of trout fishing opportunities in western North Carolina are located on private property. Many landowners have generously allowed public access on their property for fishing. Please respect their property. Your cooperation is needed to protect fishing opportunities for future generations.

- Respect private property and landowners at all times.
- Remove all trash and litter from fishing and parking areas.
- Do not block driveways or gates; keep gates closed.
- When anglers encounter “posted against trespass” signs along designated streams on private lands, they should respect the property owner’s rights. Please choose another location unless proper landowner permission has been obtained ([Landowner Permission Form](#)).
- Anglers may encounter signs like the one to the right. This Access for Fishing Only sign indicates that a landowner has agreed to allow public fishing access.
- Report violations at 1-800-662-7137

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This is **PRIVATE PROPERTY**.
Landowners have generously
agreed to allow:

**PUBLIC ACCESS
FOR FISHING ONLY**

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- No entering the property before 7AM or remaining on the property after 9PM
- No swimming
- No camping or building fires
- No launching or retrieving boats
- Do not block driveways or gates
- Remove all trash and litter

For more information, contact the
N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission
at 919-707-0220 or www.ncwildlife.org.
Report violations at 1-800-662-7137

Attention Landowners

Due to your generosity, North Carolina trout anglers enjoy fishing on numerous streams on private land. Thank you for allowing public access to trout fishing opportunities on your lands. Your help is needed to continue to keep public access available.

- Use the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission’s Access for Fishing Only signs (displayed above).
- You can allow public access for fishing and continue to prohibit other activities.
- If you allow free public access, there is no additional risk from liability than if your land were posted.
- Encourage anglers to park and walk in designated areas.
- Report violations at 1-800-662-7137