

Scotland Neck downstream to the mouth of the Albemarle Sound and from March 15 through April 30 in that portion of the management area from the Roanoke Rapids dam downstream to the U.S. 258 bridge at Scotland Neck.

- The minimum size limit for striped bass and Bodie bass is 18 inches. No fish between 22 and 27 inches may be retained in the daily creel, and only 1 fish larger than 27 inches may be included in the daily limit.
- The daily creel limit for striped bass and Bodie bass is 2 fish in the aggregate.
- In the inland waters of the Albemarle Sound Striped Bass Management Area, which includes the Roanoke Sound, Croatan Sound, Albemarle Sound, Currituck Sound, Chowan River, Alligator River, Scuppernong River and their tributaries (excluding the Roanoke River and its tributaries), striped bass fishing seasons, size limits and creel limits shall be the same as those established by the Marine Fisheries Commission for striped bass in adjacent joint or coastal fishing waters.

Walleye

- The minimum size limit on walleye in Lake James and its tributaries is 15 inches; and in Linville River upstream from the N.C. 126 bridge, the daily creel limit is four fish.

REGULATIONS FOR MOUNTAIN TROUT

Brook, brown and rainbow trout are the dominant species of freshwater trout in North Carolina. These trout require cold, clean water and are therefore generally restricted to mountain streams and lakes. Those mountain waters that support trout and are open to public fishing are designated as “Public Mountain Trout Waters” by the Wildlife Resources Commission and are managed for public trout fishing.

Designated Public Mountain Trout Waters Designated Public Mountain Trout Waters are classified for management purposes as either “Hatchery Supported Trout Waters” or “Wild Trout Waters.”

Wild Trout Waters are high-quality waters that sustain trout populations by natural reproduction. Some Wild Trout Waters are specially regulated to meet specific management objectives.

These are further classified as follows:

- “Catch and Release/Artificial Lures Only,”
- “Catch and Release/Artificial Flies Only,”
- “Wild Trout/Natural Bait,”
- or “Delayed Harvest Trout Waters.”

All designated Public Mountain Trout Waters are classified as Wild Trout Waters unless otherwise classified.

Hatchery Supported Trout Waters must be stocked periodically with trout to sustain fishing. Some Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are further designated as “Delayed Harvest Trout Waters.”

All waters on the game lands listed below, except Cherokee Lake, Grogan Creek, Big Laurel Creek downstream from the the U.S. 25-70 bridge to the French Broad River, Pigeon River downstream of Waterville Reservoir to the Tennessee state line, Nolichucky River, Mill Ridge Pond, Cheoah River downstream of Santeetlah Reservoir, Little River from Hooker Falls downstream to the Dupont State Forest boundary, Lake Imaging, Lake Dense, Lake Alfred, Lake Julia, Fawn Lake and the portion of West Fork Pigeon River below Lake Logan and **North Fork Catawba River downstream of the mouth of Armstrong Creek**, are designated Public Mountain Trout Waters and are classified as Wild Trout Waters unless classified and posted otherwise.

- Three Top Mountain Game Land in Ashe County
- Nantahala National Forest Game Land in Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Jackson, Macon, Swain and Transylvania counties.
- Pisgah National Forest Game Land in Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Caldwell, Haywood, Henderson, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, Transylvania and Yancey counties.
- Dupont State Forest Game Lands in Henderson and Transylvania counties
- Thurmond Chatham Game Land in Wilkes County
- Toxaway Game Land in Transylvania County
- South Mountains Game Land in Cleveland and Rutherford counties
- Cold Mountain Game Land in Haywood County

Hatchery Supported Trout Waters There are approximately 1,100 miles of Hatchery Supported Trout Waters in North Carolina. In hatchery supported waters there is no size limit or bait restriction, and the creel limit is seven trout per day. Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are marked with green-and-white signs that are posted conspicuously along the watercourses. The following waters are classified as Hatchery Supported Trout Waters except where posted against trespassing (streams that are underlined are stocked with catchable-size trout at frequent intervals during the months of March through August):

Alleghany County

Little River (Whitehead to McCann dam)

- Crab Creek
- Brush Creek
- Big Pine Creek
- Laurel Branch
- Big Glade Creek
- Bledsoe Creek
- Piney Fork
- Meadow Fork

Ashe County

North Fork New River (Watauga County line to Sharp dam)

- Big Horse Creek (Mud Creek at S.R. 1363 to Tuckerdale)
- Buffalo Creek (headwaters to junction of N.C. 194-88 and S.R. 1131)
- Big Laurel Creek
- Three Top Creek (except game land portion)
- Hoskins Fork (Watauga County line to North Fork New River)
- Cranberry Creek (Alleghany County line to South Fork New River)
- Nathans Creek
- Peak Creek (headwaters to Trout Lake, except Blue Ridge Parkway waters)
- Roan Creek
- North Beaver Creek
- Pine Swamp Creek (all forks)
- Old Fields Creek
- Mill Creek

Avery County

North Toe River (headwaters to Mitchell County line)

- Squirrel Creek
- Elk River (S.R. 1306 crossing to the Tennessee state line)
- Boyd Coffey Lake
- Archie Coffey Lake
- Linville River (Land Harbor line [below dam] to the Blue Ridge Parkway boundary line, except where posted against trespass)
- Milltimber Creek

Buncombe County

Big Ivy Creek (Ivy River) (Dillingham Creek to U.S. 19-23 bridge)

Please note: For the convenience of the reader, major regulation changes appear in RED.

Dillingham Creek (Corner Rock Creek to Big Ivy Creek)
 Stony Creek
 Mineral Creek
 Corner Rock Creek
 Reems Creek (Sugar Camp Fork to U.S. 19-23 bridge)
 Swannanoa River (S.R. 2702 bridge near Ridgcrest to **Wood Avenue bridge [intersection of N.C. 81 and U.S. 74A in Asheville]**)
 Bent Creek (headwaters to N.C. Arboretum boundary line)
 Cane Creek (headwaters to S.R. 3138 bridge)
 Lake Powhatan

Burke County

Henry Fork (lower South Mountains State Park line downstream to S.R. 1919 at Ivy Creek)
 Carroll Creek (game lands above S.R. 1405)
 Linville River (game lands portion below the Blue Ridge Parkway and from first bridge on S.R. 1223 below Lake James powerhouse to Muddy Creek)

Caldwell County

Wilson Creek (Phillips Branch to Brown Mountain Beach dam)
 Thorps Creek (falls to N.C. 90 bridge)
 Boone Fork Pond
 Buffalo Creek (mouth of Joe's Creek to McCloud Branch)
 Joes Creek (first falls upstream of S.R. 1574 to confluence with Buffalo Creek)

Cherokee County

North Shoal Creek (Cane Creek) (headwaters to S.R. 1325)
 Shuler Creek
 Persimmon Creek
 Davis Creek (confluence of Bald and Dockery creeks to Hanging Dog Creek)
 Beaver Dam Creek (headwaters to S.R. 1326 bridge)
 Valley River
 Hyatt Creek
 Webb Creek
 Junaluska Creek (Ashturn Creek to Valley River)

Clay County

Fires Creek (first bridge above the lower game-land line on U.S. Forest Service Road 442 to S.R. 1300)
 Tuni Creek
 Tusquitee Creek (headwaters to lower S.R. 1300 bridge)
 Shooting Creek (S.R. 1349 bridge to U.S. 64 bridge at S.R. 1338)
 Hothouse Branch (including portions of tributaries on game lands)
 Vineyard Creek

Graham County

Calderwood Reservoir (Cheoah Dam to Tennessee state line)
 Yellow Creek
 Santeetlah Creek (Johns Branch to mouth, including portions of tributaries on game lands, excluding Johns Branch and Little Santeetlah Creek)
 West Buffalo Creek
 Huffman Creek (Little Buffalo Creek)
 Mountain Creek (game lands boundary to S.R. 1138 bridge)
 Sawyer Creek
 Big Snowbird Creek (old railroad junction to mouth)
 Long Creek (portion not on game lands)
 Tulula Creek (headwaters to lower bridge on S.R. 1275)
 Franks Creek
 Cheoah Reservoir
 Stecoah Creek
 Panther Creek

Haywood County

Cold Springs Creek

Jonathans Creek—lower (concrete bridge in Dellwood to Pigeon River)
 Jonathans Creek—upper (S.R. 1302 bridge [west] to S.R. 1307 bridge)
 Hemphill Creek
 West Fork Pigeon River (the triple-arch bridge on N.C. 215 to Queen Creek, except Middle Prong)
Richland Creek (Russ Avenue bridge to U.S. 19A-23 bridge)

Henderson County

(Rocky) Broad River (1/2 mile north of Bat Cave to Rutherford County line)
 Green River—upper (mouth of Bobs Creek to mouth of Rock Creek)
 Green River—lower (Lake Summit dam to I-26 bridge)
 Camp Creek (S.R. 1919 to the Polk County line)
 (Big) Hungry River
 Little Hungry River

Jackson County

Tuckasegee River—upper (confluence with West Fork Tuckasegee River to N.C. 107 bridge at Love Field)
 Tuckasegee River—lower (Dillsboro dam to S.R. 1534 bridge at Wilmot)
 Scott Creek
 Dark Ridge Creek (Jones Creek to Scott Creek)
 Savannah Creek (headwaters to Bradley's packing house on N.C. 116)
 Buff Creek (S.R. 1457 bridge below Bill Johnson's property to Scott Creek)
 Green's Creek (Green's Creek Baptist Church on S.R. 1730 to Savannah Creek)
 Cullowhee Creek (Tilley Creek to Tuckasegee River)
 Balsam Lake
 Bear Creek Lake
 Wolf Creek Lake
 Tanasee Creek Lake
 West Fork Tuckasegee River (Shoal Creek to existing water level of Little Glenville Lake)
 Shoal Creek (Glenville Reservoir Pipeline to mouth)

Macon County

Nantahala River (Nantahala Dam to Whiteoak Creek)
 Queens Creek Lake
 Burningtown Creek
 Cullasaja River (Sequoah dam to U.S. 64 bridge near junction of S.R. 1672)
 Ellijay Creek
 Cliffside Lake
 Cartoogechaye Creek (U.S. 64 bridge to Little Tennessee River)
 Tessentee Creek (Nichols Branch to Little Tennessee River)
 Big Creek (base of falls to Georgia state line)

Madison County

Shut-in Creek
 Spring Creek (junction of N.C. 209 and N.C. 63 to lower U.S. Forest Service boundary line)
 Little Creek
 Meadow Fork Creek (except Little Creek)
 Roaring Fork
 Max Patch Pond
 Mill Ridge Pond
 Big Laurel Creek (Mars Hill watershed boundary to Rice's Mill dam)

Spillcorn Creek (entire stream, excluding tributaries)

Shelton Laurel Creek (confluence of Big Creek and Mill Creek to

N.C. 208 bridge at Belva)
 Mill Creek (upper game lands boundary to confluence with Big Creek)
 Big Pine Creek (S.R. 1151 bridge to French Broad River)
 Puncheon Fork (Hampton Creek to Big Laurel Creek)

McDowell County

Little Buck Creek (game land portion)
 North Fork Catawba River (headwaters to North Cove School at S.R. 1569 bridge)
 Armstrong Creek (Cato Holler lower line downstream to Greenlee upper line)
 Mill Creek (upper railroad bridge to U.S. 70 bridge)

Mitchell County

Big Rock Creek (headwaters to N.C. 226 bridge at S.R. 1307 intersection)
 Little Rock Creek (Green Creek bridge to Big Rock Creek)
 Cane Creek (S.R. 1219 to N.C. 226 bridge)
 Grassy Creek (East Fork Grassy Creek to mouth)
 East Fork Grassy Creek
 North Toe River (Avery Co. line to S.R. 1121 bridge)

Polk County

North Pacolet River (Pacolet Falls to N.C. 108 bridge)
 Fork Creek (Fork Creek Church on S.R. 1100 to North Pacolet River)
 Big Fall Creek—upper (portion above water supply reservoir)
 Big Fall Creek—lower (portion below water supply reservoir)
 Green River (Mouth of Cove Creek to mouth of Brights Creek)
 Little Cove Creek
 Cove Creek
 Camp Creek (Henderson Co. line to Green River)

Rutherford County

(Rocky) Broad River (Henderson County line to U.S. 64/74 bridge)

Stokes County

Dan River (Virginia state line downstream to a point 200 yards below the end of S.R. 1421)

Surry County

Pauls Creek (Virginia state line to 0.3 mile below S.R. 1625 bridge)
 Fisher River (Cooper Creek) (Virginia state line to S.R. 1331 bridge)
 Little Fisher River (Virginia state line to N.C. 89 bridge)
 Ararat River (S.R. 1727 bridge downstream to the N.C. 103 bridge)

Swain County

Calderwood Reservoir (Cheoah dam to Tennessee state line)
 Cheoah Reservoir
 Deep Creek (Great Smoky Mountains National Park boundary line to Tuckasegee River)
 Connelly Creek
 Alarka Creek (game lands boundary to mouth)
 Nantahala River (Macon Co. line to existing Fontana Lake water level)

Transylvania County

French Broad River (junction of west and north forks to U.S. 276 bridge)
 Davidson River (Avery Creek to Ecusta intake)
 Middle Fork French Broad River
 West Fork French Broad River (S.R. 1312 and S.R. 1309 intersection to junction of west and north forks)

Watauga County

North Fork New River (from confluence with Maine and Mine branches to Ashe County line)
 Maine Branch (headwaters to North Fork New River)
 Meat Camp Creek

Norris Fork Creek
 Howards Creek (downstream from lower falls)
 Middle Fork New River (Lake Chetola dam to South Fork New River)
 Stony Fork (headwaters to Wilkes County line)
 Elk Creek (headwaters to gravel pit on S.R. 1508)
 Beech Creek
 Buckeye Creek Reservoir
 Coffee Lake
 Laurel Creek
 Cove Creek (S.R. 1233 bridge at Zionville to S.R. 1233 bridge at Amantha)
 Dutch Creek (second bridge on S.R. 1134 to mouth)
 Beaverdam Creek (S.R. 1209 bridge at Bethel to an unnamed tributary adjacent to the intersection of S.R. 1201 and S.R. 1203)

Wilkes County

East Prong Roaring River (lower state park boundary to Brewer's Mill on S.R. 1943)

Middle Prong Roaring River (headwaters to second bridge on S.R. 1736)
 Pike Creek Pond
 Bell Branch Pond
 Boundary Line Pond
 Pike Creek
 Middle Fork Reddies River (Clear Prong)(headwaters to bridge on S.R. 1580)
 South Fork Reddies River (headwaters to confluence with Middle Fork Reddies River)
 North Fork Reddies River (Vannoy Creek) (headwaters to Union School bridge on S.R. 1559)
 Darnell Creek (North Prong Reddies River) (downstream ford on S.R. 1569 to confluence with North Fork Reddies River)
 South Prong Lewis Fork (headwaters to Lewis Fork Baptist Church) Fork Creek

Yancey County

Cane River (Bee Branch [S.R. 1110] to Bowlens Creek)
 Bald Mountain Creek
 Price Creek (junction of S.R. 1120 and S.R. 1121 to Indian Creek)
 South Toe River (Clear Creek to lower boundary line of Yancey County recreation park)

Wild Trout Waters In all Wild Trout Waters the minimum length limit is 7 inches and the creel limit is four trout per day. Only artificial lures with one single hook may be used. All designated trout waters located on game lands are Wild Trout Waters unless classified and posted otherwise. The following streams are also classified as Wild Trout Waters and are marked with blue-and-gold signs, which are posted conspicuously along the watercourses.

Alleghany County

Ramey Creek
 Big Sandy Creek (portion on Stone Mountain State Park)
 Stone Mountain Creek (portion on Stone Mountain State Park)

Avery County

Birchfield Creek
 Cow Camp Creek
 Cranberry Creek
 Gragg Prong
 Horse Creek
 Jones Creek
 Kentucky Creek

North Harper Creek
 Plumtree Creek
 Roaring Creek
 Rockhouse Creek
 South Harper Creek
 Webb Prong

Burke County

All waters located on South Mountains State Park except the main stream of Jacob Fork between the mouth of Shinny Creek and the lower park boundary and Henry Fork and its tributaries.
 Nettle Branch (game land portion)

Caldwell County

Buffalo Creek (Watauga County line to Long Ridge Branch)
 Joes Creek (Watauga County line to first falls upstream of the end of S.R. 1574)
 Rockhouse Creek

Graham County

South Fork Squally Creek
 Squally Creek

Henderson County

Green River (I-26 bridge to Henderson/Polk County line)

Jackson County

Gage Creek
 North Fork Scott Creek
 Tanasee Creek
 Whitewater River (downstream from Silver Run Creek to South Carolina state line)
 Wolf Creek (except Balsam Lake)

Mitchell County

Green Creek (headwaters to Green Creek bridge)
 Little Rock Creek (above Green Creek, including all tributaries)
 Wiles Creek (game land boundary to mouth)

Polk County

Green River (Henderson/Polk County line to Fishtop Falls Access Area)

Transylvania County

All waters located on Gorges State Park
 Whitewater River (downstream from Silver Run Creek to South Carolina state line)

Watauga County

Dutch Creek (headwaters to second bridge on S.R. 1134)
 Howards Creek (headwaters to lower falls)
 Watauga River (Avery Co. line to steel bridge at Riverside Farm Road)

Wilkes County

Big Sandy Creek (portion on Stone Mountain State Park)
 Garden Creek (portion on Stone Mountain State Park)
 Widow Creek (portion on Stone Mountain State Park)

Yancey County

Cattail Creek (bridge at Mountain Farm Community Road to N.C. 197 bridge)
 Licksillet Creek
 Middle Creek (game land boundary to mouth)
 Rock Creek (game land boundary to mouth)
 South Toe River (game land boundary downstream to Clear Creek)

SPECIAL REGULATED TROUT WATERS

Certain designated Public Mountain Trout Waters are managed under very restrictive regulations to meet specific management objectives. These waters are marked with signs that are posted conspicuously along the watercourses.

Catch and Release/Artificial Lures Only Waters The following trout waters and their tributaries, except as noted, may be fished only with artificial lures having one single hook, and all fish must be released. No fish may be harvested or possessed while fishing these streams. These streams are marked with purple-and-gold signs.

Ashe County

Big Horse Creek (Virginia state line to Mud Creek at S.R. 1363, excluding tributaries)
 Unnamed tributary of Three Top Creek (game land portion)

Avery County

Wilson Creek (game land portion)

Buncombe County

Carter Creek (game land portion)

Burke County

Henry Fork (portion on South Mountains State Park)

Jackson County

Tuckasegee River (above the Clark property)
 Flat Creek

McDowell County

Newberry Creek (game land portion)

Wilkes County

Harris Creek (portion on Stone Mountain State Park)

Yancey County

Upper Creek
 Lower Creek

Catch and Release/Artificial Flies Only Waters The following trout waters and their tributaries, except as noted, may be fished only with artificial flies having one single hook. No fish may be harvested or possessed while fishing these streams. These streams are marked with red-and-gold signs.

Avery County

Elk River (portion on Lees-McRae College property, excluding the millpond)
 Lost Cove Creek (game land portion, excluding Gragg Prong and Rockhouse Creek)

Transylvania County

Davidson River (headwaters to Avery Creek, excluding Avery Creek, Looking Glass Creek and Grogan Creek)

Yancey County

South Toe River (portion from the concrete bridge above Black Mountain Campground downstream to game land boundary, excluding Camp Creek and Big Lost Cove Creek)

Delayed Harvest Trout Waters The following trout waters, excluding tributaries except as noted, may be fished only with artificial lures with one single hook. No natural bait may be possessed, and no fish may be harvested or possessed while fishing these waters between Oct. 1, 2003 and 1/2 hour after sunset on June 4, 2004. These waters are closed to fishing between 30 minutes after sunset on June 4 and 6 a.m. on June 5. At 6 a.m. on June 5 these waters open to fishing under Hatchery Supported regulations—no bait restriction, no minimum length limit and seven-trout-per-day creel limit. These waters are marked with black-and-white signs.

Ashe County

Trout Lake
 Helton Creek (Virginia state line to New River)

Burke County

Jacob Fork (Shinny Creek to lower South Mountains State Park boundary)

Haywood County

West Fork Pigeon River (Queen Creek to the first game land boundary upstream of Lake Logan)

Henderson County

North Fork Mills River (game land portion below the Hendersonville watershed dam)

Jackson County

Tuckasegee River (N.C. 107 bridge at Love Field to the Dillsboro dam)

Macon County

Nantahala River (Whiteoak Creek to NP&L powerhouse discharge canal)

Madison County

Big Laurel Creek (N.C. 208 bridge to the U.S. 25-70 bridge)
Shelton Laurel Creek (N.C. 208 bridge at Belva to the confluence with Big Laurel Creek)

McDowell County

Curtis Creek (game land portion downstream of the U.S. Forest Service boundary at Deep Branch)

Mitchell County

Cane Creek (N.C. 226 bridge to N.C. 80 bridge)

Polk County

Green River (Fishtop Falls access area to the confluence with Cove Creek)

Surry County

Mitchell River (0.6 mile upstream of the end of S.R. 1333 to the S.R. 1330 bridge below Kapps Mill Dam)

Transylvania County

East Fork French Broad River (Glady Fork to French Broad River)

Watauga County

Watauga River (S.R. 1557 bridge to N.C. 105 bridge and S.R. 1114 bridge to N.C. 194 bridge at Valle Crucis)

Wilkes County

East Prong Roaring River (mouth of Bullhead Creek downstream to Stone Mountain State Park boundary line)
Stone Mountain Creek (from falls at Alleghany County line to confluence with East Prong Roaring River and Bullhead Creek)

TROUT FISHING REGULATIONS FOR HATCHERY SUPPORTED AND WILD TROUT WATERS

	<i>Hatchery Supported and Undesignated Waters</i>	<i>Wild Trout Waters</i>
Season	July 1, 2003-Feb. 29, 2004 6 a.m. April 3, 2004 to June 30, 2004	Year-round
Daily Creel Limit	7	4
Minimum Size Limit	None	7 inches
Lure Restriction	None	Artificial lures having a single hook

Exceptions

- There is no closed season for trout in power supply lakes and municipal water supply lakes.
- In Lake Lure the daily creel limit for trout is five fish in the aggregate, and the minimum size limit for trout is 15 inches.

TROUT FISHING REGULATIONS FOR SPECIAL REGULATED TROUT WATERS

Catch and Release/Artificial Lures Only

Season: Year-round
Daily Creel Limit: No trout may be harvested or possessed.
Lure Restriction: Artificial lures having one single hook

Catch and Release/Artificial Flies Only

Season: Year-round
Daily Creel Limit: No trout may be harvested or possessed.
Lure Restriction: Artificial flies having one single hook

Delayed Harvest

From Oct. 1, 2003 to June 4, 2004:

- No trout may be harvested or possessed.
- Fishing restricted to artificial lures having one single hook

From July 1, 2003 to Sept. 30, 2003 and from June 5, 2004 to June 30, 2004:

- 7 trout daily creel limit
- No size limit
- No bait restrictions

Wild Trout/Natural Bait

Season: Year-round
Daily Creel Limit: 4
Minimum Size Limit: 7 inches
Lure Restriction: Artificial lures having one single hook or natural baits with one single hook.
No live fish as bait.

Wild Trout: Natural Bait Waters The following portions of Wild Trout Waters and their tributaries, except as noted, may be fished with artificial lures or natural bait, except live fish. Lures and natural baits are restricted to one single hook. The minimum length limit is 7 inches, and the daily creel limit is four trout. These streams are marked with brown-and-gold signs.

Cherokee County

Tellico River (Fain Ford to Tennessee state line, excluding tributaries)
Bald Creek (game land portions)
Dockery Creek (game land portions)

Clay County

Buck Creek (game land portion downstream of U.S. 64 bridge)

Graham County

Deep Creek
Long Creek (game land portion)

Haywood County

Hurricane Creek (including portions of tributaries on game lands)

Jackson County

Chattooga River (S.R. 1100 bridge to South Carolina state line)
Lower Fowler Creek (game land portion)
Scotsman Creek (game land portion)

Macon County

Chattooga River (S.R. 1100 bridge to South Carolina state line)
Jarrett Creek (game land portion)
Kimsey Creek
Overflow Creek (game land portion)
Park Creek
Tellico Creek (game land portion)
Turtle Pond Creek (game land portion)

Madison County

Big Creek (headwaters to the lower game land boundary, including tributaries)

Transylvania County

North Fork French Broad River (game land portions downstream of S.R. 1326)

Thompson River (S.R. 1152 to South Carolina state line)

Fishing in Trout Waters

- Fishing in designated Public Mountain Trout Waters is limited to hook and line only.
- It is unlawful to fish with more than one line per person in any designated trout water except power reservoirs and city water supply reservoirs.
- It is unlawful to possess natural bait while fishing Wild Trout and Catch-and-Release waters unless those waters are also specifically classified for use of natural bait.
- Fishing hours in any trout water located on game lands or in any Wild Trout Water are from 30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset, except in the Nantahala River downstream from the Swain County line and in the sections of Green River in Polk County located on Green River Game Lands from the mouth of Cove Creek downstream to Brights Creek where night fishing is allowed.
- Trout season in Hatchery Supported Trout Waters opens at 6 a.m. on April 3, 2004.
- It is unlawful to take fish bait or bait fish from designated Public Mountain Trout Waters.
- In designated Public Mountain Trout Waters, the fishing season for all fishes shall be the same as the trout fishing season.
- Dropper flies may be used when fishing any designated Public Mountain Trout Waters.
- It is unlawful to place hatchery-reared fish into a Wild Trout Water or move wild fish from one stream to another on game lands without prior written authorization.

Blue Ridge Parkway The National Park Service establishes fishing regulations for parkway waters. Several ponds and streams on the Blue Ridge Parkway offer trout, smallmouth bass or bream fishing opportunities. Unless posted otherwise, trout

waters are designated as “Wild Trout Waters.” Trout season and size and creel limits are the same as for similarly designated waters regulated by the Wildlife Resources Commission. The exception is Basin Creek where lures are restricted to artificial flies having one single hook.

A valid North Carolina or Virginia fishing license is required for all persons age 16 or older fishing on parkway waters. Either state’s license is valid on all parkway waters. Special trout licenses are not required.

For specific fishing information in Blue Ridge Parkway waters, contact: Blue Ridge Parkway, 199 Hemphill Knob Road, Asheville, NC 28803. Telephone: (828) 271-4779, Ext. 245.

Dupont State Forest Night fishing is prohibited from 30 minutes after sunset to 30 minutes before sunrise in all waters on the Dupont State Forest Game Lands.

North Carolina State Parks South Mountains State Park in Burke County, Stone Mountain State Park in Wilkes and Alleghany counties and Gorges State Park in Transylvania County offer many miles of trout fishing waters. As established by the Wildlife Resources Commission for other trout streams, a valid trout license and a valid North Carolina fishing license are requirements in state park streams. A game lands license is not required. A special catch-and-release stream is located in Stone Mountain State Park with additional regulations. The possession of any type of firearms, explosives, bows and arrows, or alcoholic beverages within state parks is unlawful. Park entrance gates are opened and closed daily according to the following schedule:

November, December, January, February	8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
March, October	8 a.m. - 7 p.m.
April, May, September	8 a.m. - 8 p.m.
June, July, August.....	8 a.m. - 9 p.m.

The North Carolina Trout Fishing Maps Book

is the first to show all of the state’s designated Public Mountain Trout Waters. Covering more than 2,100 miles of streams in 25 western counties, maps of each county containing trout streams managed by the Wildlife Commission are presented in a large atlas format. Streams are color-coded to reflect the specific regulations in effect for that stream, and colors match those on signs placed at various locations along each waterway.

The Wildlife Commission charges \$12 for the map book to cover production costs. These books are available online at www.ncwildlife.org, by calling (919) 662-4377 (using VISA or MasterCard) or by using the order form below. Wholesale orders are welcome. For more information call (919) 662-4377.

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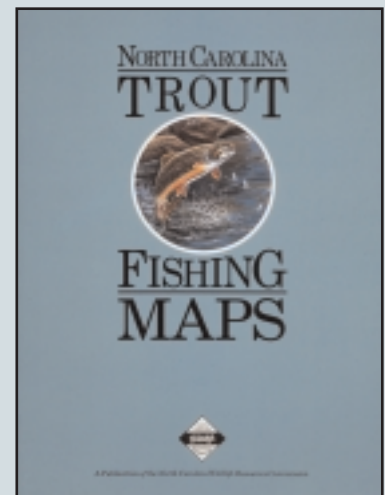
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Additional information may be obtained by contacting the following park offices:

South Mountains State Park

(828) 433-4772

Stone Mountain State Park

(336) 957-8185

Gorges State Park

(828) 966-9099

NONGAME FISH

Any fish not classified as a game fish is considered a nongame fish when found in inland fishing waters.

Sale of Nongame Fish

- Nongame fish caught on hook and line or by grabbling may be sold without restriction.
- When nongame fish are taken for the purpose of sale by means other than hook and line or by grabbling, a special fishing device license is required.
- Bowfin taken by any method in inland waters may not be sold.
- Blueback herring and alewife taken by any method in inland waters may not be sold, except for those fish less than 6 inches in length that are taken from Kerr, Gaston or Roanoke Rapids reservoirs.

Manner of Taking Nongame Fish

- Nongame fish may be taken by hook and line or by grabbling; no fish may be taken by snagging. Special devices defined herein may be used to take nongame fish with proper licenses (see "Collecting Nongame Fish for Bait" and "Special Devices"). Nongame fish may be taken year-round with bow and arrow in waterfowl impoundments located entirely on game lands and in all inland fishing waters other than the impounded waters on the Sandhills Game Land and designated Public Mountain Trout Waters.
- Nongame fishes may be taken with bow and arrow under any license that authorizes basic hunting or fishing privileges.
- It is unlawful to fish with a crossbow, except for disabled persons possessing a valid crossbow hunting permit.
- For special rules governing trotlines, see "Using Trotlines and Set-hooks" (page 10).
- Crab pots are a special fishing device that may not be used in inland fishing waters or in designated waterfowl impoundments located on game lands. Exception: Persons owning property adjacent to the inland fishing waters of coastal rivers and their tributaries may set two crab pots attached to their property and a special device license is not required.

Hook-And-Line Regulations

Season: Year-round

Minimum size limit: None

Daily creel limit: None

The following exceptions apply:

- The daily creel limit on channel, white and blue catfish (forked-tail catfish) is six fish in the following Community Fishing Program waters:

Oka T. Hester Pond	Indian Lake
Lake Luke Marion	CG Hill Memorial Park Pond
Shelley Lake	Winston Pond
Lake Crabtree	San-Lee Park Ponds
Freedom Park Pond*	Lake Toisnot
Lake Rim	Bur-Mill Park Ponds
Cedarock Pond	Kernersville Lake

Frank Liske Park Pond
 Kinston Neuseway Park Pond
 River Park North Pond
 Simpkins Pond
 Lake Michael
 Harris Lake County Park Ponds
 Newbold Pond*
 Hornet's Nest Pond
 Hamlet City Lake
 Reedy Creek Park Ponds

Apex Community Lake
 McAlpine Lake
 Big Elkin Creek
 Lake Tomahawk
 Ellerbe Community Lake
 Park Road Pond
 Etheridge Pond*
 Anderson Community Park Pond
 Hagan Stone Park Ponds
 Bond Park Lake

- Use of gasoline engines to power boats is prohibited.
- There is no open season for sturgeon. Any sturgeon caught must be immediately released.
- The minimum size limit for American eel is 6 inches and the possession limit is 50 fish.
- **Blue crabs taken by hook and line (other than set-hooks) from inland fishing waters or in designated waterfowl impoundments located on game lands must have a minimum carapace width of 5 inches (point to point).**
- **No person shall take or possess more than 25 herring (alewife and blueback in aggregate) greater than 6 inches in length during one day from the inland fishing waters of coastal rivers and their tributaries up to the first impoundment of the main course on the river.**
- **Grass carp may not be possessed on Lake James, Mountain Island, Gaston and Roanoke Rapids reservoirs.**
- In designated Public Mountain Trout Waters, the season shall be the same as the trout fishing season.

Collecting Nongame Fish for Bait

- Nongame fish may be taken for bait only with the equipment listed below, and an appropriate fishing license is required.
 1. A dip net not greater than 6 feet across.
 2. A seine not greater than 12 feet in length with a bar mesh measure of not more than 1/4 inch.
 3. A cast net.
 4. Minnow traps under immediate control and attendance of the operator and not exceeding 12 inches in diameter, with funnel openings not exceeding 1 inch in diameter.
- Fishes or aquatic animals taken under the provisions for collecting fish for bait may not be sold, and the daily creel limit is 200.
- Nongame fish may not be taken for bait from Bear Creek and Rocky River, Chatham County; Fork Creek, Randolph County; Deep River below Coleridge Dam, Randolph County; and those portions of Deep River in Moore, Chatham and Lee counties.
- Game fish incidentally taken with nets or traps while capturing bait must not be harmed and must be released immediately.
Exception: In Lake Waccamaw any length seine may be used to collect bait fishes.

Collecting Freshwater Mussels

- Freshwater mussels, including the Asiatic clam (*Corbicula fluminea*), may only be taken from impounded waters, except mussels shall not be taken in Lake Waccamaw and in University Lake (Orange County).
- **The daily possession limit for freshwater mussels, including the Asiatic clam (*Corbicula fluminea*), is 200.**

Special Fishing Devices

- Special fishing devices, which may be licensed for the taking of nongame fishes, include the following: bow and arrow (except crossbows), seines, cast nets, gill nets, dip nets, bow nets, reels,