

Resources Commission, extends from March 1–April 30 from the Roanoke Rapids dam downstream to the mouth of the river at the Albemarle Sound.

6. In Sutton Lake, where possession of largemouth bass is prohibited from Dec. 1–March 31.

Possession of Game Fish

- It is unlawful to take, in any one day, more than the daily creel limit of any inland game fish having a specified creel limit.
- It is unlawful, while fishing, to change the appearance of fish subject to size limits or daily creel limits or remove the head and/or tail from fish that are regulated by a size limit so that they may not be measured and/or identified.
- It is unlawful to possess fish whose size, creel or season restrictions are not in compliance with the regulations on the waters being fished.
- It is unlawful to possess more than the daily creel limit while fishing, boating or afield; or to possess at any place more than three days' creel limit.
- It is unlawful to destroy unnecessarily any inland game fish taken from public fishing waters.

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. Maps of trout water and their classifications may be viewed at www.ncwildlife.org under the link for *regulations – fishing – mountain trout*.

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.” Hatchery-Supported Trout Waters must be stocked periodically with trout to sustain angling. Wild Trout Waters are high-quality waters that sustain trout populations by natural reproduction. Some Designated Public Mountain 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,”
- “Delayed-Harvest Trout Waters,”
- or “Special Regulation Trout Waters.”

For Designated Public Mountain Trout Waters, an artificial lure is defined as a fishing lure that neither contains nor has been treated with any substance that attracts fish by the sense of taste or smell. Natural bait is defined as any living or dead organism (plant or animal), or parts thereof, or prepared substances designed to attract fish by the sense of taste or smell.

All waters on the game lands listed below, except Cherokee Lake, Grogan Creek, Big Laurel Creek downstream from 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 Co.
- 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 Co.
- Toxaway Game Land in Transylvania Co.
- South Mountains Game Land in Cleveland and Rutherford counties.
- Cold Mountain Game Land in Haywood Co.

Mountain Heritage Trout Waters Some Designated Public Mountain Trout Waters running through or adjacent to certain cities or towns may be further classified as Mountain Heritage Trout Waters. In lieu of special trout fishing license requirements, resident or non-resident anglers may fish in these waters with a valid Mountain Heritage Trout Waters 3-day license. This license is \$5 for both residents and non-residents and can be purchased online at www.ncwildlife.org or by calling 1-888-248-6834, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., Monday – Friday. The following waters are classified as Mountain Heritage Trout Waters and listed by county, Mountain Heritage City name and regulation type. The boundaries for Mountain Heritage Trout Waters are marked with signs posted conspicuously along the watercourses.

Avery County

Newland

North Toe River (Watauga St. bridge to Roby Shomaker Wetlands and Family Recreation Park) [Hatchery-Supported regulations apply]

Haywood County

Maggie Valley

Jonathan Creek – upper (S.R. 1302 bridge (west) to upstream SR 1307 bridge) [Hatchery-Supported regulations apply]

Jonathan Creek – lower (S.R. 1394 bridge to SR 1389 bridge) [Hatchery-Supported regulations apply]

Waynesville

Richland Creek (Russ Avenue bridge to U.S. 19A-23 bridge) [Hatchery-Supported regulations apply]

Mitchell County

Bakersville

Cane Creek (N.C. 226 bridge to Baker Lane bridge) [Delayed-Harvest regulations apply]

Spruce Pine

North Toe River (U.S. 19E bridge to N.C. 226 bridge) [Delayed-Harvest regulations apply]

Trout Fishing in Undesignated Waters Some waters that are not Designated Public Mountain Trout Waters (as identified above) contain mountain trout. When fishing in these waters, the trout fishing regulations are the same as for Hatchery-Supported Trout Waters except that the trout fishing license is not required to fish undesignated waters, and there is no closed season for fishing. Also, trout may not be possessed or retained in the creel when fishing undesignated waters during the closed season for Hatchery-Supported Trout Waters.

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, 2008-Feb. 28, 2009 7 a.m. April 4, 2009 – June 30, 2009	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 Nantahala River and all tributaries (excluding impoundments) upstream from Nantahala Lake, Linville River within Linville Gorge Wilderness Area (including tributaries), Catawba River from Muddy Creek to the City of Morganton water intake dam, power supply lakes and municipal water supply lakes.
 - Undesignated waters not listed may be fished during the closed season for hatchery-supported waters, however, trout may not be possessed or retained in the creel.
 - 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.

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 (**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 (except where posted against trespassing)
- Big Pine Creek
- Laurel Branch
- Glade Creek
- Bledsoe Creek
- Piney Fork
- Meadow Fork

Ashe County

- North Fork New River (Watauga Co. line to Sharp dam)
- Big Horse Creek (Mud Creek at S.R. 1363 to confluence with North Fork New River)
- 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 Co. line to North Fork New River)
- Cranberry Creek (Alleghany Co. line to South Fork New River)
- Nathans Creek
- Peak Creek (headwaters to Trout Lake, except Blue Ridge Parkway waters)
- Roan Creek
- Beaver Creek
- Pine Swamp Creek (all forks)
- Old Fields Creek
- Mill Creek (except where posted against trespassing)

Avery County

- North Toe River (headwaters to Mitchell Co. line (except where posted against trespassing)
- Squirrel Creek
- Elk River (S.R. 1305 crossing immediately upstream of Big Falls to the Tennessee state line)
- Boyde Coffey Lake
- Linville River (Land Harbor line [below dam] to the Blue Ridge Parkway boundary line, except where posted against trespassing)
- Milltimber Creek

Buncombe County

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

Burke County

- Catawba River (Muddy Creek to the City of Morganton water intake dam)
- 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 (portion within Linville Gorge Wilderness Area, including tributaries, and portion below Lake James powerhouse from upstream bridge on S.R. 1223 to Muddy Creek)

Caldwell County

- Wilson Creek (Phillips Branch to Brown Mountain Beach dam, except where posted against trespassing)
- 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 (**Joe Brown Hwy (S.R. 1325) bridge to Tennessee line**)
- Davis Creek (confluence of Bald and Dockery creeks to Hanging Dog Creek)
- Valley River (headwaters to U.S. 19 business bridge in Murphy)
- 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)
- Big 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

Mountain Creek (game lands boundary to S.R. 1138 bridge)

Sawyer Creek

Big Snowbird Creek (old railroad junction to S.R. 1127 bridge including portions of tributaries on game lands)

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

Pigeon River (Stamey Cove Branch to **upstream** U.S. 19-23 bridge)

Cold Springs Creek

Jonathans Creek—lower (S.R. 1394 bridge 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 Co. line)

Green River—upper (mouth of Joe Creek to mouth of Bobs Creek)

Green River—lower (Lake Summit Dam to I-26 bridge)

Camp Creek (S.R. 1919 to the Polk Co. line)

(Big) Hungry River

Little Hungry River

Cane Creek (S.R. 1551 bridge to U.S. 25 bridge)

Clear Creek (S.R. 1591 bridge at Jack Mountain Lane to S.R. 1572)

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 (except where posted against trespassing)

Dark Ridge Creek (Jones Creek to Scott Creek)

Savannah Creek (headwaters to Bradley's packing house on N.C. 116)

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

Macon County

Nantahala River (Nantahala Dam to Whiteoak Creek **and Nantahala hydropower discharge canal to Swain County line**)

Queens Creek Lake

Burningtown Creek

Cullasaja River (Sequoyah Dam to U.S. 64 bridge near junction of S.R. 1672, excluding the game land portions of Buck Creek and Turtle Pond Creek)

Ellijay Creek (except where posted against trespassing)

Cliffside Lake

Cartoogechaye Creek (U.S. 64 bridge to Little Tennessee River)

Tessentee Creek (Nichols Branch to Little Tennessee River, except where posted against trespassing)

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

Big Laurel Creek (Mars Hill watershed boundary to the S.R. 1318 [Big Laurel Road] bridge downstream of Bearpen Branch)

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 (headwaters to confluence with Big Creek)

Big Pine Creek (S.R. 1151 bridge to French Broad River)

Puncheon Fork (Hampton Creek to Big Laurel Creek)

Little Ivy Creek (confluence of Middle Fork and Paint Fork at Beech Glen to confluence with Ivy Creek at Forks of Ivy)

McDowell County

Catawba River (Catawba Falls Campground to Old Fort Recreation Park)

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, except where posted against trespassing)

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, except where posted against trespassing)

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 Co. line to U.S. 64/74 bridge, except where posted against trespassing)

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 miles below S.R. 1625 bridge)

Fisher River (Cooper Creek) (Virginia state line to Interstate 77 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 lower U.S. Forest Service boundary line)

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 Co. line)

Maine Branch (headwaters to North Fork New River)

Meat Camp Creek

Norris Fork Creek

Howard Creek (downstream from lower falls)

Middle Fork New River (Lake Chetola dam to South Fork New River)

Stony Fork (headwaters to Wilkes Co. line)

Elk Creek (headwaters to gravel pit on S.R. 1508, except where posted against trespassing)

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 (confluence of Beaverdam Creek and Little Beaverdam Creek 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

Cub Creek (0.5 miles upstream of S.R. 2460 bridge to S.R. 1001 bridge)

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)

Fall Creek (except where posted against trespassing)

Yancey County

Cane River (Bee Branch [S.R. 1110] to Bowlens Creek)

Bald Mountain Creek (except where posted against trespassing)

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

Co. recreation park, except where posted against trespassing)

Wild Trout Waters In all Wild Trout Waters, the minimum length limit is seven 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 (headwaters to U.S. 19E/N.C. 194 bridge)

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 Shiny Creek and the lower park boundary and Henry Fork and its tributaries. Nettle Branch (game land portion)

Caldwell County

Buffalo Creek (Watauga Co. line to Long Ridge Branch including tributaries on game lands)

Joes Creek (Watauga Co. line to first falls upstream of the end of S.R. 1574)

Rockhouse Creek

Graham County

Little Buffalo Creek

South Fork Squally Creek

Squally Creek

Henderson County

Green River (I-26 bridge to Henderson/Polk Co. 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, except where posted against trespassing)

Little Rock Creek (above Green Creek, including all tributaries, except where posted against trespassing)

Wiles Creek (game land boundary to mouth)

Polk County

Green River (Henderson/Polk Co. 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)

OTHER 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.

TROUT FISHING REGULATIONS FOR OTHER 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	
<u>From Oct. 1, 2008–June 5, 2009:</u>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No trout may be harvested or possessed. ● Fishing restricted to artificial lures having one single hook. 	
<u>From July 1, 2008–Sept. 30, 2008 and from June 6, 2009–June 30, 2009:</u>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 7 trout daily creel limit ● No size limit ● No bait restrictions ● Youth only fishing from 6 a.m. until 12 p.m. on June 6, 2009 (see Delayed-Harvest Trout Waters section, this page). 	
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
Special Regulation Trout Waters	
Season, creel limit, size limit and lure restrictions vary by water body.	

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)

Watauga County

Dugger Creek (portions on Laurelmore development, including tributaries. Anglers must check in at Laurelmore security office on Triplett Rd. prior to fishing)
 Laurel Creek (portions on Laurelmore development, including tributaries. Anglers must check in at Laurelmore security office on Triplett Rd. prior to fishing)

Wilkes County

Dugger Creek (portions on Laurelmore development, including tributaries. Anglers must check in at Laurelmore security office on Triplett Rd. prior to fishing)
 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 trout may be harvested or possessed while fishing these waters between Oct. 1, 2008 and 30 minutes after sunset on June 5, 2009. These waters are closed to fishing between 30 minutes after sunset on June 5 and 6 a.m. on June 6. **At 6 a.m. on June 6, 2009, these waters open to fishing for youths under 16 years old under Hatchery-Supported regulations—no bait restriction, no minimum length limit and seven-trout-per-day creel limit. At 12:00 p.m. on June 6, 2009, these waters open for all anglers under Hatchery-Supported regulations. 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 Nantahala hydropower 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)
North Toe River (U.S. 19E bridge to N.C. 226 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)
Little River (confluence of Lake Dense outflow to Hooker Falls)

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 Co. line to confluence with East Prong Roaring River and Bullhead Creek)
Reddies River (Town of North Wilkesboro water intake dam to confluence with Yadkin River)

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 seven 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

Buff Creek (uppermost crossing on S.R. 1457 to Scott Creek)
Chattooga River (S.R. 1100 bridge to South Carolina state line)
Lower Fowler Creek (game land portion)

Scotsman Creek (game land portion)

Shoal Creek (Glennville Reservoir pipeline to mouth)

West Fork Tuckasegee River (Shoal Creek to existing water level of Little Glennville Lake)

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, except where posted against trespassing)

Special Regulation Trout Waters The following portions of designated Public Mountain Trout Waters, excluding tributaries except as noted, are subject to the following special regulations. These streams are marked with white-and-red signs.

Burke County

Catawba River (Muddy Creek to City of Morganton water intake dam). The creel limit is seven trout per day; only one of which may be greater than 14 inches. No bait restrictions. No closed season.

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 Land from the mouth of Cove Creek downstream to Brights Creek, where night fishing is allowed.
- Trout season in Hatchery-Supported Trout Waters opens at **7 a.m.** on April 4, 2009.
- 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.
- **Non-trout species may be harvested from Delayed-Harvest Trout Waters during the catch-and-release only trout season under applicable size and creel limits.**

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. Trout fishing regulations on Parkway waters are displayed on signs located near fishing access points. Questions