

NATIONAL HUNTING AND FISHING DAY IN GEORGIA

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2017



Each day, millions of Americans are working to conserve and improve our natural resources. They are America's hunters and anglers. September 23, 2017 is National Hunting and Fishing Day. Sportsmen have contributed millions of dollars to the Federal Aid in Sport Fish and Wildlife Restoration Programs. Together with hunting and fishing license fees, these federal aid programs have funded wildlife and sport fish conservation, habitat acquisition and outdoor recreation opportunities both in Georgia and throughout the country. NHF Day events provide opportunities for everyone to learn more about outdoor skills and activities.



FREE FISHING DAY: In honor of National Hunting and Fishing Day, Georgia residents do not need a fishing license or a trout license to fish on any public waters in the state including lakes, streams, ponds and Public Fishing Areas.

<http://georgiawildlife.com/get-involved/nhfd>.

All listed events will take place on Saturday, September 23, 2017 and are FREE and open to the public, unless otherwise noted.

Region	Event	Contact	Phone	Time	Location	Additional Information
Northwest Georgia	Outdoor Adventure Day	Lisa Bohannon	706.295.6041	9 am – 3 pm	James H “Sloppy” Floyd State Park http://gastateparks.org/JamesHFloyd	Open to all ages. Activities include: fishing, archery, laser shot, canoeing, live animal displays, snake show and climbing wall. There also will be camping and fly fishing demos. Hot dogs and drinks provided on a first come, first serve basis. The event is FREE . However, there is a \$5 parking fee at State Parks.
Northeast Georgia	Outdoor Adventure Day	WRD Gainesville Offices or Unicoi State Park	770.535.5498 or 770.535.5700 or 800.573.9659 (x305)	10 am – 4 pm	Unicoi State Park http://www.unicoilodge.com/	Open to all ages. Activities include: trout fishing & instruction, skeet, air gun & archery shooting, live animals and more. The event is free. However, Unicoi State Park has a \$5 parking pass fee.

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Northeast Georgia	Kids Fishing Event	WRD Gainesville Fisheries Office	770.535.5498	9 am – 1 pm	Buford Dam Lower Pool https://lakelanier.com/directory/parks/lower-pool-park/	Come have a fun day of fishing and more at Buford Dam! Open to kids 15 and younger (must be accompanied by an adult). Bait provided. A limited number of fishing poles will be available (kids are encouraged to bring their own if possible). Fly tying, fishing demos and the JAKES Take Aim trailer available for additional fun. The Georgia WRD will stock trout for the event.
Central Georgia	Kids Fishing Event	Paul Jones	706.845.4180	8 - 11 am	Big Lazer Public Fishing Area – Special Event Pond http://georgiawildlife.com/big-lazer-creek-pfa	Take your kids fishing! This event will be for kids age 15 and under. Participants will need to bring their own bait and fishing gear. Also, bring a cooler to put your catch in. We will have a prize drawing after event.
Central Georgia	Kids' Fishing Event	Jay Williams	678.767.3058	8 am – 12 noon	Marben Public Fishing Area-Clubhouse Pond at Charlie Elliott Wildlife Center http://georgiawildlife.com/marben-pfa	Kids age 15 and under are invited to come hook a catfish during a fun day of fishing at Clubhouse Pond. Catfish creel limits apply. Fishing is for kids only (children 14 and under must be supervised by an adult). Fishing gear will be available to those who need it.
Central Georgia	Outdoor Adventure Day	Lewis Boykin	706.595.1684	8 am – 12 noon	McDuffie Public Fishing Area http://georgiawildlife.com/mcduffie-pfa	Come join us for some outdoor fun! Kids fishing is for youth age 15 and under (an adult must accompany children). For further fun, kids can “take a shot” at the archery shooting booth.

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South Central Georgia	Outdoor Adventure Day/JAKES Day	Dean Barber or WRD Waycross Fisheries Office	229.533.4792 or 912.285.6094	<i>Fishing Activities</i> 7:30am– 12noon <i>JAKES Day Activities</i> <i>Registration</i> 9am <i>Events</i> 10am-2pm	Paradise Public Fishing Area http://georgiawildlife.com/paradise-pfa	Bring the kids for a day of outdoor family fun! Fishing (fishing activities begin at 7:30 am): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult/child fishing event at Lakes Cup, Saucer (kids should be age 15 and under). • Instructional bass fishing excursions for teens in a newly renovated pond (call to reserve a time slot - 912.285.6094). JAKES Day events include: BB gun-skeet shooting ranges, fishing simulator, archery range, ABAC Forestry Wildlife display, casting contest, and K-9 search and rescue demos. There will be a free lunch provided by the National Wild Turkey Federation and a prize drawing at 2 pm.
South Central Georgia	Kids' Fishing Event	Jimmy Miller	478.296.6192 or 912.285.6094	8 am- 12 noon	Hugh M. Gillis Public Fishing Area http://georgiawildlife.com/hugh-m-gillis-pfa	This event is for youth age 15 and under. An adult must accompany children. Come out and do some fishing with us!