

NATIONAL HUNTING AND FISHING DAY IN GEORGIA

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2023



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Each day, millions of Americans are working to conserve and improve our natural resources. They are America's hunters and anglers. September 23, 2023, is National Hunting and Fishing Day (NHF 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 on Sept. 23, 2023.

georgiawildlife.com/get-involved/nhfday

All listed events will take place on Saturday, September 23, 2023, and are FREE and open to the public, unless otherwise noted.

AREA OF STATE	EVENT	CONTACT	PHONE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT INFORMATION
Northwest Georgia	Outdoor Adventure Day	Park Office	706.857.0826	9 am – 3 pm	James H. "Sloppy" Floyd State Park <i>GaStateParks.org/JamesHFloyd</i>	Come join us for an Outdoor Adventure Day and Kid's Fishing Rodeo at James H. "Sloppy" Floyd State Park. Event will be from 9am to 3pm. Kids 15 and under can try their hand at catching tagged catfish to win prizes. Bring your own fishing poles and bait. There will be archery opportunities, a birds of prey show and a reptile show. Food trucks will be at the park. <i>Note: the event is free, but there is a \$5 per vehicle parking fee at the Park.</i>
Northeast Georgia	Kids Fishing Event	Forsyth Cumming Optimists Club & Kiwanis Club	404.402.0261	9 am – 1 pm	Lower Pool Park (below Buford Dam) <i>(3600 Buford Dam Road, Cumming GA 30041)</i>	Kids attending this event can fish, try out fly-tying, and view fishing demos. Volunteers will be on hand to help with baiting hooks and removing fish. The GA DNR Trout Stocking staff will stock fish before the event. You can help! Participants can assist DNR with stocking trout into the river. To

						participate, bring a clean, 5-gallon bucket for carrying fish and arrive by 9 a.m. We will have a limited number of loaner poles available. Bait provided. Life jackets REQUIRED. Hot dogs, drinks and snacks provided.
Central Georgia	Family Fishing Event	Daniel Malcom	770.784.3059	8 am – 12 pm	Marben Public Fishing Area-Boar Pond at Charlie Elliott Wildlife Center <i>GeorgiaWildlife.com/marben-pfa</i>	Join us for a fun fishing event for the entire family no matter your level of fishing experience. Bring your own rods/reels, bait, water/snacks, chairs, sunscreen/sunglasses, and excitement. Limited gear and bait available on a first come/first serve basis. Staff will be on-site to assist anyone wanting to learn more about fishing. Event is at Boar Pond (look for the on-site signage). Children must have adult supervision.
Central Georgia	Kids Fishing Event	Travis Hudson	478.296.6192	8 am – 12 pm	Hugh M. Gillis Public Fishing Area <i>GeorgiaWildlife.com/hugh-m-gillis-pfa</i>	Kids Fishing Events are the perfect place to introduce young anglers to fishing. Ponds have been stocked with channel catfish for youth under the age of 16 to catch. Participants should bring their own rods, reels, tackle and bait. Don't forget the worms. Oh, and bring a cooler because you can keep your catch!
West Central Georgia	Kids Fishing Event	Jay Williams	678.767.3058	8 – 11 am	Big Lazer Public Fishing Area Special Event Pond <i>GeorgiaWildlife.com/big-lazer-creek-pfa</i>	Come join us at this fun fishing event for kids ages 15 and under and be sure to bring the cooler! There is a limit of 5 catfish per angler and we will have a drawing for some fun prizes. Participants will need to bring their own bait and fishing gear.
East Central Georgia	Family Fishing Event	Amory Cook	478.283.7041	8 am – 12 pm	Flat Creek Public Fishing Area <i>GeorgiaWildlife.com/flat-creek-pfa</i>	Let's Go Fishing! This event is for the entire family, all ages, and any level of fishing experience. We encourage participants to bring their own rods/reels, bait, water/snacks, chairs, sunscreen/sunglasses, and excitement. We will have some

						<p>fishing poles and bait available for anyone wanting to fish. We will have staff onsite to assist anyone wanting to learn more about fishing. Children are required to have adult supervision. Anglers are ONLY allowed to harvest from the pond, during scheduled WRD fishing events. Anglers may not exceed the daily harvest limits posted at Flat Creek PFA or the Fishing Event Pond.</p>
East Central Georgia	Kids Fishing Event	Chalisa Fabillar	706.699.1370	8 am – 12 pm	<p>McDuffie Public Fishing Area GeorgiaWildlife.com/mcduffie-pfa</p>	<p>Come join us for a fun day of fishing! This event is for kids ages 3-15. An adult must accompany children – but the fishing is just for the kids. Bring your own poles, tackle and bait. Oh, and bring a cooler because you can keep 5 Catfish per child!</p>
Southeast Georgia	Kids Fishing Event	Steve Mincey	912.346.9269	8 am – 12 pm	<p>Evans County Public Fishing Area GeorgiaWildlife.com/evans-county-pfa</p>	<p>Come join us for a great day of fishing! This fun event is for kids ages 15 and under. Bring your own fishing pole and bait.</p>
South Central Georgia	Outdoor Adventure Day/JAKES Day	Dean Barber or WRD Waycross Fisheries Office	229.533.4792 or 912.285.6094	<p>Fishing Activities (7:30 am – 12 Noon) JAKES Day Events (9 am - 2 pm)</p>	<p>Paradise Public Fishing Area GeorgiaWildlife.com/paradise-pfa</p>	<p>Bring the kids for a day of outdoor family fun!</p> <p>Fishing (fishing activities are 7:30 am – 12 noon):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kids Fishing Events at Lake Cup & Lake Saucer (kids should be age 15 and under, adults must have a child to fish in these ponds). • Teenager bass fishing excursions in Lake Bowl. An experienced bass angler will be available to answer questions and help you learn how to catch bass (by reservation only). Call ahead to reserve: 912-285-6094. <p>JAKES Day events (begin at 9am): Ranges (Archery, BB gun, and Skeet),</p>

						<p>Displays/Exhibits from Georgia Forestry Commission, ABAC Forestry Wildlife, and the Ga Reptile Society. There will be free water and snacks provided by the Mell Baptist Association. Casting contest at 9:30 am, K-9 Search/Rescue demo at 10 am.</p> <p>There will be a free lunch (12 Noon) provided by the National Wild Turkey Federation and a prize drawing after lunch.</p>
Coastal Georgia	Outdoor Adventure Day	Frank Buchanan	912.346.9741	8 am – 12 pm	<p>Richmond Hill Hatchery GeorgiaWildlife.com/richmond-hill-fish-hatchery</p>	<p>This event is open to ALL ages. Activities will include fishing, archery and kayaking.</p>