

# NATIONAL HUNTING AND FISHING DAY IN GEORGIA

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2019



Each day, millions of Americans are working to conserve and improve our natural resources. They are America's hunters and anglers. September 28, 2019 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/nhfday>

All listed events will take place on Saturday, September 28, 2019 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 <a href="http://gastateparks.org/JamesHFloyd">http://gastateparks.org/JamesHFloyd</a>	Open to all ages. Activities include: fishing, archery, BB range, canoeing, live animal displays, snake show and climbing wall. Hot dogs and drinks provided on a first come, first serve basis. The event is <b>FREE</b> . However, there is a \$5 parking fee at State Parks.
Northeast Georgia	Kids Fishing Event	Forsyth Cumming Optimists Club & Kiwanis Club	N/A	9 am – 1 pm	Lower Pool Park (below Buford Dam) <a href="https://lakelanier.com/directory/parks/lowe-r-pool-park/">https://lakelanier.com/directory/parks/lowe-r-pool-park/</a>	Kids attending this event can fish, try out fly tying, and view fishing demos. The JAKES Take Aim trailer will be there with instructional shooting opportunities. Volunteers on hand to help with baiting hooks and removing fish. The GA DNR Buford Trout Hatchery will stock over 2,500 rainbow trout at the Dam the morning of the event. A limited number of loaner poles will be available. Bait provided. Life

						jackets recommended. Hot dogs, drinks and snacks provided.
<b>Northeast Georgia</b>	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 <a href="http://www.unicoilodge.com/">http://www.unicoilodge.com/</a>	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.
<b>Central Georgia</b>	Kids Fishing Event	Jeremy Ray	470-259-7269	8 am – 12 Noon	Marben Public Fishing Area-Clubhouse Pond at Charlie Elliott Wildlife Center <a href="http://georgiawildlife.com/marben-pfa">http://georgiawildlife.com/marben-pfa</a>	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.
<b>Central Georgia</b>	Kids Fishing Event	Jay Williams	678-767-3058	8 – 11 am	Big Lazer Public Fishing Area Special Event Pond <a href="http://georgiawildlife.com/big-lazer-creek-pfa">http://georgiawildlife.com/big-lazer-creek-pfa</a>	Take your kids fishing! This event is for kids age 15 and under. Participants will need to bring their own bait and fishing gear. Also, bring a cooler because you can keep your catch. We will have a prize drawing after event.
<b>Central Georgia</b>	Kids Fishing Event	Jeanie Carnell	706.595.1619	8 am – 12 Noon	McDuffie Public Fishing Area <a href="http://georgiawildlife.com/mcduffie-pfa">http://georgiawildlife.com/mcduffie-pfa</a>	Come join us for some outdoor fun! Kids age 15 and under (an adult must accompany children) can fish, do archery, make crafts, play the laser hunting game, see live animal demos and explore fossils.
<b>Central Georgia</b>	Fishing Class with FLW Pro-Angler Clayton Batts and Fish Harvest	Michael Fulghum	478.988.6715	9 am – 12 Noon	Go Fish Education Center <a href="https://gofisheducationcenter.com/">https://gofisheducationcenter.com/</a>	Visitors can take part in a fishing class led by FLW Pro Angler Clayton Batts. You will get to develop your knot tying skills and basic fishing techniques. Learn how to clean a fish and much more! In addition, the Go Fish Center will kick off our Fall Harvest. Anglers can take home 8 fish per person through the end of October. Remember your cooler!

<p><b>South Central Georgia</b></p>	<p>Kids Fishing Event</p>	<p>Jim Page</p>	<p>912-285-6094</p>	<p>8 am – 12 pm</p>	<p>Hugh M. Gillis Public Fishing Area  <a href="http://georgiawildlife.com/hugh-m-gillis-pfa">http://georgiawildlife.com/hugh-m-gillis-pfa</a></p>	<p>Learn archery and take your kids fishing! This event is for kids age 15 and under. Participants will need to bring their own bait and fishing gear. Also, bring a cooler because you can keep your catch! Archery equipment will be provided.</p>
<p><b>Southeast Georgia</b></p>	<p>Kids Fishing Event</p>	<p>Steve Mincey</p>	<p>912.346.9269</p>	<p>8 am – 12 pm</p>	<p>Evans County Public Fishing Area  <a href="https://georgiawildlife.com/evans-county-pfa">https://georgiawildlife.com/evans-county-pfa</a></p>	<p>This event is for kids age 15 and under! If you can, bring a fishing pole and bait, but there will be some loaner poles and bait available. Hot dogs and drinks provided.</p>
<p><b>Coastal Georgia</b></p>	<p>Outdoor Adventure Day</p>	<p>Frank Buchanan</p>	<p>912.346.9741</p>	<p>8 am – 12 pm</p>	<p>Richmond Hill Hatchery  <a href="https://georgiawildlife.com/richmond-hill-fish-hatchery">https://georgiawildlife.com/richmond-hill-fish-hatchery</a></p>	<p>This event is open to all ages. Activities include fishing, archery, and kayaking. Hot dogs and drinks provided.</p>
<p><b>South Central Georgia</b></p>	<p>Outdoor Adventure Day/JAKES Day</p>	<p>Dean Barber or WRD Waycross Fisheries Office</p>	<p>229.533.4792 or 912.285.6094</p>	<p>7:30 am – 12 Noon (Fishing Activities); 9 am JAKES Day Registration 10 am – 2 pm JAKES Day Events</p>	<p>Paradise Public Fishing Area  <a href="http://georgiawildlife.com/paradise-pfa">http://georgiawildlife.com/paradise-pfa</a></p>	<p>Bring the kids for a day of outdoor family fun!</p> <p>Fishing (fishing activities begin at 7:30 am):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fishing events at Lake Cup &amp; Lake Saucer (kids should be age 15 and under, adults must have a child to fish in these ponds).</li> <li>• Instructional bass fishing excursions for teens in the kids catch and release bass pond (call to reserve a time slot - 912.285.6094).</li> </ul> <p>JAKES Day events begin at 9 am and include: BB gun-skeet shooting ranges, fishing simulator, archery range, Georgia Forestry Commission game, ABAC Forestry Wildlife display, casting contest, bouncy houses, and K-9 search and</p>

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