

NATIONAL HUNTING AND FISHING DAY IN GEORGIA

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2022

Each day, millions of Americans are working to conserve and improve our natural resources. They are America's hunters and anglers. September 24, 2022 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.



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All listed events will take place on Saturday, September 24, 2022 and are FREE and open to the public, unless otherwise noted.

REGION	EVENT	CONTACT	PHONE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT INFORMATION
Northwest Georgia	Kids Fishing Event	Park Office	706.857.0826	8 am – 12 pm	James H. "Sloppy" Floyd State Park <i>GaStateParks.org/JamesHFloyd</i>	Come join us for a fun kids fishing event at James H. "Sloppy" Floyd State Park. Everyone can fish at this event. Event starts at 8 am. There will be free snacks and drinks provided by Friends of State Parks - Sloppy Floyd. Bring your own fishing poles and bait. There will be prizes for tagged fish (for kids 16 and under). <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	NA	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 some fish at the Dam the day before the event. A limited number of loaner poles will be available. Bait provided. Life jackets REQUIRED. Hot dogs, drinks and snacks provided.

Central Georgia	Kids Fishing Event	Daniel Malcom	770.784.3059	8 am – 12 Noon	Marben Public Fishing Area-Boar Pond at Charlie Elliott Wildlife Center <i>GeorgiaWildlife.com/marben-pfa</i>	Come join us for a fun day of fishing! Children 15 and under will be allowed to harvest up to 5 catfish each, all other species must be returned. Kids can bring their own fishing gear, as limited gear and bait are available on a first come/first serve basis. Children must be supervised, and adults are highly encouraged to assist. Location will be at Boar Pond (signage will direct participants to the fishing event).
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	Kids Fishing Event	Chalisa Fabillar	706.699.1370	8 am – 12 Noon	McDuffie Public Fishing Area <i>GeorgiaWildlife.com/mcduffie-pfa</i>	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!
South 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!
Southeast Georgia	Kids Fishing Event	Steve Mincey	912.346.9269	8 am – 12 pm	Evans County Public Fishing Area <i>GeorgiaWildlife.com/evans-county-pfa</i>	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 style="text-align: center;">South Central Georgia</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Outdoor Adventure Day/JAKES Day</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Dean Barber or WRD Waycross Fisheries Office</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">229.533.4792 or 912.285.6094</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Fishing Activities (7:30 am – 12 Noon) JAKES Day Events (9 am - 2 pm)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Paradise Public Fishing Area <i>GeorgiaWildlife.com/paradise-pfa</i></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 by reservation only. Call ahead to reserve: 912-285-6094. <p>JAKES Day events (begin at 9am): Ranges (Archery, BB gun, and Skeet), 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>
<p style="text-align: center;">Coastal Georgia</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Outdoor Adventure Day</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Frank Buchanan</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">912.346.9741</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">8 am – 12 pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Richmond Hill Hatchery <i>GeorgiaWildlife.com/richmond-hill-fish-hatchery</i></p>	<p>This event is open to ALL ages! Activities will include fishing, archery and kayaking.</p>