

## Fishing derbies announced throughout Ouachita and Ozark-St. Francis National Forests

The U.S. Forest Service, along with State and local partners are sponsoring free fishing derbies throughout the Ouachita and Ozark-St. Francis National Forests.

The following is a list of scheduled fishing derbies along with the date, times and other information:

### **Ouachita National Forest**

#### **Caddo/Womble Ranger District, Mt. Ida, Arkansas**

Location:	Womble Pond
Date of Derby:	June 11
Time Registration Starts:	8 a.m.
Time Fishing Starts:	8:30 a.m.
Time Fishing Ends:	11 a.m.
Age Group:	Ages 12 and under
Contact Phone Number:	870-867-2101
Other Information:	Prizes will be awarded
Partners:	Arkansas Game and Fish, Magic Bait

#### **Jessieville-Winona-Fourche District, Jessieville, Arkansas**

Location:	Jessieville Work Center Pond
Date of Derby:	Sat, June 11
Time Registration Starts:	6:30 a.m.
Time Fishing Starts:	7 a.m.
Time Event Ends:	10:30 a.m.
Age Group:	15 and under
Restroom Availability:	Yes
Handicap Access:	Yes
Drinking Water Available:	Yes
Contact Persons:	Mary Mentz
Contact Phone Number:	(479) 272-4401
Partners:	Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, Hot Springs Village Anglers Club, Ouachita Bass Anglers, Magic Baits, and U.S. Forest Service
Other Information:	The pond has a handicapped accessible pier.

**Mena/Oden Ranger District, Mena, Arkansas**

Location: Rifle Range Pond  
Date of Derby: Sat, June 11  
Time Registration Starts: 7 a.m.  
Time Fishing Starts: 8 a.m.  
Time Fishing Ends: 10:30 a.m.  
Age Group: 2 – 12 years-old  
Contact Phone Number: 479-394-2382  
Other Information: Prizes to be awarded.  
Partners: Arkansas Game and Fish, Magic Bait, Oden Wood and Water Club, U.S. Forest Service

**Oklahoma Ranger District, Talihina, Oklahoma**

Location: Talihina Veterans Center Pond  
Date of Derby: Sat., June 4  
Time Registration Starts: 7 a.m.  
Time Fishing Starts: 8 a.m.  
Time Fishing Ends: 12 p.m.  
Age Group: 3 - 16  
Restroom Availability: Yes  
Handicap Access: Yes  
Drinking Water Available: Yes  
Contact Phone Number: 918-653-2991 ext.115  
Partners: Talihina Lion's Club, Magic Baits, and U.S. Forest Service

**Ozark-St. Francis National Forests**

**Big Piney Ranger District**

Location: Deer Pond, Deer, AR  
Date of Derby: Sat, June 11  
Time Registration Starts: 8:30 a.m.  
Time Fishing Starts: 9 a.m.  
Time Event Ends: 12 p.m.  
Age Group: 12 and under  
Restroom Availability: Yes (portable toilets)  
Contact Persons: Sarah Davis  
Contact Phone Number: 870-446-5122  
Partners: Arkansas Game and Fish Commission  
Other Information: All hooks out of the water at 11 a.m. Participation awards and contest prizes will be presented at 11 a.m.

### **Big Piney Ranger District**

Location: Little Buffalo (Bradley Park), Jasper, AR  
Date of Derby: Sat, June 25  
Time Registration: Starts: 8:30 a.m.  
Time Fishing: Starts: 9 a.m.  
Time Event Ends: 11 a.m.  
Age Group: 12 and under  
Restroom Availability: Yes  
Contact Persons: Kirby Carlton  
Contact Phone Number: 870-446-5122  
Partners: Newton County Chamber of Commerce, Arkansas Game and Fish Commission and local businesses  
Other Information: All hooks out of the water at 11 a.m. Participants that catch the biggest fish and heaviest stringer will win prizes. Winners will be announced 12 p.m.

### **Mt. Magazine Ranger District, Paris, Arkansas**

Location: Cove Lake, Campground Loop A.  
Date of Derby: June 11  
Time Registration Starts: Participants must be pre-registered.  
Time Fishing Starts: 8:30 a.m.  
Time Fishing Ends: 10 a.m.  
Age Group: 2 to 9  
Restroom Availability: Yes (at the campground)  
Drinking Water Available: Yes  
Contact Person(s): Mindi Lawson or Carla Pfeiffer  
Contact Phone Number: 479-963-3076  
Partners: Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, National Wild Turkey Federation, Paris Rotary Club  
Other Information: All hooks out of the water at 10 a.m. There is a 2 fish limit. Awards will be presented for the heaviest 2 fish (1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each age class: 2 - 5, 6 - 9) and for the smallest fish and for Albino or tagged fish. There will be numerous random prizes.

### **Pleasant Hill Ranger District, Clarksville, Arkansas**

Location: Gillian Pond  
Date of Derby: Sat, June 11  
Time Registration Starts: 8 a.m.  
Time Fishing Starts: 9 a.m.  
Time Fishing Ends: 11 a.m.  
Age Group: 12 and under  
Restroom Availability: Yes (portable toilets)  
Drinking Water Available: Yes  
Contact Person(s): Greg Taylor or Pat Kowalewycz  
Contact Phone Number: 479-754-2864

Partners: Clarksville Kiwanis Club, Clarksville Wal-Mart, Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, U.S. Forest Service

Other Information: All hooks out of the water by 11 a.m. Awards will be presented for the heaviest fish, smallest fish, heaviest stringer and for casting contest winners. In addition, there will be random prize drawings during the event.

**St. Francis National Forest, Marianna, Arkansas**

Location: Storm Creek Lake (Phillips County)

Date of Derby: Sat, June 11

Time Registration Starts: 7 a.m.

Time Fishing Starts: 8 a.m.

Time Fishing Ends: 11 a.m.

Age Group: Tadpoles 3-5 and children 6 – 12 (Children must be accompanied by an adult)

Restroom Availability: Yes

Handicap Access: Yes

Drinking Water Available: Yes

Contact Person: Terri Vanderford

Contact Phone Number: 870-295-5278

Partners: U.S. Forest Service, Mississippi River State Park, Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, Farm Bureau, Philips County Chambers of Commerce

Other Information: Prizes for girls 6 – 12 years old and boys 6 – 12 years old

**St. Francis National Forest, Marianna, Arkansas**

Location: Ranger District Pond

Date of Derby: Sat, June 11

Time Registration Starts: 7 a.m.

Time Fishing Starts: 8 a.m.

Time Fishing Ends: 10 a.m.

Age Group: Tadpoles 3-6 years, 7-9 and 10-12 (Children must be accompanied by an adult)

Restroom Availability: Yes (port-a-potty), Visitor Center

Handicap Access: Yes

Drinking Water Available: Yes

Contact Person: John Latch or Mary Maercklein

Contact Phone Number: Kristina Root at 870-295-4040 or Maercklein at 870-295-5278

Partners: U. S. Forest Service, Mississippi River State Park, Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, Lee County Conservation District, Marianna/ Lee County Chamber of Commerce

Other Information: The first 120 children registered will receive fishing poles. The first 150 children will receive Smokey bags. Trophies will be given in the all age groups for the first fish caught, smallest fish, heaviest fish, and greatest total weight.

**Sylamore Ranger District, Mountain View, Arkansas**

Location: Mirror Lake, Blanchard Springs Recreation Area  
Date of Derby: Sat, June 11  
Time Registration Starts: 8 a.m.  
Time Fishing Starts: 9 a.m.  
Time Fishing Ends: 11 a.m.  
Age Group: 4 - 12 (Children must be accompanied by an adult)  
Restroom Availability: Yes (recreation site)  
Handicap Access: Yes  
Drinking Water Available: No  
Contact Person: Kevin Goodwin  
Contact Phone Number: 870-269-3228 ext. 3237  
Partners: Arkansas Game & Fish Commission, AMVETS #7, VFW #4766, American Legion #43, U.S. Forest Service  
Other Information: Weigh-ins will done throughout the derby. Trophies will be given for largest fish in three age categories: 4-6 years old, 7-9 years old, and 10-12. There will be a general raffle for prizes for other registered participants. There is a three trout limit. Participants should be old enough to hold the pole themselves and are limited to one pole each. Trout bait will be provided.