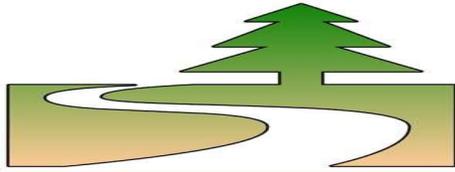




Cherokee National Forest

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2015 Kids Fishing Events

The Cherokee National Forest covers 656,000 acres of public land in ten east Tennessee counties. It is managed by the USDA Forest Service and provides a multitude of goods and services to the nation.

The Cherokee National Forest (Forest) offers a variety of outdoor recreation opportunities from camping, picnicking, and hiking to boating, hunting, and fishing.

Fishing is a popular activity in the Forest. In an effort to help provide more opportunities to get kids in the woods the Forest Service cooperatively sponsors several special fishing events just for kids each year.

Each “Kids Fishing Day” event is intended for families to enjoy the great outdoors together while trying their luck at catching fish. These events are very popular and are hosted on rangers districts in both the southern and northern sections of the Forest.

The following pages offer information about the Kids Fishing Day events scheduled for 2015 in the Cherokee National Forest.

Summary of 2015 kids fishing events:

April 25: Spring Creek—Ocoee/Hiwassee Ranger district

May 9: Dillard Place—Unaka Ranger District

May 30: McCamy Lake—Ocoee/Hiwassee Ranger District

June 6: Tellico River—Tellico Ranger District

June 13—Carter County Workforce Development Pond in Elizabethton

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Spring Creek—April 25

The USDA Forest Service and Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA) will be hosting “Kids Fishing Day” in Cherokee National Forest’s Ocoee/Hiwassee Ranger District. Anglers 15 years and under are invited to try their luck.

The event will be at Spring Creek on April 25th from 7:00 am -11:00 am. Spring Creek Road (National Forest System Rd. 27) is located just north of the Hiwassee River and east off Highway 411. From Hwy 411 take the turn off to Gee Creek Campground and follow NFSR 27 toward the Spring Creek Shooting Range. The turn off from Hwy 411 is approximately 6 miles north of Benton and 5 miles south of Etowah.

Catchable size trout will be stocked for this event. Fishing will be restricted to children 15 years of age and younger. A non-fishing parent or guardian must accompany all kids. No licenses or permits are required during the event.

Sponsors include Trout Unlimited, Tennessee State Parks, Bargain Barn and Etowah Chamber of Commerce, The Polk County /Copper Basin Chamber of Commerce and FAY Portables.

For additional information call Bo Reynolds at 423-338-3300.



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McCamy Lake—May 30

The Forest Service, Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency, Tennessee State Parks, and the Cherokee Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation will host Kids Fishing Day at McCamy Lake in the Chilhowee Recreation Area on May 30th, 7:00 am-12:00 pm.

From U.S. Highway 64 near the Ocoee Ranger Station turn onto NFSR 77 – *Ocoee Scenic Byway*. Continue up Chilhowee Mountain seven miles to the Chilhowee Recreation Area - follow the signs.

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Tellico River — June 6

The USDA Forest Service and Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA) will host the “Tellico River Kids Fishing Day” on the Tellico River in Cherokee National Forest. Anglers 12 years and younger are invited to try their luck at catching the “big” one.

The event will be held at the Tellico Fish Hatchery on June 6th, from 6:00-9:00 am. From Tellico Plains, take TN 165, Cherohala Skyway, approximately 5 miles. Turn right at the sign for Bald River Falls and follow road National Forest System Road 210 along the river for approximately 14 miles.

Registration will be at the parking lot near the Tellico River. Registration begins at 5:30 am and fishing will start at 6:00 am. Prizes will be given away at 9:15 am. You must register to receive a prize. You do not have to register before fishing. No licenses or permits are required.

For more information contact Rusty Humbert at 423-253-8410.

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Dillard Place—May 9

On Saturday May 9 the USDA Forest Service and the Cherokee Chapter of Trout Unlimited (TU) will be hosting the 26th annual Kids Fishing Day at the Dillard Place in Upper Paint Creek, Greene County. Fishing will be open only for kids under 13 years of age from 9:30 am until 1:00 pm. Kids must be accompanied by an adult and bring their own fishing equipment.

Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency and the Erwin National Fish Hatchery will stock rainbow trout in the four Dillard ponds. The Cherokee Chapter of TU will be cooking hotdogs and hamburgers and have other refreshments for the hungry crowd. Greene County Sheriff's Department and Rescue Squad will also be on hand.

For more information call Marcia Carter at 423-638-4109.

Come join the fun!

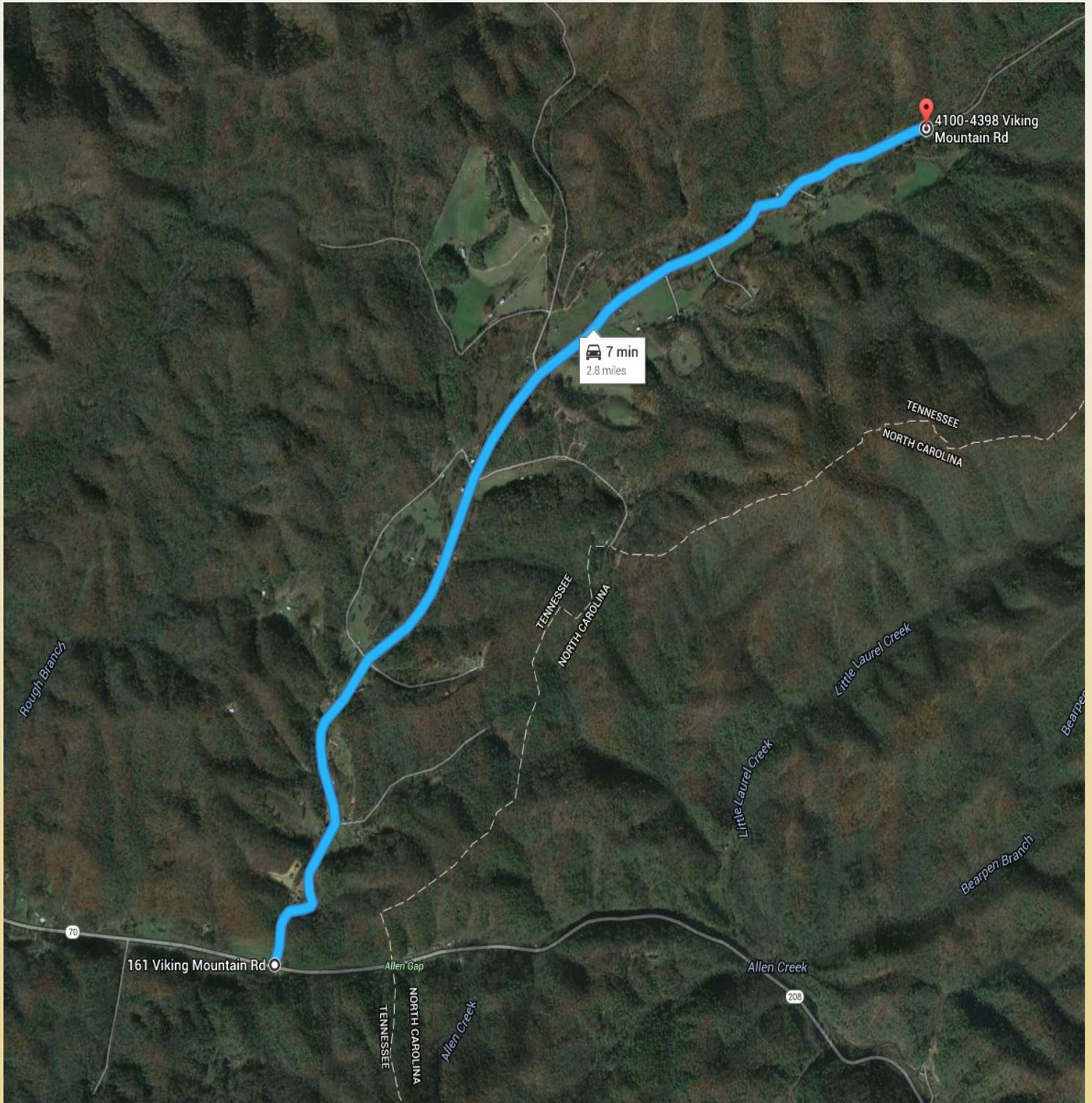


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The Dillard Place is located 2.8 miles west on Viking Mountain Road off the Asheville Highway – Hwy. 70 near the Tennessee/North Carolina State Line.



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Carter County Tomorrow — June 13

On Saturday June 13, 2015 *Carter County Tomorrow* will be hosting Kids Fishing Day at the Carter County Workforce Development Pond in Elizabethton. Fishing will be open only for kids 4 to 12 years of age from 8:00 am until 12:00 pm. Kids must be accompanied by an adult and bring their own fishing equipment. The Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency will stock catfish in the ponds. The Forest Service will provide ice and other goodies. For more information call Marcia Carter at 423-638-4109

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The Carter County Workforce Development Pond is located 1.6 miles east on Hwy. 91 near the Elizabethton Airport.

