

Fishing Regulations

You must have a fishing license to fish in North Carolina. You may purchase a license at one of the locations below.

Almond Boat & RV Park
828-488-6423

Fontana Village Resort
828-498-2211

Clampitt Hardware
828-488-2782

Simonds Bait and Tackle
828-488-6854

To fish in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, you must have either a valid North Carolina or Tennessee fishing license. No license is required to fish in Cherokee Reservation waters, however a tribal permit is required.

For more information about North Carolina fishing visit the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission's Website (<http://www.wildlife.state.nc.us>) or call 888-248-6834. You may also purchase a fishing license online at the Website above.



Public Access to Fontana Lake

Flat Branch-From Bryson City take US 19 S to SR 1320. Go less than 0.1 mile turn right onto SR 1311 (Buckner Branch Rd.). Go 3.1 mi, turn right onto SR 1312 (Round Hill Rd). Travel 2.8 miles turn right onto SR 1313 (Greasy Branch Rd). Travel 3.1 miles to area at the end of the road.

Old 288-From Bryson City take US 19 S to SR 1323 (Slope St.), turn right. Travel Slope St. 0.2 miles turn left onto SR 1321 (Bryson Walk). Bryson Walk turns into Old 288. Travel 1.6 miles turn left continuing on Old 288, travel 0.8 miles to area at the end of the road.

Lemmons Branch-From Bryson City take US 19/74 W to NC 28 N. Follow NC 28 about 3 miles to the sign for the Tsali Recreation area. Turn right. Follow signs to Lemmons Branch Boat Ramp.

Cable Cove (Graham County)-From the junction of NC 28 N & NC 143 W at Stecoah, take NC 28 N 8.2 miles turn right onto SR 1287(Cable Cove). Go 1.5 miles to the area at the end of the road.



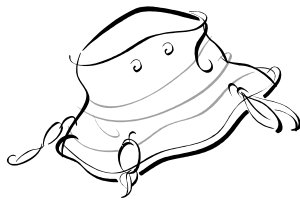
FISHING in Swain County and the Great Smoky Mountains

A Fisherman's Paradise

The Great Smoky Mountains National Park and the Nantahala National Forest offer hundreds of miles of clear streams, including Deep Creek just a few minutes outside of Bryson City and Hazel Creek on the remote North Shore of Fontana Lake. The Oconaluftee River in the Cherokee Indian Reservation is also a popular spot for fishermen.

If you prefer stillwater fishing, Fontana Lake boasts one of the most diverse fish populations anywhere in the country. With depths of over 400 feet, many northern fish such as walleye, muskie and smallmouth bass are among favorites of local fishermen.

See the businesses below for more information on everything from bait and tackle to guided trips and full service trout ponds.



Almond Boat & RV Park

1165 Almond Boat Park Road, Bryson City
828-488-6423 • www.almondboatpark.com

24 hour boat dock service, pontoon and fishing boat rentals, lakeside cottages and an RV park. Live bait for sale on the boat dock.

Cooper Creek Trout Farm

3365 Cooper Creek Road, Bryson City
866-245-4500 or 828-507-0620 • www.highplateauoutfitters.com

This full service trout farm offers all the amenities in a beautiful mountain setting that includes hiking trails, waterfalls, and picnic tables. No license required, no limit, and all fishing equipment is provided. Guided fishing tours are also available. Stay an hour or the entire day!

Endless River Adventures

14157 Hwy 19 W, Bryson City
828-488-6199 or 800-224-RAFT • www.endlessriveradventures.com

Lake touring offered for half-and full-day trips. We offer fly fishing instruction and fly fishing trips with professional guide service. Guided drift boat, raft float trips and wet wading are options for your day of fishing.

Fontana Guide Service

3336 Balltown Road, Bryson City
828-736-2318 or 828-488-9793 • www.fontanaguides.com

Be our guest for lake fishing and sight-seeing on the beautiful waters of Lake Fontana in the Great Smoky Mountains. All tackle and equipment provided. Sit back in comfort on our spacious pontoon boat for a full or half day trip. Back country and fly fishing trips are also available as well as lodging packages at Lands Creek Log Cabins.

Fontana Village Resort

Hwy. 28, Fontana Dam
800-849-2258 or 828-498-2211 • www.fontanavillage.com

The marina offers a paved launch ramp, fishing licenses, bait and tackle, lake shuttles, scenic lake tours, guided fishing trips, charter fishing and boat rentals.

Granger Outdoors

Bryson City
828-488-4170 • grangeroutdoors@aol.com

Wayne Granger provides mountain stream trout fishing outings tailored for you. Backcountry or vehicle accessible. Half day or full day. Authorized by the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

Nantahala Outdoor Center

13077 Hwy. 19 W, Bryson City
888-905-7238 or 828-488-6900 • www.noc.com

At NOC we are pleased to offer lake tours and fly fishing with expert guides and great equipment. Everything you need to chill and focus on the beauty that surrounds you.

Riverbend Lodging

470 Highway 19 S, Bryson City
877-272-3125 • www.riverbendlodging.com

450 feet on the Tuckasegee River. Just step out the door of your extra clean, refurbished room and start fishing. Rod rentals available. Limited tackle sales. Owner, Jack, is a licensed captain.

Simonds Bait & Tackle Shop

1085 Main Street, Bryson City
828-488-6854

Live bait: shiners, trout fingerlings (seasonally), nightcrawlers, wax worms, meal worms, and crickets. Complete line of tackle for lake, river, and fly fishing. Single hook lures for the Great Smoky Mountain National Park. Fishing license. On site taxidermy (fish only). Open year round.

Smoky Mountain Adventures, Inc.

Bryson City
828-736-7501 • www.steveclaxton.com

Travel to the remote North Shore area of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park for a two-day guided outing (April-November). Everything is provided for hiking, fly fishing or just camping. Twenty years experience as a guide; fully insured, licensed and permitted by the GSMNP. Occasionally, day hikes are available.

Smoky Mountain Flyfishing

626 Tsali Boulevard, Cherokee
828-497-1555 • www.smokymountainflyfishing.net

Full service fly shop and outfitters. Guide service offering trips to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and the area's most popular fishing destinations. Let us custom tailor a trip that is right for you. We offer everything from half day to all day wade trips, float trips, and overnight back country destinations.

Smoky Mountain Outdoors Unlimited

1012 East Alarka Road, Bryson City
828-488-9711 • www.smokymountainoutdoorsunlimited.com

Guided fishing & camping trips. We offer fly fishing, spin fishing, lake fishing, camping and boathouse camping trips. All bait and equipment is furnished. A shore lunch is provided for full-day trips. Half day trips are also available. Open year round.

The "Reel" McCoy Fishing Guide Service

655 Mt. Noble Road, Cherokee
828-788-3144 • www.greatsmokies.com/fishingguide
Guided fishing trips on Fontana Lake and local streams.

Tumbling Waters Trout Pond

1612 Panther Creek Road, Almond
828-479-3814 • www.tumblingwaters.com

Trout farm and campground located on Panther Creek, 1-1/2 miles off NC 28, between Bryson City and Fontana Dam. Free pole, bait and cleaning! No license required. Open March through November.

