Tennessee's Wild Trout Streams WILDLIFE RESOURCES

Tennessee Wild Trout

In east Tennessee, the Appalachian Mountains contain about 845 miles of streams that are home to wild, naturally reproducing, trout. But where is the best fishing? Not all mountain streams offer good wild trout fishing. Many remote streams are overlooked. Many trout anglers don't know where to begin. This map was prepared by trout biologists to show you where the better fisheries are located. It shows the location of streams that provide good to excellent fishing for trout. It is not a complete catalog of Tennessee's wild trout waters, but it does cover most of them, especially the great ones. Unfortunately it was not possible to get every road on this map, so we suggest you use higher resolution maps to find your way to some of the more remote streams. Consider this map the first step in the journey.

Most wild trout streams are on public land, but some are located on private property. To assure the future of these fisheries, respect the landowner's rights by obtaining permission to enter the property. And no matter where you fish, leave the area cleaner than you found it.

Request a copy of Tennessee Fishing Regulations when you purchase your fishing license. It contains current information on trout license requirements and fishing regulations.





The information in this brochure is provided as a courtesy to the anglers of the state. The State of Tennessee, Wildlife Resources Agency does not warrant any access site herein safe for any purpose; anglers are encouraged to use caution when parking along undeveloped right-of-ways. Access is subject to any restrictions imposed by the entities that own, manage, or control the particular s





Many wild trout streams are located within the Cherokee National Forest, which is cooperatively managed by the TWRA and US Forest Service. These public lands provide excellent access to trout waters. The Forest Service maintains many parking areas and trails that will take you right to the fish, in some cases you can even camp nearby

To get more information on what the Cherokee National Forest has to offer, visit their website, or contact one of their District offices:

Ocoee/Hiwassee Ranger District 423-338-3300

Nolichucky/Unaka Ranger District 423-638-4109

Tellico/Hiwassee Ranger District 423-253-8400

Watauga Ranger District 423-735-1500

Website: www.fs.fed.us/R8/cherokee

Great Smoky Mountains National Park



Most of the streams in the GSMNP have wild trout. Fishing is permitted according to Park regulations. This map shows some of the most productive waters, but other streams are worth exploring. Contact the Park Headquarters for information on fishing, camping, and other opportunities. Call 865-436-1200 or visit: www.nps.gov/grsm

