Trout Stream Regulations

Trout Streams

Catch & Release/Artificial Lures Only
- Big Horse Creek - parking BH6
- South Fork New River - parking SF1
- Trout Lake - Ashe County Wildlife Club
- Big Horse Creek (Mountain Heritage Trout Waters) - parking BH1

Delayed Harvest
- Helton Creek - parking H1, H2
- Big Laurel Creek - parking BL1, BL2
- Three Top Creek - parking TT1-TT7
- Buffalo Creek - parking BU1
- Old Fields Creek Road - parking OF1
- Beaver Creek - parking BV1, BV2
- Nathans Creek - parking N1, N2
- Peak Creek - parking PK1, PK2
- Roan Creek - pull offs along NC 88/Earl Sheets Rd
- Cranberry Creek - parking CR1, CR2
- North Fork New River - parking NF1-NF4

Hatchery Supported
- Big Laurel Creek - parking BL1, BL2
- Big Horse Creek - parking BH2-BH5
- Buffalo Creek - parking BU1
- Old Fields Creek Road - parking OF1
- Nathans Creek - parking N1, N2
- Peak Creek - parking PK1, PK2
- Roan Creek - pull offs along NC 88/Earl Sheets Rd
- Cranberry Creek - parking CR1, CR2
- North Fork New River - parking NF1-NF4

Public River Access (PRA)

North Fork New River
- North Fork New River/Riverview Access
  Hwy 88 near Riverview Community Center
- US Hwy 221 Access - New River State Park
- NC Hwy 16/88 Access - Watauga County
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- Todd Island Park - Railroad Grade Rd & Castle Road

Parking & Access Information

Trout Streams - There are no "formal" parking sites. Many Ashe County trout streams are located on private property or in DOT right of ways. Public fishing is allowed through the generosity of landowners and there are many places to park along the roadways. Points identified on the map are helpful starting points for anglers unfamiliar with the streams. Trout fishing regulation signs are posted along streams near stocking locations to help anglers find places to fish. Anglers should avoid property that is posted against trespassing.

River Access - Access points shown on the map and other informal access points are found alongside roads and at bridge crossings. Some of the access points may be on private land; in this case anglers should get permission from landowners before using them.

Always, honor landowners - Anglers should always show respect for the land and water by removing trash, by parking only in designated areas, and by making sure to not block access to gates or driveways. These actions will help support maintaining access to public fishing areas in Ashe County.

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