

Chattahoochee Forest

National Fish Hatchery 2020

Notes from the Project Leader

Great Start

2020 is off to a great start! The trout are beautiful and conditions have been good for rearing. In the fall and early winter, we are busy with trout at all stages of the life cycle from fertilized eggs, sac fry and fingerlings up to Delayed Harvest stockable sizes. As usual, we should have some 3-4 lb brood stock size trout on station by February or March for visitors to see and enjoy fishing for as we stock those into streams and for fishing rodeos. Hope you are enjoying some fall and winter fishing and we look forward to seeing you this spring and summer!



Delayed Harvest and Trout Stocking Season

Delayed Harvest (DH) stockings on the Toccoa River are going great! Stocking on other streams will begin late-March and be in full distribution mode by April. Please visit www.gofishgeorgia.com for the 2020 Georgia Sport Fishing Regulations. Stay up-to-date with the hatchery's stocking and other happenings on Facebook www.facebook.com/chattahoocheeforestnfh and the hatchery website www.fws.gov/chattahoocheeforest.

2020 Fishing Rodeos

- * Veterans - May 8th
- * Special Kids - May 13th
- * Seniors - June 5th
- * Kids - June 6th

Visit the Hatchery

Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-3 p.m.
Federal holiday/other exceptions may apply. Please call in advance. The facility offers an informational visitor kiosk, outdoor raceway viewing area, year-round fishing in Rock Creek, picnicking, visitor restrooms and tours.

"The fishing rodeos are a huge success each year thanks to support from Friends of the Hatchery. Without dedicated volunteers, these events would not be possible."

- Project Leader Kelly Taylor

Economic Impact

Recreational angling results in considerable expenditures of recreation related goods and services such as lodging, food, transportation, boats, fishing gear, and other equipment. Businesses and industries benefit from these expenditures, which also create jobs and yield tax revenue for local and state economies. These economic benefits are especially significant in small towns and rural areas near the waters stocked by the hatchery. For more information, visit the hatchery website.

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