

About Chattahoochee Forest National Fish Hatchery

Nestled deep in the heart of the North Georgia Mountains, approximately 75 miles north of Atlanta, is Chattahoochee Forest National Fish Hatchery. Since establishment in 1936, the hatchery has played an integral and valuable role in maintaining and enhancing the fishery resources of the southeastern United States. Chattahoochee Forest NFH produces over one million rainbow trout annually for mitigation needs in Georgia.



These fish are stocked into tailwaters, streams and lakes of North Georgia in cooperation with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Corps of Engineers, Tennessee Valley Authority, and the US. Forest Service. These efforts help in maintaining recreational fisheries that would no longer be enjoyed by thousands of anglers due to the damming of natural waterways. The hatchery also works to restore and recover imperiled aquatic species and their habitats. It is involved in a variety of conservation education programs and events for all age groups.



Friends of the Chattahoochee Forest NFH
4730 Rock Creek Road
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Friends of the Hatchery



Making the Grassroots Grow

What is the Friends Group?

Everyone knows the value of friends. Friends are our advocates, allies, helpers and promoters. Just as we need friends personally, the Hatchery needs professional friends.



Friends groups like ours give concerned citizens a chance to take an active role in preserving and conserving our fisheries and other aquatic resources through education and public conversation about important issues. Although Federal funds provide for the operation of the Hatchery, funding for public education is limited. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service welcomes Friends groups that give citizens an active role in reaching out to and educating the public about how our National Fish Hatcheries are working to protect and preserve our natural heritage,

as well as supporting the mission of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.



Mission Statement

Friends of Chattahoochee Forest National Fish Hatchery recognize the importance of the hatchery to this area. We are committed to supporting the hatchery's mission, promoting conservation ethics, education, and encouraging the sport of trout fishing.

Why We Have a Friends Group

Friends provide things the Hatchery cannot supply for itself, such as volunteer services, funding and advocacy. Friends of the Hatchery focus on public education - promoting fishing, increasing watershed awareness, and encouraging aquatic resource conservation. Friends help sponsor special events and education programs throughout the community, which include:

- Special Kids Fishing Rodeo and Field Trips for children with special needs.
- Veterans Appreciation Fishing Rodeo for U.S. military veterans and active duty service.
- Seniors Fishing Rodeo for senior citizens.
- Kids Fishing Rodeo - an educational event including other conservation agencies and non-profits, games, food, and activities for the whole family.

The Friends also help support the hatchery's innovative and successful educational programs such as the Biologist in Training (BiT) and Junior Ranger.



Membership Application

Membership Levels:

Individual - \$ 15.00
Family - \$ 20.00
Business - \$100.00

Life Membership (One Time):

Individual - \$200.00
Family - \$300.00

Payment Method:

☐ Cash ☐ Cash

Name

Address

City, State Zip

Phone (Home)

Phone (Cell)

Email

Please send your completed application to:

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