



# GEORGIA

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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## STATE PARKS & HISTORIC SITES

**Georgia State Parks Celebrate National Fishing Week June 6-13**  
*Georgians Invited to Cast a Line at More than a Dozen Events Next Week*

**ATLANTA, June 5, 2009** – Kids from 3 to 103 are invited to explore Georgia's great lakes, rivers and streams in celebration of National Fishing Week, June 6-13, at [Georgia's state parks](#). With more than a dozen fishing events planned in the week ahead, Georgia's state parks offer an adventure for everyone – from children's fishing rodeos to expert fly fishing classes.

No fishing gear? Some of Georgia's state parks offer a [fishing equipment loaner program](#) for free. Georgians interested in angling in the parks can check out a pole, try their luck and return the equipment when finished. Check out [www.GeorgiaStateParks.org](http://www.GeorgiaStateParks.org) for a list of participating parks.

Turn an exciting day of fishing into an overnight adventure under the stars. State park visitors can stay the night in a campsite, cottage, yurt, or hotel-style lodge. What better way to get away from computers and build memories that last a lifetime? Reservations can be made by calling 1-800-864-7275.

### **Junior Fishing Rodeo**

Saturday, June 6, 2009  
8 AM to 12 PM

A.H. Stephens Historic Park - Crawfordville, GA

The fishing tournament will be held at the beautiful Lake Liberty. Children younger than age 16 are invited to compete for prizes in several categories. Lunch will be provided. Registration is 7:30 - 8 a.m. \$5 parking. 706-456-2602.



### **Kaleidoscope**

Saturday, June 6, 2009  
7 AM

Sunday, June 7, 2009  
10 AM

Amicalola Falls State Park and Lodge - Dawsonville, GA

The ever-changing kaleidoscope inspires this weekend's event as we focus on the preservation of our natural resources. Events will include our popular fishing rodeo called "To Tempt a Trout," a celebration of American Hiking Society's National Trails Day, and conservation-oriented programs. \$5 parking. 706-265-1969.

### **Children's Fishing Rodeo**

Saturday, June 6, 2009  
9 AM to 12 PM

James H. (Sloppy) Floyd State Park - Summerville, GA

Children 15 and younger can bring their own fishing gear to catch a limit of five catfish from a well-stocked lake. \$5 parking. 706-857-0826.

### **Introduction to Fly Fishing**

Saturday, June 6, 2009  
10 AM to 12 PM

Mistletoe State Park - Appling, GA

Anybody can drop a worm from a pole, but there's a real art to fly fishing. Learn types of equipment, basic flies and casting techniques. Bring a chair and fly rod if you have one. Register by June 5. \$5 parking. 706-541-0321.

### **Free Fishing Days**

Saturday, June 6, 2009

Saturday, June 13, 2009

Victoria Bryant State Park - Royston, GA

No license is required for this special day of free fishing. \$5 parking. 706-245-6270.

### **Senior Citizen Fishing Rodeo**

Saturday, June 13, 2009

9 AM to 12 PM

James H. (Sloppy) Floyd State Park - Summerville, GA

Ladies and gentlemen 65 and older can enjoy using their skills to bring in the largest catfish. Bring your own bait. \$5 parking. 706-857-0826.

### **Fishing and Boating Blast**

Saturday, June 13, 2009

10 AM to 6 PM

Little Ocmulgee State Park and Lodge - McRae, GA

Kids can earn a GO Georgia Badge by participating in a canoe trip, fishing in the lake, identifying some water dwellers and being creative with some fishy crafts. Stay overnight in the park's lodge. \$5 parking. 229-868-7474.

### **Basic Fly Fishing Clinic**

2nd Saturday of Month (June 13)

10 AM - 12 PM

Panola Mountain State Park - Stockbridge, GA

The two-hour clinic covers equipment, knot tying, casting, safety issues and other tricks of the trade. If time permits participants may stay to catch the "Fish of Fish." Instructors C. H. Brown and Michael Reilley suggest wearing long pants/shorts and hiking shoes, and bringing snacks, water and sun lotion. Georgia fishing license required. Register in advance. \$7 - \$10 plus \$5 parking. 770-389-7801.

### **Kids Fishing Rodeo**

Saturday, June 13, 2009

9 AM

Reed Bingham State Park - Adel, GA

Children 12 and younger can enjoy friendly competition to see who can catch the most or biggest fish. Meet at the Kiddie Ponds on the Cook County side of the park. Kids must bring their own tackle, but the park will furnish some bait. \$5 parking. 229-896-3551.

### **Paddle And Cast at Buck Shoals State Park**

Saturday, June 13, 2009

9 AM to 12 PM

Smithgall Woods Conservation Area and Lodge - Helen, GA

This is a rare opportunity to canoe and fish at Buck Shoals State Park because the park is not open to the public yet. Canoes, paddles and life jackets are provided. Bring your favorite fishing gear. No live bait allowed. Register in advance. 706-878-3087.

### **Kids Fishing Rodeo**

Saturday, June 13, 2009

8 AM to 12 PM

Vogel State Park - Blairsville, GA

Join kids 12 and younger to fish our stocked trout stream. Prizes will be given to the lucky ticket holders, and families will enjoy watching children have a blast. \$5 parking. 706-745-2628.

Georgia State Parks and Historic Sites is one of the top-rated state park systems in the country. With a diverse geographic topography, Georgia's 63 state parks and historic sites offer adventures in northern mountains, midland swamplands, piedmont plains and along the beautiful Georgia coast. For more information, including a full list of parks and accommodations, visit [www.GeorgiaStateParks.org](http://www.GeorgiaStateParks.org). To receive the latest information on events and activities in the parks, sign up for the Get Outdoors Georgia newsletter at [www.GetOutdoorsGeorgia.org](http://www.GetOutdoorsGeorgia.org).

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Websites:

[www.GeorgiaStateParks.org](http://www.GeorgiaStateParks.org)

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