

Carolina Trout Quest – May 1 – 3, 2009

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Trip Description	<p>Carolina Trout Quest (Formerly known as the spring Nantahala trip)</p> <p>This is one of our more popular trips and a great first time trip for new members. Most people go to fish the Nantahala or the Tuckasee Rivers, but there are many more nearby. These include: Deep Creek, Forney Creek, Indian Creek, Nolan Creek, Socco Creek, and the Oconaluftee River.</p> <p>Many members have been to the location before and will be willing to direct you to some good locations and help you get started if needed.</p> <p>The Nantahala River and several other streams in the area are stocked and have delayed Harvest regulations. You will likely catch brown and rainbow trout and some brook trout.</p>
Travel	<p>We travel by car to Bryson City. If you need a ride, let us know and we will try to find you a partner.</p> <p>Driving time is 5 hours and 50 minutes from the Sharonville area. Your drive may take more or less time depending on your start point. Take I-75 south to I-640 east at Knoxville, then I-40 east to US 74/23 at Clyde, NC, from there east on US 74 to Bryson City. Google will send you through Pigeon Forge and Gatlinburg along Rt. 66 etc. There will be a lot of traffic if you go this way. BUT, there are some nice streams to fish in the Smokies if you have the time.</p>
Lodging	<p>Lodging is at your own expense and you must make your own lodging reservations.</p> <p>Most of us will be staying at the Deep Creek Campground. They are HOLDING THEIR CABINS UNTIL APRIL 1st (No Fool' in) for BUFF Members...Make reservations at (828) 488-6055. More info at: www.deepcreekcamping.com</p> <p>There are many other lodging choices in town as well. You can find information on those at:</p> <p>http://www.charlestoninn.com/</p> <p>http://www.westoaklodging.com/</p> <p>http://www.nantahalacabins.com/</p> <p>http://www.landscreek.com/</p> <p>http://www.hiddencreekcabins.com/</p>

	<p>http://www.folkestoneinn.com/</p> <p>http://www.sleepinn.com/hotel-bryson_city-north_carolina-NC024?promo=gglocal</p> <p>http://www.aimeescabins.com/lodging/ownerlisting.asp?own=true&ownid=55</p> <p>http://www.ridgetopmotel.com/</p> <p>http://www.fryemontinn.com/</p> <p>There are a lot more and you can learn more about them if you search Google for Lodging Bryson City NC.</p>
Meals	<p>Trip registration fee includes FRIDAY MORNING BREAKFAST (May 1) AT THE RIVER ROCK RESTAURANT and FRIDAY EVENING HOMESTYLE SOUTHERN BBQ & RIB DINNER WITH ALL THE FIXENS AND DESERT!</p> <p>Other meals are at your cost and on your own. There are many local restaurants where you can dine. Previous attendees and or trip leaders will be happy to guide you to these locations.</p>
License	<p>You can buy a license on site in Bryson City or anywhere in North Carolina, or you may buy it online at: http://www.ncwildlife.org/fs_index_03_fishing.htm</p> <p>A non-resident annual license with trout stamp costs \$40.</p> <p>A non-resident ten-day license with trout stamp costs \$20.</p> <p>The North Carolina license is also valid anywhere in the Smoky Mountain National Park, including parts that are in Tennessee. The annual license is valid for one full year from the date of purchase.</p>
Equipment	<p>A four or five weight rig will be all you need. In some of the smaller creeks, you may want to use a three weight.</p> <p>A wading staff is recommended. Many of the streams have uneven rocky bottoms and can be tricky to wade with just your two feet.</p>
Guide Info	<p>If you would like to use a guide, here are some of the local businesses:</p> <p>http://www.randrflyfishing.com/ This is Ian and Charity Rutter's guide service. They have been big supporters of BUFF.</p> <p>http://www.loweguideservice.com/flypatterns.html This is Roger Lowe's guide service. He has worked with club members in the past.</p> <p>http://www.endlessriveradventures.com/fly-fishing-north-carolina</p> <p>http://www.smokymountainangler.com/mtncreekmedia/Home.html</p>
Special Info	<p>Some of these streams are fed by power plant runoff. If you have not been here before, ask an old-timer to tell you about this. You do not want to be caught on top</p>

	<p>of a rock when the Tucasegee rises a couple feet in a few minutes leaving you no way to get back to shore until the water goes down again on 6 or 8 hours later! Likewise, you can fish the main stream of the Nantahala early in the morning, but when the water comes downstream from the power plant, the kayakers and rafters will be riding the wave crest at its lead. Don't be in the stream when that happens! Most fishing on the Nantahala is above the power plant and this problem is moot.</p> <p>THE COST OF THESE YEARS EVENTS IS \$30.00, price includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *HIGHLY COVETED & PERSONALIZED "CAROLINA TROUT QUEST" BADGE W/CLIP!!! *FRIDAY MORNING BREAKFAST AT THE RIVER ROCK RESTAURANT! *FRIDAY EVENING HOMESTYLE SOUTHERN BBQ & RIB DINNER WITH ALL THE FIXENS AND DESERT!!! <p>HELD AT THE "WORLD FAMOUS DEEP CREEK PAVILION"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *AUTHENTIC WESTERN CAROLINA CAMPFIRE- As you relax to the Gentle yet SOOTHING CRIES of the DEEP CREEK Domestic Goats! <p>(Bring those Lawn Chairs...Everyone gets a "FRONT ROW SEAT")</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *WINE TASTING...Wine lovers, Bring a Selection for Sharing at the "Wine Tasting Table" after Dinner!!! The Finest PLASTIC Wine Glasses will be provided! *AWARDS - DOOR PRIZES – GIFTS
<p>Registration: How to register – Deadline – Costs – Maximum Participants -</p>	<p>RESERVE YOUR SPOT NOW AT: CAROLINATROUTQUEST@YAHOO.COM Leave Name, Phone # or Cell, E-Mail Address or Sign Up at the Next BUFF General Meeting!</p> <p>Deadline to register is Friday, April 24, 2009</p> <p>Cost to register is \$30</p> <p>There is no limit to the number of participants.</p>
<p>Local Links</p>	<p>http://greatsmokies.com/Guide%20pdfs/Fishing%20Guide.pdf</p> <p>http://greatsmokies.com/</p> <p>http://www.city-data.com/city/Bryson-City-North-Carolina.html</p>