

## FISHING REGULATIONS

Fishing regulations for Mountain Heritage Trout Waters, such as daily creel limits, minimum size limits and lure restrictions, are established by the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission.

The section of Buckeye Creek from Buckeye Creek Reservoir dam to Grassy Gap Creek, Buckeye Creek Reservoir, Lake Coffey and Pond Creek from its headwaters to the Locust Ridge Road bridge, excluding the pond adjacent to Coffey Lake are classified as Mountain Heritage Trout Waters and are managed under the following regulations:

### Buckeye Creek and Buckeye Creek Reservoir

Hatchery Supported regulations:

Open season: 7:00 a.m. on the first Saturday in April until the last day of February.

- No bait or lure restriction
- No size limit restriction
- Seven (7) trout per day creel limit

Closed to fishing: March 1 until the first Saturday in April.

### Lake Coffey

Delayed Harvest regulations:

From Oct. 1 until the first Saturday in June:

- No trout may be harvested or possessed;
- Fishing is restricted to artificial lures having one single hook;
- Natural bait may not be used or possessed.

From 6 a.m. until noon on the first Saturday in June:

- Fishing is restricted to youths under 16 years old;
- No bait or lure restriction;
- No size limit restriction;
- Seven (7) trout per day creel limit.

From noon on the first Saturday in June until Sept. 30:

- Fishing open to all anglers;
- No bait or lure restriction;
- No size limit restriction;
- Seven (7) trout per day creel limit.

### Pond Creek

Catch and Release, Artificial Lure Only regulations:

- Season is open year round
- No trout may be harvested or possessed
- Only artificial lures with one single hook may be used
- Unlawful to possess natural bait on your person while fishing.

# BEECH MOUNTAIN MOUNTAIN HERITAGE TROUT WATERS BUCKEYE CREEK, BUCKEYE CREEK RESERVOIR, LAKE COFFEY & POND CREEK

