

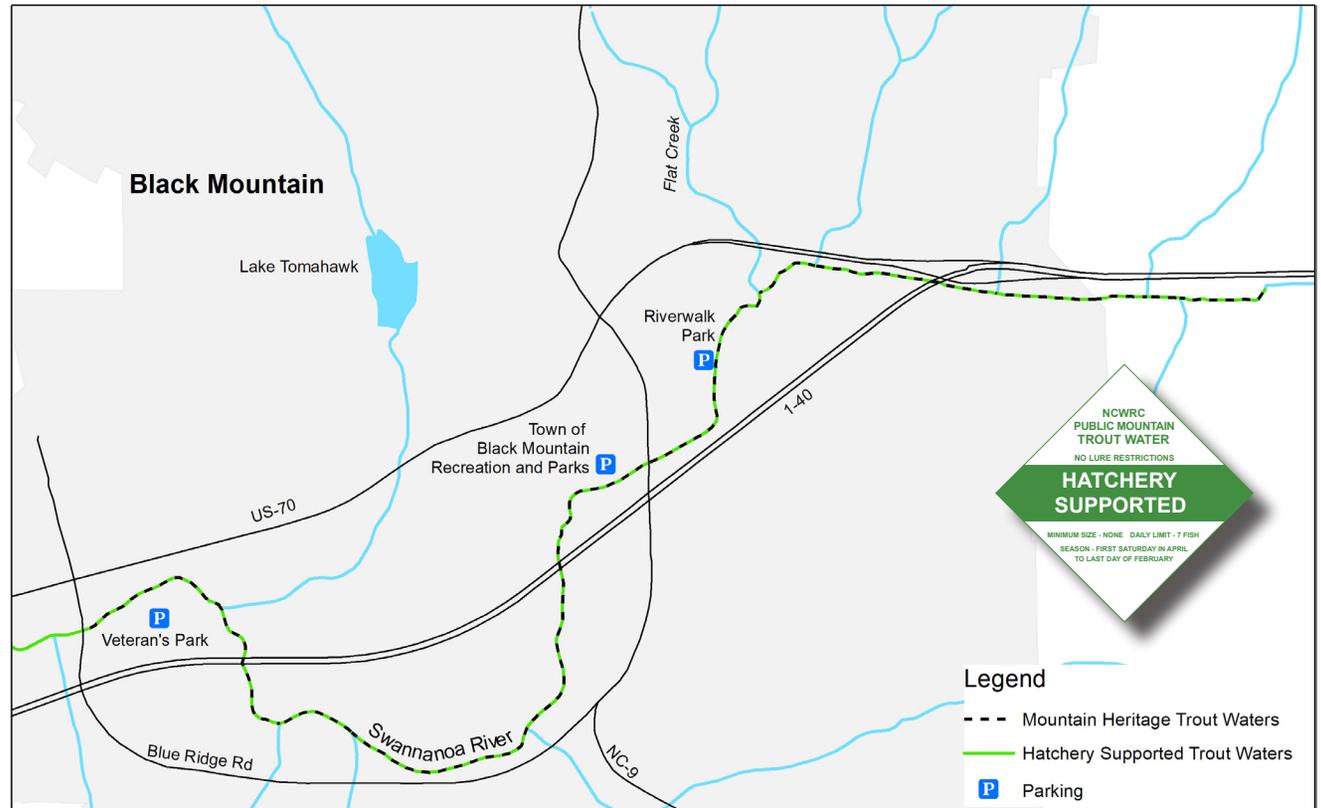
FISHING REGULATIONS

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 4.4-mile section of Swannanoa River is classified as the Black Mountain Mountain Heritage Trout Water and is a Hatchery Supported Trout Water with the following regulations:

- Open season: 7 a.m. on the first Saturday in April until the last day of February.
- Closed to fishing: March 1 until the first Saturday in April
- No bait or lure restriction
- No size limit restriction
- Seven (7) trout per day creel limit

BLACK MOUNTAIN-MOUNTAIN HERITAGE TROUT WATER SWANNANOA RIVER



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NC MOUNTAIN HERITAGE
TROUT WATERS

**MOUNTAIN HERITAGE TROUT WATERS LICENSE
VALID AT THIS LOCATION**

Veterans who served as a member of the Armed Forces and who separated under honorable conditions are exempt from fishing license requirements while fishing in waters designated as Mountain Heritage Trout Waters.

To qualify you must have valid documentation of your service in your possession while fishing Mountain Heritage Trout Waters.



Brook Trout - The brook trout is the only trout native to North Carolina. They have olive-green coloration on the upper sides with mottled, dark green “worm-like” markings on their backs and tails. The lower sides are lighter with yellow spots interspersed with fewer spots of bright red surrounded by blue. The lower fins are orange with a narrow black band next to a leading white edge.



Brown Trout - Native to Europe and western Asia, Brown Trout were introduced to North America in the late 1800s. It is golden-brown to olive-brown with yellowish sides. Its back and sides have dark spots encircled with light yellow or white. Some Brown Trout also have orange or red spots on their sides.



Rainbow Trout - Rainbow Trout are native to the Pacific drainages of western North America but have been introduced in mountain streams in NC. It is named for the broad, lateral stripe on its sides, which ranges from pink to red. Its back is olive-green, and its belly is whitish with heavy black speckling on all fins and the entire body.