

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
Great Smoky Mountains National Park
Tennessee--North Carolina

FISHING REGULATIONS FOR 1959

OPEN SEASON: Fishing is permitted from May 16 to August 31, inclusive; from sunrise to sunset only.

RESTRICTIONS AS TO USE OF BAIT: Fishing is permitted only with artificial flies or lures with one hook. The possession of minnows, bait, use of bait, or placing of food in any waters for attracting fish is prohibited.

SIZE LIMITS: No fish less than 7 inches in length may be retained. All fish caught less than 7 inches in length shall be carefully handled with moist hands and returned to the water at once.

LIMIT OF CATCH AND IN POSSESSION: The maximum catch in any one day, and the maximum number of trout in possession, shall be five. Maximum catch in any one day, and maximum number of bass in possession, shall be five. Maximum creel of trout and bass together shall not exceed five fish in one day or five fish in possession at any time. There is no creel limit on other species.

OPEN AND CLOSED WATERS: All park waters are open to fishing, except the following: North Carolina: Lands Creek; Mingus Creek; Chestnut Branch; that part of Raven Fork and all tributaries thereof lying upstream from the Cherokee Indian Reservation Boundary at Big Cove.

Tennessee: All waters of the Middle Prong of Little Pigeon River above the point where Ramsey Prong enters.

FISHING RESTRICTIONS IN CERTAIN WATERS:

(1) Two Park Streams are specifically set aside as "Fishing for Fun Streams". They are: (a) Bradley Fork and its tributaries, North Carolina, and (b) West Prong of the Little Pigeon River and its Tributaries, Tennessee.

Both streams are subject to the following regulations: (i) open to fishing all year; (ii) all trout or bass caught must be carefully handled and immediately returned to the stream, except any fish caught which measures over 16 inches in length may be retained; (iii) fishing is permitted only with artificial flies or lures having one hook.

(2) Two Park Streams are operating under a modified "Fishing for Fun" plan. These are: (a) The Oconaluftee River, North Carolina, lying downstream from the Kephart Bridge to the Park Boundary, and (b) Little River, Tennessee, lying downstream from the Millsap Picnic Area to the Park Boundary

but not including the Middle Prong of Little River nor its tributaries. These streams are subject to the following regulations: (i) Open to fishing all year; (ii) Between September 1 and May 15, inclusive, all fish caught except those which measure 16 inches or over must be handled carefully and immediately returned to the stream; (iii) Between May 16 and August 31, inclusive, the Park's general regulations prevail on these two streams; (iv) fishing is permitted only with artificial flies or lures having one hook.

FISHING LICENSE: The National Park Service makes no charge for fishing, but persons fishing within the park must procure the resident or non-resident state license issued and required by Tennessee, or the resident or non-resident state license or permit required and issued by the state of North Carolina. The possessor of a resident fishing license issued by the state of North Carolina shall not fish on the Tennessee side of the Park without first having obtained a fishing license issued by the State of Tennessee; and the possessor of a resident fishing license issued by the State of Tennessee shall not fish on the North Carolina side of the Park without first having obtained a fishing license issued by the State of North Carolina. The possessor of a non-resident license issued by the State of Tennessee or by the State of North Carolina may fish throughout the Park, subject to the above restrictions.

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