

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

# Chattahoochee

## *National Fish Hatchery*



Come face to face with rainbow trout at Chattahoochee Forest National Fish Hatchery located on Rock Creek in the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains of north Georgia near the small, rural town of Suches. The hatchery is administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service along with other national fish hatcheries across the southeast region and is dedicated to conserving, protecting and enhancing the nation's fisheries for the continuing benefit of the American people.

The facility offers an informational visitor kiosk, outdoor raceway viewing area, year-round fishing in Rock Creek, picnicking, visitor restrooms, special group and individual tours, and an Environmental Education Center. Special tours and education center use must be arranged in advance by calling the hatchery. Special fishing events are held free to the public throughout the year. There is no admission or any other charges for visiting the facility or attending events.

## Things to Do:

First, check out the informational visitor kiosk located in the parking lot where you will learn how it all began and has expanded over the years up to the present. There is even a “fun facts” panel for kids! Feel free to adventure on a self-guided tour and view the 46 outside raceways filled with fish! Also, be on the look-out for wildlife such as Bald Eagles, deer, or bear in the forest surrounding the hatchery.

Most importantly, have fun and enjoy! Try your luck fishing in beautiful Rock Creek which meanders through hatchery property. The stream is open to year round fishing and is stocked weekly from late-March to the first part of September. Those ages 16 and older must purchase a Georgia Fishing License and Trout Stamp. Learn more about licensing, purchasing, and regulations at [www.gofishgeorgia.com](http://www.gofishgeorgia.com). Don't forget to bring your own fishing gear and bait!

If you like what you see and would enjoy volunteering your time to help out, ask about Friends of Chattahoochee Forest National Fish Hatchery. The Friends Group is a tax-exempt, non-profit organization dedicated to supporting the hatchery and its mission. This includes volunteer services, advocacy support, and obtaining funding for annual outreach events including the Veterans Appreciation Fishing Rodeo and Special Kids Fishing Rodeo in May and the Seniors Fishing Rodeo and Family Fishing Festival in June.

Finally, if you have questions or need further information, any staff member at the hatchery will be happy to assist you.

## Location:

Chattahoochee National Forest on Rock Creek Road off GA Hwy 60 near Suches, GA.

## Visitor Hours:

8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday – Friday. Exceptions such as federal holidays or emergencies may apply. Please call ahead for information and driving directions. Free admission.

## Contact Information:

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