The Great American **Hatchery Road Trip!**









There's nothing like cruising down the interstate, a fresh summer breeze blowing through the windows, the stereo blasting, and the ancitipation of adventures ahead! The hardest part? Picking a destination! Don't worry, we've got you covered.

The National Fish Hatchery System has been improving recreational fishing and restoring aquatic species since 1872, so what better way to explore these cool sites than by starting with ones over 100 years old! Fish hatcheries have something for everyone in your group, so buckle those seatbelts and let's hit the road!



Warm Springs

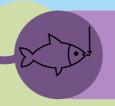
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National Fish Hatchery

Established in 1899, Warm Springs National Fish Hatchery consists of 56 acres with 39 ponds! The role of the hatchery is recovery and restoration of imperiled aquatic and terrestrial species. Examples of these species include alligator gar, gopher frogs, gopher tortoises, Gulf Coast striped bass, sicklefin redhorse, and others.



If you're not listening to Ray Charles' "Georgia on my Mind" are you even really in Georgia??



Fishing is only allowed on hatchery grounds during special events, so if you're an angling fanatic, we recommend timing your trip around one of those! Otherwise, check out the public aquarium, where you can get an up-close look at cool critters!



Calling all geocache fans! The hatchery is one of the stops on the official Warm Springs Marvelous Geoquest! Pick up the official passport, grab your GPS, and start out on your epic quest to track down all 12 caches in the area.



The hatchery's outdoor display pools and wetland ponds are the perfect spot for catching glimpses of critters! If you're in the mood for some exciting stuff, be on the lookout for alligators and carnivorous plants!



Fun fact: Warm Springs National Fish Hatchery was originally known as Cold Spring Station and was established by an act of Congress in 1898! When the nearby town was renamed as Warm Springs in 1924, the hatchery followed suit.



Bring some crayons or colored pencils and pop into the hatchery to pick up one of their educational coloring books. And just a reminder for anyone who needs it: COLORING BOOKS ARE NOT **JUST FOR KIDS!**

MAP LEGEND



The Angler



The Explorer



The Animal Lover



The Historian



The Artist



The town of Warm Springs was the personal home of Franklin Roosevelt therapeutic relief in the nearby thermal springs. Visitors can tour his home (known as the "Little White House") and grounds, a perfect stop for the history buff in your group.

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Before you hit the road, be sure to check the hatchery's web page for additional activities and call ahead to check opening status.



OTHER HATCHERIES IN THE SOUTHEAST SERIES

- Mammoth Spring National Fish Hatchery Arkansas
- > Orangeburg National Fish Hatchery South Carolina
- Erwin National Fish Hatchery Tennessee
- White Sulphur Springs National Fish Hatchery West Virginia