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FISHING GUIDE

DISTRICT 6

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BOAT AND WATER SAFETY

Boating Education Requirement

Anyone born on or after December 31, 1986, must successfully complete an approved boating education course before operating a motorboat. The course is available at WVdnr.gov/boater-education.

Wear Your Life Jacket

Personal flotation devices are not just for wearing in boats and not just for those who can't swim. Make sure the PFD is in good condition and fits properly. Youth 12 years or younger must wear a PFD if they are on deck while a motorboat is moving.

Wading

There are several rules you should follow for safe wading.

- Wade with a fishing buddy
- Wear your PFD
- Find out whether the bottom is rocky or muddy
- Shuffle your feet or probe with a stick along the bottom to avoid holes
- Study how swiftly the water is moving
- Wear appropriate foot wear (considering water temperature and bottom substrate)



Person in Water Protocol

Reach-Throw-Row-Go is a method of rescuing a person who is in trouble in water.



If the person is close to you, **REACH** out with a long object such as an oar or tree limb to pull the person into shore or the boat.



If you can't reach the person, **THROW** them a life-saving device, such as a ring buoy or throw cushion. If possible, it should be tied to the end of a line so you can pull the person to you. An inflatable ball or foam cooler can be used if the proper device is not available.



If there is nothing to throw, **ROW** a boat to the person in trouble. The person should be pulled in over the stern, or back of the boat, if possible to prevent the boat from tipping over. If the boat has a motor, it must be shut off before you get to the person in the water.



GO (swim) to the person only as a last resort and only if you have had life-saving training. People who are drowning often panic and injure or drown someone trying to rescue them. Then call 911, if necessary.

Fishing in Cold Weather

Hypothermia is a life-threatening condition in which your body loses heat faster than it can produce it. A common misconception is that the air or water temperature must be below freezing before you can become hypothermic. Any water colder than 70 degrees can cause hypothermia. Symptoms include uncontrollable shivering, fumbling hands, slow speech, confusion and exhaustion. In the case of an emergency, get the victim out of the cold, give them warm drinks, keep them awake, remove all wet clothing and get them into dry clothes.

To stay warm, wear several layers of clothing. Air trapped between the layers serves as insulation. A wool hat prevents heat loss from your head. Fishing is difficult with most gloves, but lightweight rubber gloves, gloves without fingertips and gloves that have a flap to expose your fingers allow for greater manual dexterity.

FISHING FLOAT TRIPS

Middle Island Creek

From	То	Miles
WV 18/WV 74	Blue	7.6
Intersection		
(Primitive)		
Blue	The Jug	5.7
The Jug Handle	(Takeout on private property)	3.6
Sugar Valley	St. Mary's	11.1

Little Kanawha River

From	То	Miles
Glenville	Leading Creek	8.3
(Boat Slide)	(Boat Slide)	
Creston	Sanoma Bridge	4.7
(Boat Slide)	(Primitive)	
Spring Valley	Leachtown (Primitive)	3.1

Mill Creek

From	То	Miles
Jackson County	Millwood Ramp -	3.7
Fairgrounds (Primitive)	WV 62/WV 2 Intersection	

Special Regulation Areas

For information about special regulation areas in District 6, please check the current West Virginia Fishing Regulations booklet, as these may change from year to year. You also may contact your local WVDNR district office.

ANGLER'S ALERT

Spread of Unwanted Organisms

Moving live fish or other aquatic animals and plants from one body of water to another can cause long-term damage to the ecological stability of lakes and streams and can threaten recreational fishing. Please take these precautions to prevent problems:

- Do not move fish from one body of water to another
- Drain live wells thoroughly before leaving an access area
- Do not release live baitfish or aquarium fish into West Virginia's waters
- Remove all visible plants and animals from your boat, motor, trailer, nets and all fishing gear before leaving an access area

Fishing and Boating Access Sites

Public boating and fishing access facilities shall be used solely for the purpose of launching and retrieving watercraft or fishing from the shore. No other use of the access sites is allowed.

After launching, vehicles shall be parked in available parking spaces.

Any law enforcement officer acting under proper authority may prohibit an individual from launching a watercraft from any public boating and fishing access site.

Activities Prohibited at Fishing and Boating Access Sites

- Consumption of alcoholic beverages or possession of an open container of alcoholic beverages
- Swimming or bathing
- Camping
- Open fires
- Trash disposal except where trash receptacles are provided
- Discharge of firearms, fireworks or explosives
- Leaving unattended watercraft
- Commercial use except as authorized by the director
- Parking of any vehicle or the mooring of any watercraft in such a manner as to obstruct any avenue of ingress or egress, except for the purpose of launching



POPULAR FISHING WATERS BY SPECIES

SPECIES	FISHING WATERS
Black Crappie and White Crappie	Elk Fork Lake, Mill Creek, Mountwood Lake, North Bend Lake, O'Brien Lake, Woodrum Lake
Bluegill, Green Sunfish and other Sunfishes	Charles Fork Lake, Conaway Run Lake, Elk Fork Lake, North Bend Lake, North Bend SP Pond, Rollins Lake
Blue Catfish	*Ohio River (Racine and Belleville pools)
Channel Catfish	Cedar Creek SP Lakes, Conaway Run Lake, Elk Fork Lake, North Bend Lake, O'Brien Lake, Tracy Lake, Woodrum Lake
Flathead Catfish	Little Kanawha River, *Ohio River
Hybrid Striped Bass and White Bass	Ohio River, *Rollins Lake
Largemouth Bass	*Conaway Run Lake, *Elk Fork Lake, Mountwood Lake, *North Bend Lake, *O'Brien Lake, Rollins Lake, *Woodrum Lake
Muskellunge	Hughes River System, Little Kanawha River, *Middle Island Creek, *North Bend Lake, Woodrum Lake
Smallmouth Bass	Little Kanawha River, *Ohio River
Sauger	*Ohio River Tailwaters
Walleye	*Charles Fork Lake, *Ohio River

^{*} SPECIAL REGULATION AREAS - Please check the current West Virginia Fishing Regulations Summary booklet.

TROUT STOCKING RIVERS, STREAMS, LAKES AND PONDS —

Code	No. StockingsPeriod	Code	No. StockingsPeriod	Code	No. StockingsPeriod
Q	One1st week of March		Two each monthFebruary – April	V	VariesVaries
	OneJanuary	BW	OneMay	М	One each monthFebruary - May
w	TwoFebruary		Oneidy	MJ	One each monthJanuary - April
	One each weekMarch - May			F	One each week during the last two full weeks of October
Х	After April 1 or area is open to public				

RIVER OR STREAM:	TROUT STOCKING
COUNTY	CODE: AREA
North Bend Lake (tailwaters): Ritchie	MJ: A 1.53-mile section of trout water near Cornwallis in Ritchie County.

I.D.	LAKE OR POND:	ACRES	P	TROUT STOCKING			
1.0.	COUNTY	ACRES		CODE: AREA			
L1	Cedar Creek: Gilmer	10	Lot	MJ: Located in Cedar Creek State Park and accessible via State Route 119 by County Route 17.			
L3	Conaway Run: Tyler	31	Lot	MJ: A 31-acre impoundment located at Conaway Run Lake Wildlife Management Area (340 acres) approximately one mile southwest of Centerville, accessible from State Route 18 via County Route 48.			
L7	Miletree: Roane	10	Pull-off	MJ: Located near Spencer, accessible from State Route 14 via County Route 33/1.			
L8	Mountwood: Wood	41	Lot	MJ: A 41-acre impoundment located on Mountwood County Park near Deerwalk, accessible from U.S. Route 50 via County Route 5.			
L14	Pennsboro W. S. Reservoir: Ritchie	9	Pull-off	MJ: A 9-acre impoundment located 1.5 miles east of Pennsboro, accessible from County Route 50/40 via County Route 50/24.			
L15	Rollins: Jackson	41	Lot	MJ: A 41-acre impoundment located 2 miles west of Ripley, accessible from I-77 by taking State Route 62 west 1.5 miles and then turning south on Route 87.			
L17	Tracy: Ritchie	12	Pull-off	MJ: A 12-acre impoundment located 3 miles northwest of Pennsboro, accessible from County Route 50/22 via a 1-mile gravel road.			

FISH TAGGING PROGRAM

The WVDNR Fisheries Management Unit tags fish with unique ID numbers. Fisheries biologists use angler tag returns to collect information relating to growth, movement and harvest rates. This data is valuable for management decisions made to improve West Virginia's fisheries.

Please report any tagged fish by contacting your district fisheries biologist or by email at dnrfishtags@wv.gov. Be sure to note the tag number, date caught, location and whether the fish was harvested or released when reporting tags. Any additional information about the catch is greatly appreciated, and some catches may result in the angler earning a reward for reporting his or her catch.





Landowner - Angler Relations

Without the consent of local landowners allowing the public to fish in waters on their property, anglers in West Virginia would be limited to fishing only on state and federal lands. The opportunity for continued use of private property is largely dependent upon anglers' attitudes and conduct. Most stream closures are the result of disrespect for private property. Do not leave fishing line, bait containers or other trash.

Stream Litter Law

It is illegal to dump litter and other waste on public or private property. In addition, it is illegal to throw litter, a fish or animal carcass, or other unsightly matter into a water body or on land within 100 yards of water, or in a location where high water would wash the matter into a water body.

More information

See the West Virginia Fishing Regulations Summary for:

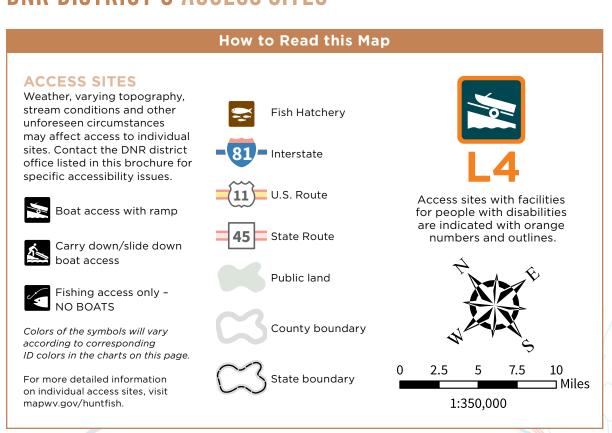
- Reciprocal fishing agreement on Ohio River
- Fish consumption advisories
- Sport fish identification

Reporting Boating, Fishing and Hunting Violations

In progress: Dial 911
Not in progress:

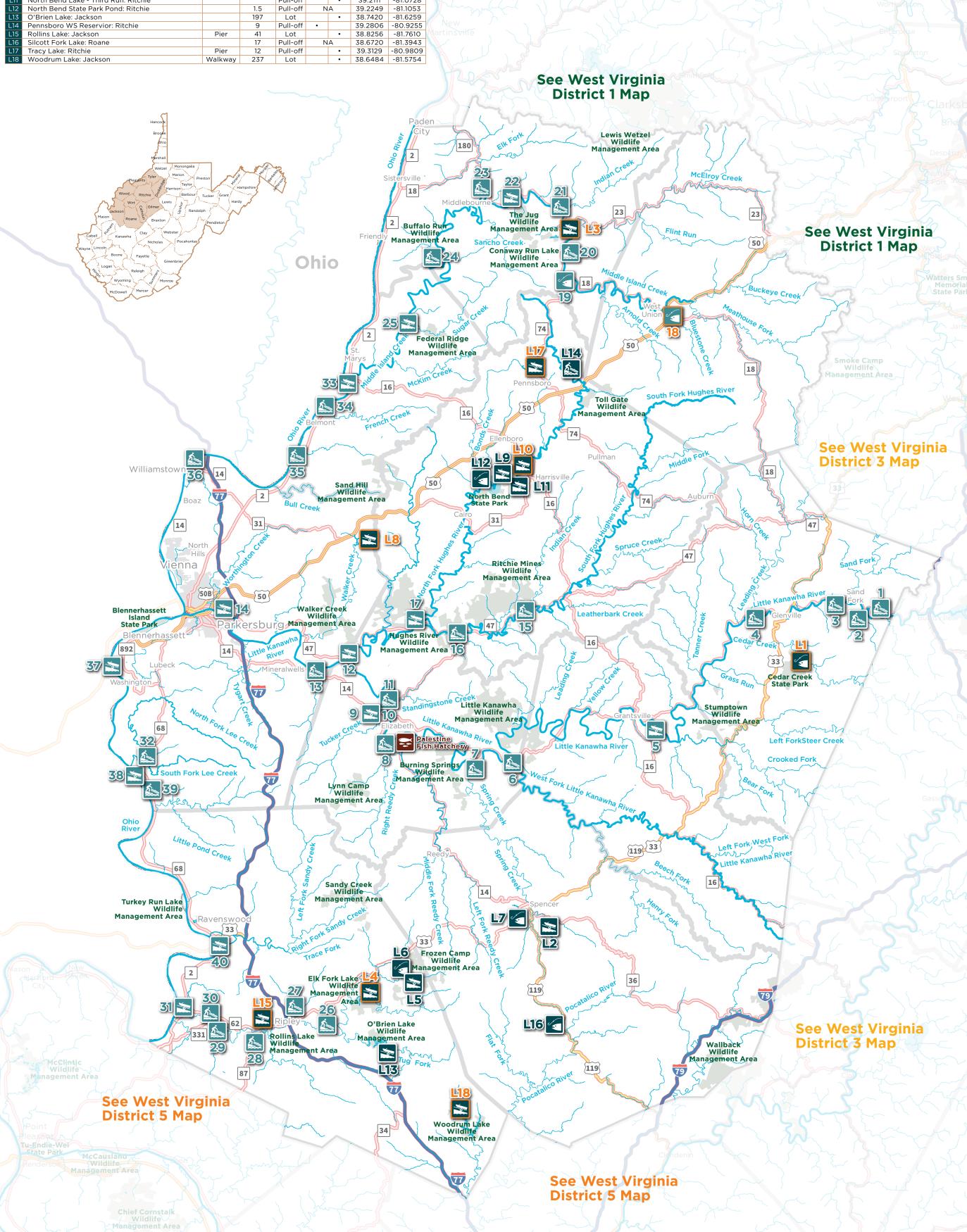
- Call your DNR District Law Enforcement Office during normal operating hours.
- Report online at WVdnr.gov/reportcrime.
- Report on Facebook.com/DNRpolice.
- Observe and write down all of the information concerning the violation.
- Don't confront violator.
- Contact a local Natural Resources Police Officer or county communication center as soon as possible.

Protect your sport. Be willing to testify in court.



	Public Lake ar	nd Pond	Acces	s Site	S			
ID	LAKE OR POND: COUNTY	E	ACRES	P	Ĺ	*	LAT.	LONG.
L1	Cedar Creek State Park Ponds: Gilmer	Pier	10	Lot	N	IA	38.8824	-80.8553
L2	Charles Fork Lake: Roane		65	Lot		•	38.7712	-81.3440
L3	Conaway Run Lake: Tyler	Pier	31	Lot		•	39.4234	-80.8487
L4	Elk Fork Lake: Jackson	Walkway	209	Lot		•	38.7975	-81.6114
L5	Frozencamp Lake - Right Fork: Jackson		19	Lot		•	38.7946	-81.5460
L6	Frozencamp Lake - Left Fork: Jackson		16	Lot	N	ΙA	38.8061	-81.5515
L7	Miletree Lake: Roane		10	Pull-off	N	ΙA	38.8058	-81.3671
L8	Mountwood Lake: Wood	Pier	41	Lot		•	39.2434	-81.3034
L9	North Bend Lake - Cokeley: Ritchie		235	Lot		•	39.2186	-81.0840
L10	North Bend Lake - Rocky Hoover: Ritchie	Pier		Lot		•	39.2225	-81.0571
L11	North Bend Lake - Third Run: Ritchie			Pull-off		•	39.2111	-81.0728
L12	North Bend State Park Pond: Ritchie		1.5	Pull-off	N	ΙA	39.2249	-81.1053
L13	O'Brien Lake: Jackson		197	Lot		•	38.7420	-81.6259
L14	Pennsboro WS Reservior: Ritchie		9	Pull-off	•		39.2806	-80.9255
L15	Rollins Lake: Jackson	Pier	41	Lot		•	38.8256	-81.7610
L16	Silcott Fork Lake: Roane		17	Pull-off	N	A	38.6720	-81.3943
L17	Tracy Lake: Ritchie	Pier	12	Pull-off		•	39.3129	-80.9809
L18	Woodrum Lake: Jackson	Walkway	237	Lot		•	38.6484	-81.5754

	River and S	tream Access Sit	es					
ID	SITE NAME: COUNTY	RIVER OR STREAM	F	P		*	LAT.	LONG.
1_	Gilmer/Braxton County Line: Gilmer	Little Kanawha River		Lot	•		38.8887	-80.7207
2	Stouts Mills: Gilmer	Little Kanawha River		Pull-off	•		38.8935	-80.7426
3	Glenville: Gilmer	Little Kanawha River		Lot	•		38.9217	-80.7665
4	Leading Creek: Gilmer	Little Kanawha River		Lot	•		38.9471	-80.8765
5	Grantsville: Calhoun	Little Kanawha River		Lot		•	38.9011	-81.0761
6	Creston: Wirt	Little Kanawha River		Pull-off	•		38.9481	-81.2706
7	Sanoma Bridge: Wirt	Little Kanawha River		Lot	•		38.9649	-81.3254
8	Lock #4: Wirt	Little Kanawha River		Pull-off	•		39.0334	-81.3847
9	Sportsman Park: Wirt	Little Kanawha River		Lot		•	39.0661	-81.4051
10	Wells Lock (Right Bank): Wirt	Little Kanawha River		Pull-off	•		39.0665	-81.3899
11	Wells Lock (Left Bank): Wirt	Little Kanawha River		Lot	•		39.0678	-81.3881
12	Spring Valley: Wirt	Little Kanawha River		Lot		•	39.1397	-81.3954
13	Leachtown: Wood	Little Kanawha River		Lot	•		39.1403	-81.4479
14	Corning Park: Wood	Little Kanawha River		Lot		•	39.2589	-81.5356
15	Haught Site: Ritchie	South Fork Hughes River		Pull-off	•		39.0862	-81.1509
16	Junction 47/53: Ritchie	South Fork Hughes River		Lot	•		39.1011	-81.2497
17	Chucks Ford: Ritchie	Hughes River		Lot		•	39.1328	-81.2922
18	Middle Island Creek: Doddridge	Middle Island Creek	•	Lot	N	Α	39.2906	-80.7710
19	The "Y" (Junction 18/74): Tyler	Middle Island Creek		Pull-off	•		39.3786	-80.8684
20	Purgatory Run: Tyler	Middle Island Creek		Pull-off	•		39.4042	-80.8531
21	Blue: Tyler: Tyler	Middle Island Creek		Lot		•	39.4444	-80.8235
22	The Jug: Tyler	Middle Island Creek		Pull-off		•	39.4787	-80.8798
23	Sellers Road: Tyler	Middle Island Creek		Pull-off	•		39.5075	-80.9079
24	Buffalo Run: Tyler	Middle Island Creek		Pull-off	•		39.4721	-81.0178
25	Sugar Creek: Pleasants	Middle Island Creek		Lot		•	39.4193	-81.0898
26	Cedar Lakes: Jackson	Mill Creek		Lot	•		38.7967	-81.6806
27	Ripley Water Plant: Jackson	Mill Creek		Lot	•		38.8171	-81.7119
28	Rollins Lake Carry-Down: Jackson	Mill Creek		Lot	•		38.8270	-81.7605
29	Jackson County Fairgrounds: Jackson	Mill Creek		Lot	•		38.8556	-81.8243
30	Cottageville: Jackson	Mill Creek		Pull-off	N	A	38.8667	-81.8188
31	Junction 62/331: Jackson	Mill Creek		Lot		•	38.8868	-81.8398
32	Lee Creek: Wood	Lee Creek		Pull-off	•		39.1521	-81.7096
33	St. Marys: Pleasants	Ohio River		Lot		•	39.3939	-81.2066
34	French Creek Embayment: Pleasants	Williams-French Creek		Lot	•		39.3845	-81.2526
35	USACE Willow Island Locks & Dam Tailwater Access: Pleasants	Ohio River		Lot	N	A	39.3564	-81.3208
36	Williamstown: Wood	Ohio River		Lot		•	39.4069	-81.4500
37	Lock #19: Wood	Ohio River		Lot		•	39.2552	-81.6919
38	Belleville: Wood	Ohio River		Lot		•	39.1380	-81.7407
39	USACE Belleville Locks & Dam Tailwater Access: Wood	Ohio River		Lot	N	A	39.1183	-81.7368
40	Ravenswood: Jackson	Ohio River		Lot		•	38.9412	-81.7575
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Purchasing a License

Licenses may be obtained as follows:

- At more than 160 retail agent locations throughout the state and designated county clerks offices. (\$3 issuing fee for first purchase and \$1 for subsequent purchases.)
- WVdnr.gov (\$2 fee per transaction.)
- Directly from the Hunting and Fishing License Unit by calling (304) 558-2758. (\$2 fee per transaction.)

Useful Phone Numbers

Report stream pollution or fish kills **Trout Stocking Hotline**

(800) 642-3074

(304) 558-3399



Money used to buy and develop stream and lake access sites comes from the sale of hunting and fishing licenses, including the conservation stamp. Federal funds used for these projects come from taxes paid by anglers when they buy fishing equipment or gasoline for their boats in compliance with the Sport Fish Restoration Act.

This program receives Federal financial assistance from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Under Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, and Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, the U.S. Department of the Interior prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, sex or disability.

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