



31st ANNUAL BOWDEN FISHING DERBY June 13, 2026

Free fishing for kids! Prizes awarded! Casting contest!

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

7:30 A.M. - 12 P.M.	Registration
8 A.M. - 9 A.M.	Fishing for preschool and kindergarten children
9 A.M. - 10 A.M.	Fishing for first and second grade children
10:30 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.	Fishing for third, fourth, and fifth grade children
11:30 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.	Fishing for sixth, seventh, and eighth grade children

Free fish cleaning will be available!

Concessions will be available from Canaan Valley State Park - Cash

FISHING DERBY RULES

- All children must be registered. Bring the completed form from the back of this flier.
- This event is for children ages 3-14. Each child must be accompanied by an adult.
- Adults are not allowed to fish! Adults can assist only (i.e. casting)
- Two trout limit. Fishing is allowed only with bait; no fish are to be released.
- Younger kids may fish in older age groups until they catch their limit, but older kids are not allowed to fish in the younger age groups.

LOCATION

Bowden Fish Hatchery - Randolph County, nine miles east of Elkins

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:

WV Division of Natural Resources - (304) 637-0245

Monongahela National Forest - (304) 636-4467

Elkins Parks & Recreation - (304) 636-3960



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REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

FISHING AGE GROUP (PLEASE CIRCLE ONE)

Preschool &
Kindergarten

First &
Second

Third, Fourth,
& Fifth

Sixth, Seventh,
& Eighth