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## Kids Fishing Days in Cherokee National Forest

**Benton, TENN,** April 14, 2017 – The USDA Forest Service and Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA) recently announced that in April and May they will be hosting two "Kids Fishing Day" events in Cherokee National Forest's Ocoee/Hiwassee Ranger District. Anglers 15 years and under are invited to try their luck.

This first event, hosted by TWRA, Forest Service, Tennessee State Parks, and Trout Unlimited, will be at Spring Creek on April 29th from 7:00 am -11:00 am. Spring Creek Road (National Forest System Rd. 27) is located just north of the Hiwassee River and east off Highway 411. From Hwy 411 take the turn off to Gee Creek Campground and follow NFSR 27 toward the Spring Creek Shooting Range. The turn off from Hwy 411 is approximately 6 miles north of Benton and 5 miles south of Etowah.

The second event, hosted by TWRA, Forest Service, Tennessee State Parks, and the Cherokee Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation, will be at McCamy Lake in the Chilhowee Recreation Area on May 20th, 7:00 am-12:00 pm. From U.S. Highway 64 near the Ocoee Ranger Station turn onto FDR 77 – *Ocoee Scenic Byway*. Continue up Chilhowee Mountain seven miles to the Chilhowee Recreation Area - follow the signs.

Catchable size trout will be stocked for both events. Fishing will be restricted to children 15 years of age and younger. A non-fishing parent or guardian must accompany all kids. No licenses or permits are required during these events.

Sponsors for the events include Trout Unlimited, Tennessee State Parks, Bargain Barn, Benton Shooter's Supply, Etowah Chamber of Commerce, Polk County /Copper Basin Chamber of Commerce and FAY Portables.

For details and additional information about the upcoming "Kids Fishing Day" events please contact Bo Reynolds at (423) 338-3319 or the Ocoee Ranger District at (423)338-3300.



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