



2nd Annual Haywood Fishing Tournament

July 26, 2025

West Fork - Pigeon River, Lake Logan Retreat Center

General Information:

- Two Categories: Adult and Youth
 - Adult: Fly only - held along the West Fork from confluence upstream 4000'
 - Youth: Fly or conventional - held along the lake, dock, and confluence
- We are fortunate to have 4000' of private water access for the tournament (West Fork), not counting the shoreline and dock on the lake.
- Once both heats have concluded, lunch will be served in the Dining Hall. It is recommended participants change before walking over (long walk, uphill).
- The award ceremony will be held after lunch, sometime between 1:30 - 2:00pm
- Directions to Registration parking lot (airstrip) >>>> [link](#)
- Lodging options are available through [Lake Logan Guest Services](#)

Timeline

- 7:30 - 8:15am: Registration, drawing of beats
- 8:30 - 10:00am: First Heat (tournament begins)
- 30 minute break / move to next beat location
- 10:30am - 12:00pm: Second Heat (tournament ends)
- 30 minutes to change / meet at Dining Hall for lunch
- 12:30 - 1:30pm: Lunch
- 1:30 - 2:00pm: Awards and Prizes

Rules:

- All bait must be single hook and artificial as defined by NCWRC.
- Dry dropper/tandem flies are permitted.
- You may not fish outside your drawn section.
- All fish caught during the tournament must be released.
- Unauthorized bait or fishing beyond your section will result in disqualification.

Tournament Guidelines:

- Beats are divided equally along the creek, determined by the number of teams. Beat length will not exceed 400' (max of ten adult teams)
- Each team draws randomly their section for both heats (First & Second)
- Heats are 1 hour 30 minutes in length
- We'll be fishing two separate heats (First & Second)
 - After the First Heat, each team will move to a different (predetermined) to fish the Second Heat
- Awards will be based on each team's number of Trout caught, no matter the size.
 - Once a fish is removed from the water or netted the team is able to count the fish toward the team count.
- Catch and release.
- Respect: We encourage you to be respectful of the team fishing after you. *Fish as you would want others to fish ahead of you.* Examples: If a lure is tangled in a tree over a good run or hole, maybe consider cutting your line and retrieving it after the previous team is done. Keep your wading to the shoreline or less desirable fishing areas of your section. Let's give everyone the fairest opportunity possible.
- Judging: performed by local volunteers and HWA staff. Consist of carrying and holding the "measuring tube", while the fish is placed inside. Judges will record the fish's length on the team's scorecard (a clipboard will be provided). Judges will also be asked to watch for any unauthorized baits and help ensure teams do not fish beyond their section. If a discrepancy or question arises, please promptly notify the closest HWA staff member.

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