



2020 Trout Heritage Day/Rapidan TU Kids' Fishing Day

When: April 4, 2020, 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM/Fishing starts at 9:00 AM

Where: Graves Mountain Lodge, Syria, Virginia

The Rapidan Chapter of Trout Unlimited (TU), Graves Mountain Lodge (GML) and the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (DGIF) are teaming to provide an exciting and educational day of free trout fishing on the Rose River just for kids. DGIF heavily stocks the GML section of the river with trout and reserves the river for children 12 and under. Any legal tackle may be used and six fish may be kept. For kids ages 13-18, fishing is available on a catch and release, artificial lures only basis in a stocked pond. TU volunteers will be available for assistance on the river and at the pond.

Rapidan TU also provides hands-on fly and spin casting, fly tying, and knot tying instruction and collects aquatic insects from the river for viewing and identification. Information on conservation, habitat management, stream monitoring and the annual Trout Unlimited Tri-State Conservation and Fishing Camp for kids is offered. Kids' Fishing Day is the primary event of GML's Heritage Day. Other concessions, exhibits and activities are provided by GML and DGIF. There are no admission fees or any requirement for pre-registration. Hot food is available for purchase.

See rapidantu.org and gravesmountain.com.

- Fly casting and spin casting lessons start at 10:00 near the Sycamore Pavilion
- Fly tying and knot tying instruction starts at 10:00 inside the Sycamore Pavilion
- Aquatic insect collection and identification starts at 12:00 at streamside



Bring your kids for a memorable day of fun and learning in the great outdoors. Upon arrival, stop at the Sycamore Pavilion for a free gift for each child and to register for raffles to be held throughout the day.