

# CARTER COUNTY

*Go where the guides go, FISH CARTER COUNTY, TN!*

## *Watauga Lake*

*Fishing season is open year-round on Watauga Lake. Surrounded by forest and fed by mountain streams, The Lake offers a variety of fish including bass, trout, walleyed pike, bluegill and crappie. There are also opportunities for boating, jet skiing and boat rentals from two local marinas*

## *Wilbur Lake*

*Situated below Watauga Dam near the Siam community, Wilbur Lake is a favorite spot for locals and visitors alike. Created when Wilbur Dam was completed by TVA in 1912, the secluded lake offers opportunities for fishing, kayaking and canoeing, with a convenient boat launch, as well as wildlife viewing, picnic areas and a campground for tent or RV*

## *Watauga River*

*The Watauga River, which flows from Watauga and Wilbur Lakes, offers trophy trout fishing rivaling other areas in the Southeast, attracting anglers from surrounding states and even Europe. The river offers excellent rainbow and brown trout fishing all along its 18-mile length. A two-mile section on the lower portion of the river is set aside as a Trophy Trout Stream - one of only two designated Trophy Trout Streams in the state*

## *Doe River*

*Fed by several mountain streams, the Doe River begins in a cove on the side of Roan Mountain, meandering through Roan Mountain State Park and cascading through a deep gorge before flowing into Elizabethton. Here the river passes under the famed Doe River Covered Bridge and then flows into the Watauga River. Fly fishing opportunities abound along the Doe*

### *Laurel Fork Creek*

*This mountain stream offers quiet solitude as it flows through primitive mountain forest, cutting through a deep gorge highlighted by a beautiful waterfall before joining the Doe River at Hampton*

### *Doe Creek*

*A spring-fed stream, Doe Creek supports a good wild rainbow population. The best access to Doe Creek is at its lower end where it flows into Watauga Lake*

### *Roan Creek*

*Roan Creek rises on the Tennessee-North Carolina border near the town of Trade, in Johnson County. It flows through Cherokee National Forest before emptying into Watauga Lake*

### *Types of Fish*

*Carter County offers anglers several species including:*

*Brown, brook and rainbow trout*

*Largemouth & smallmouth bass*

*Crappie*

*Bluegill*

*Walleyed pike*

*Catfish*

### *Additional Information:*

[\*http://www.tnfish.org/index.html\*](http://www.tnfish.org/index.html)

[\*http://www.tnflyfishing.com/index.htm\*](http://www.tnflyfishing.com/index.htm)

[\*http://trout-fishers.net/index.shtml\*](http://trout-fishers.net/index.shtml)

### *Guidelines:*

[\*http://www.tn.gov/twra/pdfs/fishguide.pdf\*](http://www.tn.gov/twra/pdfs/fishguide.pdf)

*\*Most fishing licenses may be purchased from county court clerks, sporting goods and hardware stores, boat docks, the TWRA website and all TWRA regional office tnwildlife.org*