

Indie Streamers 2025 Springtime in the Great Smoky Mountains

Here's more information:

Rally is located in beautiful mountain scenery with diverse fish populations including wild trout/smallmouth bass, clear water for sight-fishing, and access to streams/rivers and exploring the area of the Great Smoky Mountains region.

Fly fishing for trout/bass in Eastern Tennessee trophy waters is world-class allowing you an opportunity to experience challenging/rewarding fishing experience and access to streams/rivers and exploring the Great Smoky Mountains region.

Things to Do in the Surrounding Areas.

Go TriCities!

Northeast Tennessee's Tri-Cities of Bristol, Kingsport, Johnson City, and small towns along the way make up a diverse region of outdoor recreation, music, history, and everything in between.

The Home Place

Come see and feel what it was like to be an early settler by exploring this mountain farm, museum, and exhibit in Gate City, VA.

Jonesborough's Historic District

This is Tennessee's oldest town. This building, built in 1779, depicts the lifestyle of the early frontier days. Come enjoy carriage rides, walking tours, guided tours, and home tours. It is located in historic [Jonesborough, Tennessee](#).

Bristol Caverns

Far below the earth's surface, in the timeless beauty of [Bristol Caverns](#), a strange and exciting experience awaits you. These winding paths and breathtaking scenery were once used by Indians as an attack and escape route. Located in Bristol, TN.

Buckeye Falls

The highest breathtaking waterfall is located east of the Rockies, measuring 700 feet from top to bottom. Located in Erwin, TN.

Great Smoky Mountain National Park

Spring (March to May): This is a beautiful time to visit as wildflowers bloom, and temperatures are mild.

Carolina Music Festivals

<https://www.carolinamusicfests.com/may.html>

Eastern Tennessee Music Festivals

List of upcoming events

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Hills of Home Festival

<https://drralphstanleyfestival.com/>

Vineyards

Villa Nove Farm and Vinard

<https://waterfrontgroupwatauga.com/villa-nove-vineyard/>

Good Water Vineyards

<https://www.goodwatervineyards.com/>

Fee for Campsites There is no rally fee.

Pay as you reserve the campsite

Event Location

Lakeview RV Resort

4550 Hwy 11 E,

Bluff City, TN 37618

Event Details

Dinner

May 21st dinner at 6:00 pm with fishing guides cooking dinner at the campground (all campers welcome) to share fishing and exploring stories. Price for the **main course is \$10**. Bring a side dish/ dessert. Venmo \$10 to @Sharri-Duncan In the What is this for? blank, put Indie Streamers, your name, and BRN.

Guided Fishing Days

Hare's Ear Fly Fishing Guide Service

John Contis, Owner/guide

<https://www.haresearflyfishing.com/>

Reservation Deadline: February 15, 2025

If you want to try out fly fishing for the first time, you can without any investment in equipment or experience. His guides are great teachers.

Hare's Ear Fly Fishing will organize the float trips on the rivers of Tennessee. John Contis can do as many drift boats as we need. Make your reservations with him directly. Make sure he knows you are with the Indie Streamers Rally. The full-day Guided Float trips include all equipment, flies, non-alcoholic drinks, and lunch.

Guided Float trips on the South Holston River, Watauga River, or Nolochucky River*. A block of guide times will be reserved until 2/15/2025 for the 19th, 20th, and 21st. **Two anglers per drift boat. \$600/ Boat full day.** Check with John Contis about the availability of guided trips before or after the rally on other rivers in the area.

Guided Wade trips are available for many other rivers in the area. Prices vary according to half or full day. The full-day Wade Trips include all equipment, flies, non-alcoholic drinks, and lunch. Half-day Wade Trips include all equipment, flies, and non-alcoholic drinks. Check with John Contis about the conditions and availability during our week, or before or after the rally.

*Nolochucky may be fishable by May but was damaged in the floods of Hurricane Helene.

Wade Trips can be solo/non-guided. Locations and suggestions for solo fishing areas can be requested as the season predictions become available.

Sharri has one drift boat reserved for May 19th-21. So if someone is a single angler you could share the boat with her.

Event Details

Asheville, NC is only 1 hour and 15 minutes from the campsite with world-class restaurants, an arts district, and great shopping. The Biltmore Hotel in Asheville has reopened after Hurricane Helene. Please note that reservations are required for entry to Biltmore House. It's recommended to purchase tickets in advance to secure your preferred date and time.

Additional Information for Anglers:

The South Holston River, or SoHo as locals call it, is one of the best blue-ribbon trout streams in the nation. Anglers come from all over the United States to access this famous tailwater. Mighty headshakes, dogged dives toward cover, and acrobatic leaps make bass one of the most exciting freshwater fish to catch on the fly. Add the flexible light action of a fly rod to the equation, and the excitement increases exponentially. Sometimes fly fishing can also be more productive than fishing other lures or baits.

The Watauga River is located in eastern Tennessee, and the Cherokee name for it is said to mean "river of plenty". It is a great place to fish for trout because of its many different types of water, year-round fishing, and a variety of habitats:

- **Variety of water types:** The river has fast water, deep pools, and grassy banks, which provide different habitats for trout.
- **Year-round fishing:** The tailwater section of the river, below Wilbur Dam, has stable water temperatures and is good for fishing all year.
- **Trout species:** The river is home to brown trout, rainbow trout, and brook trout.
- **Fly fishing:** The river is a good place to practice casting and mending skills, and you can use dry flies, nymphs, and streamers.
- **Wildlife:** The river is home to a variety of wildlife, including aquatic insects.
- **Scenic setting:** The river is surrounded by bluffs and farms, and the lower slopes of the bluffs have wildflowers and ferns.
- **Access:** There are several public access points for wading and boating.

The Great Smoky Mountains National Park is known for its wild trout, including rainbow, brook, and brown trout. For the best wading fishing experience, head to Abrams Creek, a tributary of the Little Tennessee River. The creek is known for its large brown trout, which can be found in the deeper pools.

Fishing licenses will be needed for Tennessee and North Carolina at <https://www.tn.gov/twra/license-sales.html> and <https://www.ncwildlife.org/fishing>

After-rally experiences are everywhere in the region. Maggie Valley, Bryson City, Brevard, and Rosman in North Carolina for historic sites, great restaurants, hiking, waterfalls, mountain biking, music festivals, casinos, and shopping.

Other world-class rivers in North Carolina are the French Broad River, Davidson River, Pigeon River, Nantahala River, Tuckasegee River, South Fork of the Mills River, Oconaluftee River, East Fork of the French Broad River.

And in South Carolina for trout and bass, you can fish the Chattooga River, Chauga River, Middle Saluda River, Eastatoee River, and Matthews Creek. Greenville's Downtown District is known for its music, the arts, restaurants, and shopping.