

Fishing Events

****Applications for the 2016 license year will begin on March 1, 2016.****

The Division of Wildlife conducts an annual drawing to fish for trout in the 1/2 mile section of Cold Creek that runs through Castalia State Fish Hatchery. Participation is determined by a computer-generated random drawing, which is held in early April.

How to Apply

The application period is March 1 through March 31. Applications must be submitted online by March 31 or earlier to be considered. **To apply, visit the [Wild Ohio Customer Center](#) and click "Lottery Applications".** Applicants 16 years old and older must hold a valid fishing license to apply. The application fee is \$3.00 and anglers may apply once annually. If the same name appears on multiple applications, all applications will be disqualified and the fee(s) forfeited.

Independent drawings will be held for both youth season (summer), which includes 15 years old and younger, and a season (spring and fall) for those 16 years old and older. Each person must submit a separate application. **Application fees are non-refundable.**

If You Are Chosen

Anglers will be able to check their application status in the [Wild Ohio Customer Center](#) under their customer number to find out if they were chosen as participants. Applicants not chosen to participate will not be notified. Anglers chosen to participate will receive instructions on how to download the necessary permit and instructions from our website, including the fishing date.

Permit holders may bring two people over the age of 16 and three youths (under 16) and you may participate *only once per season* as either the permittee or a partner. Participants 16 and older must hold a valid fishing license.

The permit to fish applies to the successfully drawn applicant and his/her partner(s) and permits are transferable. All participants must be properly licensed.