

Celebrate Trout Fishing in the Trout Capital of Georgia ...

5th Year

Blue Ridge Trout Festival & Outdoor Adventures!

10 am to 6 pm, April 24, 2021 Downtown City Park, Blue Ridge, Georgia

OUTDOOR RECREATION ON THE HOOK! TROUT FEST 2021 LURES VISITORS/VENDORS BACK TO THE NORTH GEORGIA MOUNTAINS

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(May 26, 2020) -- TROUT FEST IS BACK ... on April 24, 2021, in downtown Blue Ridge, Georgia, for a day full of outdoor fun, activities, great food and live music. One-hundred vendors or more will share trout-fishing instruction, mountain biking, rock climbing, a trout fishing pond, outdoor gear/clothing, fine wildlife art/decor, local lodging options, trout-fishing guides/outfitters, great food trucks, a beer/wine garden and the Trout Fest Sound Stage for the first Trout Fest Concert with live music from Nashville!



"Trout Fest believes we share a responsibility to help protect our families and communities amid the ongoing COVID-19 crisis. So, while we'll continue helping clear a path for recovery in our communities, we're already planning the 2021 Blue Ridge Trout & Outdoor Adventures Festival – surely, the best Trout Fest ever!" says Trout Fest event coordinator Bob Borgwat.

Co-presented by Blue Ridge Mountain Trout Unlimited and the Fannin County Chamber of Commerce, Trout Fest 2020 was canceled when organizers "... couldn't see a path that leads us to a safe date for

presenting an unfettered Trout Fest," Borgwat explains, "that meets the demands our organization has placed on itself for serving our sponsors, vendors and visitors."

While BRMTU continues to encourage everyone to stay home – especially among those who have any signs of fever, cough or flu-like symptoms – the organization believes its sponsors and vendors will consider the impact Trout Fest will have in bringing tourists and other visitors back to Blue Ridge and the outdoor recreational opportunities stretching across Fannin County and the north Georgia mountains.

FISH/PADDLE/BIKE/CLIMB/EXPLORE THE TROUT CAPITAL OF GEORGIA

"A lot of thanks goes out to our vendors, sponsors and visitors for your support for the 2020 Trout Fest," Borgwat says. "We planned a good one and could not have done it without your participation. Come on back in 2021 and see what Trout Fest can do for all of us! We're planning Trout Fest 2021 to celebrate not only trout fishing and other outdoor recreation ... we're going to celebrate re-opening the north Georgia mountains!" Trout Fest will continue to follow the city's guidelines as these are determined by the city with advice and updates from the Fannin EMA and Department of Public Health.

Watch for updates on the 2021Trout Fest website – <u>blueridgetroutfest.com</u> – and the <u>Blue Ridge Trout & Outdoor Adventures Festival</u> Facebook page. Trout Fest benefits the education, conservation and public-outreach programs of <u>Blue Ridge Mountain Trout Unlimited Chapter 696</u>.



ABOUT BLUE RIDGE MOUNTAIN TROUT UNLIMITED

Blue Ridge Mountain Trout Unlimited is the official local organization (chapter 696) of the acclaimed national organization dedicated to cold-water fisheries. TU is dedicated to protecting critical habitat, reconnecting degraded waterways and restoring populations to cold-water fisheries. All funds raised or donated to BRMTU are applied right here in the North Georgia mountains for conservation and stream restoration efforts; stream cleanups, such as Rivers

Alive; and education and outreach programs. Sponsored programs include Trout in the Classroom in local schools, the Trout Adventure Trail, Boy Scout and Girl Scout conservation education, Project Healing Waters for wounded veterans, Casting for Recovery for breast-cancer survivors, Georgia Trout Camp, and Mercier Orchard Family Fishing Days. For more information, please visit <u>BlueRidgeTU.com</u>.

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