

Breaking Barriers

Women in the Outdoors

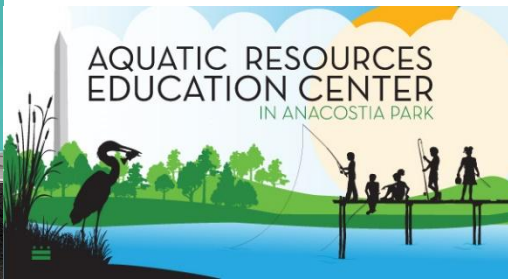
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Breaking Barriers through Angling Programs



- Background-Department of Energy & Environment's Aquatic Resources Education Center (AREC) Program
 - K-12 Aquatic Resources Education, Professional Development Workshops, Angling Education
- Post Covid Program
 - RBF's Mobile First Catch Center is helping us reach new anglers

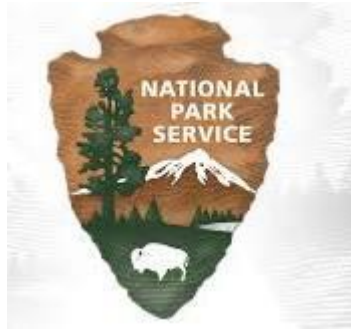


Family Angling Programs

- Learn to Fish events-5 locations the District NW, NE, SE, SW,
- Outreach to specific groups (deaf community, underserved groups, women centric organizations),
- Fish art workshops where participants learn about fish biology then participate in art activities (silk screen printing, drawing/painting, recycled materials art workshops)



Program Partners



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Anacostia Riverkeeper
Living Classrooms Foundation
Friends of Anacostia Park
Local Community Groups
Angling clubs and non-profit organizations



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Program Partners-Women's groups



Casting for Recovery connects breast cancer survivors with fly fishing as a part of the therapeutic healing process. Each participant in the DMV area gets a free one-year membership to Chesapeake Women Anglers.



Mentors and Influencers

- Connecting new anglers to people in the community who mentor or introduce them to the sport. Ex: Anna Hilferty, Washington Spirit
- Experienced Anglers fish with new anglers (CfR, CWA)
- Mom's/aunts/grandma's are amazing influencers 😊
- New study in *The Great Outdoors* links improved mental health in women who fish. Let's go ladies!



Specialty Classes and Clinics

We encourage everyone to try something new and keep the focus on having a fun, verses becoming an expert. Women care more about the overall experience rather than the number of fish caught.

Fly Tying +
Lure Crafting

Fly Casting
Clinics

Planning a
family
fishing trip

Fish Art
Workshops

Come fish with us!



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Aquatic Resources Education Center

Free aquatic education field trips, professional development workshops and community angling events.

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