

STEELHEAD FESTIVAL

Saturday February 9th, 10:00 - 4:00

Milt Brandt Visitor Center at Lake Sonoma

The 6th annual Steelhead Festival celebrates the annual return of steelhead to the Russian River and is sponsored by the *Friends of Lake Sonoma*. Past festivals have split a venue with Healdsburg and this change allows visitors to follow the steelhead from Dry Creek through the fish ladder and into the hatchery, where the fish are sorted into holding tank.

This free event features activities at the Visitor Center, the lawns and the Fish Hatchery. Visitors will enjoy over 30 educational exhibits, a trout pond for young anglers, a fly fishing demonstration pond with tips from the pros, live steelhead display, art for kids to do, and a chance to try your hand at archery.

Trout Unlimited, Russian Riverkeeper, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Army Corps of Engineers, Sonoma County Water Agency, Stewards of the Coast and Redwoods Gold Ridge RCD, Bird Rescue, Sonoma County Mycological Society, the Free Bookmobile and many more will have displays and information booths

Enjoy live music from Rosetown Ramblers and available for purchase: local brews from Bear Republic Brewery and Lagunitas Brewing Co., and fine wines from Truett-Hurst. Food trucks will be there: Chicago Style Hot Dogs, Paella and Ultimate Souvlaki.

The Visitor Center is located at 3288 Skaggs Springs Road, Geyserville: 10 minutes west of Healdsburg on Dry Creek Road off Hwy 101.

More information about the Steelhead Festival is available at www.lakesonoma.org, www.spn.usace.army.mil/lake_sonoma/index.html or contact Festival Director Liz Keeley at (707) 484-6438.

