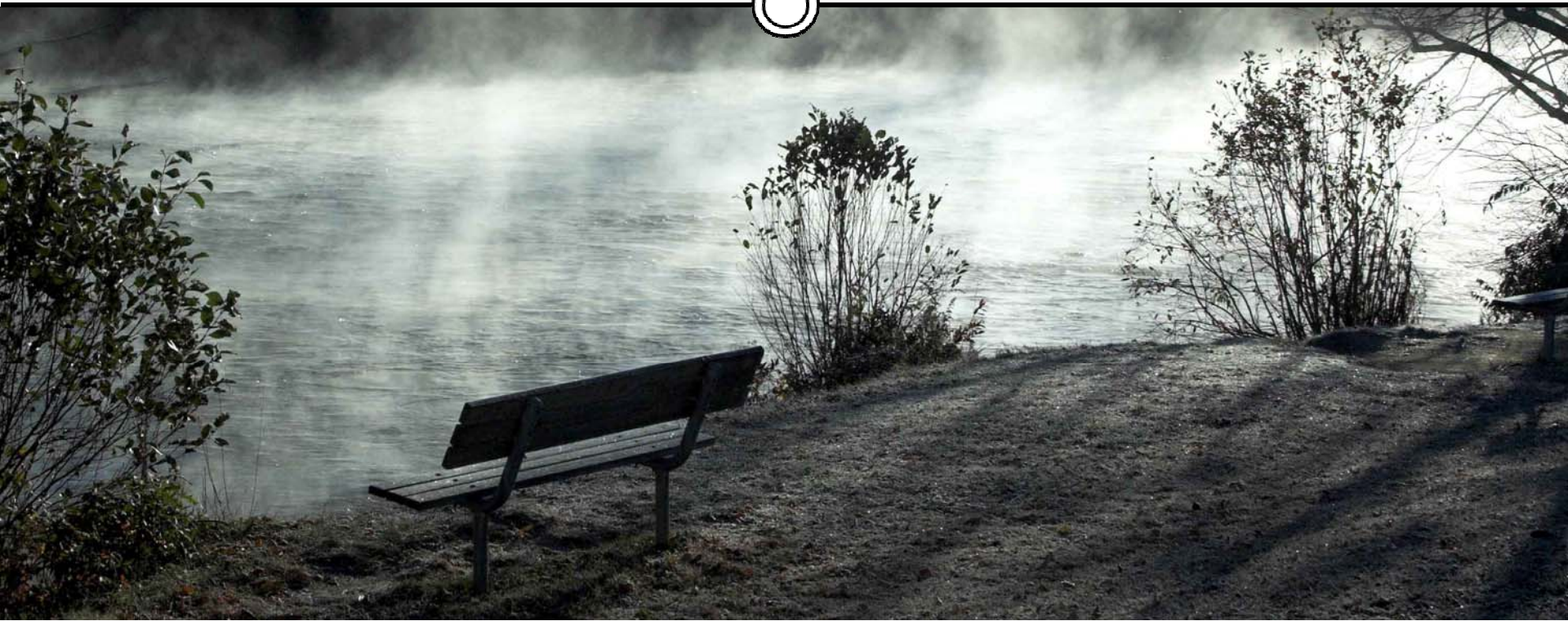




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**Toccoa River
Lake Blue Ridge Tailwater
Trout Fishery**



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Lake Blue Ridge Tailwater



- 1994 oxygen diffuser
- 1995 minimum flow generator





Stocking History



Stocking Year	Number
2013 proposed	26,000
2012	34,315
2011*	39,520
2010*	42,364
2009	27,547

*Includes fall stockings to rebuild fishery

Trout Program Description



3 state trout hatcheries produce:

- **930,000 nine inch trout**
- **760,000 three inch fingerling trout**
- **355,000 lbs of nine inch trout**

Chattahoochee National Fish Hatchery

- **Mitigation stockings for Blue Ridge, Lanier and Hartwell reservoirs**

Economics of trout fishing



- **2009 study shows that 59% of anglers travel >30 miles to fish the Toccoa River.**
- **25% of anglers are from metro Atlanta.**
- **11% of anglers are from out of state (TN, FL & NC).**

Basis for Federal Responsibility



- **Federal Government has stocked this tailwater since 1976 as mitigation for impact of federal project on tailwater habitat.**
- **Office of Management and Budget has directed Fish & Wildlife Service to seek compensation for mitigation stockings.**
- **State sees stocking as a Federal Responsibility.**



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