

Fishing California's Sacramento Valley - Central Sierra Region



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Adverse circumstances, such as poor weather, water or road conditions, may cause the planting schedule to change. Stocking of waters is subject to change because of fisheries management needs.

Fishing in the City

“Fishing in the City” is a fishing education and conservation awareness program that serves urban areas in Southern California, the San Francisco Bay Area, Fresno, and in the Sacramento region. Through the following services “Fishing in the City” promotes responsible fishing by making fishing convenient, easy to learn, safe and affordable.

- In partnership with local parks and community organizations, “Fishing in the City” stocks select urban ponds with trout in the winter and catfish in the summer to enhance fishing opportunities for urban citizens. Anglers find more time and opportunities to fish if they can fish close to home.
- “Fishing in the City” cosponsors fishing instruction clinics so that beginning anglers can get the training they need to give this rewarding sport a try. The clinics also encourage participants to be responsible anglers who support the conservation of fish habitat and water quality.
- Those who do not have fishing equipment can borrow a rod at fishing clinics or at designated rod loan sites around town.
- In metropolitan Sacramento, “Fishing in the City” regularly stocks fish at Southside Park, William Land Park, Gibson Ranch, Howe Park, Elk Grove Park, North Laguna Park, Hagan Park and Mather Lake. Fish are also planted at Oak Grove Regional County Park in Stockton. (In addition, American River Fish Hatchery also stocks rainbow trout throughout the rest of the region).

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Trout Management

Providing diverse fishing opportunities

Trout are California's primary and most widespread fishery resource. They occur in over 18,000 miles of the state's cooler streams and are the principal sport fish in 3,581 cold water lakes and reservoirs. Trout angling is the most popular type of angling in California, representing about 60 percent of freshwater angling efforts statewide. In contrast, the second most popular fishing is for black bass, which accounts for about 12 percent of the statewide angling demand. Economically, trout fishing in California generates an estimated \$3 billion in personal income, accounting for 92,400 jobs.

The California Department of Fish and Game is responsible for managing the state's trout resources and providing a diversity of angling opportunities. Efforts are underway to review current trout management strategies and to plan for the future. All resident trout and inland salmon management strategies and programs will be coordinated under one encompassing strategic trout management plan. The strategic plan will provide direction and goals to meet increasing resource demands, diverse angler desires, and future demographic changes.

Inland Trout Program

Presently, trout are managed under five types of fishery management strategies:

1. Put-and-Take Fisheries

This management technique is employed in waters that are easily reached by the public and where angling demand is high. It is supported chiefly by hatchery-produced trout weighing about one-half pound each and measuring about 12 inches in length. These fish are planted in about 780 (4 percent) of the 18,000 stream miles and about 300 (8 percent) of the 3,581 cold water lakes and reservoirs suitable for resident trout in California. At

least 50 percent of planted “catchable-size” trouts are expected to be caught by anglers shortly after stocking. These fisheries provide good quality family-type fishing opportunities in easily accessible areas where anglers have a high expectation of harvesting some fish. As an added bonus for anglers, hatchery-produced trophy-size trouts (larger than 2 pounds each) are released in limited quantities into selected waters.

2. Put-and-Grow Fisheries

These fisheries are supported by hatchery-produced trout stocked at 3 to 8 inches in length. This strategy is used in waters where spawning habitat is limited but fish habitat otherwise provides for suitable trout growth and survival. Many of these fish are expected to survive for more than one season thereby providing trophy-size fish in subsequent years. This management technique is used for aerial stocking of over 700 high mountain lakes, and for inland (non-anadromous) salmon fisheries.

3. Wild Trout Managed Fisheries

Management guidelines for wild trout waters are contained in policies established by the California Fish and Game Commission. These guidelines state that, “designated wild trout waters should provide a quality experience by providing the angler with an opportunity to fish in aesthetically pleasing and environmentally productive waters with trout populations whose numbers or sizes are largely unaffected by the angling process.” Hatchery produced strains of wild or semi-wild trout may be used to supplement populations, if necessary, but no domesticated strains of catchable-size trout are allowed. Designated wild trout waters are managed principally by protecting, maintaining, and rehabilitating habitat, and adopting appropriate angling regulations. Presently, over 600 miles of stream throughout the state and three lakes comprising 81 surface acres are managed as designated wild trout waters.

4. Catch-and-Release Fisheries

This strategy is employed in waters where trout production and fishing quality are improved by limiting harvest. California practices a modified form of catch-and-release management that

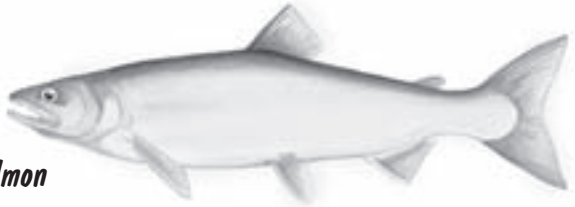
encourages a zero harvest of trout in designated catch-and-release waters. However, regulations allow for a daily bag limit of one or two trout in many of these waters. Gear is often restricted to artificial lures with barbless hooks to enhance survival of released fish. Catch-and-release is often employed as a management tool in put-and-grow and wild trout managed fisheries. Presently, over 45 stream segments totaling over 400 miles, and 13 lakes comprising over 7,000 surface acres are specifically managed as designated catch-and-release waters. Additional waters are added each year.

5. Threatened Native Trout Management

The primary objective of this program is to protect or restore the state's native species of trout. Several species of native trout, including Little Kern Golden, Lahontan Cutthroat, Pauite Cutthroat and several strains of steelhead are listed as threatened while others are considered unique or species of special concern. One native species, the bull trout, no longer exists in California. Restoration efforts often involve managing small, remnant populations and, when necessary, establishing or relocating populations. A few native populations are managed by the Wild Trout Program or regulated with catch-and-release regulations. The Heritage Trout Program has been established to increase the public's awareness of native trout species and to identify angling opportunities in waters where healthy native populations exist.



King salmon



Kokanee salmon



Steelhead



Eagle Lake trout



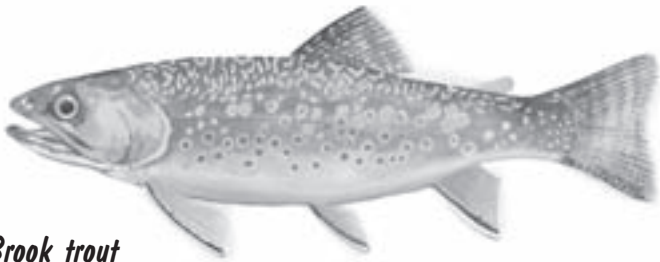
Golden trout



Brown trout



Rainbow trout



Brook trout



Lake trout

Hatchery System

Providing fish for California anglers

Fourteen trout hatcheries or facilities throughout the state produce over 16 million trout weighing, in total, slightly over 4 million pounds. Most of the poundage consists of 8 million catchable-size trout for put-and-take fisheries. The remaining fish produced consist of trout for put-and-grow managed fisheries.

The annual budget for the trout hatchery program is about \$7 million including employment of 95 permanent personnel. The newest facility was completed in 1968 (American River Hatchery in Sacramento County) and the oldest is over 100 years old (Mt. Shasta Hatchery in Siskiyou County).

Trout are stocked in streams, lakes and reservoirs using specialized trucks and a specially-equipped airplane. Frequency of stocking varies from weekly, monthly, annually, or every few years depending on angler demand or management strategy.

Warmwater Fish

Some of the listings on these pages refer to warmwater fish. These include any of the following gamefish:

largemouth bass

catfish

sunfish (bluegill, redear sunfish, pumpkinseed)



CalTIP

Californians Turn in Poachers and Polluters 1 (888) DFG-CALTIP



CalTIP is a confidential secret witness program that encourages the public to provide DFG with factual information leading to the arrest of poachers and polluters. The toll free number operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Callers may remain anonymous, and may be eligible for a cash reward if his/her information leads to a citation or an arrest.

Pollution – Incidents of industrial and agricultural pollution as well as the dumping of household waste can devastate fish, wildlife, and habitat. To combat polluting, report these acts.

Poaching – Poaching is the illegal taking of fish and wildlife and can involve hunting out of season, the taking of more fish or game animals than the law allows, and the killing of protected wildlife. Equally devastating crimes against wildlife include the illegal collection of native reptiles for commercial trade, the illegal collection of duck and goose eggs from the state’s marshlands, and the illegal practice of transporting and introducing non-native, undesirable fish (like northern pike and white bass) into California’s lakes and rivers.

To Report a Poacher or Polluter

If you witness a poaching or polluting incident or any fish and wildlife violation, or have information about such a violation, call CalTIP. Be prepared to give the fullest possible account of the incident including the name, address, age and description of the suspect, vehicle description, direction of travel, license number, type of violations and when and where it occurred. Your identity will be protected.

A warden or dispatcher will take your call. Information from the call is relayed to the Fish and Game region where the offense occurred and an investigation is undertaken locally. If the information supplied by the caller results in an arrest, the caller becomes eligible for a reward. (Rewards of up to \$1,000 have been paid.) All reward money is acquired through private donations; no state funds are used. The case is reviewed by a volunteer citizen’s group known as the “CalTIP Citizens Review Board.”

Fishing in the Sacramento Valley - Central Sierra

This summary of freshwater fishing opportunities in the 17 counties which constitute the Department of Fish and Game's Sacramento Valley Central Sierra Region, and covers the major waters where fish are usually present and anglers are welcome.

Anglers are reminded that fishing situations are dependent upon weather, water conditions, and other factors which change from day-to-day. For up-to-the-minute information on specific areas, should check with local sources, such as tackle retailers, concessionaires, and Chambers of Commerce or call the Department of Fish and Game numbers listed on page 2.

Everyone 16 years of age and over must have a valid fishing license to fish in California's inland waters. Licenses and regulation booklets may be obtained at most sporting goods stores, bait shops, and at all DFG offices. ***Be sure to read the current regulations before you fish, because they are subject to change from year to year.***

This symbol means the water is planted



by the Department of Fish and Game.

ALPINE COUNTY

Lakes and Reservoirs

Blue Lakes (Upper and Lower) - Elevation 8,000 ft. 198-344 acres.

Access from Hwy 88. 25 miles west of junction with Hwy 89. 12 miles to Lower Blue Lake. Small Boats only.

Info: P.G.andE. Division Land Supervisor, Stockton.

Services/Facilities: Hwy 88/89 in Hope Valley.

Species: Rainbow and Cutthroat Trout in Upper Lake.



Burnside Lake - Elevation 7,500 ft. 7 acres.

Access from junction of Hwy 88 and 89 via dirt road south 5.5 miles to lake.

Info: Alpine Co. Chamber of Commerce and Forest Service Info Center, Markleeville

Services/Facilities: Hwy 88/89 in Hope Valley. Small RV access at lake, restroom and tent camp.

Species: Rainbow and Brook Trout.



Caples Lake - Elevation 7,800 ft. 620 acres.

Located approximately 15 miles west of junction Hwy's 88/89 on Hwy 88.

Info: Amador Ranger Station, Pioneer, CA.

Services/Facilities: Bait and Tackle, store, resort, RV sites, tent sites.

Species: Rainbow, Lake, Brown and Brook Trout.



Indian Creek Reservoir - Elevation 5,600 ft. 160 acres.

Access from Hwy 89 via Airport Rd, 4 miles south of Woodfords. 3.6 miles from Hwy 89 to lake.

Info: BLM, Carson City, NV.

Services/Facilities: Campground with RV sites. Woodfords and Markleyville.

Species: Rainbow, Cutthroat, Brook and Kamloops Trout.



Kinney Reservoir - Elevation 8,317 ft. 33 acres.

Located ½ mile east of Ebbetts Pass on Hwy 4. Limited parking with trail to lake shore.



Info: Amador Ranger Station, Pioneer, CA.

Services/Facilities: Campgrounds 4 miles east and 2 miles west on Highland Lakes Rd.

Species: Rainbow Trout.



Lake Alpine - Elevation 7,320 ft. 179 acres.

Located 51 miles east on Angels Camp on Hwy 4.

Info: USFS, Hathaway Pines, CA.

Services/Facilities: Marina, boat rental, RV and tent sites, picnic area with barrier-free access, store and lodge.

Species: Rainbow trout and catfish.



Mosquito Lakes (Upper and Lower) - Elevation 8,000 ft. 4 acres each.

Located 54 miles east of Angels Camp on Hwy 4.

Info: Calaveras Recreation District, Hathaway Pines, CA.

Services/Facilities: Primitive campsites with toilets.

Species: Rainbow Trout.



Red Lake - Elevation 8,000 ft. 85 acres.

Located 6.5 miles west of Hwy's 88/89 near Hope Valley.

Access on Hwy near dam.

Info: Amador Ranger Station, Pioneer, CA.

Services/Facilities: Hwy 88/89 in Hope Valley.

Species: Rainbow, Brook and Cutthroat Trout.



Union Reservoir - Elevation 6,880 ft. 197 acres.

Info: Calaveras Recreation District, Hathaway Pines, CA.

Services/Facilities: Telephone, family and group camps just beyond reservoir at Spicer Reservoir.

Species: Rainbow Trout.



Woods Lake - Elevation 8,000 ft. 16 acres.

Access to lake via Woods Lake Rd. from Hwy 88, 10.5 miles west of junction Hwy 88/89 in Hope Valley. 2 miles to lake from Hwy 88. No outboard motors.

Info: Amador Ranger Station, Pioneer, CA.

Services/Facilities: Gravel launch for small boats, barrier-free campsites and restrooms, RV sites.

Rivers and Streams

Carson River (West Fork) - Elevation 7,000 ft. 8 mile reach.

From junction of Hwy's 88/89 (1) go downstream to Woodfords, or (2) upstream through Hope Valley, using the Blue Lakes Rd. to access the upper reaches.

Info: Alpine Co. Chamber of Commerce and Forest Service Info Center, Markleeville

Services/Facilities: Bait and Tackle, store, propane, resort in east end of Hope Valley or in Woodfords.

Species: Rainbow and Cutthroat Trout.



Carson River (East Fork - Upper) - Elevation 6,000 - 7,000 ft. 17 mile reach.

Designated wild trout water. (Wolf Creek to Carson Falls) No special regulations.

Access from Hwy 4 via Wolf Creek Rd, 2.5 miles to the mouth of Wolf Creek. Hike upstream from there.

Info: Alpine Co. Chamber of Commerce and Forest Service Info Center, Markleeville

Services/Facilities: RV sites at Hwy, primitive campsites.

Species: Brown, Rainbow Trout, and Mountain Whitefish.

Carson River (East Fork) - Elevation 5,500 ft. 6 mile reach.

Access points along Hwy 89 beginning at Hangmans Bridge, 8 miles south of Woodfords.

Info: Alpine Co. Chamber of Commerce and Forest Service Info Center, Markleeville

Services/Facilities: Bait and tackle, store, propane, resort, RV sites.

Species: Rainbow and Cutthroat Trout.



Carson River (East Fork - Lower) - Elevation 5,000 - 5,500 ft. 11 mile reach.

Access from Hangmans Bridge 8 miles south of Woodfords on Hwy 89. Park near bridge, use trail on Jeep road behind locked gate on downstream side of Hwy. Other access trail off road to Indian Creek Reservoir.

Designated wild trout water, check regulations. (Hangmans Bridge to state line).

Info: Alpine Co. Chamber of Commerce and Forest Service Info

Center, Markleeville

Services/Facilities: Markleyville and Woodfords.

Species: Rainbow, Brown, and Cutthroat Trout, Mountain Whitefish. Wild Trout Stream.



Markleeville Creek - Elevation 5,500 ft. 1.5 mile reach.

Stream flows through Markleyville and downstream along Hwy 89.

Info: Alpine Co. Chamber of Commerce and Forest Service Info Center, Markleeville

Services/Facilities: Bait and Tackle, store, propane, RV sites.

Species: Rainbow and Cutthroat Trout.



Mokelumne River (North Fork) - Elevation 7,000 ft. 2 mile reach.

Access 2 mile stretch between Hermit Valley Crossing and Highland Lakes Rd. 58-60 miles east of Angels Camp on Hwy 4.

Info: Alpine Co. Chamber of Commerce and Forest Service Info Center, Markleeville

Services/Facilities: Toilets at Bloomfield campground on Highland Lakes Rd, Primitive campsites along Hwy 4.

Species: Rainbow Trout



Silver Creek - Elevation 6,000 ft., 1.5 mile reach.

Access from Centerville campground near Wolf Creek, off Hwy 4, 2.5 miles from junction Hwy 89 and Hwy 4.

Info: Alpine Co. Chamber of Commerce and Forest Service Info Center, Markleeville

Services/Facilities: Primitive campsites.

Species: Rainbow Trout.

AMADOR COUNTY

Lakes and Reservoirs



Bear River Reservoir (lower) – Elevation 5,800 ft. 746 acres.

Access from Hwy 88, 47 miles east of Jackson via USFS Rd. 8N03. 2 miles to lake.

Info: Lumberyard Ranger Station, Pioneer, CA.

Services/Facilities: Marina, bait and tackle, propane, store, resort,

primitive camp sites, RV sites with hookups. Barrier-free access at resort.

Species: Rainbow and Brown Trout.

Lake Amador – Elevation 485 ft. 425 acres.

Access from Hwy 88, 3 miles from town of Ione. Use Jackson Valley Rd., approximately 5 miles to entrance near dam.

Info: Lake Amador Resort, Ione, CA. *Privately Stocked.*

Services/Facilities: Bait and tackle, store, tent and RV camping, showers, disposal.

Species: Largemouth Black Bass, Rainbow Trout, Catfish, Bluegill, Crappie, and Perch.

Salt Springs Reservoir – Elevation 3,700 ft. 961 acres.

Access from Hwy 88, 5 miles east of Ham's Station via Ellis Rd. 12 miles to dam.

Info: Amador Ranger District, Pioneer, CA.

Services/Facilities: Primitive tent and RV camping, primitive launch access. Improved camping closer to Hwy 88.

Species: Rainbow, Brown and Brook Trout.

Silver Lake – Elevation 7,200 ft. 525 acres.

Located 50 miles east of Jackson on Hwy 88.

Info: USFS Placerville, CA. Kit Carson Lodge or Kay's Silver Lake Resort at Silver Lake.

Services/Facilities: Lodge and resort, stores, bait and tackle, gas and propane, RV sites.

Species: Rainbow, Brown, Brook Trout.



Tabaud Reservoir – Elevation 1,400 ft. 44 acres.

Use Hwy 49 south from Jackson, 5 miles to Clinton Road, then 6 miles to lake.

Management: PGE, Info: Department of Fish and Game (SVCSR), Rancho Cordova

Services/Facilities: Day use only. Picnic area with Restrooms.

Species: Rainbow Trout.



Tiger Creek Afterbay – Elevation 2,300 ft. 70 acres.

Use Hwy 88 east from Jackson 14.5 miles to Buckhorn Rd, 3 miles to lake.

Management: PGE, Info: Department of Fish and Game (SVCSR), Rancho Cordova



Services/Facilities: Pioneer (4 miles). Day use only.
Species: Rainbow Trout.

Rivers and Streams



Mokelumne River – Elevation 800 – 1,000 ft. 3 mile reach.

Access from Hwy 49, 6 miles south of Jackson via Electra Rd, then 2 miles east to fishing area.

Management: PGE

Info: Department of Fish and Game (SVCSR), Rancho Cordova

Services/Facilities: Mokelumne Hill (4 miles)

Species: Rainbow and Brown Trout. Kokanee in fall.

BUTTE COUNTY

Lakes and Reservoirs



DeSabra Reservoir - Elevation 2,700 ft. 15 acres.

This reservoir is 9.5 miles north of Paradise on Skyway. Day use fishing on south and east sides.

Info: Almanor Ranger District, Chester on P.G.andE. Land programs offices, Chico.

Services/Facilities: Paradise

Species: Rainbow Trout



Oroville Reservoir - Elevation 900 ft. 15,800 acres.

Access via Oro Dam Blvd. from Oroville on Hwy 70 to dam 5 miles east of city.

Info: California State Parks and Recreation, Area manager, Oroville.

Services/Facilities: Marina with launch ramps, camping, RV sites, visitor center, bait and tackle, store, propane.

Species: Largemouth, Smallmouth, and Spotted Bass, Brown Trout, Chinook Salmon, Crappie, Sunfish, and Catfish.



Paradise Reservoir - Elevation 2,543 ft. 165 acres.

From Paradise, travel 5 miles on Skyway to Magalia. Use Coutolenc Rd, 3.5 miles to park entrance at lake. A drinking water lake, no outboard motors or live bait; fee area.

Services/Facilities: Picnic area.

Species: Rainbow and Brown Trout, Largemouth Bass, Catfish, and Bluegill.

Thermolito Forebay - Elevation 226 ft. 600 acres.

Two access points from Hwy 70 north of Oroville. (1) Use Grand Ave. 1 mile from Oroville to South State Recreation Area. (2) Use Grand Drive 3 miles from Oroville to North State Recreation Area.

Info: California State Parks and Recreation, Area manager, Oroville.

Services/Facilities: Gravel boat launch, barrier-free access at north end, restroom.

Species: Rainbow and Brown Trout, Largemouth Bass, Catfish, and Sunfish.



Rivers and Streams

Butte Creek - Elevation 3,000 ft. 3 mile reach.

Approximately 30 miles northeast of Chico. Use Hwy 32 to Butte Meadows exit. Follow Humboldt Rd. to Butte Meadows.

Services/Facilities: RV sites, primitive campsites, store, bait and tackle, propane.

Species: Rainbow Trout.



CALAVERAS COUNTY

Lakes and Reservoirs

Comanche Reservoir – Elevation 235 ft. 7,700 acres.

Located between Hwy 88 and Hwy 12 near the town of Clements. Use Comanche Parkway for north shore access, 5 miles north of Clements off Hwy 88, OR south shore access 6 miles east of Clements off Hwy 12.

Info: Comanche North shore Resort or South Comanche shore.

Services/Facilities: Tent and RV campsites with full hookups, full service marinas, rentals.

Species: Rainbow Trout, Largemouth Bass, Bluegill, Crappie, Catfish, and Kokanee.

New Hogan Reservoir – Elevation 713 ft. 4000 acres.

Access from Hwy 26 via Hogan Dam Rd, .5 miles south of junction Hwy 12 and Hwy 26 at Valley Springs.

Info: US Army Corps of Engineers, New Hogan Lake.

Services/Facilities: Tent and RV sites, full service marina, launch ramps, rentals, store, bait and tackle, showers and disposal.

Species: Rainbow Trout, Largemouth Bass, Striped Bass, Catfish, Bluegill, and Crappie.

New Melones Reservoir – Elevation 1088 ft. 12,000 acres.

Located 7 miles south of Angels Camp on Hwy 49.

Info: Park manager, Jamestown, CA.

Services/Facilities: Primitive camping, launch.

Species: Rainbow and Brown Trout, Largemouth and Smallmouth Black Bass, Catfish, Bluegill, and Crappie.

Pardee Reservoir – Elevation 568 ft. 2,200 acres.

From Hwy 88, 2 miles south of Ione, use Buena Vista Rd. to Stony Creek Rd. North on Stony Creek Rd to Pardee Dam Rd. Approximately 7 miles to lake from Hwy 88.

Info: Pardee Lake Resort, Ione, CA.

Services/Facilities: Tent and RV sites with full hookups, full service marina, launch ramp, rentals, dining, grocery store, disposal, gas and propane.

Species: Rainbow and Brown Trout, Kokanee, Largemouth Bass, Catfish, Bluegill, and Crappie.



Schaads Reservoir – Elevation 2,900 ft. 55 acres.

From Hwy 26, 2 miles south of West Point, use Associated Office Rd, .5 mile to Railroad Flat Rd. Travel south 1 mile to Blue Mountain Rd., then east 3 miles to USFS Rd. 6N03 at “Lodestar” sign, follow signs 1.3 miles to lake and resort.

Management: Calaveras Co. Water District

Info: Department of Fish and Game (SVCSR), Rancho Cordova

Services/Facilities: Wilseyville, 4.5 miles.

Species: Rainbow Trout.

Tulloch Reservoir – Elevation 515 ft. 55 mile shoreline.

Located 7.5 miles south of Hwy 4 near Copperopolis (North shore) via O’Byrnes Rd., and 5 miles north of Hwy 108 (South shore) via Tulloch Rd.

Info: Lake Tulloch Marina, Tulloch Dam Rd.

Services/Facilities: Tent and RV sites, full service marina, launch ramps, rentals, motel, restaurant, store and gas.

Species: Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass, Rainbow Trout, Catfish, Bluegill, and Crappie.

White Pines Lake – Elevation 3,820 ft. 26 acres.

From Arnold on Hwy 4, travel 1 mile on Blagen Rd to the lake.

Info: Arnold Chamber of Commerce.

Services/Facilities: Arnold 1 mile. Picnic tables, drinking fountains, fire pits, swimming.

Species: Rainbow Trout, Catfish, and Bluegill.



Rivers and Streams

Angels Creek – Elevation 1,380 – 2,200 ft. 4 mile reach.

Access from (1) Hwy's 4 and 49 bridges at Angels Camp and (2) at park in Murphy's on Hwy 4.

Info: Angels Camp and Murphy's Chamber of Commerce.

Services/Facilities: Angels Camp, Altaville, and Murphy's.

Murphy's Park has barrier-free restrooms and fishing access with assistance, picnic tables, and barbeques.

Species: Rainbow Trout.



Mokelumne River (South Fork and Middle Fork)

Check local access. Not stocked.

COLUSA COUNTY

Lakes and Reservoirs

East Park Reservoir - Elevation 1,200 ft. 1818 acres.

From Maxwell on Interstate 5, travel 24 miles west on Maxwell Sites Rd. to park entrance.

Info: Stonyford Ranger District, Stonyford.

Services/Facilities - Primitive camping, unimproved boat ramp, picnic area.

Species: Largemouth Bass, Bluegill, Crappie, and Catfish.

Rivers and Streams

Sacramento River See Regional Rivers section.

ELDORADO COUNTY

Lakes and Reservoirs



Crystal Lakes Basin Recreation Area

Accessible via Ice House Rd. off Hwy 50, 9 miles east of Pollock Pines. 10.5 miles to:

Ice House Reservoir – Elevation 5,500 ft. 678 acres

Union Valley Reservoir – Elevation 4,900 ft. 2,860 acres. 7 miles from Ice House Reservoir.

Loon Lake – Elevation 6,500 ft. 800 acres. 12 miles beyond Union Valley Reservoir.

Gerle Creek Reservoir – elevation 6,500 ft. 50 acres.

Info: USFS, Pollock Pines OR Placerville, CA.

Services/Facilities: Tent and RV sites, launch ramps. No motors at Gerle Creek. Full facilities at Ice House Reservoir. Barrier-free access.

Species: Rainbow Trout, Lake Trout, Brown Trout, Kokanee, and Smallmouth Bass at Union Valley Reservoir.



Echo Lake (Lower and Upper) – Elevation 7,400ft. 338 acres.

From Hwy 50 near Little Norway, use Echo Drive-Echo Summit Rd, 1.5 miles to lake.

Info: Echo Chalet, Echo Lake.

Services/Facilities: Cabins, food, store, bait and tackle, gas, launch ramp, rentals, barrier-free fishing, restrooms.

Species: Rainbow, Brown, and Brook Trout, Cutthroat and Kokanee.

El Dorado Forebay – Elevation 4,000 ft. 23 acres

Take Sly Park exit from Hwy 50 at Pollock Pines to Pony Express Trail, then to Forebay Rd. No boats.

Info: El Dorado Irrigation District, Placerville, CA.

Services/Facilities: Pollock Pines, .7 miles.

Species: Rainbow Trout.

Fallen Leaf Lake – Elevation 6,300 ft. 600 acres.

Access via Fallen Leaf Rd., off Hwy 89, 4 miles north of junction with Hwy 50 near South shore Lake Tahoe.

Info: USFS Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit, Lake Tahoe, CA.

Services/Facilities: Tent and RV campsites, lodge, launch ramp, rentals, store, bait and tackle, showers, Laundromat.

Species: Rainbow, Brown, and Mackinaw Trout.

Jenkinson Lake (Sly Park Reservoir) – Elevation 3,500 ft. 640 acres.



From Hwy 50 at Pollock Pines, take Sly Park exit, 4 miles south to lake.

Info: El Dorado Irrigation District, Placerville, CA.

Services/Facilities: Marina, RV and tent campsites, barrier-free campsites, bathhouse.

Species: Rainbow, Brown, and Mackinaw Trout, Bass, and Bluegill.

Kirkwood Lake – Elevation 7,600 ft. 68 acres.



From Kirkwood on Hwy 88, follow road 1 mile to campsites and lake. No motors.

Info: Ranger Station, Pioneer, CA.

Services/Facilities: Tent and RV campsites, launch ramp, resort at Caples Lake (3 miles).

Species: Rainbow Trout, Smallmouth Bass.

Sawmill Pond – Elevation 6,250 ft. 200 acres.



From Hwy's 50 and 89 junction, travel south on Lake Tahoe Blvd. 2.5 miles. Reserved fishing for ages 14 and younger.

Info: El Dorado County Fish and Game Commission.

Services/Facilities: South Lake Tahoe. Restrooms.

Species: Rainbow Trout.

Stumpy Meadows Lake – Elevation 4,200 ft. 325 acres.



Use Georgetown – Wentworth Springs Rd., travel 18.5 miles from Georgetown to lake.

Info: Georgetown Ranger District, Georgetown, CA.

Services/Facilities: Tent and RV campsites, web barrier-free high water access, restrooms, and launch ramp.

Species: Rainbow and Brown Trout.





Wrights Lake – Elevation 7,000 ft. 65 acres.

Access via Wrights Lake Rd., 5 miles east of Kyburz off Hwy 50. No motors.

Info: USFS Pacific Ranger District, Pollock Pines, CA.

Services/Facilities: Tent and RV campsites, hand launch.

Species: Rainbow and Brown Trout.

Rivers and Streams



American River, Silver Fork – Elevation 4,500 ft. 3 mile reach.

Take Silver Fork Rd., 1.5 miles south of Kyburz on Hwy 50 to China Flat Campground.

Info: USFS Pacific Ranger District, Pollock Pines, CA.

Services/Facilities: RV sites, primitive tent campsites, barrier-free campsites at Silver Fork Campground.

Species: Rainbow and Brown Trout.



American River, South Fork (Coloma) – Elevation 750 ft. .5 mile reach.

From Placerville at junction of Hwy's 50 and 49, take Hwy 49 north 11 miles to Coloma. Best access at Marshall Gold Discovery State Park.

Info: CA State Parks and Recreation, Coloma, CA.

Services/Facilities: Bait and tackle, store, RV campsites with hookups, resort. Day use only park. Barrier-free access at State Park.

Species: Rainbow Trout.

American River, Silverfork (Riverton) - Elevation 3,230 - 6,440 ft. 26 mile reach.

Access sites along river between Crystal Lakes Basin Road and Riverton on Hwy 50.

Info: USFS Pacific Ranger District, Pollock Pines, CA.

Services/Facilities: Picnic areas, resort at Kyburz, restaurants, campground.

Species: Rainbow Trout.



Consumnes River, Middle Fork (Pi Pi) - Elevation 4,000 ft. 8 mile reach.

Take Hwy 88 east 26 miles from Jackson to Omo Ranch Rd.

Turn northwest, .8 mile to Pi Pi Rd. 5 miles to campground and



river.

Info: USFS, Pi Pi Valley Campground.

Services/Facilities: USFS barrier-free campsites and fishing access ramps to stream side.

Species: Rainbow Trout.

Rubicon River - Elevation 1,000 - 4,000 ft. 30 mile reach.

Take Georgetown - Wentworth Springs Rd. east 21 miles to Eleven Pines Rd. Then 4.5 miles to Eliots Crossing. Designated Wild Trout Water. (from the confluence with the middle fork of the Rubicon to Hell Hole Reservoir)

Info: Georgetown Ranger District, Georgetown, CA.

Services/Facilities: Georgetown.

Species: Rainbow and Brown Trout. Wild Trout Stream.

GLENN COUNTY

Lakes and Reservoirs

Black Butte Reservoir - Elevation 470 ft. 4,500 acres.

From Orland on Interstate 5, travel 10 miles west on Hwy 32 to the lake.

Info: Park Manager, Star Route Box 30, Orland.

Services/Facilities: Tent and RV camping, disposal, launch ramps, marina with rentals, store, bait and tackle, hot showers, picnic, swimming.

Species: Largemouth Bass, Catfish, Crappie, Bluegill.

Stony Gorge Reservoir - Elevation 800 ft. 1,275 acres.

From Willows on Interstate 5, travel 20 miles west on Hwy 162 to lake entrance.

Info: Bureau of Reclamation, Willows.

Services/Facilities: Primitive tent and RV camping, launch ramp, store, gas.

Species: Bass, Catfish, Bluegill, Crappie, Perch.

Rivers and Streams

Sacramento River See Regional River Section page.

NEVADA COUNTY

Lakes and Reservoirs



Boca Reservoir - Elevation 5,600 ft. 980 acres

Use Stampede Meadows Rd. north off I-80 6 miles east of Truckee

Info: Truckee Ranger District, Truckee

Services/Facilities: Launch ramp, campground, restroom.

Species: Rainbow Trout

Bowman Lake - Elevation 6,000 ft. ? acres.

Access from Hwy 20 via Bowman Lake Rd. Approximately 20 miles from Hwy 20. Rough roads.

Info: USFS, Grass Valley, CA.

Services/Facilities: Primitive camping, small boat car top launching. Improved camping near Fuller Lake.

Species: Rainbow, Brook, and Brown Trout.



Donner Lake - Elevation 6,000 ft. 960 acres

Access from I-80 / Hwy 89 Intersection at Truckee, via Donner Pass Rd.

Info: Truckee Chamber of Commerce.

Services/Facilities: Marina, bait and tackle, store, propane, resort, RV sites, launch ramp, barrier-free access.

Species: Rainbow and Lake Trout, Kokanee Salmon



Fuller Lake - Elevation 5,340 ft. 69 acres

Use Hwy 20 off I-80 to Bowman Lake Rd.

Info: US Forest Service, Grass Valley.

Services/Facilities: Boat launch (dirt) for small boats only, group campground.

Species: Rainbow and Brown Trout.



Jackson Meadows Reservoir - Elevation 6,000 ft. 1,000 acres

Use Hwy 89 north from Truckee to Jackson Meadow Rd. 31 miles to the reservoir from Truckee.

Info: Sierraville Ranger Station, Sierraville.

Service/Facilities: Boat launch, RV sites, barrier-free campgrounds, restrooms.

Species: Rainbow Trout.

Martis Lake - Elevation 5,830 ft. 70 acres

From I-80 at Truckee, use Hwy 267 4 miles to reservoir turnoff. A designated wild trout water. Catch and Release. Info: US Army Corps of Engineers, Camp manager, Smartville. Services/Facilities: Picnic area and campground. No outboard motors. Species: Rainbow and Brown Trout, Sunfish.



Prosser Reservoir - Elevation 5,711 ft. 734 acres

Use Prosser Reservoir turnoff from Hwy 89 1.5 miles north of Truckee. Info: Truckee Ranger District, Truckee. Services/Facilities: Launch ramp, RV sites, primitive campsites with toilets. Fee area. Species: Rainbow and Brown Trout.



Rollins Reservoir - elevation 2,100 ft. 825 acres

Use Rollins Lake Rd exit from I-80 to Long Ravine Rd. Info: Rollins Lake Corp., Chicago Park. Services/Facilities: Marina, launch ramps, bait and tackle, boat rental, store, RV sites with hookups, tent campsites. Species: Rainbow and Brown Trout, Largemouth and Small-mouth Bass, Sunfish, Crappie, and Catfish.



Scotts Flat Reservoir - Elevation 3,100 ft. 720 acres

From Hwy 20, 5 miles east of Nevada City, use Scotts Flat Rd south 4.3 miles to reservoir. Info: Scotts Flat, 23333 Scotts Flat Rd., Nevada City. Services/Facilities: Marina, boat launch, bait and tackle, store, RV sites, tent campsites, barrier-free restroom. Species: Rainbow and Brown Trout, Largemouth and Small-mouth Bass.



Spaulding Reservoir - Elevation 5,000 ft. 674 acres

Use Hwy 20 from I-80 to Lake Spaulding Rd. Info: PGandE offices, Colfax. Services/Facilities: Boat launch, RV and tent sites. Species: Rainbow and Brown Trout, Chinook Salmon.



Rivers and Streams

Truckee River - Elevation 6,000 ft. 8.5 mile reach.

From Truckee, on Hwy I-80 (1) take exit to Hwy 267 South, follow toward town, turn left on Glenshire Dr., go 2.5 miles across bridge and park on right at access site. (2) Access lower section off I-80 at Boca from bridge downstream to Gray Creek. A designated wild trout water. (Trout Creek to Gray Creek) Catch and Release.

Info: Truckee Chamber of Commerce. Also check Sport Fishing Regulations.

Services/Facilities: Truckee.

Species: Rainbow and Brown Trout.

Yuba River, South Fork - Elevation 5,700 ft. 7 Mile reach.

Access sites along Frontage Rd., from Kingvale to Cary Le Rd (Eagle Lakes turnoff).

Info: US Forest Service.

Facilities/Services: Along highway, camping.

Species: Rainbow Trout.

PLACER COUNTY

Lakes and Reservoirs

Big Reservoir (Morning Star Lake) - Elevation 4,042 ft. 70 acres.

From Foresthill, Use Baker Ranch Soda Springs Rd. to Sugar Pine Rd 6.5 miles to reservoir.

Info: Foresthill Ranger Station, Foresthill.

Services/Facilities: Car top launch, campground, beach, non-powered boating.

Species: Rainbow Trout, Smallmouth Bass.



French Meadows Reservoir - Elevation 5,200 ft., 1,400 acres.

From Foresthill, use Mosquito Ridge Rd. east 36 miles continuing on Rd 96 to reservoir. Access on south side of reservoir.

Info: US Forest Service Foresthill Ranger District, Foresthill.

Services/Facilities: RV sites, primitive campsites, launch ramps.

Species: Rainbow and Brown Trout, Smallmouth Bass, Sunfish, and Catfish.

Halsey Forebay - Elevation 1,600 ft. 18 acres.

From I-80 7.5 miles east of Auburn, use Placer Hills exit, cross freeway to Bancroft Way, 1 mile to Forebay.

Info: Placer County Water Agency, Auburn

Services/Facilities: Services along I-80, restroom.

Species: Rainbow Trout.



Hellhole Reservoir - Elevation 4,630 ft. 1,250 acres.

From Foresthill, use Mosquito Ridge Rd east 36 miles continuing on Rd 96 to French Meadows Reservoir, cross dam, continue on Rd 48 10 miles to reservoir.

Info: Georgetown Ranger District, Georgetown.

Services/Facilities: Launch ramp, campgrounds nearby.

Species: Rainbow, Brown and Lake Trout, Kokanee Salmon.



Lake Clementine - Elevation 1,200 ft. 3.5 miles long.

From Auburn, use Auburn - Foresthill Rd., 3.3 miles to Lake Clementine turnoff.

Info: California State Parks and Recreation, Lake Clementine.

Services/Facilities: Launch ramp, picnic area.

Species: Rainbow Trout, Smallmouth Bass, Sunfish.

Lake Tahoe - Elevation 6,230 ft. 120,000 acres.

A very large, cold, deep mountain lake with numerous access points from Hwy's 267 and 89 on the north and Hwy 50 on the south.

Info: US Forest Service or California State Parks and Recreation.

Services/Facilities: Around perimeter of lake including; 14 launch areas, 4 California State Parks and campgrounds, 3 US Forest Service campgrounds and several privately operated campgrounds.

Species: Rainbow, Brown and Lake Trout, Kokanee Salmon. Stocked with Kokanee.

Lake Valley Reservoir - Elevation 3,500 ft. 160 acres.

Access via Yuba Gap exit from I-80. Travel south 2 miles to reservoir.

Info: PGandE offices, Colfax.

Services/Facilities: Launch ramp, camp and picnic areas.

Species: Rainbow and Brown Trout.

Sugar Pine Reservoir - Elevation 3,500 ft. 160 acres.

From Foresthill, use Foresthill Soda Springs Rd. 9 miles to Sugar Pine Rd., 4.6 miles to ranger station and 2 miles further on Iowa Hill Rd. to dam.

Info: Foresthill Ranger Station, Foresthill.

Services/Facilities: Launch ramp, campgrounds.

Species: Rainbow and Brown Trout, Smallmouth Bass, and Sunfish.

Rivers and Streams



Truckee River - Elevation 6,000 ft. 13 mile reach. A wild trout water. (Trout Creek to Gray Creek) Catch and Release.

From I-80 near Truckee, use Hwy 89 south toward Tahoe City for access sites.

Info: US Forest Service, Truckee Ranger Station, Truckee.

Services/Facilities: Campground, RV sites, barrier-free access at Granite Flat Campground.

Species: Rainbow and Brown Trout.

PLUMAS COUNTY

Lakes and Reservoirs



Antelope Lake - Elevation 5,000 ft. 930 Acre.

From Greenville on Hwy 89 via the Beckwourth - Greenville Rd to Indian Creek Rd., proceeding to an information station near the dam. Approximately 34 miles from Greenville.

Info: US Forest Service, Greenville Ranger District, Quincy.

Services/Facilities: Launch ramp, campgrounds, bait and tackle, store, RV sites, disposal station.

Species: Rainbow, Brook and Brown Trout, Largemouth Bass, and Catfish.



Bucks Lake - Elevation 5,153 ft. 1827 Acre.

From Hwy's 70/89 via Bucks Lake Rd., 16 miles west of Quincy.

Info: US Forest Service, Plumas National Forest Ranger Station, Quincy.

Services/Facilities: Launch ramp, marina, campgrounds, bait and tackle, store, propane, resorts, RV sites.

Butt Valley Reservoir - Elevation 4,150 ft. 5 miles long.

West of Lake Almanor, near Chester. From Hwy 89 via the Prattville - Butt Reservoir Rd.

Approximately 4 miles to Butt Creek inflow.

Info: PGandE land projects, Sacramento.

Services/Facilities: Launch ramp, campgrounds, picnic areas.

Species: Rainbow and Brown Trout.

Frenchman Reservoir - Elevation 5,600 ft. 1470 Acre.

Accessible via Hwy 89 north from Truckee to Hwy 70 at Blairsden, east to Chilcoot and north on Frenchman Rd. 7 miles to the reservoir. Perimeter road with 5 fishing access sites.

Info: Laufman Ranger Station, Milford.

Services/Facilities: Launch ramp, campgrounds, RV sites, disposal.

Species: Rainbow and Brown Trout.



Lake Almanor - Elevation 4,500 ft. 28,000 Acre.

From Chester, this very large man-made lake can be accessed of Hwy's 36, 89, 147 and Rd A-13 around lake.

Info: PGandE land projects, Sacramento.

Services/Facilities: Launch ramps, campgrounds, marina, bait and tackle, propane, stores, resorts/motels, RV sites with hookups.

Species: Rainbow and Brown Trout, Chinook Salmon, Small-mouth and Largemouth Bass, Catfish, and Sunfish.



Lake Davis - Elevation 5,775 ft. 4,026 Acre.

From Portola on Hwy 70 or Beckwourth via Grizzly Rd., 7 miles to lake.

Info: Beckwourth Ranger Station, Blairsden.

Services/Facilities: Launch ramps, campgrounds, bait and tackle, store, propane, RV sites, disposal.

Species: Rainbow and Brown Trout, Bass, and Catfish.



Little Grass Valley Reservoir - Elevation 3,560 ft. 1,615 Acre.

Accessible from Oroville or Marysville 3.5 miles past the town of La Porte via the La Porte Rd.

Info: Challenge Ranger Station, Oroville.

Services/Facilities: Launch ramps, campgrounds, RV sites,



disposal station.

Species: Rainbow, Brown and Brook Trout.

Rivers and Streams



Feather River, M. Fork (Portola)



Accessible at two sites from Portola on Hwy 70 (1) 3 miles east at Grizzly Rd. (2) 10 miles west at Hwy 89 crossing, toward Graeagle.

Info: US Forest Service, Plumas National Forest Ranger Station, Quincy.

Services/Facilities: Bait and tackle, propane, resort, RV sites, barrier-free access at Graeagle.

Species: Rainbow Trout.

Feather River, M. Fork (Quincy)

Accessible at Two sites from Quincy. (1) 13 miles east on Hwy 70 to Sloat, past railroad yard and across bridge. (2) Hwy 79 through east Quincy to La Porte Rd., then south 11.5 miles to bridge crossing. A designated wild trout water from Sloat to Feather Falls.

Info: US Forest Service, Plumas National Forest Ranger Station, Quincy.

Services/Facilities: None.

Species: Rainbow and Brown Trout.



Feather River, N. Fork (Chester)

For Access north of Lake Almanor, near Chester, use Feather River Dr. off Hwy 36, 1.3 miles to fishing access behind Collins Lumber Co. Other access sites are along Collins Pine Rd. to High Bridge campground.

Info: US Forest Service, Plumas National Forest Ranger Station, Quincy.

Services/Facilities: Services in Chester. RV sites, primitive campground with toilets.

Species: Rainbow Trout.

Feather River, N. Fork (Belden)

For Access south of Lake Almanor, use Hwy 70 to 2 miles east of Belden to Caribou Rd. Follow Caribou Rd. upstream for access sites.

Info: US Forest Service, Plumas National Forest Ranger Station, Quincy.

Services/Facilities: Along Hwy 79 only.

Species: Rainbow and Brown Trout.

Hamilton Branch (Creek)

Near Chester and Lake Almanor. Access off Hwy 147 via dirt road 1 mile west of Clear Creek and east on County Rd. A-21.

Info: US Forest Service, Plumas National Forest Ranger Station, Quincy.

Services/Facilities: None. Day use only.

Species: Rainbow Trout.



Jamison Creek

From Graeagle on Hwy 89m take Graeagle - Johnsonville Rd. to Plumas Eureka State Park.

Info: California State Parks and Recreation, Plumas Eureka State Park.

Services/Facilities: Services in Graeagle. Barrier-free campsites, bathrooms, fishing, RV sites.

Species: Rainbow Trout.



Spanish Creek

West of Quincy, use Gansner Park Dr. and Beskeen Rd off Hwy 89 for access sites along stream.

Info: Plumas County Chamber of Commerce, Quincy.

Services/Facilities: In Quincy.

Species: Rainbow Trout.



Yellow Creek

Use County Rd. 307 - Humbug Rd. off Hwy 89 near west shore of Lake Almanor. Approximately 8.5 miles to Humbug Meadow. Designated Wild Trout Stream. (Big Springs to lower end of Humbug Meadow) Catch and Release. Info: PGandE land projects, Sacramento.

Services/Facilities: No services. RV sites, PGandE campgrounds, fire pits.

Species: Brown, Brook and Rainbow Trout.

Warner Creek

From Chester on Hwy 36, use Feather River Dr. toward Drakesbad to 2 sites (1) High Bridge campground at confluence



of N. fork Feather River. (2) Warner Creek Campground on turnout to Drakesbad.

Info: US Forest Service, Plumas National Forest Ranger Station, Quincy.

Services/Facilities: No services. Campgrounds with restrooms.

SACRAMENTO COUNTY

Lakes and Reservoirs



Fishing in the City (See Special Pages)



Folsom Lake - Elevation 280 ft. 11,450 acres.

From Roseville on Hwy 80, take Douglas Blvd. 7 miles east to Granite Bay entry. Many other access sites around lake.

Info: CA State Parks and Recreation, Folsom, CA.

Services/Facilities: State Park Fee Area. RV sites, barrier-free access campsites and bathroom. Full services in area around lake.

Species: Rainbow Trout, Largemouth and Smallmouth Black Bass, Kokanee Salmon, Bluegill, Crappie, and Catfish.



Lake Natoma - Elevation 126 ft. 450 acres.

Off Hwy 50 west of Folsom. Access at Willow Creek Unit off Folsom Blvd., Nimbus Flat unit off Hazel Ave, and the Negro Bar unit off Greenback Ln. Boat speed limit 5 mph.

Info: California State Parks and Recreation, Folsom, CA.

Services/Facilities: State Park Fee Area. Launch ramp, RV sites and barrier-free campsites and bathroom.

Species: Rainbow Trout, Largemouth and Small mouth Black Bass, Bluegill, Crappie, Sunfish, and Catfish.



Rancho Seco Park - Elevation 240 ft. 160 acres.

From Hwy 99 near Galt, use Hwy 104 12 miles east to park entrance.



Info: Sacramento Municipal Utility District.

Services/Facilities: Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) fee area. Only electric outboard motors allowed. Bait and tackle, store, picnic sites, paddle boat rentals, RV sites with hookups, barrier-free fishing, restroom and store.

Species: Rainbow Trout, Largemouth Black Bass, Crappie, Sunfish.

Rivers and Streams

American River (Nimbus Dam to Discovery Park) - Elevation 75
- 125 ft. 23 mile reach.

Access at numerous points on both sides of river between Hazel Ave. and Sacramento River.

Info: Sacramento County Parks and Recreation.

Services/Facilities: Sacramento County Day Use fee area. Full services in area.

Species: Rainbow Trout, Chinook Salmon, Steelhead, Shad, Bluegill, Crappie, Smallmouth Black Bass, Striped Bass.

Sacramento River

See General Central Valley listing for the Sacramento River.

SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY

Lakes and Reservoirs

Oak Grove Park Lake

Refer to Fishing in the City listing

Rivers and Streams

Several major rivers and streams flow through San Joaquin County, including the Calveras, Mokelumne, and San Joaquin. All of these rivers terminate in the Delta region. Private lands mostly bound the banks of these rivers and access can be difficult except by boat.

Info: Regional maps provide information as to access points mostly located at private campgrounds, resorts, and marinas.

Contact: The California Department of Boating and Waterways, and the California Delta Chambers and Visitors Bureau.

Services/Facilities: Throughout the area.

Species: Striped Bass, Salmon, Catfish, Black Bass, Sturgeon, Shad, Bluegill, and Sunfish.

SIERRA COUNTY

Lakes and Reservoirs



Lakes Basin Recreation Area

The following lakes are accessible off Hwy 49 at Bassetts, or Hwy 89 1.5 miles east of Blairsden via the Lakes Basin Rd. (Gold Lake Forest Hwy). Catch and Release. (Sierra City to Ladies Canyon Creek)

Info: Beckwourth Ranger Station, Blairsden.



Gold Lake - Elevation 6,400 ft. 510 acres.

Use Gold Lake Rd. off Lakes Basin Rd.

Services/Facilities: Launch ramp, camping, restrooms.

Species: Rainbow Trout.



Packer Lake - Elevation 5,500 ft. 12 acres.

From Lakes Basin Rd., use Sardine-Packer Lake Rd. to Packer Lake Rd and day use area.

Services/Facilities: Lodge, bait and tackle, resort.

Species: Rainbow Trout.



Salmon Lake, Upper - Elevation 6,500 ft. 41 acres.

Use Salmon Lake Rd. off Lakes Basin Rd. 1.8 miles to lake.

Services/Facilities: Resort.

Species: Rainbow and Brook Trout.



Sardine Lake, Lower - Elevation 5,500 ft. 38 acres.

From Lakes Basin Rd., use Sardine-Packer Rd. to Sardine Lake Rd.

Services/Facilities: Fee area, resort, bait and Tackle.

Species: Rainbow and Brook Trout.

Snag Lake - Elevation 6,600 ft. 20 acres.

5.7 miles from Bassetts on Lakes Basin Rd.

Services/Facilities: RV sites, fee area.

Species: Rainbow Trout.



Stampede Reservoir - Elevation 6,000 ft. 3,450 acres.

From I-80 6 miles east of Truckee, use Stampede Dam -

Truckee Rd. to Dog Valley Rd.
Info: Truckee Ranger District, Truckee.
Services/Facilities: Launch ramp, campground.
Species: Rainbow and Lake Trout.

Rivers and Streams

Yuba River, North Fork - Elevation 2,000 - 4,100 ft.

From Nevada City north to Sierra City, many hike-in access points along the highway. Check Sport Fishing Regulations for Catch and Release waters.

Info: USFS No. Yuba Ranger District, Camptonville

Services/Facilities: Barrier-free restrooms south of Downieville, campgrounds, bait and tackle, stores, lodging, RV sites with hookups, propane.

Species: Yuba River to Downieville, catchable Rainbow Trout.

From Downieville to Sierra City, Wild Rainbow and Brook Trout.



SOLANO COUNTY

Lakes and Reservoirs

Lake Solano (Puttah Creek Diversion Improvement) - Elevation 200 ft. 25 acres.

From Interstate 505 near Winters, travel 7 miles west on Hwy 128 to lake at Pleasants Valley Rd. No motors.

Info: Solano County Parks Department.

Services/Facilities: County park with tent and RV campsites, launch ramp, picnic areas, boat rental, snack bar.

Species: Rainbow and Brown Trout, Smallmouth Bass.



Rivers and Streams

Putah Creek

See Yolo County.

SUTTER COUNTY

Rivers and Streams

Feather River

Approximately 45 miles of the Feather River flows through Sutter County from just north of Live Oak on Highway 99 to Verona at the confluence of the Sacramento River. There is good access via the California Department of Fish and Game Feather River Wildlife Area, approximately 10 miles south of Marysville and Yuba City. Access points are:

Star Bend Fishing access on Feather River Blvd.

East or west of Highway 99 on Sacramento Ave.

Info: California Department of Fish and Game, Region 2.

Services/Facilities: On the north; Marysville and Yuba City. On the south; Verona and Sacramento.

Species: Salmon, Striped Bass, Catfish, Smallmouth Bass, Crappie, Shad.

YOLO COUNTY

Lakes and Reservoirs



Lake Berryessa - Elevation 440 ft. 13,000 acres.

From Interstate 505 near Winters, travel 15 miles west on Hwy 128 to the dam. Continue around lake for west shore access sites (Napa County)

Info: Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce, Spanish Flat Station, Napa.

Services/Facilities: Tent and RV camping, hookups and disposal, full service marinas, launch ramps, motels and cabins, bait and tackle, gas and propane, dining.

Species: Largemouth, Smallmouth and Spotted Bass, Rainbow Trout, Bluegill, Crappie, Catfish and Sunfish.

Rivers and Streams

Putah Creek - Elevation 200-400 ft. 3.5 mile reach.

From Winters near Interstate 505, travel west on Hwy 128.
Catch and Release Trophy waters. Artificial lures and barbless hooks only.

Info: Yolo County Department of Parks and Recreation.

Services/Facilities: Day use picnic areas, camping on Pleasants Valley Rd. at Lake Solano.

Species: Rainbow and Brown Trout, largemouth bass, sunfish.



Sacramento River

See Regional Rivers Section.

YUBA COUNTY

Lakes and Reservoirs

Bullards Bar Reservoir - Elevation 1,900 ft. 4,800 acres.

From Marysville, take Hwy 20 12 miles east to Marysville Rd.
Travel north 30 miles to lake.

Info: US Forest Service, North Yuba Ranger Station,
Camptonville.

Services/Facilities: Marina, boat launch and rentals, tent and RV campsites.

Species: Rainbow and Brown Trout, Kokanee Salmon, Spotted, Largemouth, and Smallmouth Bass, Crappie, Sunfish, and Catfish.



Camp Far West Reservoir - Elevation 320 ft. 2,000 acres.

From Sheridan on Hwy 65, use Camp Far West Rd. 7 miles to reservoir.

Info: Camp Far West, Lincoln.

Services/Facilities: Marina, boat launch and rentals, store, tent and RV campsites, picnic areas, restrooms.

Species: Rainbow and Brown Trout, Kokanee Salmon, Smallmouth and Spotted Bass, Crappie, Sunfish, and Catfish.



Collins Lake - Elevation 1,200 ft. 975 acres.

Use Marysville Rd. off Hwy 20, 12 miles east of Marysville, 9



miles to Collins Lake Rd.

Info: Collins Lake Recreation Area, Oregon House.

Services/Facilities: Marina, boat launch and rentals, tent and RV campsites, bait and tackle, store, propane, barrier-free bathrooms and showers.

Species: Rainbow Trout, Largemouth, Smallmouth, and Spotted Bass, Catfish, and Sunfish.



Ellis Lake - Elevation 64 ft. 8 acres.



An urban lake in the heart of Marysville. Barrier-free fishing and toilets.

Info: Marysville Chamber of Commerce and City parks.

Services/Facilities: Marysville.

Species: Rainbow Trout, Largemouth Bass, Sunfish, and Catfish.



Englebright Reservoir - Elevation 530 ft. 815 acres.



Use Mooney Flat Rd. off Hwy 20. 20 miles east of Marysville.

Info: US Army Corps of Engineers, Smartville.

Services/Facilities: Marina with boat ramps, store, bait and tackle, propane, boat-in camp sites, barrier-free fishing and bathrooms.

Species: Rainbow Trout, Largemouth Bass, Catfish, and Sunfish.

RIVERS - VALLEY REGION

Sacramento River

Approximately 170 miles of California's great 382 mile long Sacramento River flow through the valley region. In addition to good spawning runs of Salmon, Steelhead, Striped Bass, and Shad, excellent fishing for Sturgeon, Catfish, Black Bass, Bluegill, Crappie, and Sunfish is available in the river, this delta and adjacent sloughs. Access is available from public lands and numerous private facilities along the length of the river.

Public access points include:

1. ***In Colusa County***:- Colusa-Sacramento Recreation Area. Accessible from the town of Colusa near the junction of highways 20 and 45.

2. ***In Yolo County:*** Fremont Weir Wildlife Area. Located near and accessible from highway 113 in the town of Knights Landing. Follow County Road 116 east approximately 6 miles to the area.

3. ***In Sutter County:*** Just north of the town of Knights Landing off highway 45 at confluence of the Colusa basin and Sycamore main drains.

4. ***In Sacramento County:***

A. Elkhorn Regional Park. Located approximately 1 mile south of Interstate 5 off Old River Road on the west side of the river.

B. Sand Cove Park. Located 1/4 mile east of Interstate 80 off the Garden Highway, north of Sacramento.

C. Discovery Park - Tiscornia Park. Located approximately 1/2 mile east of Interstate 5 off the Garden Highway, within Sacramento.

D. Sacramento Marina. Located at the west end of Broadway in Sacramento.

E. Garcia Bend Park. Located in Sacramento's south area, off Pocket Road at Windbridge Drive.

F. Hogback Island Fishing Access (Steamboat Slough). Located southwest of Walnut Grove. Accessible via highway 160 south from Walnut Grove approximately 8 miles to Poverty Road.

G. Brannan Island Fishing Access. Located approximately 4 miles south of highway 12 on highway 160 southeast of Rio Vista.

H. Sherman Island Fishing Access. Accessible via Sherman Island Road. From highway 160 approximately 10 miles northeast of Antioch.

*Recommend the use of local area maps.

Alphabetical listing of streams, lakes and reservoirs

<i>Body of Water</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>Body of Water</i>	<i>County</i>
A		F	
American River	El Dorado	Fallen Leaf Lake	El Dorado
American River	Sacramento	Feather River	Plumas
Angels Creek	Calaveras	Folsom Lake	Sacramento
Antelope Lake	Plumas	Frenchman Reservoir	Plumas
B		G	
Bear Valley Reservoir	Amador	Garcia Bend	Sacramento
Big Reservoir	Placer	Gerle Creek	El Dorado
Black Butte Reservoir	Glenn	Gold Lake	Sierra
Blue Lakes	Alpine	H	
Boca Reservoir	Nevada	Halsey Forebay	Placer
Bowman Lake	Nevada	Hamilton Branch Creek	Plumas
Bucks Lake	Plumas	Hellhole Reservoir	Placer
Bullards Bar Reservoir	Yuba	I	
Burnside Lake	Alpine	Ice House Reservoir	El Dorado
Butte Creek	Amador	Indian Creek Reservoir	Alpine
Butte Valley Reservoir	Plumas	J	
C		K	
Calaveras River	Calaveras	Jackson Meadow Reservoir ...	Nevada
Camp Far West Reservoir	Yuba	Jamison Creek	Plumas
Caples Lake	Alpine	Jenkinson Lake	El Dorado
Carson River	Alpine	L	
Collins Lake	Yuba	Lake Almanor	Plumas
Comanche Reservoir	Calaveras	Lake Alpine	Alpine
Cosumnes River	El Dorado	Lake Amador	Amador
Crystal Lakes Basin	El Dorado	Lake Berryessa	Yolo
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DeSabra Reservoir	Butte	Lake Clementine	Placer
Donner Lake	Nevada	Lake Davis	Plumas
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East Park Reservoir	Colusa	Lake Natoma	Sacramento
Echo Lake	El Dorado		
El Dorado Forebay	El Dorado		
Ellis Lake	Yuba		
Englebright Reservoir	Yuba		

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Lake Solano	Solano	Salt Springs Reservoir	Amador
Lake Tahoe	Placer	Sardine Lake	Sierra
Lake Valley Reservoir	Placer	Sawmill Pond	El Dorado
Little Grass Valley Reservoir ...	Plumas	Scotts Flat Reservoir	Nevada
Loon Lake	El Dorado	Silver Creek	Alpine
M		Silver Lake	Amador
Markleyville Creek	Alpine	Snag Lake	Sierra
Martis Lake	Nevada	Spanish Creek	Plumas
Mokelumne River	Alpine	Spaulding Reservoir	Nevada
Mokelumne River	Amador	Stampede Reservoir	Sierra
Mokelumne River	Calaveras	Stanislaus River	Calaveras
Mosquito Lakes	Alpine	Stony Gorge Reservoir	Glenn
N		Stumpy Meadows Lake	El Dorado
New Hogan Reservoir	Calaveras	Sugar Pine Reservoir	Placer
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Oak Grove Lake Park	San Joaquin	Tabeaud Reservoir	Amador
Oroville Reservoir	Butte	Thermolito Forebay	Butte
P		Tiger Creek Afterbay	Amador
Packer Lake	Sierra	Truckee River	Nevada
Paradise Reservoir	Butte	Truckee River	Placer
Pleasant Valley Creek	Alpine	U	
Prosser Reservoir	Nevada	Union Reservoir	Alpine
Putah Creek	Solano	Union Valley Reservoir	El Dorado
Putah Creek	Yolo	W	
R		Warner Creek	Plumas
Rancho Seco Park	Sacramento	Y	
Red Lake	Alpine	Yellow Creek	Plumas
Rollins Reservoir	Nevada	Yuba River	Nevada
Rubicon River	El Dorado	Yuba River	Sierra
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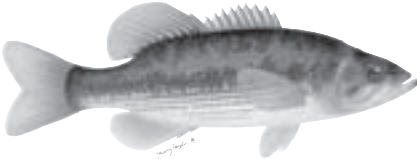
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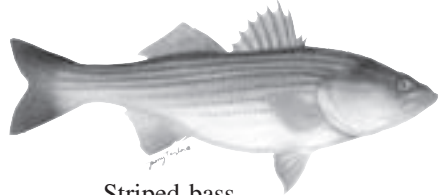
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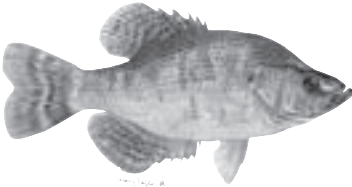
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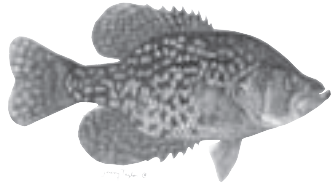
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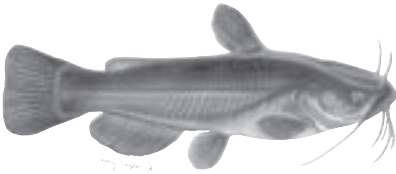
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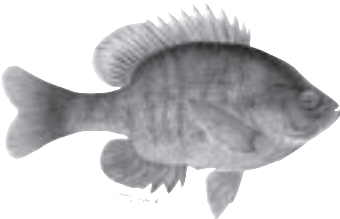
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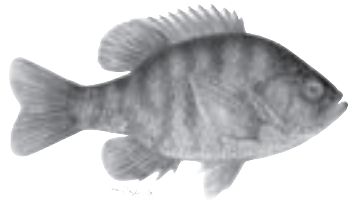
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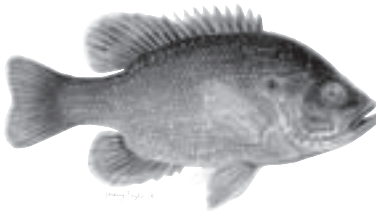
Channel catfish



Bluegill



Redear sunfish



Green sunfish