



# LAKE FISHING GUIDE



Bob Larric, fishing trip to Heron Lake Oct 16, 2004.  
(Photo by Dell Clark)

Guide to Lakes—2004  
By the OTTERS

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**Includes:**

- Species of fish available
- Best way to fish & what to use
- Photos of many of the lakes
- Location & fee if applicable

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## ALPINE LAKE, CALIFORNIA

### **SPECIES:**

Rainbow Trout

### **ABOUT THE FISHING:**

The size of the lake is 180 acres. It is primarily a float tube lake and you will have to carry your tube about 100 feet to the water. The east end of the lake is very shallow. The west end, or closer to the dam, are the better fishing areas.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

We had best luck using 3 -5 wt rod, full sink, sink tip or floating line, 5X tippet.

### **FLIES:**

Sheep Creek, Stayner, Wooly Bugger.

### **LOCATION & DIRECTIONS:**

On Highway 4, east of Bear Valley Ski area. From Sacramento, take Highway 99 south to Liberty Road, then go east to Highway 88, turn right and travel about 3 miles to Highway 12. Turn left onto Highway 12 and proceed east until you reach Highway 49. Turn right onto Highway 49, then proceed east to Highway 4. Turn east on Highway 4 to Alpine Lake.



## BIG M FISHERY FISH FARM, CALIFORNIA

### **SPECIES:**

Black Bass, Catfish, Trout. There are five ponds.

### **ABOUT THE FISHING:**

One pond has Black Bass and is 200 feet wide by 800 feet long, approximately. There are two Catfish ponds—one approximately 200 feet square, and the other about the same size as the Black Bass pond. The trout pond is much smaller, about 200 feet by 150 feet. The holding pond is off-limits to fishing.

Fee for catch and release is \$15.00. If you want to keep the fish you catch, please check with the owner. They have a special rate for you. They allow you to use your float tube if you want to. It is very easy to walk around the ponds. Bring a stripping basket because there are weeds that love to catch your line.

This fish farm is designed for family usage—it has shaded picnic area with picnic tables and a club house. In the club house there is a flush toilet, kitchen and TV and sofa.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Condition of the water is murky and weedy (early spring isn't bad). Recommended rod is 4 -6 wt , floating line, 4X tippet.

### **FLIES:**

Wooly Bugger, Braided Minnows, Red Skunk and Mouse Popper.

### **LOCATION & DIRECTIONS:**

At 280 Westland Rd, west of Lincoln, CA. We recommend you access the Big M Fishery webpage at <http://www.bigmfishery.com> for directions and a map, as the directions vary depending on your location.

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Glenn Yee

## CAMERON PARK LAKE, CALIFORNIA

### **SPECIES:**

Black Bass, Blue Gills

### **ABOUT THE FISHING:**

This is a Catch and Release lake and there is a Fishing Fee of \$3.00. Floating devices must be carried to the lake, but it is a short distance.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Condition of the water is murky. Recommended rod is 3 -5 wt , floating, sink tip and full sink line (type 3).

### **FLIES:**

Wooly Bugger, Stayners and Clousers.

### **LOCATION & DIRECTIONS:**

Located in the city of Cameron Park off Highway 50. Exit on Cambridge Road and head north about 3–4 miles. The lake is on the right side of the road.



*Cameron Park Lake - Glenn Yee in his pontoon boat.*

## COOL BASS POND, CALIFORNIA

**SPECIES:**

Largemouth Bass, Bluegill

**ABOUT THE FISHING:**

There are no fees and no facilities. It is less than 1/4 mile from the parking area to the main lake. This is a small lake of just a few acres. It is rectangular. The water in front of the dam is over 8 feet deep in the spring. So far, the best fishing (for author Bruce Bartholomew) has been in front of the dam and along the shoreline by the trees. There is a cover between the trees and dam that has also proven productive. There are two or three additional ponds. Other information: This is mountain lion country. I don't recommend hiking into these lakes alone

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Author prefers a 3 wt. with both floating and sinking lines.

**FLIES:**

Use small poppers on the floater. A small nymph or wooly bugger will work . Early morning is best. .

**LOCATION & DIRECTIONS:**

Travel North on Highway 49. As you approach Cool you will see a school on the left (or West) side of the road. Turn onto the road that goes past the side of the school. Park before the (marked) turn around area for the school buses. Walk through the gate and proceed straight down the hill going in the same direction as the road you came in on. Don't take the trail to the left! Take every left fork you come to after entering the trail to the right.

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Bruce Bartholomew, October 2004

## FULLER LAKE, CALIFORNIA

**SPECIES:**

Rainbow & Brown Trout

**ABOUT THE FISHING:**

Good float tubing lake. No motors. Some access for the shore angler.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

We had best luck using 3 -6 wt rod, sink tip or full sink lines, floaters in the evenings.

**FLIES:**

Sheep Creek Special, Woolly Bugger during the day, small dries in the evenings.

**LOCATION & DIRECTIONS:**

Off of I-80 east 4.3 miles on Highway 20, take the turn to Bowman Lake. Fuller is approximately 4 miles from the turn.

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Rich Trimble, October 2004



A gorgeous view! Left to right, Dell Clark, Gary Eastman, Glenn Yee, Jim Kelley, and Ross Boehm at the OTTERS Wednesday outing, August 18, 2004 at Fuller Lake, CA.  
(Photo by Bob Larne)

## WHITE ROCK LAKE, CALIFORNIA

**SPECIES:**

Rainbow & Brown Trout

**ABOUT THE FISHING:**

No requirements at this lake! No fees, and it's "catch and eat". The water is very clear in this Sierra Nevada lake. Easy access. Recommend Float tube, pontoon boat or small boat. Early and late day risers near Dam. Overnight campsites are available near the water. No facilities.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Best with 3–5 wt. Fly Rod, floating, sink tip and full sink (type 3) lines.

**FLIES:**

Dry Flies: Caddis, Black Ant, Adams

Wet Flies: Woolly Buggers, Sheep Creek

**LOCATION & DIRECTIONS:**

This beautiful mountain lake is located north of Truckee. Travel East on Interstate 80 to Truckee and take the Highway 89 North exit. Drive on Highway 89 until you the Little Truckee Summit, then turn left and follow the Little Truckee River to Webber Lake, then turn left on Dirt Road towards Meadow Lake, turn left on rough four wheel drive road. It is approximately 4 miles on this road to White Rock Lake. MapTech has an excellent website with detailed topographical maps of the United States at <http://mapserver.maptech.com/homepage/index.cfm>.

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Dick Angus, October 2004



The OTTERS Fishing trip on September 10, 2004 was to White Rock Lake,  
(Photo by Dell Clark)

## WOODS LAKE, CALIFORNIA

**SPECIES:**

Rainbow Trout

**ABOUT THE FISHING:**

No fees. Water is very clear, early morning and late day risers. Easy access for float tube or pontoon boat. Overnight camping available at the adjacent campground.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Recommend 3–5 wt. Fly Rod with floating, sink tip and full sink lines (type 3).

**FLIES:**

Dry: Caddis, Black Ant, Adams

Wet: Wooly Buggers, Sheep Creek

**LOCATION & DIRECTIONS:**

Drive East on Highway 50 through Placerville. Turn right at the second Pollock Pines exit toward Sly Park, then left on Mormon Emigrant Trail toward Highway 88. Turn left onto highway 88 and proceed past Silver Lake and Caples Lake. Turn right at the sign for Woods Lake, and stay on the blacktop road to the lake (about 2 miles).

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Gary Eastman in his pontoon boat fishing with the OTTERS, Wednesday, Aug 25, 2004 at Woods Lake in CA. (Photo by Dell Clark)