

Fuller Lake Outing

WHERE: Fuller Lake

FISH: Rainbow planters and Brown Trout.

WHEN: Saturday, June 15, 9:00 a.m., meet at boat launch at Fuller Lake (There are two separate parking and launch areas at Fuller. The first is close to the dam. The second is where we will meet and are having lunch at the launch ramp picnic area.

LUNCH: A "Burgers on the Beach" group lunch will be available. This will include burgers, chips and fruit. Lunch will be \$5. Bring your own beverages. Members may want to bring some dessert items to share along with fish stories. **PLEASE LET RICH KNOW IF YOU WILL BE ATTENDING!** (Please send an email to Rich at above links if you are able to attend or you have questions.

FEES: Parking at Fuller Lake is \$7; Boat Launch is \$2, honor system inserted into collection box. Checks are okay or exact change is required. (Donation for lunch is requested and separate.)

FLOAT TUBE BEGINNERS: This is a terrific location for the first time or experienced float tubers. Let me know if any gear is needed (borrowed). The lake has limitations to electric motors only, so waves are usually pretty small. A PFD will also be needed on this lake. A short clinic for beginners will start around 9:30 am to cover safety points on float tube use with questions/ answers. Float tubes are quite stable, but mishaps can occur. New float tubers will need to bring their own waders and fishing equipment. Come try it out!

DIRECTIONS: To get to Fuller Lake, (Map 1 of 3) take I-80 east and exit at the Grass Valley/ Nevada City/ Hwy 20 exit. Go toward Grass Valley/ Nevada City 4.2 miles and (Map 2 of 3) turn right at Bowman Lake Road/ Discovery Trail. Drive 3.5 miles and you will see the Fuller Lake dam on your right. There is parking and easy lake access at the dam but no boat ramp. You should continue from the dam .7 miles and turn a sharp right at the Fuller Lake boat ramp sign onto rough dirt road. There is a concrete boat ramp, paved parking, picnic tables and a daily use fee of \$7 per car plus a \$2 launch fee. Both parking areas have modern pit toilets.

EQUIPMENT RECOMMENDATION: To fish Fuller Lake, you really need the following: a) Float tubes, U-Boats, V-Boats, pontoons, kayaks, canoes, rafts, prams, rowboats, or other such devices are all useable at Fuller Lake. No gas motors are allowed, but electric are OK. See below for invitation to float tube beginners. b) Personal floatation device (PFD) are required. c) Rods and lines - 3 to 6 weight, 9 foot rods are suggested. A variety of lines may be used - floating, intermediate, or sinking lines, depending on the depth of the fish. d) Flies - The Sheep Creek Special fly has been popular with OTTERS at Fuller Lake. Woolly buggers of a variety of colors, sizes, and weights have also worked well. Many standard Sierra nymphs such as Pheasant tail, Hares ear, Prince and Ants sizes 14 -18 have been successful. e) Radio - Bring radio tuned to 10 - 4 to keep in touch with other members and share fishing reports. f)

Waders, sunscreen, plenty of water, hat, and personal items. You may even want a sweatshirt for later, or a change of clothes. It can get very hot in the summer. (A few of our "Wettest Fly Awards" have occurred at this lake, which prompts us to recommend the change of clothes!) g) Folding lawn chairs are recommended. There are picnic tables, however they are single and stationary.

Fuller Lake is in a beautiful setting and surrounded by tall trees with eagles and osprey joining us to fish. A couple years ago Dick Angus got a video of an osprey stealing the trout on his line and others have experienced the same "problem". Bring your camera! Fuller Lake is one of several small lakes in the scenic Bowman Road Area of the Tahoe National Forest. The lakes range from 5,600 feet to 7,000 feet in this beautiful high Sierra country. Lake fishing can be excellent for catching trout. It's not much more than an hour's drive from Sacramento (roughly 70 miles), nestled in the Sierra Nevada just far enough away from the highway to provide a scenic and secluded setting. It is a great place to escape the valley heat (elevation 5340 feet) and fish for some very eager Rainbow and Brown trout (planters and holdovers to 18 inches).

We have a club with many members who are willing to let you try out their gear. Let me know if we need to get you some gear to give this outing a try!

Sign ups will be at the meetings starting in April.

Thanks,

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