

Eagle Canyon Trophy Trout Lakes



Trip Information Sheet

These fish caught by CFFU members Lanny Garman and Ken Giesser show the size of the trophy trout at Eagle Canyon Lakes. If you like big trout, this is the outing for you!!

This outing is limited to 8 anglers. 7 to 8 anglers is the perfect number so we can get the group discount price of \$135.

Please let Laurie Banks know if you would like to join this trip so I can keep count. If 14 or more want to go we can try to reserve an additional day.

Here is the Information from Confluence Outfitters

Directions from Red Bluff: 24 miles / 30 minutes

- 1.) Drive to Red Bluff on I-5.
- 2.) Take the Antelope Blvd/CA-36 Exit (exit 649) and head east for about 2 miles.
- 3.) Turn Left on CA-36E and drive 11.3 miles.
- 4.) At Dales Station, turn left on Manton Road. Drive 11 miles and look for the Eagle Canyon sign on the left side of the road. If you get to the town of Manton you went too far.

Gate Procedures: **Our host will meet you at the gate at 8:30am. If you arrive early, please do not block the gate area since other vehicles may need to get through.** If you arrive after 8:30am and the gate is already unlocked, go ahead and drive through the gate and close it behind you. Follow the signs to the lakes, which are half a mile down the dirt road. **IF YOU WILL BE ARRIVING LATER THAN 8:30AM PLEASE LET US KNOW SO WE CAN TELL OUR HOST!**

If the gate appears to be locked, take a close look at the chain and it is probably fastened with a clip that can be undone.

Hours: We unlock the gate at 8:30am. Please be on your way home by dusk.

Check-In: Our host will greet you at the lakes in the morning. He will give you a quick tour of the facilities and help you disinfect your waders, boots, and float tubes. You will be expected to sign in and provide your mailing address and phone number and sign a "Guest's Acknowledgement of

Risks” statement. After answering any questions, our host will leave you to fish on your own. He will come back a couple of times during the day to make sure everything is okay. You may leave at any time prior to 5:30pm. Make sure to close the gate behind you. Our host will be present at the end of the day in case you need his help.

What to Expect: We have two spring-fed ponds at an elevation of about 1200ft in the foothills of Mt. Lassen. The big pond is 3.5 acres and the small pond is 1.5 acres. Both ponds are small enough to fish effectively from shore or by wading. Feel free to use your float tube or pontoon boat on the big pond. The ponds are home to trophy trout from 3 to 15 pounds.



Facilities / Amenities: On-site facilities include two picnic tables and sanitary facilities. There is a small shed that can be used as a refuge from the elements. The shed has a covered porch and a portable heater.

Float Tubes for Rent:

We have three Fish Cat float tubes and fins available for rent. Float tube rentals are just \$20/day. If you would like to rent a tube please inform our host and pay him directly for the rental.

Float tubing is discouraged in the lower lake.

Lunch: Please bring your own lunch, drinks and snacks. We have drinking water, a coffee pot, fridge and microwave in our shed. There is also a diner in Manton about five miles east on Manton Road.

Accommodations: There is no camping or accommodations at the lakes. Most of our guests stay in Red Bluff. We recommend the Hampton Inn (530-529-9916) on Adobe Rd. and the Holiday Inn Express (530-528-1600) on Main St.

Property Rules

To insure a "quality" outdoor angling experience and because we are part of a working cattle ranch, we ask that the following rules be observed.

- No "non-angling" guests.
- No hunting.
- No camping.
- No pets.
- Please limit all activities to within a 100 yard perimeter of the lakes

Care and Handling of the Trophy Trout

Due to the extreme value of these fish as a natural resource and due to their large size, we ask that you observe the following conditions:

Releasing Your Fish:

- In general, avoid handling the fish any more than is absolutely necessary. Touching the fish can remove the protective mucous which is the fish's defensive mechanism against naturally occurring pathogens.
- No "landing" of fish. In other words, no fish on the banks.
- No fingers in gills.
- Measuring of fish: Please use a buddy and handle the fish as little as possible.
- Hero shots: We encourage this but ask that the fish not be out of the water any longer than ten seconds at a time. Please allow the fish to revive for one minute before pulling it out again.
- Release of fish: Use standard method of release. However, should a fish show excessive signs of stress and does not respond to standard techniques, follow these instructions. Cradle the fish in one arm, cup your other hand and "pump" water across the gills by pulling water from the cupped hand directly to the fishes mouth. This cycle should be repeated every two seconds until the fish responds.

Recommended Tackle

Please observe the following guidelines:

- Barbless hooks only. We recommend size 6 and smaller.
- No rods lighter than a five-weight.
- Catch & Release Only.

License Requirements: A fishing license is not required to fish the lakes.

Float tubes: It's not necessary to use a float tube, but it is a lot of fun! Pontoon boats also work here. The big pond was a concrete ramp with handrails to facilitate launching of float tubes. Don't forget your flippers and booties. Our host will help you disinfect your float tube/pontoon boat before use.

Waders/Boots: We recommend neoprene or breathable chest-high waders. Neoprene waders are great for keeping warm while float tubing or during cold weather. Always wear a wading belt with your waders! Felt, spiked, and rubber-bottomed boots will all work here. If you're float tubing, lightweight neoprene booties usually work best with flippers. Our host will help you disinfect your waders & boots before use.

Clothing: Bring clothing suitable for both warm and wet, cool weather.

Remember, no tackle is provided or available!

We encourage you to visit your local fly fishing specialty store for all your tackle needs.

Rods: Five- to seven-weight rods are recommended.

Lines: Floating and intermediate (slow-sinking) lines work best. Clear intermediate lines (called "sly lines" or "slime lines") work great!

Streamers

Woolly Bugger, #6-

10

Marabou Leech, #6-

10

Seal Bugger, #6-10

Zonkers, #6-8

Clouser Minnow, #6

Nymphs

Olive Damselfly Nymph,

#8-10 Callibaetis Nymph,

#14-18 Gold Ribbed Hare's

Ear, #14-18 Pheasant Tail,

#14-18

Midge Patterns, #14-18

Dries

Callibaetis Cripple, #14-16

Traditional Adams, #14-16

Parachute Adams, #12-

20 March Brown Dun,

#12-14