

FACT Big Trees State Park

OUTING SHEET

EVENT: Come fish Beaver Creek or the Stanislaus River at Big Trees State Park.

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SUMMARY: Come hang out for a day fishing in Big Trees State Park. Aside from walking in either of the two Giant Sequoia groves, there is two fishing attractions in the park. There is the Stanislaus River and Beaver Creek. For those looking to work a good-sized river the Stanislaus has a lot to offer. It is most commonly nymph fished via an Indicator or Euro style. Beaver Creek is my main attraction in the park. It is a small creek that they stock but you can get into hold over or wild rainbows by walking some up or down stream from the picnic grounds. There is trail the heads in each direction of the creek from the day use area.

MEETING LOCATION (MEAL AND/OR FISHING): Let's meet at the day use on Beaver Creek at 9 am.

MEETING TIME:

9 am, with lunch at 12 for those wanting to casually meet and share with others at the day use area.

FISHING FEES: There is a \$10 day use or entrance fee to the park. The Day Use/Entrance Fee is per vehicle. Fishing requires a valid CA fishing License.

DIRECTION/MAP: From Sacramento:

Take US 99 South to Stockton, turning off onto State Hwy 4 towards and beyond Farmington to the Park (through Angel's Camp). Driving time to the Park from Stockton is approx. 1 hour and 30 minutes. An alternate route is to take State Hwy 16 southeast to State Hwy 49 South through the goldrush towns to Angel's Camp, making a left turn on the far side of town on State Hwy 4 to the Park. Driving time from Angel's Camp is approximately 35 minutes.

Once in the park, take the Road to the Beaver Creek Day Use area. We will try to claim a few picnic tables for us to share and visit throughout the day.

EQUIPMENT RECOMMENDATION: My experience advises that those wanting to fish Beaver Creek bring Tenkara gear, or light Fly Rods (0-4 wt.). I favored dry flies, but Spanish Nymphing and droppers are known to work well. It is a small

creek, and if you are willing to adapt you typically are rewarded. The north fork of the Stan is a bigger water and varies according to the release from the upriver reservoir. The fishing can be Fantastic to trying depending on the stocking and water releases. My contacts tell me that the most consistent approach is High Sticking, but Indicators can be productive (fishing reports may give you different advise). Dry Fly anglers typically move on to Beaver Creek, but can be productive when correctly timed with the hatch. I would pack the 10- 11 ft Czech rod or a 5-wt. indicator rig.

MEAL INFORMATION: Being short notice and, I am a Tenkara Angler, less is more. This day is Bring your own lunch and, we will share stories and experience. For Variety I encourage an outdoorsman Pot Luck. Lets be willing to share experiences and flavors.

FISHING NOTES: Both Beaver Creek and Stanislaus, in the park, are Stocked by CDFW. If you are willing to work your way up or down river from the main access area in the park, you are more likely to encounter wild or holdover trout.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCE REQUIREMENTS:

<https://www.gocalaveras.com/travel-directory/calaveras-big-trees-state-park/>
http://www.ebbettspassadventures.com/places/big_trees_state_park.html
<http://www.parks.ca.gov/bigtrees/>