

WHERE: Fuller Lake

FISH: Rainbow planters and German Brown Trout.

WHEN: Saturday, June 13, 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 and the float tube clinic at the launch ramp picnic area.

LUNCH: A Burgers on the Beach group lunch will be available. This will include burgers, chips, salad 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 OR JIM KNOW IF YOU WILL BE ATTENDING! (Please send an email to Rich or Jim at above links if you are able to attend or you have questions

FEES: Parking at Fuller Lake is \$5; Boat Launch is \$2, honor system inserted into collection box. Checks are okay and exact change is required. (Donation for lunch is requested.)

FLOAT TUBE BEGINNERS: We will hold a clinic for first time float tube users. I would like experienced members to bring an extra float tube with fins for "newbies" to try out. If available, an extra PFD will also be helpful. 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! Shore fishing is also available at Fuller Lake, but very limited

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 \$5 per car plus a \$2 launch fee. Most tubers just launch from the picnic area and just pay the \$5. 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) - strongly suggested for safety c) Rods and lines - 4 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. Midges sizes 14 - 22 have been successful for some. 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 singles and stationary, comfortable!

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) almost all year round.
Rich Kendall

