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Fishery	Water Conditions	Fishing Conditions, Techniques, and Hatches	Flies	Comments
Baum Lake	Clear, low 50's, lake level is good.	Fishing is fair to good. Warm weather is bringing hatches of PMD's midmorning followed by caddis in the late afternoon and evening. Start the day nymphing a hunchback infrequens and a zebra midge dropper under an indicator. As fish start rising, anchor off the main current in a float tube or pontoon boat. Switch between PMD emergers, cripples, and dries to find the hot fly. The evening rise is good. Trout are rising to rusty spinners and caddis. Also, olive and black crystal bugger on a sink tip are hooking fish on the edges of the weed beds throughout the day.	Attractor dries irresistible adams, parachute light cahill, Rio Grande trude, parachute adams, paralyzer, royal coachman, crystal stimulator, renegade, royal wulff, royal coachman, para wulff, (#10-18). BWO nymphs Hogan's S&M nymph, Hogan's better baetis, berry nymph in gooseberry, Burk's crystal hunchback, Hogan's olive military may, Mercer's BWO trigger nymph, Kyle's beerhead baetis, tailwater tiny, flashy pheasant tail, Sloan's mighty may. PMD emergers/dries and BWO emerger/dries (listed elsewhere). Lake woolly buggers/streamers (listed elsewhere).	Float tube is needed for best access. Fishing pressure during the week is light with some pressure on the weekends. NCDAG pg 48.
Deer Creek (Along Highway 32)	Slight tint, low 50's F, high flow.	Fishing is fair to good. Best fishing is in the morning and evening when hatches of golden stones, caddis and mayflies are on the water. Start with a #12-14 yellow humpy. Add a small mayfly nymph dropper under the dry for best action. Midday, drift an ant pattern along the edges where fish are keying on terrestrials. Best of the hatch is in the late afternoon and evening when trout are keying on caddis followed by golden stones just before dark. Reports of brook trout being planted around Elam campground. Use caution, water levels are still very high, but dropping.	BWO/Baetis nymphs Hogan's S&M nymph, Hogan's better baetis, Burk's crystal hunchback, Hogan's olive military may, tailwater tiny, flashy pheasant tail, Sloan's mighty may, Burk's olive hunchback two-tone, Mercer's micro mayfly, tung split case BWO (#16-22). Ant patterns Deer hair ant, 2 tone Para ant, Cutter's perfect ant, Schroeder's parachute ant, hi-vis foam ant, flying ant, fur ant, flying ant (#12-18). Caddis pupa/emergers and Golden stonefly dries and Attractor beadhead nymphs (listed elsewhere in report).	Expect moderate fishing pressure. Access off Hwy 32 from Deer Creek bridge upstream to Hwy 36. Catch & Release from Deer Creek Falls down stream to Ishi Wilderness. NCDAG pg. 58.
Davis Lake (near Portola off hwy 70)	Clear, low to mid 60s F.	Fishing is fair to good. Warmer weather is starting to bring out a few damselfs. Best fishing is mid-morning with trout feeding on midges under an indicator. As temperatures rise, switch to a damsel or leech pattern fished on an intermediate line. Cover water with a slow methodical retrieve to find cruising rainbows. The evening midge hatch is very good if the wind stays down. Reports of good numbers of fish caught last week. The covers on the west side of the lake are starting to fishing well.	Lake woolly buggers/streamers J Fair wiggle tail (olive, brown, burnt orange) BH woolly bugger (black, olive, brown), crystal bugger, mini bugger black/olive, seal bugger (rust, olive, black), hale bopp leach (brown, olive), Mack's bugger, bunny leach (white), chub minnow (#6-12). Midge pupa glass bead midge (red, black), crystal dip, disco midge, brassie, desert storm, zebra midge (rust, black), WD40 (olive, chocolate), skinny nelson, biot midge, crystal HBI (#18-22).	Moderate fishing pressure. NCDAG pg 70.
Fall River (Cal Trout access to Spring Creek Rd.)	Slight tint, normal spring flow.	Fishing is good. There is a good PMD hatch between 10am and 1pm with trout rising steadily. Pre-hatch, as well as all day, small PMD nymphs under an indicator with 6X tippet will hook fish. Cover water to find highest concentration of trout. As the PMD hatch begins, use a dry/dropper set-up. Sometimes these educated fish will key on one stage of the hatch. Be sure to try a PMD spinner towards the end of the hatch. In the afternoon, small non-weighted streamers on a sink tip or full sinking line will hook trout along weed beds and bends of the river. Swing and strip streamers at different speeds to find what the fish want. A few hex starting to hatch in lower sections of the river. Hatch is improving daily and should be very good next week.	BWO/Baetis emerger/dries Brook's KD dun, Mercers emerging poxyback bwo, fluttering mayfly cripple BWO, Harrop captive dun, BWO extended body, hackle stacker BWO, looping paradun, olive hatch master, parachute BWO, twilight baetis dun day-glo, BWO CDC transitional dun, Brook's sprout baetis, quill body baetis cripple, Harrop's CDC BWO emerger, Quigley's loopy cripple stacker, Burk's silhouette (#16-20). PMD emergers/cripples/dries (listed elsewhere). River woolly buggers/streamers J Fair wiggle tail (olive, brown, burnt orange) BH woolly bugger (black, olive, brown), crystal bugger, mini bugger black/olive, seal bugger (rust, olive, black), hale bopp leach (brown, olive), Mack's bugger, bunny leach (white), chub minnow (#6-12). Midge pupa (listed elsewhere).	Expect moderate fishing pressure. Pram with electric motor needed. Public access is at Cal Trout. NCDAG pg 38. CDAG pg 35.

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Hat Creek (PH#2 to fish barrier)	Clear, low 50s F, good flow.	Fishing is good. PMD's have kicked into full force from 9am to noon. Fishing PMD dries in the tailout of PH#2 riffle and the flats around carbon bridge are getting good numbers of rainbows rising to the dry. In the afternoon, switch to a caddis pupa under a caddis dry in the riffle and along the bank where big fish will hold. Still some green drakes around when afternoon thunderstorms are present. Golden stones and salmon flies will bring fish up in the evening. Fish the edges where big trout will hold under cut banks. Cover water to find eager fish. Hat is fishing better than it has in years.	Attractor beadhead nymphs royal flush, Hogan's Steelie Caddis, hare's ear, twenty incher, Hart's dark lord, copper john (red, black, lime, copper) bird's nest, black AP, prince of darkness, king prince, dirty bird (tan, olive), Hogan's drifter, biotic nymph, Hogan's Red Headed Step Child (#10-18). Golden stonefly nymphs jumbo john, Morrish cone stone, Morrish WMD, Mercer's raghead, Poxyback golden stone nymph, Mercer's poxyquill golden stone, beadhead twenty incher, copper back, Pat's Rubberleg. Midge pupa (listed elsewhere). Callibaetis dries (listed elsewhere).	Expect crowds at the PH#2 riffle on weekends. To escape the crowds, try fishing below Carbon Flat or the Hwy 299 bridge. NCDAG pg 48.
Hot Creek	Slight tint to off color, high 40s F, high flow (190 cfs).	Fishing is good. Run off has started, but the trout are eating nymphs and some dries very well. Warm weather has brought out good afternoon hatches of caddis. In the morning, start with a dry/dropper with a caddis pupa under an attractor dry. Switch to a caddis dry as trout start rising. Ants and beetle patterns are also good fished along the bank. The water can turn off color in the afternoon.	Midge pupa (listed elsewhere). BWO/Baetis emerger/dries (listed elsewhere). Caddis dries (listed elsewhere).	Expect moderate fishing pressure on weekends. Access at upper parking lot and fish downstream to the hot springs. NCDAG pg 112.
Manzanita Lake (North Entrance to Lassen Park)	Slight tint, low 50's, normal lake level.	Fishing is good. Start with a midge pupa under a parachute adams. Look for trout rising along the shore and weedbeds. Fish are cruising for ants and caddis in the afternoon. A long leader down to 6X and a delicate presentation are essential for hooking these educated trout. Stripping olive and black buggers along the edges of the manzanita on is hooking some brown trout up to 20 inches. Look for the summer callibaetis hatch soon. Best access by float tube or pontoon boat.	Callibaetis dries sparkle dun, captive dun, CDC callibaetis transitional dun, Brook's CDC dun callibaetis, fluttering mayfly callibaetis, CDC biot comparadun, callibaetis extended body, Quigley's flashwing cripple, callibaetis cripple, Brook's sprout callibaetis, hackle stacker callibaetis, loopwing callibaetis, parachute adams, Callibaetis extended body (#14-16). Ant patterns (listed elsewhere). BWO/Baetis nymphs (listed elsewhere). Caddis pupa/ emergers (listed elsewhere). Caddis cripples/dries (listed elsewhere).	Heavy fishing pressure on weekends. Catch & release, no motors. CDAG pg. 42
McCloud River (below McCloud Reservoir)	Off color to green, mid 50's, normal flow (239 cfs at Ah-Di-Na)	Fishing is good to very good. Flows have receded to normal summer levels and clarity is perfect (be sure to check flows before going out). In the morning, high-stick nymph the pocket water with a golden stone and an olive caddis pupa dropper. As temperatures rise, trout can choose from PMD's, some drakes, and terrestrials. Ant patterns drifted back under the bank will rise big fish. Best action is from 5pm to dark when fish are rising to caddis followed by golden stones and PMD dries. Prospecting with a golden stone dry/dropper in pocket water is a dynamite technique. Beware of rattlesnakes and poison oak.	Golden stonefly dries Hogan's split-wing stone, hedgehog, Hogan's hangin stimi, crystal stimulator, yellow humpy, rubber-legged stimulator, Rogue foam golden stone, Gould's half down golden, Sloan's paralyzer, Carlson's egg sack stone (#8-12). PMD emergers/cripples/dries Harrop last chance PMD cripple, PMD CDC transitional dun, Harrop PMD captive dun, Lawson's PMD emerger, fluttering mayfly cripple PMD, last chance PMD cripple, Quigley's Hat Creek PMD emerger, Brook's KD dun PMD, loopwing paradun PMD, Brook's sprout PMD, PMD biot comparadun, hackle stacker PMD, PMD hair wing dun, PMD sparkle dun, PMD parachute (#14-18), Quigley's film critic #14. Caddis cripples/dries (listed elsewhere). Ant patterns (listed elsewhere). BWO/Baetis emerger/dries (listed elsewhere).	Moderate fishing pressure. Access below McCloud Reservoir. NCDAG 36.
Pit River #3,#4,#5 (below Lake Britton to Big Bend)	Green to brown tint, low 50s F, a little high flow on Pit #4 and 5 but fishable.	Fishing is fair to good. Flows are still high on Pit 4 and 5 but fish are actively feeding subsurface on stonefly and mayfly nymphs. High-stck pocket water and deep pools with plenty of weight to get flies down. Some PMD's hatching mid-morning and again from 5-7pm. PMD hatches are isolated with the best of the hatch on Pit 4 and 5 where the river flattens out. Best of the dry fly action is the last hour before dark when big trout are rising to golden stones in SHALLOW pocket water. Ant patterns are a good option midday when fish are not actively rising. Streamers stripped on a sink tip line is also a good option for pursuing big fish. Use extreme caution when wading in the high water.	Golden stonefly nymphs jumbo john, Morrish cone stone, Morrish WMD, Mercer's raghead, Poxyback golden stone nymph, Mercer's poxyquill golden stone, micro cable stone, beadhead twenty incher, copper back, Pat's Rubberleg. Caddis cripples/dries Hogan's last call caddis, Henryville, Brook's headlight, elk hair caddis (brown, tan, olive), Cutter's E/C, Overly's spotlight (tan, olive), Hemingway, Goddard caddis, hot butt peacock caddis, peacock caddis, Lawson's E-Z caddis, Blue ribbon X2 caddis, Fox's crowning poopah olv/cinn, Kyle's better foam caddis (#12-20). Attractor beadhead nymphs and BWO nymphs and River woolly buggers and Golden stonefly dries (listed elsewhere).	Moderate to heavy fishing pressure on 3, not too bad on 4. Access below Lake Britton or from Big Bend. Studded boots and a wading staff are a must for fishing the Pit. NCDAG pg 47. New CDAG pg. 34.

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Sacramento River, Lower (below Keswick Reservoir)	Green tint, low to mid 50s, high flow (11,000 cfs).	Fishing is good. Flows are high and difficult to wade but good by drift boat. In the morning, small midge, PMD's and caddis patterns drifting under an indicator in 4-6 feet of water are producing good numbers of rainbows from 16-22". Fish are feeding off the main current of riffles and inside bends of the river. Not much success hooking fish along the flats. In the afternoon, switch to a rubberleg stone with a caddis pupa or PMD nymph dropper. Switch flies to find the hot fly. Sporadic, but decent, dry fly action with caddis at dusk. Best action for large fish is from Market street to Anderson.	Caddis pupa/emergers Lawson's caddis emerger (tan, olive), Hogan's Yuba pupa, Hogan's swingin' caddis, Fox's poopah (olive, tan), Hot wire caddis, Anderson's peeking green, green machine, Fox's springtime poopah, Amber wing prince, M's Dirty Bird, Hogan's steelie caddis, Hogan's good & plenty nymph (tan, olive), Silvey's prime time pupa, Silvey's submerger caddis (olive, tan), Silvey's edible emerger (#12-18), King Prince (#12-16), M's Iron Sally (#16). Attractor beadhead nymphs and BWO/Baetis nymphs and Golden stonefly nymphs and March brown nymphs/dries (listed elsewhere in report).	Drift boat fishing is provides best access. Wading access around Cypress bridge and Posse Grounds. NCDAG pg 46, 57. New CDAG pg. 41
Shad Report Sacramento River Shad are up to Red Bluff with the highest concentration is between Chico and Los Molinos. Shad are spread and difficult to figure out. Very few reports of good numbers in one day but anglers are catching some big females. American River Shad moved up the river during these high flows. Wading is difficult but you can find fish on a soft seam or inside bend. Fishing a skagit line with a long T-11 tip will get flies down. Best access is from a boat. Yuba River Shad are below Daguerre Dam. Water is high and cold but reports are good. Feather River Shad are in good numbers below the outlet. Good reports from the outlet to Palm Ave. in the wildlife area.				
Other Reports Water levels are very high throughout the Sierra due to the enormous snow pack. Look for most streams to start to become fishable in the next 2-3 weeks. Concentrate on tailwaters and lakes for best action. Sacramento River, Upper (Lake Siskiyou to Lake Shasta) Water levels are very high, but decreasing rapidly. Look for it to drop into shape in the next week or two. Lots of golden stones, drakes, caddis and PMD's out, so when the water drops, look out. Burney Creek Fishing is good. Flows are high but clarity is good. Fish the edges with a golden stone to rise any fish holding tight along the bank to get out of the fast current. Ants and caddis in the afternoon is also hooking fish in pocket water and off the main current. Truckee River (Trout Creek to CA Stateline) Currently high an very tough due to runoff (805 cfs. near Truckee). Little Truckee (Between Stampede reservoir and Boca reservoir) Flows are high but fish are feeding on small midge and BWO nymphs under an indicator. Not all areas are fishable. Concentrate slow water off the main current. Trinity River (below Lewiston Dam) Fishing is poor. Water flows are high but will decrease by August 1st to 450 cfs. Current flows are 2,000 cfs. Feather River, N.F. (Cresta powerhouse to Lake Oroville) Flows are extremely high due to runoff. Flows are fluctuating below Rock Creek powerhouse. When flows are around 300 cfs it can be fishable. High-stick nymphing with rubberleg stones and caddis pupas are hooking a few fish. Be sure to check flows. Stanislaus River, Lower (below Tulloch Reservoir) Flows have increased to 1,823 cfs at Orange Blossom. Flows are high and difficult to fish. If flows recede, expect hatches of mayflies, stoneflies and midges. Yuba River, Lower (from Englebright dam to Marysville) Flows are high due to snowmelt. Flows are currently over 8,000 cfs. Best wading flows are below 1,500 cfs. Best drift boat flows are below 5,000 cfs. When water recedes, expect hatches of march browns, caddis, mayflies and midges.				
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