

Eldorado National Forest

Recreational Activities: Fishing

Hell Hole Reservoir

Species Present: Presently stocked with catchable rainbow and brown trout and kokanee salmon fingerlings by California Dept of Fish and Game. Other fish previously caught include lake and brook trout. Sacramento sucker and tui chub also present.

Seasons: Accessible only in the summer and fall. Visit the Department of Fish and Game web site for fishing regulations.

Access: Travel 22 miles east of Georgetown on Wentworth Springs road, then 30 miles northeast on Forest Road 2 (52 miles from Georgetown).

Camping: Overnight camping available at Hell Hole campground and Big Meadows campground.

Map: Forest map can be purchased at a Ranger Station

More Information:

Georgetown Ranger District
7600 Wentworth Springs Road
Georgetown, CA 95634
(530) 333-4312

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Available Fishing Opportunities on the Forest

On the Eldorado National Forest, we offer the angler many opportunities to experience the fine fishing we have available. The Forest has many coldwater reservoirs, most with developed boating access ramps and campgrounds. Hundreds of lakes lie in the Desolation Wilderness and Mokelumne Wilderness for your backpacking or horsepacking enjoyment. Many are stocked by nature with reproducing brook trout. Presently most reservoirs are stocked with trout by California Department of Fish and Game, and several of our rivers on the forest are stocked with catchable trout. We offer a variety of fishing experiences for you to discover and enjoy. As you use our site, we hope you find much useful information to guide you in your fishing exploits.

Note: California Department of Fish and Game stopped stocking lakes in Desolation Wilderness several years ago as part of a study on frog species. Please direct any questions regarding stocking to them.

Reservoirs

Bear River Reservoir
 Blue Lakes
 Caples Lake
 Hell Hole Reservoir
 Ice House Reservoir
 Loon Lake
 Silver Lake
 Stumpy Meadows Reservoir
 Union Valley Reservoir

Natural Lakes

Gertrude Lake
 Grouse Lake
 Hemlock Lake
 Island Lake
 Lyons Lake
 Maude Lake
 Smith Lake
 Sylvia Lake
 Twin Lakes
 Wrights Lake

RIVERS

Middle Fork Cosumnes River
 Rubicon River
 Silver Fork American River
 South Fork American River

SMALL STREAMS

Camp Creek
 Cole Creek
 Gerle Creek
 Lower Long Canyon

WHEELED MOTOR VEHICLE RESTRICTIONS RESTRICTIONS IMPLEMENTED :



Beginning August 25, 2005, wheeled motor vehicles are allowed to operate only on the 2,200 miles of system roads and motorized trails shown as open on the new Motorized Vehicle Restrictions Map, available free-of-charge. The National Forest Transportation System of roads includes paved, graveled and dirt roads. Paved roads are legal assuming the vehicle is licensed to operate on a highway. All other routes have been closed by court order and interim Forest Order.

Links to the Forest Order #03-08-02 and the Recreation Opportunity Guide for using Motorized Vehicles on the Eldorado National Forest are available below:

- Forest Order #03-08-02 (PDF, 13kb)
- Using Motorized Vehicles - Recreation Opportunity Guide (PDF, 739kb)
- Press Release - August 18, 2005 (PDF, 94kb)

MORE INFORMATION AQUATIC ACTIVITIES

- Georgetown Fishing Derby
- Cool Web Links for Kids
- Stream Monitoring with Local Schools

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The Department of Fish and Game manages California's diverse fish and wildlife populations for their ecological values and for their use and enjoyment by the public. For fish planting dates, dial the Region 2, California Department of Fish & Game Public Fish Call at (916) 351-0832. Or visit their web site for planting information and fishing regulations.