Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Fishing Report

by ODFW

DESCHUTES RIVER

The Lower Deschutes River is world famous for its trout fishing. The river should offer excellent trout fishing opportunities from Warm Springs downstream to the mouth of the river. The salmonfly hatch will begin to wind down in mid June and fly anglers should continue to expect mayfly, stonefly, and caddis hatches throughout the summer. Nymph fishing should remain good throughout the summer.

Non fly anglers can expect good action on small spinners throughout the summer for trout. The Deschutes is a big river and anglers should focus their efforts to near bank areas with overhanging vegetation, behind boulders, or other resting or feeding areas near the bank. Anglers are reminded that bait angling is not allowed on the Lower Deschutes. Many special regulations are in place on the Lower Deschutes River, anglers should consult the 2007 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations before fishing.

LAKES AND RESERVOIRS

Pine Hollow Reservoir: trout, and a variety of warmwater fish

This irrigation reservoir located near Wamic, should offer excellent fishing for hatchery trout, and a variety of warmwater fish. Angers generally find best success trolling for trout, although still fishing and bank angling can be quite productive techniques. Recent survey information from ODFW indicates good numbers of largemouth bass and bluegill should also

be available to anglers. Two public boat ramps are located on the lake providing boat access. Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife has an easement from the surface of the lake up the bank 10 feet to allow for public access around the lake.

Kingsley Reservoir: trout, steelhead

This irrigation reservoir located southwest of Hood River, should offer excellent fishing opportunities for hatchery trout. In addition to receiving stocked hatchery trout, this reservoir occasionally receives excess adult steelhead from ODFWâ€™s Hood River steelhead trapping program. Anglers typically fish from both boats and the bank, and find good success trolling and casting spinners or still fishing with bait. A boat ramp and camping is available at the reservoir.

Lost Lake: rainbow trout, brown trout

This picturesque lake offers breathtaking views of Mt. Hood and excellent fishing opportunities. The lake is annually stocked with hatchery rainbow trout, but a naturally producing population of brown trout provides additional angling opportunities. The lake is quite deep, so anglers should focus their efforts on shallow areas. A variety of methods will generally produce good catches, but trolling flies, lures, or small plugs, along with bait fishing are the most popular methods. Fly anglers will also want to watch for evening mayfly hatches. Anglers are reminded that boat motors are not allowed on the lake. A large Forest Service campground is located at the lake, along with a resort which offers boat rentals, cabins, and other supplies.

Clear Lake: rainbow trout, brook trout

This irrigation reservoir located east of Government Camp, should offer excellent trout fishing opportunities. The lake is annually stocked with rainbow trout, with naturally producing brook trout often supplementing the rainbow catch. This reservoir generally offers the best fishing early in the summer, before the reservoir is drawn down for irrigation. A boat ramp and a Forest Service campground are located near the east shore of the lake. Trolling and bait fishing are generally good techniques, but fly anglers often find good success in both early morning and late evenings.

FREE FISHING EVENTS

Lake of the Woods: A total of 700 trophy and 1800 legal rainbow trout will be stocked just before Free Fishing Weekend event on June 9 and 10. Lake of the Woods Resort will be sponsoring the event.

Fort Klamath ODFW Fish Hatchery: A total of 1000 trophy rainbow trout up to 3 pounds will be available for kids 12 and under on June 9th. Kids will be limited to one fish. A total of 6 volunteers will be available to assist with landing the fish, unhooking the fish, rigging the fishing rod, casting and weighing the catch. ODFW is sponsoring the event.

Fourmile Gravel Quarry: A total of 2000 rainbow trout will be stocked at the Fourmile Gravel Quarry off Hwy 140 at the Cold Spring Trailhead turnoff.

Free Fishing Events: http://www.dfw.state.or.us/freefishing/

Lake of the Woods: rainbow trout, brown trout, kokanee salmon, largemouth bass, yellow perch, bullhead catfishThe lake is annually stocked with fingerling rainbow, brown trout and kokanee salmon. Legal and trophy sized rainbow trout that average 3 pounds are stocked throughout the spring and summer. Additional trout will be stocked for the youth angling and free fishing events on June 9 and June 16. Brown trout are caught during late evening or early morning using large rapalas or other minnow imitations. There are good angling opportunities for largemouth bass, yellow perch and bullhead catfish. Yellow perch dominate the catch. A small hook with a piece of worm under a bobber will catch numerous yellow perch. This is a great place to introduce kids to fishing. Night fishing can also be enjoyable and is legal. A worm fished on the bottom of the lake will catch brown bullhead.

Upper Klamath and Agency Lake: redband trout, yellow perch

Angling will be good this month as redband trout become concentrated. Redband trout begin to move into the spring areas around Pelican Bay, mouth of Wood River, Williamson River and Odessa Creek. These trophy redband trout are caught using a variety of gears but flyfishing and trolling lures is the most popular. Yellow perch are also available near Rocky Point resort. Small bait under a bobber works best for catching yellow perch. An improved boat ramp occurs at Rocky Point. Camping can occur at Rocky Point Resort or Odessa Creek. Excellent scenery and canoe trails occur in the Rocky Point area as well as excellent wildlife viewing.

Willow Valley Reservoir: largemouth bass, yellow perch, crappie, lahontan cutthroatAngling is good for bass and crappie. A total of 63 largemouth bass ranging from 2-6 pounds from Davis Lake were transplanted in late May. Look for crappie and bass around the many wood and Berkley habitat structures in the reservoir. Berkley habitat structures are comprised of used and recycled monofilament fishing line and spools to create habitat complexity in lakes and reservoirs, especially when installed under piers and fishing docks. An additional 50 Berkley habitat structures will be placed in the reservoir on June 2. The reservoir will be sampled on May 30 and you can contact the Klamath Falls ODFW office for results of this sampling. Some wood structures are visible but a good fish finder will also assist with finding the structures. Anglers can also catch largemouth bass near the boat ramp and all along the dam. Yellow perch are very abundant but are typically small (6 inches). Lahontan cutthroat are available but rare in the catch. The most effective way to fish Willow Valley is from a boat. Larger boats are more difficult to launch at the gravel boat ramp.