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Fishery	Water Conditions	Fishing Conditions, Techniques, and Hatches	Flies	Comments
Carson River, E.F. (Hangman's Bridge to Nevada State line).	Slight tint, low to mid 50s, good flow (215cfs).	Fishing is good. Fish will take nymphs throughout the day but the best fishing is on streamers in the morning and stimulator dries in the evening. Start the day at 8am with a black crystal bugger in deep runs and pools. This is a good method for bigger fish looking for a big meal. Fish will take a well placed attractor dry in the afternoon but your hook-ups will improve with a beadhead nymph dropper. Stoneflies are active in the evening when the temps cool. Dabbing a #14 yellow stimulator in pocket water and riffles will bring fish up.	Attractor beadhead nymphs Hart's dark lord, copper lite brite prince, copper john (red, black, lime, copper), Tungsten Hotwire prince (olive/copper & Green/Yellow), bird's nest, black AP, Red Squirrel (#10-18). Golden stonefly dries (listed elsewhere in report). Attractor dries (listed elsewhere in report).	Access at Hangman's Bridge on Hwy 89. Best fishing is above the confluence of Markleyville Creek. NCDAG pg 90.
Deer Creek (above Potato Patch Campground down to Ishi Wilderness)	Slight tint, low to mid 50s F, good flow.	Fishing is fair to good. Caddis and stoneflies are the best dries in the warmer weather. Start with a #16 better foam caddis in pocket water and riffles in the morning. As the temperatures rise midday, switch to a prince nymph with a small black AP. Dredge the deeper runs and pools to find fish. Look for hatches of caddis, smaller stoneflies and pale evening duns as temperatures come down in the evening. Smaller fish from 6 to 10 inches will be eager to take a fly with a good dead drift. Larger fish are going to be away from easy access.	Pale evening dun dries Hackle stacker PED, Fluttering mayfly cripple PED, loop wing comparadun PED parachute, sulphur parachute (#14-20). Caddis pupa/emergers (listed elsewhere in report). Caddis cripples/dries (listed elsewhere in report). Attractor beadhead nymphs (listed elsewhere in report). Golden stonefly dries (listed elsewhere in report).	Expect moderate fishing pressure. Access off Hwy 32 from Deer Creek bridge upstream to Hwy 36. NCDAG pg. 58.
Fall River (Cal Trout access to Spring Creek Rd.)	Clear, normal flow.	Fishing is good. Hatches are starting to get stronger with a trico hatch in the morning followed by PMD's around 10 am and caddis, callibaetis and a few Hex later in the day. Start the day fishing a sparkle dun PMD as the lead fly with a triple wing trico trailer. Getting a perfect drift is important with these educated fish. If fish get finicky in the afternoon, switch to a an e/c caddis with a copper john or small caddis pupa. If fishing slows in the afternoon, switch to streamers and fish weed beds and deeper water to find fish. A few Hex starting to come off at dusk in lower sections of the river. Look for the Hex hatch to come on strong this week.	Hexagenia cripples/dries Quigley's Hex cripple, Mercer's poxyback hex cripple, Water's foam hex, Bear's foam hex, (#6-8). PMD emergers/cripples/dries (listed elsewhere in report). River woolly buggers (listed elsewhere in report). Caddis cripples/dries (listed elsewhere in report). Caddis pupa/emergers (listed elsewhere in report).	Expect moderate fishing pressure. Pram with electric motor needed. Public access is at Cal Trout. NCDAG pg 38.
Feather River, N.F. (Beldon Forebay to Lake Oroville) and Feather River, M.F. (Portola downstream to wild and scenic)	Slight tint, low to mid 50s F, good flow.	Fishing is good. Trout are active in the morning and late afternoon to dusk. Midday is slow due to warm weather. Nymph through pocket water with a rubberleg stone and red copper john in the morning. Switch to heavier flies and additional split shot to get flies down deep where fish will hold midday. The late afternoon will pick up with hatches of caddis around 4pm and some PED's, mahogany duns and smaller stoneflies around 6pm. Start with a caddis in shady areas. Be sure to stay until dark to get the best of the hatch.	Attractor beadhead nymphs (listed elsewhere in report). Golden stonefly dries (listed elsewhere in report). Caddis cripples/dries (listed elsewhere in report). Golden stonefly nymphs (listed elsewhere in report). Pale evening dun dries (listed elsewhere in report). Mahogany cripples/dries CDC mahogany dun, Mahogany fluttering cripple, PT challenged (#12-16).	Expect light fishing pressure. <u>North Fork</u> -Access along Hwy 70. NCDAG pg 59. <u>Middle Fork</u> - Best fishing is from Graeagle upstream where there are fewer feeder streams. NCDAG pg. 70.
Hot Creek	Clear, low 50s F, low flow 34 cfs.	Fishing is good to excellent. Fish are readily rising to hatches all day. Start early morning fishing tricos. Drift an e/c caddis with a triple wing trico dropper and a delicate downstream drift to rising fish. Caddis will start around 8am and PMD's and a few smaller yellow stoneflies will show around 10:30am. Fish an elk hair caddis or #16 yellow stimulator with a captive dun dropper through rising fish. The air is filled with caddis in the afternoon and evening as long as the wind doesn't come up. Be sure to bring an arsenal of flies to trick these smart fish.	Pale morning dun nymphs (listed elsewhere in report). PMD cripples/dries (listed elsewhere in report). Golden stonefly dries (listed elsewhere in report). Caddis cripples/dries (listed elsewhere in report).	Expect moderate fishing pressure on weekends. Access at upper parking lot and fish downstream to the hot springs. NCDAG pg 112.

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Hat Creek (PH#2 to fish barrier)	Green, low to mid 50s F, good flow.	Fishing is good. Start the day nymphing the riffle at PH#2. Sloan's mighty mayfly with a copper john dropper under an indicator will hook fish. As the day warms, walk downstream along the flats to find rising fish. Fish a caddis dry with a smaller trico trailer on a spring creek leader to catch these spooky fish. Fish will key on PMD's around 10 am and again from 6pm to 9pm with a few isolated hatches. Fishing a sparkle dun with a HBI dropper during the hatch will get their attention. Caddis will be the most abundant hatch starting at 6pm but also look for fish rising to smaller stoneflies. Keep a full box of flies to trick these spooky fish.	PMD cripples/dries Fluttering mayfly cripple PMD, last chance PMD cripple, Quigley's Hat Creek PMD emerger, looping paradun PMD, Brook's sprout PMD, hackle stacker PMD, PMD hair wing dun, PMD sparkle dun, PMD parachute (#14-18). Pale morning dun nymphs Hogan's military may (brown), Beadhead flash back pheasant tails, Morrish pick pocket, Mercer's micro mayfly (brown), Black AP nymph, dark lord, Burk's crystal HBI, flashy PT (#14-18). Caddis cripples/dries (listed elsewhere in report).	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.
Klamath River (Iron Gate to I5)	Slight tint, low to mid 50s F, (1,530 cfs below Iron Gate)	Fishing is good. Now is the time. Just a few salmon flies lingering but the golden stones are in full force and fish are gorging on these big bugs. Drift a WMD stone with a poxyback golden stone in riffles and tailouts in the morning. Fish will take stimulators and Rogue foam golden stones on the surface before they are active. Stoneflies are most active in the afternoon until dusk. Either target rising fish or work water from a drift boat initiating a rise. Reports of multiple large fish caught in the last week. Best to get a guide and drift this fantastic river to cover more water. Best fishing is from Iron gate to interstate 5.	Golden stonefly dries Hogan's split-wing stone, hedgehog, Hogan's hangin stimi, crystal stimulator, rubber-legged stimulator, Rogue foam golden stone. 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.	Expect moderate fishing pressure. Access from Iron Gate to I5. NCDAG 25,26.
McCloud River (below McCloud Reservoir)	Off color, low to mid 50s F, high flows (327 cfs above Shasta lake).	Fishing is good to excellent. Fish become active around 8am when bugs get moving. High stick a WMD with a smaller golden pickpocket through riffles. Trout will rise to PMD's in tailouts and flats around 11am. Drift a hackle stacker PMD through rising fish. Hatches of stoneflies, caddis and mayflies throughout the afternoon until dusk. Work water to find rising fish. Change flies until fish find what they want. Be sure to fish until dark to get the best action. Best fishing is on weekdays and in the conservancy to beat the crowds. Hiking away from AhDiNa or Ash camp is also a good way to get away from anglers. Reports of good numbers of trout caught last week.	Attractor dries irresistible adams, parachute light cahill, Rio Grande trude, Pink & lime trude, yellow humpy, parachute adams, indicator fly, paralyzer, royal coachman, crystal stimulator, renegade, royal wulff, deer hair ant, two tone ant, grey wulff (#10-18). Pale evening dun dries (listed elsewhere in report). Attractor beadhead nymphs (listed elsewhere in report). Golden stonefly dries (listed elsewhere in report). Caddis cripples/dries (listed elsewhere in report).	Expect heavy fishing pressure. Access at Ah-Di-Nah or Ash Camp. Access the middle portion of the river off of the Pacific Crest Trail. NCDAG 36,37,47.
Pit River #3,#4, #5 (below Lake Britton to Big Bend)	Slight tint, high 50s F, good flow on Pit #3.	Fishing is good to excellent. Dredge the deeper pools and runs in the morning with a stonefly, black AP and enough weight to get the flies down. This is a good method to get the bigger, more elusive fish in the morning. The trout are tending to favor smaller flies (#14-18). Be sure to cover lots of water to find willing trout. Mid-afternoon is slow with the warmer weather. Look for isolated hatches of caddis, PMD's, stimulator and pale evening duns from 5pm to dusk. Good numbers of trout are willing to come up for a high-sticked dry fly. Hatches will vary in different locations. Change flies often to find the most effective fly.	Caddis pupa/emergers translucent pupa, Fox's poopah (olive, tan), Anderson's peeking green, green machine, Fox's springtime poopah, Amber wing prince, M's Dirty Bird, Hogan's steelie caddis. Caddis cripples/dries (listed elsewhere in report). Golden stonefly nymphs (listed elsewhere in report). Attractor dries (listed elsewhere in report). Attractor beadhead nymphs and Pale evening dun dries (listed elsewhere in report).	Moderate fishing pressure. Access below Lake Britton or from Big Bend. Studded boots and a wading staff are a must for fishing the Pit. NCDAG pg 47.
Sacramento River, Lower (below Keswick Reservoir)	Slightly off color to clear, mid 50s, moderate flow (11,087 cfs).	Fishing is good. Nymphing is the name of the game. Drifting a Quasimodo pt with a micro may dropper will catch the most fish below Posse grounds in the morning. A few PMD's and caddis from 11am to 2pm. Drift a captive dun with a caddis pupa dropper in 4 to 6 feet of water through the flats above Bonneyview to get some fish. The summer heat is good for the caddis hatch in the afternoon. Work the banks with a Fox's pupa and a hare's ear under an indicator. The best of the hatch is from 6pm to dusk. Some dry fly action on Fox's crowning pupa but the best action is fishing caddis pupa.	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), Fox's crowning poopah olv/cinn, Kyle's better foam caddis, blue ribbon X2 caddis (#12-20). Caddis pupa/emergers (listed elsewhere in report). Pale morning dun nymphs (listed elsewhere in report). Attractor beadhead nymphs (listed elsewhere in report).	With these higher flows, best access is by drift boat. Wade access is limited. NCDAG pg 46, 57.

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Sacramento River, Upper (above Lake Shasta)	Clear, mid to high 50s, moderate to low flow (275 cfs at Delta).	Fishing is good to very good. Nymphing is best in the morning with a golden stone and red copper john. Drift your flies through pocket water, riffles and tailouts. PMD's and smaller mayflies are hatching around 10am, but you need to search the hatches out. Try a cahill or a yellow humpy with a micro mayfly dropper. Fish are most active on the surface late afternoon to dusk with hatches of caddis, stoneflies, and mayflies. Bring a good variety of flies to trick the larger more finicky fish. Best reports come from above Dunsmuir down to Simms, but the whole river is fishing well.	Caddis cripples/dries (listed elsewhere in report). Golden stonefly dries (listed elsewhere in report). BWO emerger/dries (listed elsewhere in report). PMD cripples/dries and Golden stonefly (listed elsewhere in report). BWO emerger/dries Brook's KD dun, Mercers emerging poxyback bwo, fluttering mayfly cripple BWO, Harrop captive dun, BWO extended body. Attractor dries (listed elsewhere in report).	Access off of I5 and through Dunsmuir. NCDAG 46,36.
Truckee River (below the town of Truckee to Nevada State line)	Clear, mid 50s F, good flow (235 cfs near Truckee).	Fishing is good to very good. Spring hatches coming off in summer flows! Pull streamers or nymph in the morning but be ready for eager fish rising to different hatches mid morning to dusk. Look for fish rising to PMD's in pools and along the flat sections around 11am. Search water to find most active and accessible fish. Mid afternoon to dusk, expect hatches of stoneflies, caddis and possible a few green drakes on overcast afternoons. Good tactic is to walk the bank and look for fish rising. Fishing a buoyant fly such as a e/c caddis with a copper john dropper will get some fish in pocket water and riffles. Fishing will continue to improve with constant flows and good hatches. Best fishing is from Truckee to the Nevada state line.	River woolly buggers/streamers Black beadhead woolly bugger, conehead double bunny, muddler minnow, Hogan's puff'clawdad, Cutter's goblin, matuka, Morrish's sculpin, black woolhead sculpin, near nuff sculpin, orange blossom (#4-10). Gray drake dries Parachute adams, gray Wulff, gray drake cripple, CDC gray dun, green drake sprout, (#12-14). Golden stonefly dries (listed elsewhere in report). PMD cripples/dries (listed elsewhere in report). Caddis cripples/dries and Golden stonefly nymphs (listed elsewhere in report).	Access off Hwy 80. Best fishing is below Boca. Expect crowds in popular areas on the weekends. NCDAG pg 81.
Walker River, East Fork (below Bridgeport Reservoir)	Clear, mid 50's, low flow (123 cfs)	Fishing is good. Swinging big streamers near undercut banks and deeper pools will hook a few big browns in the morning. Switch to nymphs under an indicator midday. Drift a golden stone with a copper john dropper in oxygenated water to find fish. Hatches of caddis and stoneflies in the afternoon to dusk. Fish are more eager to take a well-placed fly than the perfectly matched fly. Fish can also be enticed to bite with a skated or swung dry in the evening. Best areas are from the dam to the first highway bridge and below Murphy's Pond.	BWO nymphs Hogan's S&M nymph, Hogan's better baetis, berry nymph in gooseberry, Burk's crystal hunchback, Mercer's BWO trigger nymph. River woolly buggers (listed elsewhere in report). Caddis cripples/dries (listed elsewhere in report). Midge pupa and PMD cripples/dries (listed elsewhere in report). Attractor dries (listed elsewhere in report). Attractor beadhead nymphs (listed elsewhere in report).	Expect heavy fishing pressure. NCDAG 101.
Yuba River, Lower (from Englebright dam to Marysville)	Slight tint, low 50s, moderate flow (1550 cfs).	Fishing is fair and improving. Flows are lower and consistent making fish more eager to eat and bugs more eager to hatch. Nymph in the morning with a golden stone and a hotwire prince dropper along the bank over drop offs and through riffles. A few sporadic hatches of PMD's around 10am but fish don't seem to be keying on them. Fishing a hare's ear under a stimulator will catch more fish than a PMD dry. Fishing will slow during the warmest part of the day. As the temperatures decline look for fish rising to hatches of caddis and stoneflies. Cover lots of water to find eager fish. Best access is from a drift boat to cover more water.	Golden stonefly dries (listed elsewhere in report). Caddis cripples/dries (listed elsewhere in report). Attractor dries (listed elsewhere in report). Attractor beadhead nymphs (listed elsewhere in report). Pale morning dun nymphs (listed elsewhere in report). Golden stonefly nymphs (listed elsewhere in report).	Water above Hwy 20 bridge is open. Access at the Hwy 20 bridge and Sycamore Ranch campground. NCDAG pg 78,79.
Shad Report Shad are in the system! Sacramento River – Good reports of shad as far up as Red Bluff. Better reports of numbers in the last couple days. Good shad fishing should continue for a few more weeks. Road 48 is no longer open to the public. Best access is by boat but there are many places to fish for shad from the bank around Chico. American River – More reports of shad near Goethe Park but numbers are still low. Yuba River - More shad reported around Daguerre but the majority of shad are in the Sacramento. Shad gear: Fish a sink-tip or full sinking line in type III – VI. Shad will hold in the deeper buckets in the middle of the river during the day and will move closer to shore in the morning and evening. Use a short 4' section of 8-12 lb abrasion resistant tippet material such as Maxima for a leader. Have a good selection of colors in and keep switching colors until you find one that consistently catches fish; Green Death, Pearl Death, Simmons' shad fly (chartreuse, orange), shad dart (red, chartreuse), cactus head (chartreuse, pink) in sizes #4-8.				

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Other Reports **Lake Almanor** A few hex have been spotted at dusk around Prattville and Gerital Cove. This is just the beginning! We should see more Hex in the next week and fish should be all over them until they get their fill. **Davis Lake** Some damselfly and callibaetis midday to afternoon. Walking the shore fishing for cruising trout can be good if you're in the right spot. Best access is by boat or float tube. **San Joaquin** (Soda Springs and Devils Postpile) Flows are still high due to runoff but the campground's at Red's meadow and Devil's Postpile are open. Fishing slower moving water with an attractor dry will rise a few fish. Look for fishing to improve with less water. Fishing will improve with reduced flows. **Butte Creek** (Butte Meadows) is slow during the heat of the day but improves dramatically with hatches of caddis stoneflies, mayflies, PED's from 5pm to dusk. High sticking nymphs through deeper runs will get a few fish around Cherry Hill campground. **West Carson** Flows are 59 cfs and fishing is fair to good. Fishing is best midday to dusk with some stoneflies and caddis but fish will rise all day to attractor dries. Dab a yellow humpy in pocket water. Good spot for beginners to perfect the dead drift. **Feather River** (Hwy 70 bridge to Gridley) A few smaller steelhead caught in the first and last two hours of light. Fish are located in riffles and tailouts morning and evening and in deeper pools during the warmest part of the day. **Baum Lake** Fishing is good with hatches of PMD's mid morning, callibaetis noon to 5pm and caddis 4pm to dusk. Fish a parachute adams and change droppers from PMD's to caddis pupas and midges to catch the most fish. **Little Truckee** (from Stampede to Boca Reservoir) Fishing is fair to good. Flows are coming down which is making bugs and fish more active. A few PMD's coming off mid morning to mid afternoon. Fishing a well placed stimulator will get fish to rise. Best reports are from the upper end near Stampede. **Manzanita Lake** (Lassen Park) Fish are actively feeding on callibaetis and caddis. Fishing a parachute adams with a copper john dropper along the bank will catch rainbows and browns. Fish are rising to caddis afternoon and evening. Dancing an elk hair caddis along the manzanita will entice browns out of the manzanita. Busy on the weekends. Best time to be there is on weekdays when there is less pressure. **Owens River** (above Crowley Lake) Fishing is good with hatches of caddis and stoneflies in the afternoon. Nymph with a copper john and rubberleg stone in the morning. Switch to a crystal stimulator or Hogan's hangin' stimi and drift over cut banks or rising fish. Fishing should continue to improve with good flows. **Stanislaus River, M.F.** (below Beardsley Dam) Fishing is fair to good. Some good hatches of caddis and stoneflies coming off in the afternoon and fish are starting to key on them. For good quantities of fish, try nymphing with attractor nymphs. Work lots of water to let many fish see the flies. Fishing will continue to improve with better hatches and consistent flows. **Trinity River** (Fly only section below Lewiston Dam) High summer flows. Look for fishable flows and active fish around June 25th. **NF Yuba** (Downieville to Sierra City) Flows are good and fish are eager to take attractor dries and stonefly dries most of the day. Nymph attractors in pocket water and deeper runs for good numbers of fish. Fishing will continue to improve with more bugs hatching everyday. **Putah Creek** (below Lake Berryessa) Flows are high and fishing is tough. Find any slower water where fish will feed. Nymphing a red copper john with a zebra midge dropper will catch a few fish. Some caddis in the evening. Dancing or dead drifting a caddis will catch a few fish in the afternoon. Best fishing is just above Solano lake.

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