

Bay Area Lakes 12.07.2023

BAY AREA TROUT ACTION HOT DESPITE THE COLD!

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Oakland- It's starting to feel a lot like winter, but the "HOT" Bay area trout action should be keeping you warm. Anglers who braved the elements this week saw some solid action following heavy plants at Lake Del Valle, Quarry, Chabot, and Contra Loma, and combined with the holdovers at Temescal and Shadow Cliffs, no one should be left out in the cold these days!

Quarry Lakes' action has been very good with little change to the quality of the action or the quality of the fish. Jamie Aitken and his son Alex had a couple great days over the holiday boasting a 7-pound lightning an 8-pound Lassen, a 6.5-pound Lassen and a 6 pounder. Needless Alex broke his PB a couple times! They were all caught from the row on pink-white mouse tails. Light liners fishing tube jigs, mini paddle tails and micro spoons, continue to see some good numbers in the cove and bait anglers fishing the row are concentrating on the water just outside the weed line. It's shallow so try shortening up your leaders to about a foot or so. If the district plants next week, things will bust wide open.

Shadow Cliffs anglers enjoyed some surprisingly good action considering no plant this week. Conditions have turned on there and should be pretty good from here on out. Fish the cove adjacent to the boat ramp and the docks and shoreline to the left and right. The trail along Stanley Blvd, to the left of the entry kiosk remains closed due to construction on the road above and the and the available shoreline can get a little crowded.

Lake Chabot action remains mixed, but with some big fish reported. There are still bass to 3 pounds taken and a 7-pound Lassen on December 2nd. Aaron Shafer posted a solid 5 pound largemouth that he took on a Zman Finess shad. This weekend should be very good. Despite high water limiting some shoreline access. The East side of marina cove and the shoreline just past the first dock are pretty good. Indian Cove is accessible, but tight. The dock at Racoon point is open. The West shore has spots all along but can also get tight. The water clarity is decent. Spoons, spinners, tube jigs, and bait should all work. Some smaller bass.

Lake Del Valle action remains very good for trout, and largemouth. No reports of small mouth this week. There were two plants this week, Tuesday the Lassen's went in followed up shortly thereafter with a DFG load. Michael Malave reported plenty of limits. Most bait and lures have been working but this week bait was the ticket. The best action has been left of the marina, down along the swim beach. Some action in the narrows, but no striper was reported. The water is low, and some of the regular spots are too low to fish. The narrows to the far side of the ramp are fishable, and there has been solid action from the East Beach. Fish bait outside the weeds with short leaders. Spoons, spinners, and tube jigs, should all work.

Lake Temescal reports were light this week but that's not surprising given the action at other lakes. Temescal should still be a solid bet for holdover bows. The water came up a bit with the rain, but conditions remain very good.

Contra Loma has received a whole bunch of fish, including a DFG plant and Kevin reported some wide-open action...really...wide open! The water level has come back up and conditions are now very good.

Please remember to clean up after your time on the lake and take all your old line to the trash!

I am looking forward to your reports and pictures. Ctw1930@gmail.com, or by text at 571-481-8040.