

## LEAVE NO TRACE

Fishing line and hooks left behind can harm pets, wildlife and other people (often children, who are wading, swimming, or playing on the shore). Please collect and recycle fishing line and hooks at your local tackle shop and at fishing disposal tubes at lakes and marinas throughout the Eastern Sierra.

## EASTERN SIERRA FISH SPECIES

### ★ CATCH THE SIERRA SUPER SLAM!

Catch these five species of trout in the same day or on the same trip—Rainbow, Brown, Cutthroat, Golden, and Brook—for a Sierra Super Slam!

★ Rainbow Trout	Sacramento Perch
★ Brown Trout	Smallmouth Bass
★ Lahontan Cutthroat	Largemouth Bass
★ Golden Trout	Catfish
★ Brook Trout	Carp
Kokanee Salmon	Bluegill

## OVER 650,000 POUNDS

In addition to the significant amount of fish stocking provided by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife—Mono County, Mammoth Lakes, Inyo County, Bishop and private marinas and resorts also plant approximately 40,000 pounds of fish. This partnership stocking program totals over 650,000 pounds in the Eastern Sierra annually! Learn more at: [www.Wildlife.ca.gov](http://www.Wildlife.ca.gov)

## TROPHY-SIZED TROUT

Want more monsters to catch? Join the effort to keep our Eastern Sierra fisheries healthy and sustainable so that trout can grow to trophy sizes—not only for your next fishing trip but for your great-grandkids and their great-grandkids.

*– Keep only what you need –*

RELEASE THE REST TO REPRODUCE, GROW AND TRANSFORM INTO TROPHY-SIZED BEAUTIES!



**DON'T**

**MOVE A**

**MUSSEL!**



**Prevention is  
the only solution!**

Watercraft inspection is **MANDATORY**  
for all trailered watercraft.

[EasternSierraWID.com](http://EasternSierraWID.com)

For information on derbies, events, lodging, professional fishing guides and more, please contact:



**MONO COUNTY TOURISM**  
[MonoCounty.org](http://MonoCounty.org)



**MAMMOTH LAKES TOURISM**  
[VisitMammoth.com](http://VisitMammoth.com)



**VISIT BISHOP**  
[BishopVisitor.com](http://BishopVisitor.com)



**INYO COUNTY**  
[TheOtherSideOfCalifornia.com](http://TheOtherSideOfCalifornia.com)

# Eastern Sierra FISHING MAP



**INYO AND MONO COUNTIES**



## Fishing Tips

### FOR CATCH-AND-RELEASE SUSTAINABLE FISHING

- 1 Use artificial lures (no bait) to minimize deep hooking.** Barbless hooks or hooks with flattened barbs make unhooking easier and less stressful on the fish.
- 2 Land your fish as carefully and quickly as possible.** If you plan to release the fish, do not pull it up or land it on dry land. Sand, rocks, and vegetation damage the fish's slime coat (epidermal mucous) that helps keep it healthy.
- 3 Avoid moving the fish from the water.** Unhook and release the fish while it is still under water.
- 4 Only use wet hands and limit overall handling of fish.** Never use a rag and never squeeze the fish or touch its eyes or gills.
- 5 Gently remove hooks that are visible.** If you can see the hook, remove it carefully. Otherwise, just clip the line near the mouth on a deep hooked fish. The hook will rust and dissolve over time.



## FISHING REGULATIONS

Regulations vary throughout the region. Scan this QR code for fishing regulations based on your current smartphone GPS location.



CALIFORNIA FISHING REGULATIONS: <https://wildlife.ca.gov/Fishing/Inland>

SMARTPHONE REGULATION MAP: <https://apps.wildlife.ca.gov/sportfishingregs/>

## STOP GOLDEN MUSSEL SPREAD NO STICKER – NO LAUNCH!

Trailered watercraft **MUST** stop at a Watercraft Inspection & Decontamination (WID) station and receive an **Eastern Sierra Mussel Sticker** before launching.

All other water-bound equipment should be self-inspected and cleaned, drained, and completely dry prior to touching water (waders, float tubes, tackle gear, kayaks, canoes, SUPs, etc.)

For WID locations and more information, scan this QR code or go to [EasternSierraWID.com](http://EasternSierraWID.com)



### 1 TOPAZ LAKE

Straddling the California-Nevada border, this sprawling reservoir is a premier year-round destination famous for its winter trout derby and trophy-sized rainbows and browns.

### 2 WEST WALKER RIVER

Designated as a *Wild and Scenic River*, this rugged waterway offers classic alpine pocket-water fishing for wild and stocked trout through the spectacular Walker Canyon.

### 3 EAST WALKER RIVER

This renowned "miracle mile" tailwater is a catch-and-release haven for fly anglers seeking large, powerful wild brown trout.

### 4 BRIDGEPORT RESERVOIR

Try your luck against wily browns, rainbows, cutthroat, and Sacramento perch while enjoying incredible Sierra views.

### 5 ROBINSON CREEK

Flowing through the heart of the Twin Lakes region, this scenic stream offers accessible banks and consistent stocking, making it a favorite for families and bait casters alike.

### 6 TWIN LAKES

Nestled at the base of jagged peaks, these deep alpine lakes hold the California state record for brown trout and offer spectacular boat fishing opportunities.

### 7 VIRGINIA LAKES

Sitting amidst glacial cirques at nearly 10,000 feet elevation, these high-altitude tarns provide some of the earliest ice-off fishing and stunning scenery for float-tube anglers.

### 8 LUNDY LAKE

A serene and often overlooked destination where steep canyon walls provide a dramatic setting for chasing aggressive brook and rainbow trout.

### 9 LEE VINING CREEK

Characterized by its steep, dramatic descent from the High Sierra into the Mono Basin, this creek combines rugged canyon beauty with challenging pocket-water fishing.

### 10 RUSH CREEK

A major tributary to Mono Lake known for its lush riparian habitat and high-volume flows that provide exceptional fly fishing opportunities below the Silver Lake spillway along the June Lake Loop.

### 11 JUNE LAKE LOOP

This scenic four-lake circuit (June, Gull, Silver, and Grant) offers diverse fishing opportunities ranging from easy roadside access to deep-water trolling for trophy trout.

### 12 OWENS RIVER 12A, 12B, 12C

Flowing through the high desert, this year-round river provides diverse water from the technical upper section to the drift-boat-friendly lower Owens.

### 13 HOT CREEK

A world-famous, year-round spring creek that challenges fly fishers with crystal-clear water, technical hatches, and abundant wild trout.

### 14 MAMMOTH LAKES BASIN

A high-alpine cluster of lakes including Twin, Mary, Mamie, and George that provide family-friendly fishing and breathtaking views just minutes from the town of Mammoth Lakes.

### 15 CROWLEY LAKE

The crown jewel of the Eastern Sierra trout season, known for its incredible productivity and massive populations of rainbow trout and Sacramento perch.

### 16 CONVICT LAKE

This deep lake is renowned for its impossibly clear, sapphire-blue water and striking geology, making it a favorite for both shore anglers and boaters.

### 17 ROCK CREEK & ROCK CREEK LAKE

As one of the highest vehicle-accessible lakes in the Sierra, the Rock Creek area offers pristine canyon fishing and a quintessential high-country atmosphere.

### 18 PLEASANT VALLEY RESERVOIR

A scenic destination for shore and float-tube anglers, this year-round fishery is home to the legendary Blake Jones Trout Derby and is easily accessible from Bishop.

### 19 BUCKLEY PONDS

Located just south of Bishop, these warm-water ponds offer year-round fishing for bass and bluegill, providing a unique desert contrast to alpine trout.

### 20 BISHOP CREEK CANYON

This vast alpine drainage unfolds across a network of high-country waters, with boat rentals at Lake Sabrina and South Lake, and abundant fishing opportunities at North Lake, Intake II, Weir Pond, and along the cascading North and South forks.

### 21 TINEMAHA RESERVOIR

Located seven miles south of Big Pine. Largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, channel catfish, and carp. Strictly shore-fishing only.

### 22 INDEPENDENCE CREEK

West of US 395, this willow-lined stream flows from the high peaks to the valley floor, offering great pocket-water fishing.

### 23 LONE PINE SAND TRAP & CREEK

At the base of Mt. Whitney, these lower-elevation waters provide year-round fishing opportunities in a rare desert-oasis setting, perfect for a spontaneous cast.

### 24 DIAZ LAKE

A lower-elevation roadside lake offering comprehensive amenities, Diaz Lake offers year-round shore fishing for winter trout and summer warm water species like largemouth bass in a striking high-desert setting.

### 25 COTTONWOOD CREEK

The ancestral home of the Golden Trout, this small, high-gradient stream offers a rugged hike-in experience for anglers seeking native fish in pristine surroundings.