

East Bay Lakes Fishing Report 04.25.2024

TROUT IN THE MIX FOR AT LEAST A COUPLE MORE PLANTS!

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This has been a great trout season on the East Bay Regional Parks lakes, we have enjoyed some hefty plants of double-digit bows and extra loads of lightning, but it's about that time when we all wonder how much longer it can go...? If past history is any indication, we can probably expect at least a couple more. We can usually expect the plants to go till mid-May, maybe later if temps don't turn too high. 70 degrees seems to be the tipping point and plants usually end around there. The trout have a hard time in the warmer water and in some of the smaller lakes, you can see the effect already. The fish are holding in the shallows for less time, are holding in the shade or are moving quickly into deeper water.

Lake Del Valle received 1,000-pounds of lassens on the 25th. and combined with a solid bass bite, is now one of the most productive lakes in the region. Trout action should be solid through the weekend on both sides of the marina with the usual mix of baits including spoons, tubes, and Power Bait. In addition to the trout, the largemouth bite is now in full swing. The fish are in the shallows, and many are on the beds. It is especially important to release the fat females. These fish are not planted and if we want the fishery to survive, the breeders need to be released. Shallow diving crank baits, plastics and bass spinners should all be productive. The smallies have also moved in shallow. They spawn later and deeper and should now be holding around 20 feet. They tend to hold along the deeper drop offs. Boat anglers should also consider trolling the deeper water near the dam for trout that are looking for cooler water. The lake is high but very fishable.

Shadow Cliffs received 1,000 pounds of lightning on the 16th. and hold over action has been strong. Jimmy Benavidez and a couple of his friends landed 4 earlier in the week. There have been numerous additional lightning taken and the bow bite is still consistent. Tate Bowen was fishing 8-pound mono and landed a 15-pound carp. There have been a few nice bass taken, and smaller bluegill are making a show.

Lake Chabot received 1000 pounds of lightning on the 16th. the fish moved deep last week but the bite has picked up for holdovers. I would recommend fishing out towards Racoon Point, or further out on the West Shore trail. Jigs, spoons, and Power Bait all are producing trout. Bass action has been decent for fish moving into the shallows. Pitching plastics into the weeds and tulles or throwing crank baits or big swim baits along the points can also be productive at this time of year. The beds are harder to spot so you'll be doing a lot of blind casting to structure. Try boat fishing on the back side of the lake and cast right up against the tulles.

Contra Loma received 1,000 pounds of lightning on the 16th. and action for holdover bows, bass, and bluegill has been solid. There has been no change to the water level but if you can get in past the weeds action should be good. This past week it has been bass, bass, bass! Andrew Spiegel posted fish on the 222nd and 25th. Richard Rohde posted a double digit taken on the 24th that he took tossing plastic from a kayak. Anthony Flores, Anthony Bermudez and Jack Porter, Jackson Gray-Boreo, and some of the up-and-coming younger anglers hit it hard this weekend and posted some nice takers. The trout have moved deeper and fishing the rock wall will probably be your best bet.

Lake Temescal received 1,000 pounds of lassens on the 25th. and action will be solid through next week. The lake is warming up and the fish will quickly move to cooler water in the shade or deeper water near the dam. Spoons, tubes, and Power bait are all producing.

Horseshoe Lake received 1,000 pounds of lassens on the 24th and action at the swim beach and in the cove was very good. The row has been tough. The water is warming up and the fish are moving quickly to the deeper water on the back side of the peninsula. Bass action has been fair. Burt Jordan posted a fattie on the 19th that was taken down past the old boat ramp. Johnson Ngo posted a nice bass taken in the cove. Shinn is producing a few smaller bass, but Grau and Rainbow are slow.

Please, if you have a good day on the water, send me your pics and a short write up and I'll make sure that I use your report! Ctw1930@gmail.com, or by text at 571-481-8040.

