

GPFF - Manzanita Lake Trip, 21-24 September, 2023 (Thu-Sun) - Fishmaster Bob Fabini, email bobflyguy@gmail.com (Updated 11/28/2022)

RENDEZVOUS AND CAMPING

??? Thursday evening, Manzanita Lake Campground, Sites XX (<https://www.nps.gov/lavo/planyourvisit/manzanita-lake-campground.htm>)?? From Berkeley, take I-80 to I-505 to I-5 N to Anderson exit 667B (Factory Outlet Dr - Deschutes Rd East). Take Deschutes Rd 4 mi and turn right onto Dersh Rd East. Continue 12 mi and turn right onto CA-44E then 26 mi and turn right onto CA-89S, then 1.2 mi and turn right onto Manzanita CG Road. The total trip is 239 mi and Google estimates 3.75 hrs. Manzanita Lake is located within Lassen National Park. It is small (26 acres), high-elevation (5,850 feet) and offers spectacular views of the towering Lassen Peak and Chaos Crags volcanoes. ?? We will have a pot-luck dinner at (WHEN), (WHAT DAY) ??. Please bring something to share. ??

MAPS

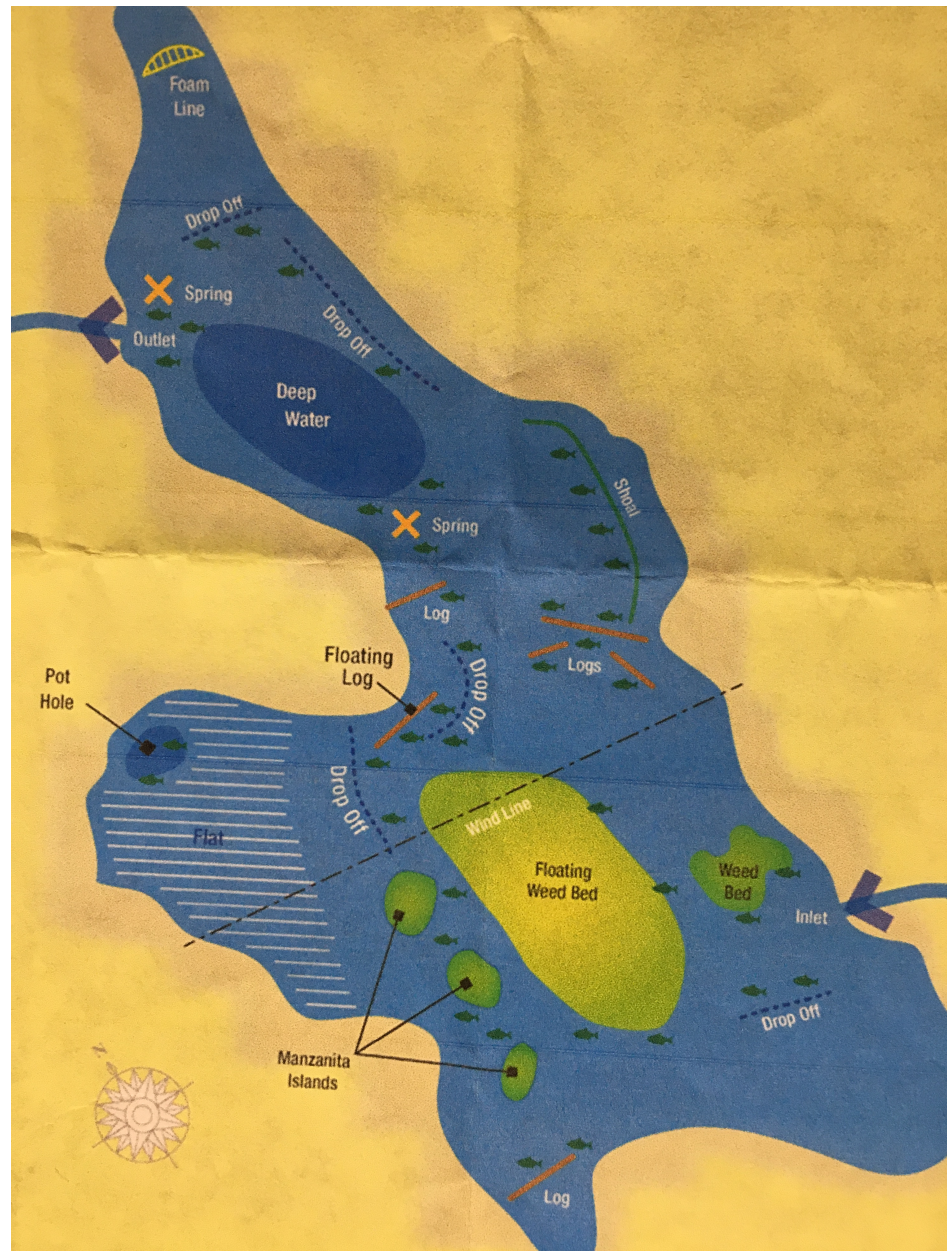
Here is a link to the [Google Map](#). On the right, a fishing map by Lance Gray.

REPORTS AND ONLINE GUIDES

The Park Service has [a short description of the lake and some fishing information](#).

Manzanita Lake has not been stocked since 1916, but the stocked fish prospered and the lake is now the home of a good population of wild and spunky Rainbow and Brown trout.

Fishing is possible from the shore, but really comes into its own from a watercraft. The lake is shallow and weedy, only 30' at it's deepest place. All watercraft must be non-motorized and launched from the boat ramp to avoid damage to the delicate wetlands lining the lakeshore. One and 2 person kayaks may be [rented](#) at the campground store, but the rentals are very expensive, so you should really borrow a float tube or kayak before you drive up.



REGULATIONS

The lake is entirely contained in Lassen National Park, and so fishing is governed by the [Park Service Regulations](#). They are summarized here:

Adults must have a valid California state fishing license. Children under 16 do not need a license. Licenses are NOT available for sale in the park. Generally, the California regulations apply except:

Manzanita Lake Special Regulations

- Manzanita Lake is catch and release only.
- Artificial lures with a single barbless hook only.

Artificial Lure is defined as: Any manufactured or man-made non-scented/ flavored (regardless if scent is added in the manufacturing process or added afterwards) device complete with hooks, intended to attract fish. Artificial lures include, but are not limited to; spoons, spinners, artificial flies, and plugs, made of metal, plastic, wood, or other non-edible materials.

Areas Closed to Fishing

Closures are intended to protect fish spawning habitat, provide for visitor safety, and reduce user conflicts at the boat launch areas.

- Manzanita Lake shore from the boat launch northwest to 150 feet west of the present inlet and 150 feet at the apex of a radius from the center of the inlet
- Manzanita Creek above Manzanita Lake

Boating

Only non-power watercraft may be used on Lassen Park lakes. View additional [boating information and regulations](#).