

Scotts Flat Lake (May 5-7, 2023): Bass Fishing from Watercraft (with DVFF)

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Directions from Bay Area:

1. Take I-80E toward RENO.
2. Take the CA-49 exit toward GRASSVALLEY / PLACERVILLE.
3. Turn LEFT onto CA-193 / CA-49. Continue to follow CA-49N.
4. CA-49 N becomes CA-20
5. Turn RIGHT onto Scotts Flat Road (just before the Five Mile House restaurant on the right).
6. End at 23333 Scotts Flat Rd, Nevada City, CA 95959-9173

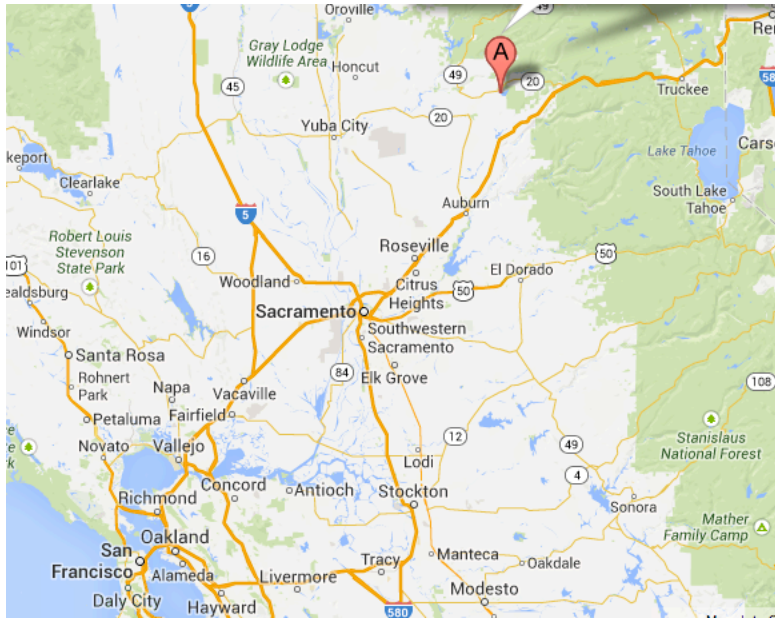
Warning: In the past, GPS systems have taken users down the wrong road once near the lake. If you follow the directions above, you will get there. There is a kiosk, but sometimes you need to pay at a trailer past the kiosk, on the left.

Location and Contact Information:

23333 Scotts Flat Road - Nevada City, CA 95959

Reservations: (530) 265-5302 (for camping, including lakeside campsites)

NOTE: Fishmaster will prepay for site(s) next to Diablo Valley FFers group, sharing the outing.



Fees:

Day Use rates – Vehicle \$6.50

Boat launching - \$13.00

Launching Area:

North Side: Day Use Area or Marina

South Side: Cascade Shores

Gear:

Rod and Reel: 9 foot / 5-7wt, or bass fly rod

Fly Line: Floating or Intermediate

Leader: Straight or tapered 1x-3x depending on conditions, fly size, and preference

Flies:

- Streamers - Chartreuse-and-white Clousers; Woolly Buggers and Leeches (olive and cinnamon colors); (Sizes 4-10)
- Terrestrials – Carpenter Ants and watch for others such as Termites
- Poppers/Sliders – Gurglers, Sneaky Petes, other favorite poppers
- Nymphs – Mid-size attractor nymphs such as Copper Johns, Hares Ears, Birds Nest, PT (for bass and trout)

Timing:

Smallmouth fishing is best for fly fishers from late-March through early-June, depending on conditions. Typically, April and May are the peak months. Also available: Largemouth bass and big native browns on streamers fished deeply.

Where to Look for Smallmouth:

- Submerged willows
- Brush
- Points
- Drop-offs
- Rock walls inlet arm (a very long way to kick)

Safety:

- Watch for southwest winds, starting mid-to-late morning. Don't start your fishing downwind.
- Wear a PFD
- Carry a loud whistle and flashlight