

Santiam

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Flycasters

Owyhee River-I am in Idaho?

By Dan Shimek

For those of you who are up for a little road trip, the Owyhee River is a great destination. It is located in



Eastern Oregon south of Ontario, Oregon. It is about a 7 hour drive from Salem, if you take I-84. Because of its location you will see more Idaho plates on cars than Oregon plates. The best fishing is the 10 miles stretch from the Owyhee Dam down stream. This section is a classic tail-out fishery. In the summer heat of Eastern Oregon, the water still runs a chilling 47 degrees. Not a good place to find out your waders leak. This tail-out fishery grows big Brown and Rainbow Trout. With fish averaging 18 inches, it is a fishing trip that will bring great memories and bend your fly rod. There are many camping accommodations along the river and at the Owyhee Reservoir. There is dry camping along the river and at the dam, and a nice State Park at the reservoir for those who like a little more luxuries like running water, showers, general store with ice, and shade. If in need of a locate fly shop, one must travel to Caldwell or Boise Idaho for the nearest fly shops to the Owyhee. I only found out about the fly shop in Caldwell after drive all the way to Boise (had to replace leaky wader).

On my recent trip to the Owyhee River, Terry Lawrence and I stayed at the Owyhee State Park on the reservoir and drove down below the dam to fish. We brought our pontoon boat of this trip and was glad that we did. Most of the river is wade able, but the casting can be difficult. The fish seem to rise, just out of casting range. Plus, you can fish the reservoir for bass and crappie. Yes, you can catch crappie on a fly.

We drove the river, looking for rising fish, and unloaded the pontoon boats and fished the still water. With our pontoon boats we were able to follow the rising fish and get away the brush at lines the bank. This being a tail-out fishery, the bugs seem to hatch all day. Thou the bugs are small, flies are size 20 or 22. The best fishing is early in the morning and late evenings, when the sun if off the water.

What stands out most to me is the size of the Browns and Rainbows, on this trip I did not catch a fish under 17 inches and all



of them on dries. The image of a 20 inch brown slurping my size 20 Parachute Adams dry in with a big fight is burned into to memory. I did manage to catch one rainbow on my trip, I don't know what the average rainbow is, but this one was 25 inches and looked more like a lake trout from Klamath Lake than any trout I have caught on a river in Oregon.

September Presentation-Chip O'brien

Tributaries of Shasta Lake

Since the famous lower Sacramento River wild trout fishery flows from the icy depths of Shasta Lake, it doesn't take a genius to figure out there is probably some pretty good fishing upstream. Three rivers, all blue-ribbon wild trout streams in their own right, form massive Shasta Lake and provide almost 70 miles of great fishing for devoted anglers.

This program covers the upper Sacramento, McCloud and Pit Rivers, which are about five hours south of Salem. Similarities and differences between the streams will be covered, as well as tactics, appropriate gear, entomology, best flies, history and insights from fifteen years spent fishing and guiding these waters. This presentation also pays tribute to the many people, both dead and alive, who have called these rivers "home."



The Fly Potluck Raffle

Tyer's cast your patterns to the raffle. Bring that special pattern that you're developing to the general meeting and trade it for a ticket to a tyer's only raffle. Each fly grants you a ticket and each night's winner will get to work your fly over on the water for some true field testing. It's the perfect way to find out if your tying the next big thing.

Board Member Wanted

The Santiam Flycasters want you! We are looking for a few good men and women. If you are interested in helping decide who our presenters are and where we go for our outing please join us. Just want to find out what goes on during the board meeting, or just want to share your opinion join us. No experience needed, just your interest in fly fishing is all it takes to be a board member.

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International Fly Tying Competition



Spruce Fly

A special congratulations to Rich Younger and James

Ferguson at the International Fly Tying Competition that consisted of entries from all over the United States, Canada, and Europe. Other notable winners are Skip Hosfield and Jackson Leong, members of the Oregon council of the FFF. James Ferguson won wards for his Hair Wing, Spruce Fly, Spey Yellow Eagle, and Caddis Nymph in the Realistic Category. Rich Younger won wards for trout and salmon patterns and in West Coast Steelhead patterns for his Orange Heron

Up Coming Events

September

General Meeting

Presenter: Chip O'brien- Tributaries of Shasta Lake
 When: September 14, 2006 @ 7:00 pm
 Where: Pringle Community Building

Outing: Hosmer Lake

When: September 16th
 Where: Hosmer Lake, South Campground
 Potluck dinner Saturday night

October

General Meeting

Presenter: Damien Nurre- Kamchakta Peninsula/ Lower Deschutes Steelhead
 When: October 12, 2006 @ 7:00 pm
 Where: Pringle Community Build Lawn, Salem

Outing: Deschutes River (Warm Springs to Trout Creek)

When: October 21, 2006
 Where: Camping at Trout Creek

For Sale

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 Fishermen's Gathering & Salmon Bake.

Join renowned author, fisherman and conservationist David James Duncan and leaders of the Northwest fishing communities to stand up for wild salmon and steelhead and protect your right to fish in the face of federal failure and inaction.

September 19, 2006
 Sellwood Park
 Begins at 5 pm.
 Salmon Bake, Information Tables, Music, and David James Duncan.
 Special Guest Bill Erickson, Salmon to Sea kayak adventurer and salmon advocate (www.salmontosea.blogspot.com/)

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Membership Application

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Type of Membership (circle one) Regular \$20 Family \$27.50 Youth \$5

Name _____

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Are you an FFF Member? (circle one) Yes No

You must sign this release each year when you renew to participate in club activities.

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