

SUSTAINABLE FISHING

JOIN THE EFFORT to keep our Eastern Sierra fisheries healthy and sustainable so that trout can thrive to trophy sizes — not only for your next fishing trip but for your great grandkids and their great grandkids! It's simple:



TIPS FOR SUSTAINABLE FISHING AND CATCH-AND-RELEASE BEST PRACTICES:

- 1. 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 trout's slime covering that helps keep the fish healthy.
- 2. Avoid moving fish from the water** — unhook and release the fish while it is still under water.
- 3. 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.
- 4. Gently remove hooks you can see** — otherwise, clip the line near the mouth on a deep hooked fish. (The hook will rust and dissolve over time.)
- 5. 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.
- 6. When cleaning your fish** always dispose fish waste at a designated fish cleaning station or a bear-safe approved trash can.
- 7. 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.
- 8. Please mind your "Mountain Manners"** when fishing and camping in the Eastern Sierra. This means taking all trash out with you, including pet and human waste, staying on the beaten path, and following all wildfire safety prevention regulations to avoid causing a devastating forest fire. Thank you!

Fish species found in the Eastern Sierra:

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| Rainbow trout* | Brook trout |
| Brown trout* | Sacramento perch |
| Golden trout* | Small mouth bass |
| Lahontan cutthroat* | Kokanee salmon |

*Catch all four species of trout in the same day or on the same trip — rainbow, brown, golden and cutthroat — and you've got a SIERRA SLAM!

Post your catches on the Mono County Tourism Facebook page and we'll shout the news to the world.

Derbies, events and free fishing days

California **FREE fishing days** are typically the first Saturday in July and the first Saturday of September. (All other fishing regulations still apply. See regulations at Wildlife.ca.gov)

For a list of all fishing derbies and festivals happening in Mono County, please visit MonoCounty.org/Fishing.

Please keep only what you need —

Release the rest so they may reproduce, grow and transform into trophy-sized beauties!

California Department of Fish & Wildlife
760-872-1171 | Wildlife.ca.gov

Mono County Economic Development,
Tourism and Film Commission
PO Box 603, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546
800-845-7922 | MonoCounty.org

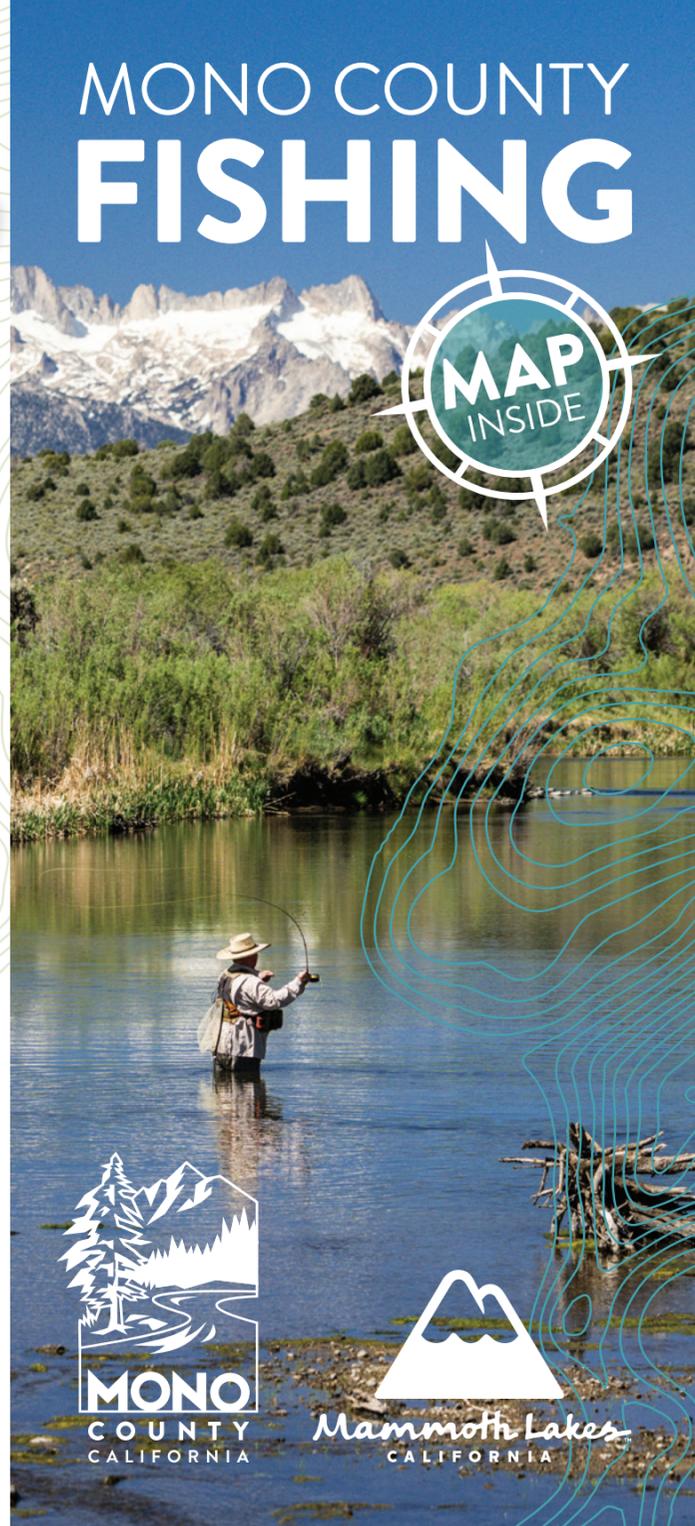
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MONO COUNTY FISHING

MAP
INSIDE

FRONT COVER: EAST WALKER RIVER © CHRISTIAN PONDRELLA • BACK COVER: BROWN TROUT © BECOWOLF/STOCK.ADOBE.COM • INSIDE: OWENS RIVER © MONO COUNTY TOURISM



POPULAR MONO COUNTY FISHING DESTINATIONS

BODY OF WATER	FISHING REGULATIONS EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 2021	DAILY BAG & POSSESSION LIMIT
Rock Creek Lake	Last Saturday in April through Nov. 15. Closed the rest of the year.	5 trout
Rock Creek	Last Saturday in April through Nov. 15.	5 trout per day, 10 in possession
Rock Creek <i>continued</i>	Nov. 16 through the Friday preceding the last Saturday in April. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	0 trout
Crowley Lake	Last Saturday in April through July 31.	5 trout
Crowley Lake <i>continued</i>	August 1 through Nov. 15. Only artificial lures may be used. Minimum size limit: 18 inches total length. Closed Nov. 16 through the last Friday in April.	2 trout
McGee Creek downstream from Hwy. 395	Saturday preceding Memorial Day through Sept. 30. Closed the rest of the year.	5 trout
McGee Creek upstream from Hwy. 395	Last Saturday in April through Nov. 15.	5 trout per day, 10 in possession
McGee Creek upstream from Hwy. 395	Nov. 16 through the Friday preceding the last Saturday in April. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	0 trout
(A) Upper Owens River from Benton Crossing bridge (on Benton Crossing Road) upstream to Big Springs	All year. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	0 trout
(B) Upper Owens River from Benton Crossing bridge (on Benton Crossing Road) downstream to Crowley Lake	Last Saturday in April through July 31.	5 trout
(B) Upper Owens River from Benton Crossing bridge (on Benton Crossing Road) downstream to Crowley Lake <i>continued</i>	August 1 through Nov. 15. Only artificial lures may be used. Minimum size limit: 18 inches total length. Closed Nov. 16 through the last Friday in April.	2 trout
Convict Lake	Last Saturday in April through Nov. 15. Closed the rest of the year.	5 trout
Hot Creek	All year. Only artificial flies with barbless hooks may be used.	0 trout
Lake Mamie, Lake Mary, Lake George, Twin Lakes	Last Saturday in April through Nov. 15. Closed the rest of the year.	5 trout
June Lake, Gull Lake, Silver Lake, Grant Lake	Last Saturday in April through Nov. 15. Closed the rest of the year.	5 trout
Rush Creek between Silver Lake & Grant Lake	Saturday preceding Memorial Day through Sept. 30. Closed the rest of the year.	5 trout
Lee Vining Creek from Lee Vining conduit downstream to Mono Lake	Saturday preceding Memorial Day through Sept. 30	2 trout per day, 4 in possession
Lee Vining Creek from Lee Vining conduit downstream to Mono Lake <i>continued</i>	Oct. 1 through the Friday preceding Memorial Day. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	0 trout
Lee Vining Creek from Lee Vining conduit upstream	Last Saturday in April through Nov. 15.	5 trout per day, 10 in possession
Lee Vining Creek from Lee Vining conduit upstream <i>continued</i>	Nov. 16 through the Friday preceding the last Saturday in April. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	0 trout
Ellery Lake, Tioga Lake, Saddlebag Lake	Open all year	5 trout per day, 10 in possession
Lundy Lake	Last Saturday in April through Nov. 15. Closed the rest of the year.	5 trout
Upper & Lower Virginia Lakes	Last Saturday in April through Nov. 15. Closed the rest of the year.	5 trout
Upper & Lower Twin Lakes - Bridgeport	Last Saturday in April through Nov. 15. Closed the rest of the year.	5 trout
Robinson Creek from US Forest Service boundary downstream to Upper Twin Lake, and between Upper and Lower Twin Lake	Saturday preceding Memorial Day through Sept. 30. Closed the rest of the year.	5 trout
Robinson Creek all other sections	Last Saturday in April through Nov. 15.	5 trout
Robinson Creek all other sections <i>continued</i>	Nov. 16 through the Friday preceding the last Saturday in April. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	0 trout
Bridgeport Reservoir	Last Saturday in April through Nov. 15. Closed the rest of the year.	5 trout
East Walker River	Last Saturday in April through Nov. 15. Closed the rest of the year. Artificial lures only. Minimum size limit: 18 inches total length.	2 trout
West Walker River	Last Saturday in April through Nov. 15.	5 trout per day, 10 in possession
West Walker River <i>continued</i>	Nov. 16 through the Friday preceding the last Saturday in April. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	0 trout
Topaz Lake	Open all year	5 trout per day, 10 in possession



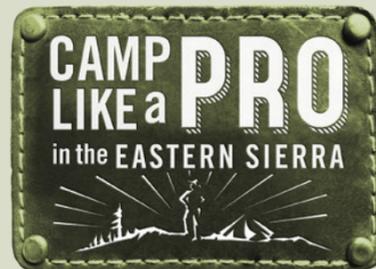
MONO COUNTY MAP



SCALE

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- Ranger Station
- Visitor Center
- Scenic Vista Point
- Rest Area
- US 395 Official State Scenic Byway
- Highway Subject to Winter Closure
- Unpaved Road
- Rough Unpaved Road (4WD only)



CURRENT FIRE RESTRICTIONS
essrp.org/camping

Go to essrp.org/camping for pro camping tips, pro campfire skills, all current fire restrictions plus an interactive map to see where you can and can't camp outside of developed campgrounds.

Or scan this QR code:



Scan this QR code to get 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/>

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