

Snow Drifts Will Greet Diamond Lake Anglers

Saturday will be the day when, lapse. Diamond Lake, free of trash fish and full of rainbow, will be open again to fishing after a 20-month area of the lake.

The jewel of the Cascades at one time was one of the most popular of the trout lakes in Oregon. It advanced bookings at the Diamond Lake resort are an indication, the lake is sure to be tops on the list again this summer.

Vondis Miller, supervisor of the Umpqua National Forest, said the owners of the resort were preparing for an opening-day rush a couple of weeks ago, packing through snow drifts to reach the lodge. Reservations for lodging there were gone nearly two months ago, it's understood.

The lodge will take care of some of the anglers. But others who are planning an overnight stay are likely to find the climate rather arctic.

Forest Service people flew over the lake early this week. Strangely enough, they were trying to find a place to land so they could fight a brush fire.

Snow, they reported, is three or four feet deep in some places, even near the edge of the lake. But

the lake itself is free of ice.

Some snow is over roads rimming the lake. The State Highway Dept. has accepted responsibility of clearing state routes to the area, one of which is Oregon 230, which leads to the lodge. The highway people are planning to have the roads open by Thursday evening in preparation for the weekend rush.

But from the lodge, motorists may be on their own. Miller said his forest crews may bulldoze lanes to various landings along the shores of the 3,000-acre lake, but fishermen may find parking places scarce.

And if they plan to camp overnight, they're likely to bed down on the snowdrifts. One small area has melted off in the May sun, but even the sun hasn't been enough to get rid of most of the snow.

The occasion Saturday, of course, is the opening of the trout season in the Cascade lakes.

Anglers — the optimistic ones — missed Diamond last summer

when the Oregon Game Commission kept it closed while newly stocked trout were putting on weight.

The trout had been stocked last spring after a dose of rotenone applied the previous September was dissipating in the lake. The poison had successfully executed millions of roach, which since 1946 had gobbled up most available fish food in the lake and virtually starved out the trout population.

The poisoning was run off by the Game Commission with the aid of several score sportsmen from communities of Southern Oregon. The commission stirred tons of the poison into the lake, and roach, trout and other fish life turned belly up.

The following spring, the Game Commission introduced some 150,000 yearling rainbow into Diamond, and followed them up with the stocking of about 400,000 rainbow fry.

Game Commission biologist William E. Pitney, Roseburg, said the yearlings probably will range between 10 and 15 inches in length early in the summer. The fry will have reached legal size — six inches.

The Game Commission schedule calls for stocking of some half million fish annually in the coming years.

The roach which caused the trouble are native to the Klamath Basin. They were introduced to Diamond Lake, it's believed, about 25 or 30 years ago by anglers using live bait. The escapades flourished and had starved out the trout in a couple of decades.

In 1946, there were about 300 pounds of fish food to the acre in the lake. By 1953, the prolific and hungry roach had reduced it to a shocking 2.3 pounds, a Game Commission study showed.

But in the 20 months since the lake was poisoned, food has been built back up to more than 90 pounds per acre. The food counted included everything in the diet of a trout. Aiding in the food increase was fertilizer — the fish killed in the poisoning were left to decompose in the water.

Apparently, the only trout which had been caught in the lake were those stocked by the Game Commission.

Pitney said it's expected to be several years before the lake is re-established to its former standard.

J. W. Vaughn, the commission's regional administrator at Roseburg, has said state regulations against using live bait probably will be violated again, as it was when the roach first were introduced.

But in the meantime, the Game Commission expects the rehabilitation of the lake during the past 20 months to pay off economically through increased tourism and recreation in the area.

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NEXT ON PURGE LIST

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia, (AP) — Reports from Albania indicate Premier Mehmet Shehu may be the next Red leader to be purged on charges of Stalinism.

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Vice President	
Richard Nixon 42,426	
(Multnomah not counted)	
U. S. Senate	
George Altwater 3,761	
Elmer Deetz 23,356	
Phil Hitchcock 97,670	
Douglas McKay 121,726	
Unofficial returns from 655 of the first district's 655 precincts give:	
First District Congress	
R. F. Cook 13,175	
Walter Norblad 62,855	
Unofficial returns from 817 of the third district's 817 precincts give:	
Third District Congress	
A. W. Lafferty 10,765	
Phil J. Roth 29,278	
Elizabeth Carson Sailor 15,947	
Peter W. Welch 15,523	
Unofficial returns from 2506 of the state's 2519 precincts give:	
Governor	
Earl L. Dickson 23,136	
Elmo Smith 224,039	
Secretary of State	
Mark Hatfield 147,143	
William E. Healy 88,131	
National Committeeman	
Robert T. Mautz 112,916	
John Merrifield 101,185	
DEMOCRAT	
President	
Estes Kefauver 28,029	
Adlai Stevenson 90,195	
U. S. Senate	
Wayne Morse 193,758	
Wendell Smith 39,899	
Unofficial returns from 655 of the first district's 655 precincts give:	
First District Congress	
Don H. Metheny 14,058	
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Second District Congress	
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Al Ullman 24,525	
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Fourth District Congress	
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David C. Shaw 18,026	
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Lew Wallace 105,177	
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C. Girard Davidson 114,984	
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National Committeewoman	
Virginia Grant 108,684	
Gladys Last 90,427	
NONPARTISAN	
Supreme Court Judge	
(2429 precincts)	
Hall S. Lusk 294,979	
L. B. Sandblast 135,008	
CRUSHED BY TREE	
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His wife, Patricia, and two small children were with him. Funeral services are pending.	

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