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Cameron Henry checks to make sure that the worm is still on his hook while fishing at Detroit Lake.

Detroit Lake is stocked with 6,000 rainbow trout

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Trout fishing season is in full swing around Oregon, including at mountain lakes and reservoirs east of Salem.

Here's a breakdown of which lakes were stocked this week and how to land 'em.

All information is via the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's recreation report.

Detroit Reservoir

The reservoir is completely full, and all boat ramps are in the water. The reservoir was stocked this week with 6,000 hatchery rainbow trout. Mongold boat ramp, among others, is available for launching boats.

NOTICE: Anglers are encouraged to report their catch on forms available at signs and kiosks, which are being in-

stalled at key locations around the lake. Simply fill out the form and return in the designated drop boxes. There is also an online form.

Olallie Lake

The large high mountain lake northeast of Detroit — and just below Mount Jefferson — was stocked with 6,800 trout the last two weeks, including 125 trophy trout.

This is the largest of more than 200 lakes within the Olallie Lake Scenic Area. Located on the southern edge of the Mt. Hood National Forest, it is a popular summer recreational destination for people from Portland and Salem.

There is a boat ramp at Peninsula Campground on the southwest shore of the lake. Camping is available at Olallie Meadows Campground and Paul Dennis Campground.

Alton Baker Canoe Canal

This Eugene fishing spot was stocked with 965 rainbow trout, including 150 larger trout, last week.

The canoe canal is located within Alton Baker Park and can be accessed off of Club Road in Eugene. A 4-acre pond at the midpoint of the canal is a good spot, but it can be fished all along its 2-mile length from Day Island Road in Eugene to Aspen Street in Springfield. The canal is open to fishing all year.

Blue River Reservoir

Stocked the week of June 26 with 2,000 legal-size hatchery rainbow trout including 100 larger trout, Blue River Reservoir is east of Eugene near the town of Blue River, north of Highway 126. It is open to year-round fishing. The boat ramps are not accessible at current reservoir elevations.

Carmen Reservoir

Carmen Reservoir was stocked the week of June 26 with 2,375 rainbow trout, including 375 larger trout. The reservoir is accessed via USFS Road 750 off Highway 126, about 2 miles south of Clear Lake. It is open to fishing all year. Use of bait is allowed. Motor boats are prohibited on this reservoir.

Clear Lake

Clear Lake is open to fishing all year and was stocked the week of June 26 with 3,431 hatchery trout of various sizes. In Clear Lake, you could catch a fish with a tag that could win you a \$50 Cabela's gift card as part of ODFW's tag reward program. Clear Lake is accessed from Highway 126, approximately 70 miles east of Springfield.

Oregon rich in water heading into summer

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Oregon is heading into the hottest part of the season with plenty of water, a sharp contrast to the past two seasons.

Most reservoirs are full, rivers remain high and mountain snowpack is above average, according to the latest water supply outlook report by the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service in Oregon.

It all adds up to a summer likely to have plenty of water for irrigation and recreation, the report said.

Despite less rainfall than normal in May, total precipitation during the last nine months have been well above normal, the report said.

"Because mountain snowpacks peaked higher than usual this winter and melted out up to three weeks later than usual, streamflows are predicted to be normal to above normal this summer," said Scott Oviatt, snow survey supervisory hydrologist with Oregon NRCS, in a news release.



A kayaker paddles over Mill City Falls on the North Santiam River.

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