

LIVING IN OREGON... AT HOME... AT WORK... AT PLAY



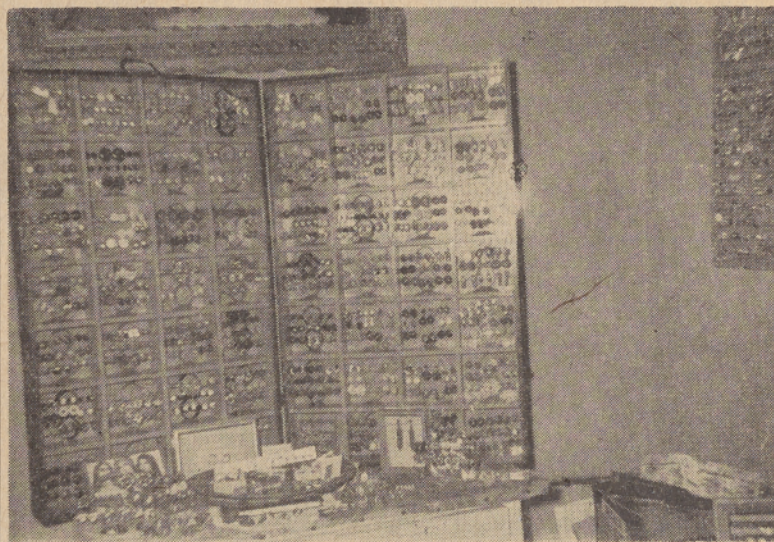
The reservoir behind Detroit Dam on Oregon's North Santiam River opens up a huge new recreational area for fishermen, boat enthusiasts and those who like their holidays in the vicinity of a lake. The lake stretches 8½ miles upstream from the dam. The island shown here, formerly a small butte, is called Piety Knob. Picture Courtesy Oregon State Highway Comm.

Oregon's State Parks Offer Lure

Detroit Lake State Park Mecca for Fishermen

Detroit Dam is a recently constructed unit of the Willamette Valley Flood Control Project. It lies 47 miles east of Salem on the North Santiam River. On State Highway 22, 2 miles west of Detroit, the forested park is a wilderness area on the north shore of Detroit Reservoir.

Boat fishermen particularly appreciate the accessibility of Detroit Lake. The gamey rainbow trout abound in its clear waters. There is a paved boat ramp for trailer launching 1½ miles west of the camp area. A 64-unit camp with 58 tent and 6 trailer camps are afforded as are all picnic facilities. Rate, \$.75 per car.



The Earring Hobby House, Seaside, of Bessie Porter whose collection numbers over 1,600 pairs of unusual earrings, all different. The collection was recently exhibited by the local Pacific Power and Light Company. The display was lighted by ten flood lights, the entire collection filling a huge front window. A number of odd, single earrings were attractively displayed in a smaller window. Mrs. Porter is the wife of OLCC member Frank Porter.

So You Want To Go Fishin'?

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SO YOU WANT TO GO FISHIN'? Well, take off. What with the large variety of water and types of country in Oregon, fishing is available in some form the year around. From the ocean to the high lakes of the Wallawas, Oregon's 15,000 miles of streams, 400 miles of coast and over 1,000 inland lakes provide some type of fishing to satisfy all tastes.

It is not possible here to describe in detail all of the various kinds of fishing. However, if we have stirred up a bit of interest on your part, write in to the Game Commission for a copy of the leaflet "FISHING IN OREGON," which gives you more information on the fishing available in the state and the areas where it may be found.

The pictures and chart accompanying this article will give you an idea of what the state offers. We'd like to point out a few of the fishing opportunities shown on the chart although we can't discuss them all.

The ocean supplies a year around opportunity to catch bottom or rock fish and presents one of the most interesting forms of fishing to be found in the state. There is no license or bag limit for this kind of fishing and the most intriguing part is the fish caught. You never know what is liable to be on the end of the line when you pull it in. Though some of the specimens that come from the briny are rather weird looking, the majority of them make mighty fine frying pan fixin's.

Another year around fishing is the one for warm-water species. Of course, as the name implies the best time of the year for these fish is when the weather man gives forth with some summer weather. Included in this group are the bass, crappies, perch and catfish, species often ignored by anglers here in Oregon but furnishing some of the most important fishing in the United States as a whole.

Also providing a year around challenge to the angler is the bottom cruising sturgeon. Summer months seem to be most popular for fishing for these monsters though more and more are being caught at other times. The main draw-back to fishing for them during the winter months is the weather. It isn't particularly an active type of fishing and that cold rain and wind can be mighty miserable.

Whitefish and Dolly Varden offer year around fishing in many waters as they may be fished whenever and wherever there is an open season for trout, salmon or steelhead. And, contrary to many rumors, whitefish and Dollys provide good eating. The former has the same bony structure as the trout and in many areas of the country is highly prized. Dolly Varden taste about the same as trout of comparable size.

Trout anglers also have year around fishing available in a few places. A close check of the angling synopsis should be made before you embark on this type of fishing, however. One area that is quite popular in the winter is that part of Klamath lake open to rainbow trout fishing. Some whoopers are taken there at times.

It might be well to mention some of the newer types of fishing being developed in the state, or those that are somewhat different than the regular trout fishing.

Recently a new kind of trout fishing was created when golden trout were planted in some of the high Wallowa lakes. One comment that might come up here is, why make the darn things so inaccessible? Mainly, because that is the type of habitat the fish need to retain the bright colors for which they are famous. Though the bag limit is small on these fish and it will take some leg work to get to them, they offer a type of fishing most rewarding. The fact that the fish are so brightly colored puts them into a class of their own and makes them a worthy challenge.

Another fish that provides variety to the angler is the kokanee. These fellows, caught mainly during the early part of the trout season, are the land-locked version of the blueback salmon. In scrapping ability they equal trout and the final catch is a very pretty sight to behold because of the artistry of Mother Nature.

In recent years one other species has become increasingly important to sports fishermen. The eggs of the shad have long been known as a delicacy, but now taking of these fish on sports tackle has assumed new interest. Though not long-winded fighters, they are fast, vicious scrappers when taken on light tackle and have been providing much sport in the Sandy river and on the south coast in the Coquille river.

For the fisherman who wants to catch a large number of fish and is not after the big



This lad, proudly displaying his catch, proves there's no better way for youngsters to spend their time. (Oregon Fish and Game Comm. photo).

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ones, one lake in Grant county and a number of lakes in Wallowa and Baker counties are open the entire year for eastern brook trout angling. The bag limit . . . thirty fish per day and sixty in possession with no minimum length limit in effect. If you plan on taking this ruling to heart, it's best to check the angling regulation synopsis under zones 8 and 9.

Along the south coast, the "striper" or striped bass has been giving nimrods thrills lately, especially in the Coos Bay area.

Steelhead are caught under the same variety of conditions, being found in almost all areas of the state during some time of year.

Footnote: If you would like to be placed on the Game Commission Bulletin's mailing list, or would like to receive special information on fishing and hunting in Oregon, write to Oregon State Game Commission, 1634 SW Alder St., Portland, Oregon.