

Horton Pond Outing
Saturday, April 8 at 10: 30 AM
Hosts: Bill Burleigh & Glen Neal

CFF's first outing of the year to Horton Pond is just around the bend. This pond, also called Hult Reservoir, was first established in the 1900's as a holding area for logs from the Hult Logging Company. Now a home for many species of fish including cutthroat trout, rainbow trout, perch, bluegill, and bass, it offers an easy access and close fishing area for so many Oregonians. This pond and upper Lake Creek is being studied by BLM to determine a long-term management plan for the area and fish ladder.

This outing is typically one of the best-attended CFF outings. Its proximity to Eugene is a big draw. Only 35 miles outside of Eugene, it takes just 45 minutes to reach and the roads are well maintained. The pond is nestled in the coast range with tall fir trees, ferns and wildflowers. Ease in fishing is another reason why CFF members enjoy this fishing hole. The pond is perfect for all skill levels since the water is typically calm, and maximum depth is just 11 - 15 feet. Non-motorized boats, pontoon boats, and float tubes are used to access the fishing. Limited bank fishing is available. There are chemical toilets maintained by the state, but no running water.

Perhaps one of the biggest draws is the dutch oven desserts served up by Glen Neal and Bill Burleigh. Always a hit, the sweet smell of the baked goods wafting over the water, and the jovial camaraderie brings the group together for a great lunch rendezvous.

Directions from Eugene (travel time about 45-50 minutes):

1. Take Hwy 99 going north until Hwy 36 (7 miles from Belt Line and Hwy 99.) Take a left onto Hwy 36 going west, approximately 20 miles.
(Alternate route from Hwy 99 is to take a left on Clear Lake Road (0.5 miles from Belt Line and Hwy 99) which becomes Lawrence Road. Continue straight until you reach Hwy 36. Take left (west) onto Hwy 36.)
2. Continue on Hwy 36 over Low Pass until you come to Horton Road on the right.
3. Follow Horton Road approximately 3.5 miles until it divides at the Horton Market.
4. Turn right on Lake Creek Road and follow straight along the dirt/gravel road until Horton Pond is visible on your right, approximately 1.5 miles.

There is a small, undeveloped boat ramp with parking on the roadside edge of the pond. Chemical toilets are available.

Meeting Time:

We will meet at the Horton Pond at 10:30 AM. A sign indicating the CFF location will be visible from the road.

Flotation Equipment:

Non-motorized drift boats, pontoon boats, and float tubes are all great methods to access the fishing. There is limited bank fishing.

Fishing Equipment:

Fishing is best done using a sink tip or full sinking line. Leader length is 9 feet, tippet 4-6 pound weight. Recommended wet flies are the olive wooly bugger, prince nymph,

pheasant tail nymph, pink cutthroat fly, orange/olive still-water nymph, or Carey's Special with a peacock body.

There is a small chance of a calbaetis hatch which can be fished with Griffin's Gnat or an Adams dry fly.

Treats - Lunch:

The group will reconvene together at lunchtime. Bring your own meal, treats and beverage. Dutch Oven desserts will be provided by members by Bill Burleigh and Glen Neal.

Apparel/Camera/ First Aid Kit:

Weather has been variable in the past years, and can go from snowy, rain to sunny, warm weather. Wear clothing appropriate to the temperature and conditions.

A first aid kit is always a wise precaution.

Be sure to remember your camera (waterproof sack and tethered) and take photos to share our fishing adventures for the newsletter and/or the CFF website.

For information contact Bill Burleigh (541-968-1168) or Glen Neal (541-517-7108).

All CFF Outings are for CFF members only.