



Sawmill Lake
Friday June 23 and Saturday June 24, 2017
(Note: You're only required to sign-up for one day)

Fishout Location: Sawmill Lake on the Northstar resort property	Accommodations: Motel or camping nearby	Cost: \$150 rod fee per day (make checks payable to Flycasters)
Fishmaster(s): Jeff Lorelli	Phone: 510-304-2614	Email: jlorelli@gmail.com
Lake/Stream/River: Lake	Seminar planned: None but learn as you go.	Max. # Attendees: 6 per day with 4 min – Note attendees may need to be flexible depending on what day fills up first

Directions: Take Hwy 80 toward the town of Truckee and take Hwy 267 south toward the Northstar ski resort. More detailed directions to follow.

Website(s): <http://tahoeflyfishing.com/sawmill-lake/>

Sawmill Lake is a small, private catch and release lake managed by Tahoe Flyfishers. The lake is part of the Northstar ski resort property and is approximately 10 acres in size. It offers an intimate setting to catch large rainbows (16 to 22"+) as well as smaller browns (12-14"+). The lake is best covered with a float tube or pram (no motors allowed) but can also be bank fished from the dam and around a few other areas. Access is limited in many areas with no room to back cast.

Fish: Trout
Fishing strategy: Fish around the launch and dam areas with intermediate to full sink lines, kick trolling leeches, buggers, and nymphs; areas on the far bank and rear of the lake are shallower and can be fun to fish with dry flies and nymphs if hatches are present. You can also fish from the dam with streamers and large leeches.

Suggested Equipment:	Rod Wt(s)	5-6 wt rod, 8-1/2' to 9'
	Line	WF floating, intermediate, full sinking lines and sink tips; most areas are less than 15' deep.
	Leader	Streamers and nymphs: 4X tapered to 5X tippet, 7-1/2 to 9 ft; for dry flies, 5X tapered to 6X tippet, 10-12 ft for presenting dries.
	Tippet	A 4X leader is a great all-purpose leader as you can tie anything from 4X to 6X tippet on as required by the conditions. Be for-warned these fish can easily break off 6X tippet so be careful with your hook set and let the fish set the hook. For subsurface use heavier tippet and do a strip set rather than pulling the rod high.
	Other	PFD required for float tube, pontoon boat, kick boat (no motors), fishfinder, net or Boga Grip, camera. Sunblock, bug spray and eye protection is a must! Skeeters and horseflies can make their presence felt.

Suggested Flies:	Patterns/Sizes/etc.	Streamers: Woolly Buzzer and leeches (size 6-10); crayfish and sculpins, (sizes 4 –6); Flashback PT's and prince nymphs (size 14-16) make great droppers fished under a buggler or leech. Nymphs: flashback PT's, BH hare ears, and prince nymphs (sizes 14-16); Rickards's Stillwater nymphs (sizes 10-12); poxyback calibaetis (size 12-16); balanced leeches and nymphs fished under an indicator can produce well, especially if windy; damsel (sizes 8-12) and dragon nymphs (size 4-8), water boatman (size 14-16) are good all-purpose lake flies that can produce when fished with sinking lines.
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		Drys: Flying ants (12-16), beetles (12-14) and hoppers (8-12); parachute adams (14-18); skinny humpy (14-18); CDC caddis (14-16); midges (14-16)
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Accommodations: I usually stay at the Best Western 11331 Brockway Rd in Truckee; they have clean comfortable rooms and offer a small hot breakfast buffet included with the room; also the Mountain Burrito restaurant is attached to the motel.

https://www.bestwestern.com/en_US/book/hotel-details.05722.html?iata=00171880&ssob=BLBWI0004G&cid=BLBWI0004G:google:gmb:05722

There are also plenty of campsites in the area. If you have one you are familiar with and can recommend, please let me know. I may stay at the motel on Thurs night with late arrival and consider camping Fri/Sat night. There are many areas to fish around the Truckee area such as Boca, Stampede, and Frenchmen's Lakes so you can make Sawmill part of an extended trip; Stream such as the Little Truckee, Prosser Creek, and the main Truckee are also nearby but may not be fishable yet because of the snowpack. It is best to check with the local shops as time draws nearer before planning any stream fishing as part of the Sawmill lake trip. The Mountain Hardware in Truckee is a great resource to find out about the fishing in the area and up to date conditions:

<http://mountainhardwareandsports.com/>