



**Bridgeport/Twins Lakes  
Thur-Sun  
Jun 15-18, 2017**

<b>Fishout Location:</b> Bridgeport/Twin Lakes area in eastern sierra	<b>Accommodations:</b> Tent camping Robinson Creek campground sites 28, 35 plus one or two more upon arrival	<b>Cost:</b> \$60 \$40 if separate lodging
<b>Fishmaster(s):</b> Lee Dorius/Bill Mahan	<b>Cell:</b> 408-310-9237	<b>Email:</b> LDORIUS@yahoo.com
<b>Lake/Stream/River:</b> All three	<b>Seminar:</b>	<b>Max Attendees:</b> 12 to 16

**Directions:** Links provide directions from San Jose to Robinson Creek campground

<http://tinyurl.com/Robinson-Creek-CG-Bridgeport>  
<https://www.fs.usda.gov/recarea/htnf/recarea/?recid=65208>

**Website(s):**

<a href="http://www.kenssport.com/fishing-reports.html">http://www.kenssport.com/fishing-reports.html</a>	Local fly shop fishing report
<a href="http://bridgeportcalifornia.com/">http://bridgeportcalifornia.com/</a>	Bridgeport info with alternative lodging
<a href="http://www.twinklakesort.com/">http://www.twinklakesort.com/</a>	Nearest resort
<a href="http://stevenojai.tripod.com/twin.htm">http://stevenojai.tripod.com/twin.htm</a>	Twin lakes fly fishing info
<a href="http://stevenojai.tripod.com/bridge.htm">http://stevenojai.tripod.com/bridge.htm</a>	Bridgeport reservoir fly fishing info
<a href="http://stevenojai.tripod.com/eastwalker.htm">http://stevenojai.tripod.com/eastwalker.htm</a>	East Walker river fly fishing info
<a href="http://stevenojai.tripod.com/virginia.htm">http://stevenojai.tripod.com/virginia.htm</a>	Virginia lakes fly fishing info
<a href="http://stevenojai.tripod.com/westwalker.htm">http://stevenojai.tripod.com/westwalker.htm</a>	West Walker and Kirman lake fly fishing info
<a href="http://stevenojai.tripod.com/hatchEast.htm">http://stevenojai.tripod.com/hatchEast.htm</a>	Eastern Sierra hatch info

**Meals provided:** Thur dinner, Fri break/lunch/dinner, Sat break/lunch/dinner, Sun break/lunch – see menu signup sheet  
 Dinner Thur night will be potluck style – use signup sheet to indicate what you will bring  
 Everyone must signup to help for one meal – use signup sheet to select which meal to help

<b>Fish:</b> Trout: rainbow, brown, brook, cutthroat	<b>Fishing strategy:</b> River – wade - dry fly/wet fly/nymph/streamer Lakes – float tube/pontoon boat – dry fly/wet fly/nymph/streamer
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<b>Suggested Equipment:</b>	<b>Rod Wt(s)</b>	4, 5, 6 wt
	<b>Line</b>	River – floating, sink tip Lake – floating, intermediate, sinking
	<b>Leader</b>	7-9ft 3x to 6x
	<b>Tippet</b>	2-3ft 3x to 6x
	<b>Other</b>	Waders, wading staff

<b>Suggested Flies:</b>	<b>Patterns/Sizes/etc.</b>	See above links for fly fishing info, hatches and reports
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**Other Gear suggestions:**

PFD is required in float tubes and pontoon boats  
 Nights can get very cold to low 30's, bring warm sleeping bag, warm clothes and jacket.  
 Bring firewood so we can have fires both morning and evening.  
 Daypack if going into backcountry  
 Walkie talkie

## Details/ Comments

The Bridgeport area is a fly fisherman's paradise with something for everyone. The area contains 2 rivers (East and West Walker), 4 creeks (Robinson, Buckeye, Green and Little Walker), a large reservoir (Bridgeport), 2 large drive to lakes (Upper, Lower Twin), 3 small drive to alpine lakes (Big, Little Virginia and Trumball) and even more backcountry lakes within a daytrip hike (Kirman, Poore, Barney, etc).

Robinson creek where we will be camping has 13 miles of fishable stream below Lower Twin Lake for planted trout. Above Upper Twin, there are 3.5miles of stream with wild trout along a trail leading to Barney lake which holds brookies.

Twin lakes just above our campsite has excellent fishing for larger rainbows and browns which are best reached by float tubing the inlets and northern shoreline in early morning and late evening.

Buckeye creek is located about 3 miles north of our campsite off Twin lakes road and provides an opportunity for small stream fly fishing.

East Walker river is the premier fishery in the area and designated a "Trophy Trout" stream. It's a tail water below Bridgeport reservoir about 30min drive from our campsite and provides 8 miles of fishable river from the dam to the Nevada border. It contains an abundance of large rainbows and browns and has special regulations requiring barbless hooks.

West and Little Walker rivers are further north about 40min from our campsite along Hwy 108 (the shortest route over the sierras from San Jose to Bridgeport). The West Walker may still be high and off color at mid June, but may be worth a try and the Little Walker should be in good shape and worth a stop on the way in or out of the area.

Green Creek is located about 5 miles south of Bridgeport on Hwy 395 along Green Creek road and provides yet another opportunity for small stream fly fishing.

Virginia Lakes is located about an hour drive from our campsite, south of Bridgeport on Hwy 395, take Virginia Lake road. Provides a pristine alpine setting for drive up float tubing 3 high sierra lakes and the timing of mid June could be good for hungry brookies right after ice out.

Kirman Lake is another trophy fishery and supports the largest brookies and cutthroats in the area, but requires a 3 mile hike into the backcountry with a float tube. The trailhead is on Hwy 108 near the Little Walker, about a 30min drive from our campsite and the hike in is about 1.5hrs with 300ft of elevation gain. Sizes range from 15" to 24" and has special regulations requiring barbless hooks.

Bridgeport reservoir is also a very good fishery but requires a motor boat to access the best areas for fly fishing.

## Campsite Details

All attendees are required to signup for 2 things – a potluck dish and one meal to help – see signup sheet. Potluck dishes should serve about 4 and be precooked, but heating on site is OK as we will have cooking gear. Try to pair up for carpooling as we pay for extra vehicles.

We have 2 sites reserved #28 and #35 and first 8 to arrive are guaranteed a spot there, plan 4 persons per site. One or two more sites will be obtained upon arrival if there are signups of 12 or 16 max.

There are 22 additional sites that are non-reserveable and available first come first serve.

I plan to arrive by Thur to reserve additional sites if necessary.

If you want to bring a trailer or motor home, you will need to get your own camp site.

I will have my trailer and will be staying at site#6.

Alternative lodging info is provided in the links above, let me know if don't plan to use club camp sites.

There will be some beer provided, but probably not enough and no wine, bring what you like to drink.

Bridgeport is well known for very high gas prices, fill up someplace else or top off until back over the hill.

