

Lake Amador Fishing Tactics

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Lake: Amador (Rainbow)

Month: November 2011

Areas: See map below.

Water temperature & likely depth(s) fish will be at: 59-66 degrees, on the surface to 15 feet deep.

Rod, reel, main line (e.g. # test, lead core, etc.): Bait caster or spinning rod, medium, medium light action, 6-7 feet, 8 lb. mono; lead core.

Leader #/length: 8 lb., 18 inches long for bait fishing; 2-4 feet trolling with bait caster or spinning rod; 60 feet with lead core.

Dodgers, side-kicks, wiggle fins, e-chips, flashers: Generally not needed this time of the year. If needed Slim Willies with a night crawler or a 4/0 dodger. Apply a scent to the Slim Willies/dodger.

Lures/colors: Flies; Grubs 1.3-1.7 mph; #2 Needlefish Firetiger, Red Dot Frog, Red/white with a small piece of night crawler as a trailer; night-crawlers 1.6 mph; Rapalas 1.8-3 mph; Trout Worms 0.8-1.1, 1.3-1.7 mph.

Scents/bait: Sand Shrimp; Trophy Trout, night crawlers.

Leadcore, Side-planers, downriggers: Lead core; side-planers.

Tactics: With an electric trolling motor put your line behind the boat 100+ feet, more if you are using an outboard motor.

Peak times: First light and dusk.

Fish finder: Start the day setting it to read water depth to 20 feet.

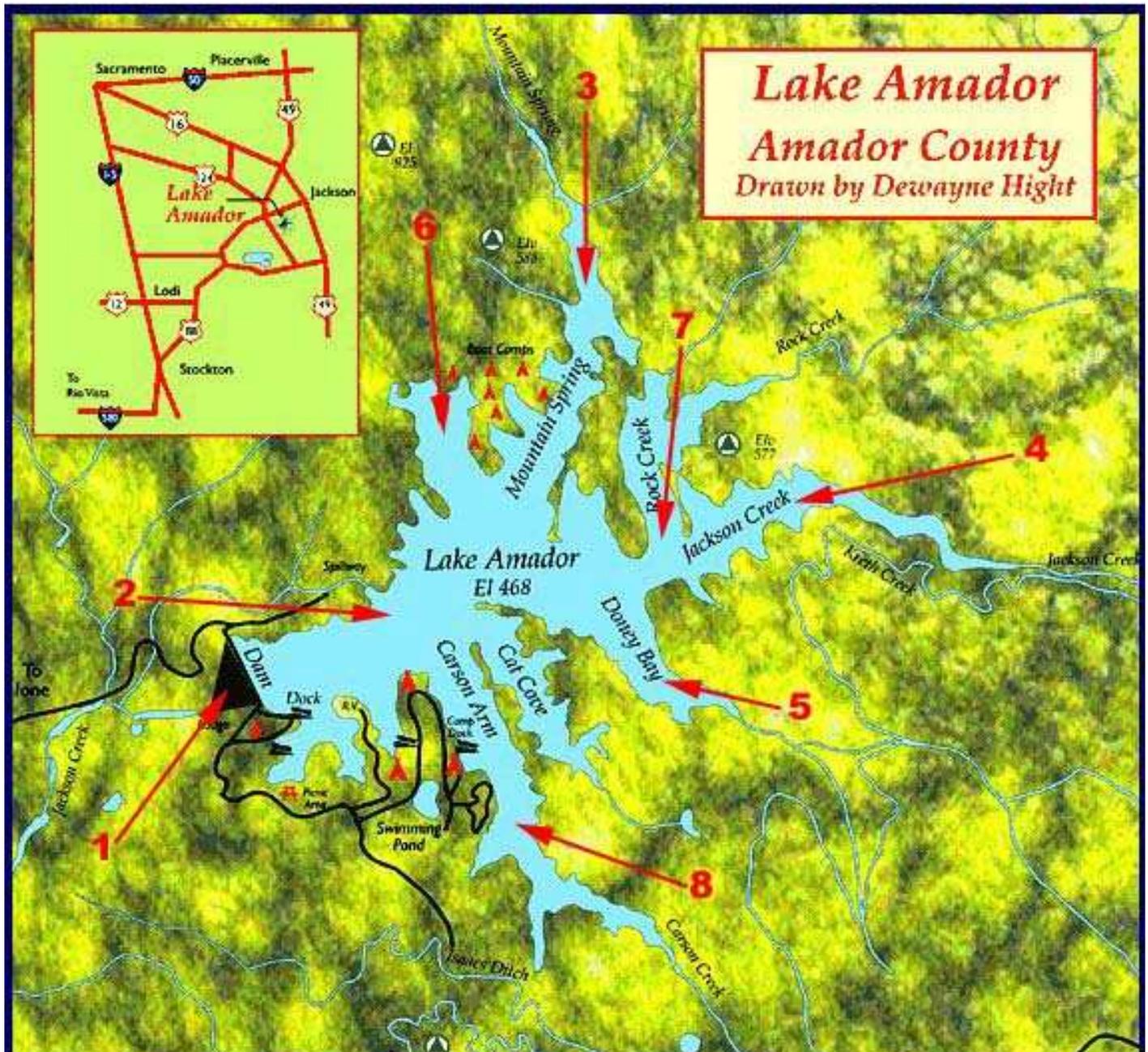
GPS: If you have one mark hits, hook-ups as soon as they occur and then stay in that area until the bite stops. Watch the direction of the marks it may tell you which direction the fish headed.

Boat handling: Sharp "S" turns; start/stop motor. Note when you get bites, e.g. Outside rod on a turn the fish are higher, might want it at faster speed, inside rod on a turn the fish are lower, might want it at slower speed.

Amenities: Store with food, gear & bait. 209-274-4739,
<http://www.lakeamador.com/fishinginfo.htm>

Directions: Hwy 16 East. Turn right onto Ione Road. In Ione turn right onto Hwy 104. Crossing Hwy 88 it turns into Jackson Valley Road. Turn left at Lake Amador sign.

1. The Dam
2. The Spillway
3. Mountain Spring
4. Jackson Creek
5. Doney Bay
6. No Name Cove
7. Rock Creek
8. Carson Creek



Fishing Notes

- * Fishing for Amador's "Cutbow" Trout is best when plants are taking place from October 15 through early June. Bank fishing is best for anglers fishing Power Bait, Crave Bait, salmon roe and nightcrawlers in the top 3 feet of water until the water temperature warms up in the spring. Trollers use Needlefish, Crippures, Needlefish, Goldeneyes, Sparklefish, Rapalas, Rebels and other minnow imitation lures.
- * Florida-Strain Largemouth Bass offer year-round action. Night fishing with jigs and Power Worms is best during the fall. During the winter, drop shotting with small plastics off main body points in 15 to 30 feet of water is most productive. Spring and summer baits include spinnerbaits, plastic worms, Zoom Flukes, crankbaits and top water lures.
- * Channel Catfish action reaches its prime in the summer and fall. Toss mackerel, chicken liver and stinkbaits off the points.
- * Crappie fishing is best off docks and other structure in spring and fall. Fish mini-jigs and live minnows.