

# Camanche Reservoir Tactics

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**Lake:** Camanche (Rainbow)

**Months:** **March** & **October**, 2011

**Areas:** See map below.

**Water temperature & likely depth(s) fish will be at:** **MARCH** - 48-64 degrees, clear, surface to 35 feet down. After the sun comes up you may want to go deeper.

**OCTOBER** - 64-70 degrees, clear, surface to 42 feet down. After the sun comes up you may want to go deeper.

**Rod/reel/line :** Medium, medium light action, 6-7 feet, 8 lb. mono.

**Leader #/length:** 8 lb., 6-18 inches long.

**Dodgers, side-kicks, wiggle fins, e-chips, flashers:** **MARCH** - Slim Willies with a night crawler; Wildthing dodger gold with night crawler. Apply a scent to the dodger.

**OCTOBER** - No.

**Lures/colors:** **MARCH** - Apex (Firetiger, orange), 3 inch Grubs (orange, Firetiger 0.7-0.9, 1.3-1.6 mph), night-crawlers (1.6 mph), Rapalas (F-9 Black/silver, F-9 Firetiger, F-9 Hot Steel 1.8-3 mph), Serpent spoons (3 mph), Trout Worm (red fluorescent), Uncle Larry's Spinner (Firetiger).

**OCTOBER** - Excel (#1, blue/silver 1.6-1.7 mph), Grubs (3 inch, white, 0.7-0.9, 1.3-1.6 mph), Needlefish (Firetiger #1), night-crawlers (1.6 mph),

**Scents/bait:** **MARCH** - Night crawlers; Carp, Trophy Trout, shad, garlic, krill gels.

**OCTOBER** - Not needed. Trophy Trout gel.

**Leadcore, Side-planers, downriggers:** **MARCH** - Side-planers for surface bites. Lead core, down riggers can be productive if fish are not on the surface. **OCTOBER** - Leadcore, downriggers.

**Tactics:** Electric trolling motor line behind the boat 100+ feet, 150 feet for an outboard motor. <http://www.fishsniffer.com/trout-board/>

**Peak times:** First light and dusk.

**Fish finder:** **MARCH** - Start the day setting it to read water depth to 20 feet. Go to 40 feet later. **OCTOBER** - Start the day setting it to read water depth to 50' down.

**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:** **MARCH** - Troll at 0.9-3 mph. Vary speed based on your presentation. Change-up speeds, make "S" turns when the bite is slow. **OCTOBER** - Troll at 0.9-1.7, Vary speed based on your presentation. Change-up speeds, make "S" turns when the bite is slow.

**Amenities:** Picnic tables, rest room, store (opening/closing hours vary), fish cleaning station.

**Directions:** From Sacramento/Sunrise: Jackson Hwy 16 East. Ione Road right. Hwy 104 left. Hwy 88 West. In Ione turn right onto Hwy 124. Turn right onto Buena Vista Rd. At the Buena Vista 4-way stop turn right. After about a mile turn left at the sign to Camanche. At the top of the hill stop sign go straight to Camanche North Shore.

From Sacramento/Howe: 50 West; 99 South; Jackson Hwy 16 East. Ione Road right. Liberty Rd. East for 20 miles (turns into Camanche Parkway after 13 miles). Look for the sign and turn right into Camanche North Shore.

When in doubt or for fishing reports go to <http://www.camancherecreation.com/> 866-763-5121

1. Hat Island
2. Dam
3. Little Hat Island
4. Narrows
5. Lancha Plana
6. Up River

