

## Folsom Lake Tactics

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**Lake:** Folsom Lake (Rainbow, King Salmon)

**Month:** April 2011

**Areas:** See map below.

**Water temperature & likely depth(s) fish will be at:** 48-64 degrees, clear, surface to 35 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:** Slim Willies with a night crawler; Wildthing dodger gold with night crawler. Apply a scent to the dodger.

**Lures/colors:** 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 flies 3 feet down, 150 feet back, Trout Worm (red fluorescent), Uncle Larry's Spinner (Firetiger).

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

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

**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:** Start the day setting it to read water depth to 20 feet. Go to 40 feet later.

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

**Amenities:** Picnic tables, rest room.

**Directions:** [http://maps.google.com/maps?q=folsom+lake+map&rls=com.microsoft:en-us:IE-SearchBox&oe=&um=1&ie=UTF-8&hq=&hnear=Folsom+Lake&gl=us&ei=AKI5TZuxDcHvrAHUpMToBQ&sa=X&oi=geocode\\_result&ct=title&resnum=1&ved=0CCAQ8gEwAA](http://maps.google.com/maps?q=folsom+lake+map&rls=com.microsoft:en-us:IE-SearchBox&oe=&um=1&ie=UTF-8&hq=&hnear=Folsom+Lake&gl=us&ei=AKI5TZuxDcHvrAHUpMToBQ&sa=X&oi=geocode_result&ct=title&resnum=1&ved=0CCAQ8gEwAA)

1. Rattlesnake Bar.
2. Dam.
3. Dike 8.
4. South Fork, near New York Creek.
5. North Fork.
6. Peninsula.
7. Buoys

