

Lake Pardee Tactics

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Lake: Pardee

Month: April and October

Areas: See map below. Recreation Cove, outside the Recreation Cove, River mouth to Grapevine Gulch, Dam, South end.

Likely water temperature & depth(s) fish will be at: Water 68 degrees

APRIL: fish (Rainbow, Kokanee) at 6-60 feet. **OCTOBER:** fish (Rainbow, Kokanee) at 20-60 feet.

Rod, reel, main line (e.g. # test, lead core, etc.): Light action rod, bait caster with line counter, 10 lb. test mono.

Leader #/length: 8 inches.

Dodgers, side-kicks, wiggle fins, e-chips, flashers:

APRIL: Watermelon, pink, green, blue. **OCTOBER:** Watermelon, Silver.

Lures/colors:

APRIL: Trout worms, Radical Glow Tube (RGT), Uncle Larry's spinners with double hooks, worm hook, pink, green, fire tiger. **OCTOBER:** Trout worms, Uncle Larry's spinners with double hooks, worm hook, crawlers.

Scents/bait: Sand shrimp, garlic, Shoepeg white corn, crawlers.

Lead core, side-planers, downriggers:

APRIL: downriggers. **OCTOBER:** Lead core, downriggers.

Tactics: Use your fish finder to locate the fish and their depth. With an electric trolling motor put your line behind the boat 25-40 feet at downrigger depths of 20+ feet. With an outboard motor 70-125 feet back.

Peak times: First light and dusk.

Fish finder: Start the day setting it to read water depth 20-60 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: Troll at 0.8 -1.5 mph.

Amenities: Fish cleaning station available in the Recreation Area at Northwest end to left of dam.

Directions: Hwy 50 East. Sunrise Blvd South. Hwy 116 left. Ione Road/Hwy 124 right. Ione Road/Hwy 104 left. In Ione at the stop sign turn left. Continue on 124/Buena Vista (turning right at the end of its main street). When you come to the stop sign at Hwy 88 cross it onto Buena Vista Rd. At the stop sign in Buena Vista turn left. At the top of the hill turn left onto Stony Creek Road. At the top of the hill bear left. Turn right into the Pardee gate.

1. Marina. Any point, cove or accessible shore point is good for bank fishing.
2. Spillway. To the right or left of it is good for bank fishing. Also, slow trolling.
3. Narrows. Troll @ 1.2-3 mph out close to either bank.
4. Dam/Barrel Line/Buoy Line. Troll @ 1.2-3 mph.
5. River Arm Rock Wall. From river mouth to Weatherbee Gulch. Troll @ 1.2-3 mph.
6. Deer Island. The peninsula (island in low water) directly across from Weatherbee Gulch. Fish from one of the banks or troll @ 1.2-3mph.
7. Grapevine, also known as Columbia Gulch. Troll @ 1.2-3mph.
8. Upper River Arm, Indianhead. Troll @ 1.2-3mph.

