

## Stumpy Meadows Lake Tactics

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**Lake:** Stumpy Meadows (Rainbow & Brown Trout)

**Month:** July

**Areas:** See map on reverse side.

**Water temperature & likely depth(s) fish will be at:** 70 degrees, on the surface, perhaps as deep as 35 feet.

**Rod, reel, main line (e.g. # test, lead core, etc.):** Medium, medium light action, 6-7 feet, 8 lb. mono.

**Leader #/length:** 8 lb., 6-8 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:** Mini-crawlers or Night-crawlers.

**Scents/bait:** Mini-crawlers or Night crawlers.

**Leadcore, Side-planers, downriggers:** Rainbows. Leadcore or down riggers can be productive if fish are not on the surface. Brown Trout use side-planers early within 15 feet of bank, later try deeper water 50 feet from bank.

**Tactics:** With an electric trolling motor put your line behind the boat 150+ 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 40 feet.

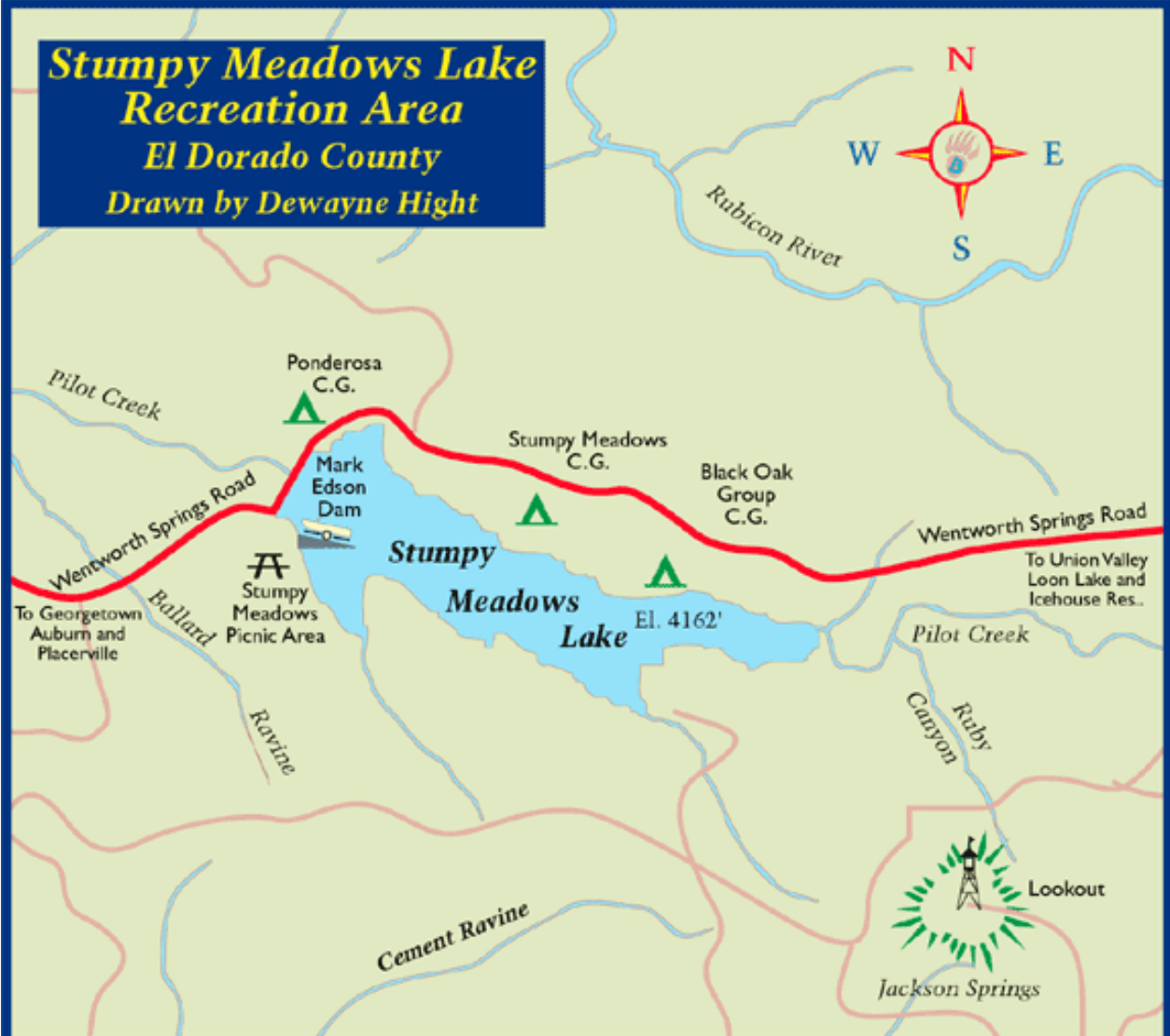
**GPS:** If you have one mark hits, hook-ups as soon as they occur and then stay in that area until the bite stops. Watch the direction of the marks it may tell you which direction the fish headed.

**Boat handling:** Troll at 0.9-1.2 mph.

**Amenities:** Be careful of rocks, there are a lot in this lake. Keep an eye out for them.

**Directions:** Hwy 80 East. At Auburn take Hwy 49 S. At Cool take Hwy 193 East. At Georgetown turn left onto Wentworth Springs Rd. Go approximately 27-30 miles to the sign for Stumpy Meadows Lake. Pgs 58-59 DeLorme CA Gazetteer, 2008.

**Stumpy Meadows Lake  
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El Dorado County  
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**Fishing Notes**

- **Rainbow Trout** - Trolling with nightcrawlers behind flashers and minnow imitation lures is good throughout the lake in spring, summer and fall. Bank fishing with nightcrawlers, Power Bait and spoons is productive in spring, fall and winter (when accessible) off the dam, campground and launch ramp areas.
- **Brown Trout** - Late fall and spring months produce the top action. Troll or cast Rapalas and crankbaits along the shoreline, particularly in the Pilot Creek Inlet.