Blog: Oregon Spring Fishing Report



Heads up…A shout out to some wonderful female anglers!

It's been my privilege to introduce new as well as experienced female anglers to remarkable fishing this spring. This fishing report includes an update on two Oregon lakes as well as showcasing three extraordinary women.

Hyde Lake, Oregon

The fishing at Hyde Lake is on fire! Karen Davis was all smiles when she left the lake. She caught and landed so many trout that she lost count, and several were in the 8-pound range. The only challenge she faced was that she needed a larger net!





There are a lot of trout in Hyde Lake, both from recent stocking as well as a lot of holdover trout. Four of the trout I caught took me into my backing. Because the fish were so big, I used a 1X monofilament leader and a 2X tippet. The

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most productive form of presentation was a slow troll using an intermediate sinking line and stopping to execute a 6-inch strip. All the trout all took the fly during the pause while stripping.

We used my burgundy and black Predator Bugger patterns, and both colors were effective.



Vickie's Burgundy Predator Bugger



Vickie's Black Predator Bugger

Of all the years that I have fished Hyde Lake, I caught more fish in a 3 ½ hour period last week. I stopped counting at 30 fish. Later that night, my sore arm demanded Advil's constant company.

For more information about Hyde Lake, click here:
http://stillwateradventure.com/2018/12/fly-fishing-bucket-list-destination-hyde-lake/?p=1132

Wilder Lake, Oregon

The biomass at this spring-fed lake supports big insects. Check out the size of this midge! This hatch started in March. Between the rain and hail storms, I had fun catching trout on a dry fly.



As the spring storms continued to pound the area with rain, I used an intermediate sinking line and my Black UV Midge and Black Predator Leech. I enjoyed good fishing at this gem of a lake nestled in the Oregon wine country.



Vickie's Black Predator Leech

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As the water continued to warm this spring, the damsel and dragon fly nymphs could be found along the muddy weedy shoreline areas.



Damselfly Nymphs



Dragonfly Nymph



Vickie's Olive Grizzly Bug

This habitat rich with aquatic life provided these women anglers days of fun fishing using my Olive Grizzly Bugger fly pattern. The fly undulates as it moves through the water, mirroring the motion of the immature damsel nymph:

Click here to see some damsel nymphs wiggling and dancing:

https://youtu.be/HegvRwoBW4U

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For more information about Wilder Lake, click here:
http://stillwateradventure.com/2019/03/welcome-to-wilder-lake/?p=1385




Jen Dittmore at Wilder Lake



Katie Hubler at Wilder Lake

Congratulations anglers, for fun-filled days and making good memories!

If you are interested in learning more about these lakes click the links above. For an introduction to either of these lakes, give me a call or text and I will get back with you as soon as I get back from fishing.

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