

EASTERN SIERRA FOCUS

By CJ Webb June 2021

Road Closures – Detours - Thunderstorms

There are several fires in the area right now, we have had some smoke coming and going in both basins but so far it hasn't been real bad, though this can change with the wind. Prayers and thanks go out to all the great fire fighters who are working day and night to get these fires under control. There have been road closures for short periods in the area so be sure to check your destination route to see if you won't need to make a detour. Monday produced a huge thunder and lightning storm and this should continue for the next several days. This should cool things off and hopefully without any additional fires.

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<https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/regulations>. It tracks your current GPS location and will tell you the regulations of the water where you are standing and regulations for waters within a designated area or approximately a five-mile radius. Take a look, it's pretty thorough. This will probably make the new regulations easier to understand.

Hot Creek Hatchery trout survive; stocking resumes

- Temporary quarantine ends after testing reveals only one trout infected. One single trout got sick and shut down stocking from the Hot Creek Hatchery in Mono County early in June. After discovering the sick trout and determining the rest of the hatchery's trout and the hatchery itself were not infected, the CA Department of Fish and Wildlife announced on June 17 that the Hot Creek Hatchery has resumed stocking trout for recreational angling opportunities in the Eastern Sierra. Following the discovery, DFW pathologists tested over 780 fish in the hatchery raceways and did not find any other fish carrying the bacteria. Hot Creek Hatchery raises four species of trout - rainbow, brown, Eagle Lake and Lahontan cutthroat trout and annually stocks around 600,000 trout per year across eight different waters in Inyo and Mono counties.

STAY ALERT DEER MIGRATION - Mule deer continue to migrate in large numbers at all elevations. This seasonal road crossing has become an all summer event and can cause accidents and death, so please stay vigilant and watch out for deer browsing on shrubs near or along the roadside early morning and at dusk. This is important as the migration is heavier this year so please stay alert. Part of our usual herd has dropped their young, so if you see any fawns lying in the bush, LEAVE them alone as their mothers are nearby.

Fishing Tip:

DENNY RICKARDS – A Stillwater Fly Fishing Legend Shares hard-Earned Tips.

Fly Tyer Editor David Klausmeyer wanted to learn more about fishing trout ponds and lakes, so he sought the advice of one of the very best anglers in the sport. What Dave learned changed what he ties and how he fishes. The following article is filled with many solutions to a lot of questions we all have had over the years. David talked with Denny and after their conversation had a better understanding of why he succeeded and why he failed to understand fishing tactics and flies. Here are parts of that conversation that I hope will unravel the mysteries of how to consistently catch trout on a fly. This is information that will help anyone catch more trout on still waters anywhere.

Chapter 1 – Understanding the Trout Supermarket
“A trout has to do two things to survive: protect itself and eat, Denny said. “Everything we'll talk about stems from that simple fact.

“Here's one of the most important things you have to understand: on any still water on the planet –reservoir, lake, or pond—trout only feed in two places. The first place is along shorelines because this is where most of their food is concentrated. It's the trout's supermarket. Feeding fish cruise along the shoreline, looking for mayflies, caddisflies, midges, damselflies, dragonflies, scuds and small baitfish. The bait is there because the basis of the food for all this forage—zooplankton and phytoplankton—is also located there.

“This is very important: a trout will come into the shallows to eat only when it feels safe, and this means under the cover of darkness or when there is wind riffle on the water. If it loses that sense of safety, it'll retreat back to deeper water until it has enough water over its back to feel safe, but they never—never—go far from their source of food. Why would a trout leave the shoreline and travel way out to the middle of a lake and into a twenty-foot-deep hole when it could find refuge in eight feet of water?”

“From a fishing standpoint, trout travel along the shore, looking for food. You want to case toward shore so the fish see your fly in profile and recognize it as something to eat. If you stand on the bank and cast to your right or left, the trout has a harder time seeing your fly and might not recognize it as food.”

"Here's a tip a lot of guys miss: after you cast the fly, there's no point retrieving it all the way back to you. A lot of anglers don't understand this; they think a fish will follow a fly all the way back before striking, but that's not how it works. Let's say you made a forty-foot cast: after retrieving the fly about five feet, going any farther is a waste of time because the feeding fish aren't in the deeper water. After retrieving the fly those first few feet, make another cast."

What about rising water temperatures during the summer? Should you still fish the shallows?

"In the summer months when the shallows warm during the day, the water loses dissolved oxygen, and carbon dioxide levels rise. The trout will still feed in the

shallows, but only when the water cools and oxygen levels rise. That means getting on the water early and late in the day."

Chapter 2 next issue.

Legislative News:

AB 817 - Assembly Member Jim Wood of Santa Rosa authored Assembly Bill 1387 in 2019 and was reintroduced as AB-817 and state this legislation will transition California's calendar-based fishing license to one that is valid a full 365 days from the date of purchase and a mobile phone app that makes fishing easier and more accessible. AB-817 is also different because of its sponsor. In years past, such proposed legislation had been sponsored by CSL, but this year, the Coastal Conservation Association of California (CCACAL) has picked up the torch to sponsor the bill.

In 2020, our CA Fish & Game Commission approved our state R3 program, which is designed to "Recruit, Retain, and Reactivate" (R3) new anglers and hunters in California. The 365-day license served as one of the critical steps in getting more anglers fishing. CDFW is completely onboard with R3 and growing this program with the 365-day license in place.

UPDATE of AB-817: Tracking Notifications:

AB-817: Sport fishing licenses: electronic display: 12 consecutive-month licenses. Tracking Notification: In the Senate: Last Amended Date: 07/15/21
Committee Location: Senate Appropriations
Committee Hearing Date: 08/16/21

CDFW 'Buy a Stamp' to help a Game Warden

Officials at the CDFW are urging anglers to contribute to a Warden Stamp Program that helps game wardens and the enforcement of fish-and-wildlife laws.

According to the CDFW, purchase of the \$5 stamp will "procure vital equipment, protective gear, and training for wildlife officers and enhance the department's K-9 Program." Information on how to make a donation is available at: <https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/wardenstamp>

Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) Stocking

Updated trout releases will be on their web-site (<http://nrm.dfg.ca.gov/FishPlants/>) or call their specific region (Inland Deserts 855.887.1275)

AT THE BENCH: New materials!

Classic Bobbin Holder – Is simpler, more affordable, just as good looking. Smhaen Classic bobbin holders have dispensed with the tension adjuster which sits between the legs of the Smhaen Professional bobbin holder.

So, like my older and less sexy wire-legged bobbin holders I need to bend the Smhaen legs to fit my chosen thread spool and get the tension I want. Simple enough...well...the legs on this holder are very solid, hard to bend, and hard to set a low tension. Fine if you are using a robust thread and want a fairly heavy tension, not great if you want to use a very fine and delicate thread, i.e., Danville's Spiderweb, UniTrico or Caenis.

Fit a spool of 8/0 Uni into the holder and the tension from the box is OK - tight, but OK. The lugs holding the spool are excellent, sit deep into the spool, very smooth. The tube is a full length ceramic tube inside an aluminum housing, the tip of the tube is slim and beautifully smooth. The Standard holder is 10cm and weights 12g the Midge holder is 8.7g.

The Standard version, the longer of the two, sits better in my hand; I like the length, the tube is excellent. While I'm sure the heavy drag will suit some tyers, I would like to adjust the tension so I'm not stopping to drag thread from the spool. Smhaen Bobbin holders look great, and are very well made. Smhaen stockists, samples from Veniard.

Veniard TC Premium Tool Kit (TC/Titanium

Coated) has some individual TC tools that are available, the whip-finishing tool and two ceramic tip bobbin holders – both longer than the model in the kit. TC Premium Standard Bobbin Holder (4") – Nice size, I use holders this length as standard when I tie. Again the tube has substantial ceramic tips at both ends... and this model has a similar joint to the kit holder, the legs are once bent length of wire, bound to the tube at the bend. Without a bobbin the TC Premium Standard holder weighs 7.7g. Adjusts to fit pretty much any size bobbin, just bend the legs.

Veniard TC Premium Bullet Bobbin Holder (4 1/4")

A long holder, the legs are longer, same ceramic tipped tube as the Standard. Again can be adjusted (legs bent) to match small bobbins. The bullet part of the name describes the metal block which holds the legs and tube in position, that design makes these heavier than the standard Holder at 11.9g. I like the size and length, and it sits well in my hand. I'd use this holder for heavier threads or floss, tying larger flies.

Wapsi Ostrich Marabou

These ostrich feathers are small feathers from large birds. They vary in size and length, from about two to four inches. The herl is like mini ostrich, short flue and fine barbs. The stems are reasonably robust, in proportion to the feather length.

I have used this type of ostrich as a tail and wing material – the barbs are slim and supple, the flue is fine and dense and 'breathes' in water. I've seen this type of ostrich feather used as a hackle both on the stem and with the herl cut and placed in a dubbing loop on Scandinavian style hair-wing flies – it matches well with fine, soft hair. Maybe a little short for full-grown intruder style flies, which tend to use longer rhea...scale down, and the herl on these feathers would fit well. I have seen this type of fine, dense, well-colored herl as a colorful replacement for peacock herl; the flue is a little shorter, finer and denser and looks great

LOWER OWENS – 188.9 cfs as of 7/29. This is the perfect place to be a responsible angler. You can tell people the reason you quit fishing at 11 was to protect the fish when the truth is that you're getting delirious from the heat. You may have noticed that we've reached

the time of year that the timing of the hatches and the bugs has become very stable and should stay that way into September. The hatches are decent, no big bugs coming off but lots of Midges, Tricos, Caddis and Tiny BWO. The only real downside is the heat but perfect for early starts and late finishes. The summer hatches maybe small but big nymphs (Pheasant Tail, Hares Ears and Prince Nymphs) #12-14 are still working. Key on the riffles and against the outside of the slow bends with terrestrials. The Trico and micro caddis start around 6 and the Trico spinner fall starts around 9 followed almost immediately by the Tiny BWO and Crane flies. Evenings are male Trico emergence, caddis, midges and then the Aquatic Moths that are flying rapidly back and forth just above the water.

DRIES: Extended Body BWO #18-22, Hi-Vis BWO #18-2, Large dry with #22-26 midge emergers and adults, Stimulator #8-12, Para Caddis #16-22, Spider Variant #20-22. **NYMPHS:** Pheasant Tail #12-18, Hares Ear #14-18, Zebra Midge #18-22, Olive Hot Spot Jig #18, B/H Prince #10-14, Chamois Caddis #14-18, Bottom Roller Phsyco Rhyco #10-14, Uncased Caddis Green #14-16, Juju Baetis #18-20, Glass Bead Micro May Olive # 20-24, Caddistrophic Pupa #16-18, Gold Bead Epoxy Stone #8-10, Drowned Trico Spinner #18-22. **STREAMERS:** Woolly Bugger Olive & Black #10-12 | Mini Sculpin Olive & Black #10-12

ROCK CREEK LAKE – Jim said that they had a nice DFW plant a couple weeks ago that set the lake up pretty well with half pounders from San Joaquin hatchery. Also, Desert Springs has been filling in the extra and fishing is now 5 star. I fished the stream above the last parking area which has been productive early and late in the day mostly on dries and a Zug Bug on floating line. Nothing of size, but lots of action on the Rock Creek Lake special mosquito, it's quite unique. It could be considered an emerger (no tail) and very pale dusty blue body with "California Mosquito hackle" and it's simple to tie. I tried a special Griffith's Gnat and did well every time I walked in before the first lake. Repellent is necessary before exiting the vehicle!

UPPER OWENS – 53 cfs as of 7/29. Fishing has been inconsistent, but the pressure is reasonable. Plenty of Tricos, 6-8 for the female emergence and 9-10 for the spinner fall. Also, use some midges and some larger caddis early. Midday the Hoppers are out, nothing like the last couple of years but still fun. Crane flies are covering mid-morning; try a chamois caddis #14-18 sub surface. Also midday are the Tiny BWO, # 24-26 and they're idea of egg laying is a dive bombing technique from way up high making them hard to spot. If you see a flash out of the corner of your eye you weren't hallucinating. With the resident fish being schizophrenic, one day eating attractor nymphs and the next day they're into the mayflies and midges, so we suggest trailing a midge (#18-24) or mayfly (#16-22) behind an attractor nymph. That 1/2 moth 1/2 caddis white insect you see zigzagging close to the water is an aquatic moth. Not

much is known about their life cycle, but you may have run across the larval form and not even known it. If you get hung up on the bottom and what you bring up looks like a small, ragged leaf, turn it over. If there's a line of organic matter down the middle that's the moth larva. With the temperatures getting warmer in Crowley and the algae growing the 12"-18" browns are starting to move up and should be throughout the river in the next couple of weeks. Once in the system they will stay until spawning late fall to early winter. **DRIES:** Griffiths Gnat #20-24, Parachute Extended Body BWO #18-22, Elk Hair Caddis #20-22, Para Caddis #16-22, EC Caddis #16-20, Baby Boy Hopper #14-16, Hi-Vis PMD #16-18, Spring Creek hopper Tan or Yellow #14-16. **NYMPHS:** Zebra Midge #16-22, Prince Nymph #12-16, Copper John #14-16, Tungsten Jig Baetis #18-20, Black Beauty #22, Beck's Sulphur Emerger #16-18, Chamois Caddis #14-18, S&M Nymph #20-22, Medallion Midge #20-24 |Bling Midge #22-24, OCD Caddis #14-18, Spring Creek Hopper Tan #14-16. **STREAMERS:** Shock Collar Leech #10, Woolly Bugger White, Olive, or Brown #6-14, Punk Perch light or dark #10-16.

CROWLEY LAKE – Water conditions are good and fishing and hatches are fair to good. Lake Elevation is at **6765.1 as of 7/29**. Water Conditions – Fair. Lake Elevation at 6765.4 on 7/22.

Algae have arrived and now it's the stringy stuff. The lake level is dropping slower than it has all summer. But the algae appear to be dying off. Fishing Conditions and Hatches: Poor-Fair

The fishing has been tough; the guides are seeing way too many 1-2 fish/ client days. It's early for that time of the summer when the fish get ridiculously selective, but it might explain things. Usually, its early August when the perch get big enough to be noticed and they flip-flop between perch-midges-damsels, and now you can add Daphnia. Most of the perch have moved out into deeper water. Reports say that this is going to be a great year because the lake is going to get really low.

Unfortunately, a really low lake is great for next year but not necessarily this year. The further the lake drops the less defined the inlet channels are but the more they'll be scoured out for next year. It doesn't mean this year will end poorly, just that the fish will be less concentrated. The trout seem to move in and out from day to day with deeper water still being better. It might be that there are fish in shallow water near stream mouths but it's hard to search thru the weed beds to find out.

Be aware that the currents are usually stronger than you would ever guess, without sufficient weight, in 25' of water you might actually be fishing 4' down 20' away. Late morning the trout bite tapers off but keep moving around, the trout are eating at different times at different places. The fish are really scattered now. McGee Bay, Sandy Point, Christmas Bay and Hilton Bay have been the most consistent spots. Out in deeper water the fish are eating much smaller food than usual and some really wild combinations have been working so change flies frequently. Dries: Damsel Adults. Nymphs: Shaft

Emerger #14-16, Albino Baron #14-16, G/B Opti Tiger #16-18, Optimidge Olive/Dun #16-18, Double Bead Zebra slvr/blk small, Copper Clown, Damsel Nymphs #14-18. Streamers: Crystal Bugger Black #8, Marabou Leech Burgundy or Brown #12, Perfection Perch #4, Hornberg #8-14

HOT CREEK - Water condition is good. Flows are at **52.4 cfs as of 7/29** there has been some mud/rock slides from the last rain which have affected a few spots on the river and covered portions of the paved path. Who would have thought the signs to stay on the trails were important. The water is getting warmer so it's probably best to fish the first 1/2 of the day and then give it a rest. The best thing you can do is carry a thermometer as temperatures fluctuate more than you would think. Outside of the fish getting more and more selective nothing much has changed. Caddis, Midges and Tricos (7-10 am) but the PMDs are done. The dry fly fishing is pretty slow, nymphing has been more consistent. Scuds and caddis are a good choice all day. Please be mindful of other anglers - there are plenty of spots to fish on Hot Creek, but it has been crowded. The fish (including the bigger ones) have moved into the faster, shallower water so shorten up and keep your drifts real short. The fish are in there and they're hungry. AND the weed beds are very thick, hence the comment about short drifts. Guides recommend to their clients that a 4 second drift is average and finish with an aggressive pickup; you will hook fish you never knew existed.

DRIES: R.P. Emerger #22, Sparkle Flag Black #20-22, Yellow Stimulator #8-16, Mother Shucker #24, CDC Baetis Dun #20-24, Para Caddis #18-22. **NYMPHS:** T Midge #24, Zebra Midge #18-22, Grey/Olive Scud #16-18, Tailwater Scud Tungsten #14-18, S&M nymph #16-18, Little Brown Bug #16-18, Medallion Midge #18-24, Buckskin #16-20, Rainbow Warrior #18-20, Barr's Emerger #16-22, Deep Six Pupa #18. **STREAMERS:** BH Bopp Slump Buster, Perfection Perch #4-8, Punk Perch #10-16, Hornburg #10-14. Mice

CONVICT LAKE – No Report

MAMMOTH LAKES BASIN – No report. Try your usual "stuff" and it will probably work. But get away from the novice anglers, they aren't well informed as to what, what, how and who do you annoy.

SAN JOAQUIN

Running at **33.4 cfs as of 7/29**. Sorry but it's that time of the year that fishing conditions are going to get a lot tougher. Lowering flows and heavy pressure mean it's time to start hiking. With the flows back down and the temperatures high the fishing is better mornings and evenings. First thing in the morning its midges and caddis size #18-24. Around 10 some PMD's #16-18 start emerging sporadically. Fishing has been best between 9 and 1. The rain helped a lot but we've reached the point that if we don't get weekly rain it's going to get to skinny to be worthwhile. As far as the evenings go there have been no reports. Dries: Elk Hair Caddis #12-18. Para

Caddis #14-20. Sparkle Flag PMD #16-1, Lawson's Thorax PMD #16-18, CDC Flavilenea Dun #12-16, Tan Stimulators #14-18. Nymphs: B/H Flash Back Pheasant Tail #14-18, Tungsten Black Beauty #20-22, Nori's Caddis #18-22, B/H Prince #10-20, Hogan's S and M Nymph #18-22, Mercers Micro Stones #14-16.

JUNE LOOP – Fishing has been slow in June Lake until the right angler found the key which is at 22-30 feet of water. So try some Tungsten BH nymphs behind a bugger, and try and stay in the northwest corner toward the road and anywhere there is a bushy shoreline. Reports said that Silver Lake has been doing the best on flies and they keep their patterns to themselves as a rule but the normal selection to carry are Olive and Black Woolly Buggers, Prince Nymph, Zug Bug, Pheasant tail and an assortment of dries for any top water action.

LUNDY LAKE – County stocked trophy trout and the bite picked up but the water level is low with surface temperature higher than normal for this time of year. Fish along the south shore and the west corner using dark olive streamers, and black or olive woolly buggers. I talked to a few anglers that had caught some nice trophy fish, and a few browns along the southern shoreline but didn't want to reveal their fly patterns. Some good reports of hatches along the back trail to the Brookie ponds. I saw them clearing the water for the caddis hatch that landed on the surface trapped in the film. Don't see that often enough!

VIRGINIA LAKES – All lakes have had incredible hatches that are still going on which is unreal, from midges, then midges more midges dispersed between damselflies, blue dragonflies, black caddis, dark dun mayflies and gnats. Does anyone have a pattern for a damsel looking leech? That might be the next hot fly. With all the hatches going off you can choose your poison; green body mosquito, Griffith's Gnat, black elk hair caddis or elk hair caddis with black body, Black Gnat para, prince nymph without a dry, olive anything bugger, my Dirty Doc, Spruce Fly, red throat Matuka, crystal buggers in dark green with plenty of flash on short hooks, and anything size 16-18's up in the higher lakes.

The lakes have been stocked heavily and I've seen 50 fish days on dries and nymphs prior to the warmer water. American River hatchery had a water temperature issue and sent over about 800 pounds of "test" fish for the novice fly angler to hone their skills (just kidding). Also, there were two more plantings of trophy trout (BFEF and the County Trophy Program). BUT, the water is very warm and the fish are not biting with vim and vigor. This is reason enough for your best above and below flies that's in your arsenal. Total poundage stocked since we opened is in excess of 3700 pounds. You can see the fish in little pods all around the lake from watercraft.

BRIDGEPORT RESERVOIR – There were some reports from fly anglers stripping streamers down near

the dam, as well as midges under indicators. But again, the water is warm. Report from Ken's.

EAST WALKER – Flows are down to **62.5cfs as of 7/29**. We're still in the midst of a heat wave here in the Sierra, with the water flows low and the temperatures high, it's best not to fish the river at all right now. We're praying for the river to stay strong through this heat but it's going to be a tough. If you want to fish the East Walker it's best if you can put off your trip until the weather and water cools, likely sometime in the beginning of September. Some patterns to try: Chernobyl Ant, Madam X, Foam Dead Stone, Chubby Chernobyl, para hopper, Zebra Midge, Flashback emerger, Radiation Baetis, Perdigon Nymph, Zuddler, Sculpzilla, Dead Drift Crayfish.
Report from Ken's.

NOTE: It is up to us to protect this fishery, or we can be more concerned with ego gratifying pictures and videos and watch the death-spiral of a once great fishery. If you must **take pictures keep the fish in the water at all times** and **debarb your hooks** even though it's technically no longer required. Pinching your barbs will help **released fish** stay healthy and in-turn keep a healthy population in the river. In spite of these changes the DFW has made to the regulations, hopefully the angling community will take it upon themselves to take care of this world class fishery.

HONEYWELL POND – No Report. Call Ken's.

SCEIRINE RANCH - As with the California side of the river it's time to let the ranch rest, most of the reservations we had for the next 5 weeks or so have been canceled, we have a couple still on the books that we don't have contact information on, if you have a reservation between now and September, please give us a call and we can get you off the books and book dates for later in the season when the temperatures come down. 760-932-7707 Ken's.

KIRMAN LAKE – No news currently since they planted brookies. When we hear something, we'll pass it on!

WEST WALKER – 62.5 as of 7/29. Same report as last month from a few anglers on the West this past week, it sounds like the water got muddied up for a couple days from the thunder showers but has otherwise been clear. It sounds like the fish are mostly hanging out in the deeper pools where you'll need to get your nymphs a little deeper to get to fish. Some of the fly anglers have been able to coax some fish toward the surface with hopper/dropper rigs which is always fun. You might need to cover some water to find where the fish are hiding.

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Every person or agency recommending that a regulation be added, amended, or repealed must submit a petition to the commission at the site listed: (<https://fgc.ca.gov/Regulations/Petition-for-Regulation-Change>) using this petition form. You can contact their office to see when the next meeting will be held to submit regulation changes on time and whatever is on the books today can be changed. Also include your comments to Governor Newsom at: (<https://govapps.gov.ca.gov/gov40mail/>). Here is the Executive Director's contact information: Melissa Miller-Henson - fgc@fgc.ca.gov (916) 653-4899 or (916) 653-7229.

Fly-Fishing Apps

"Fish Head Nervous Water Apps LLC, \$6.99 iPhone and Android"

Not only the best app for steelhead rivers, but surf, and also helpful in most any trout-fishing situation around the country. It has a river directory with flows and where and when to find the best windows of action. It's handy when you're actually packing to go fishing; it's quick, organized with the most pertinent information available.

Orvis Fly Fishing Green Mountain - Digital, iPhone, Android is a grand-daddy of fly fishing apps that is free and packed with tons of general interest fly-fishing news, advice, discussion and entertainment you'll never be able to digest it all. It has Tom Rosenbauer's podcasts, casting videos for every stream, flats, or surf situation; knot =tying instruction, fishing reports, up -to-date news feeds, fly pattern descriptions and recommendations with built-in links so you can buy flies you're interested in. It's sort of geared toward beginners, but its solid information and we could all use a little tune-up now and again. Loren Elliott

The Pocket Fisherman by Magic Mobile

This app will help you find out more about the specific species of fish, as well as regulations and records of 49 Continental states regarding fishing in their deep waters. The app also comes with a GPS map that tracks the nearest tackle shops and marinas. You can easily identify the fish by either searching for its name or looking at the gallery of fish images. It's the most comprehensive fisherman app so far as it comes with a summary of each type of fish, description, appearance, weight, natural habitat, and its average length.

YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK

The COVID-19 pandemic will continue to affect park operations in 2021. Visitation to the park will be managed in accordance with recommendations from public health officials, and in line with the [CDC COVID Data Tracker Levels](#). The purpose of following this system is to be responsive to changing conditions, protect public and employee health, and sustain park operations. A reservation is required to drive into Yosemite through September 30, 2021. You must display your permit on your dashboard at all times while inside the park.

Day-Use Reservations

Reservations are available on [recreation.gov](https://www.recreation.gov), with most reservations available in spring, and limited reservations available seven days before the arrival date (e.g., make a reservation for an arrival date of September 30 on September 23):

Reservations are available each day at 8 am Pacific time. Reservations are taken almost immediately. Be sure to have an account and be logged in and ready to get a reservation promptly at 8 am Pacific time.

The non-refundable reservation fee is \$2 and is included in the \$35/car park entrance fee. If you have an annual or lifetime pass, be sure to specify you're a current pass holder to pay the discounted rate (\$2).

Cancelled reservations become available immediately on [recreation.gov](https://www.recreation.gov).

CalTrans Highway work along US 395

Check the District 9 CalTrans web-site for current status.

Inyo County - North of Cartago to South of Olancho, they will widen the highway to two-lanes. Contact the Bishop Office to check on any change of start date.

Mono County - Upgrade signs, striping and guardrail repair as needed.

TIDBIT'S - Meteor Shower Calendar 2021

Date	Name	(no. per/hour)
Aug. 12	Perseid	90
Sept. 29-Oct. 7	Unnamed	50-100
October 21	Orionid*	10-21
Nov. 5	Southern Taurid	10-20
Nov. 17	Leonid*	10-20
Dec. 14	Geminid*	100-200
Dec. 22	Ursid*	10

* Strong moonlight will interfere with these showers.

Best viewing after Midnight looking to the East.

Dates will vary slightly.

See you on the water CJ!