

Fishing in Nevada County: 5 Local Resources for Fishermen

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If you're visiting Nevada City and staying in town, it's possible to spend the day fishing at one of the County's rivers, lakes, reservoirs, and streams where you'll find Kokanee salmon, rainbow, brown and lake trout and small mouth bass. Whether you travel down Highway 49, highway 20, or Interstate 80, on the western slope of the Sierra, fishing destinations abound.

If you've decided to fish in Nevada County you're in luck. There are several local resources to help you determine what you need and help you decide where to go.

1. Before you arrive, you might want to read some of the many books about fishing in Nevada County such as *Sierra Trout Guide* by Ralph Cutter. Cutter lives in Nevada County and operates the leading fly fishing school in the state, the California School of Flyfishing (<http://www.flyline.com>). The school offers a variety of classes and trips for both novice and experienced anglers.
2. If fly fishing is your passion, another local resource is Gold Country Fly Fishers (<http://www.gcff.org>), an active local club with more than 100 members. The club supports the "catch and release" ethic and promotes and supports the conservation of waterways and fisheries. Throughout the year, the club hosts several events, classes and clinics.
3. You'll also want to tune in and listen to Denis Pierce, local fishing expert who broadcasts the fishing report every Friday from 6-7 PM on KNCO Radio News Talk 830. Pierce also writes a column for the *Union* newspaper (<http://www.theunion.com>) where hundreds of his fishing articles are posted. You must subscribe to the newspaper to access the articles—a single day pass is \$1.00 for 24-hours. Pierce can also be contacted by email at denispierceflied@hotmail.com.

4. Dave's Sierra Fishing Website (<http://www.davessierrafishing.com>) is another excellent resource. At the site you'll find Nevada County fishing highlights and a list of featured trips to popular destinations along the Yuba River, in the Lakes of the Grouse Ridge Area, and at lakes in the higher destinations in Donner Summit.

5. If you're looking for a complete list of the 101 lakes in Nevada County, you'll find at <http://fishingworks.com/lakes/california/nevada>. By clicking on the link for a particular lake, you can get a description and topo map as well as comments by anglers who have submitted comments and reviews. www.fishingworks.com also has fishing reports for various Nevada County destinations like Collins Lake, Englebright Lake, Lake Oroville, Lake Tahoe, and lakes in the Sacramento Valley.

Whether you're fishing for food, sport, relaxation, or family entertainment Nevada County and the western slope of the Sierra offers an abundance of opportunities to enjoy the rivers, lakes, and streams. Whether you catch the "big one" or tell a great story about the one that got away, a day spent fishing will enhance your Nevada City stay.

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