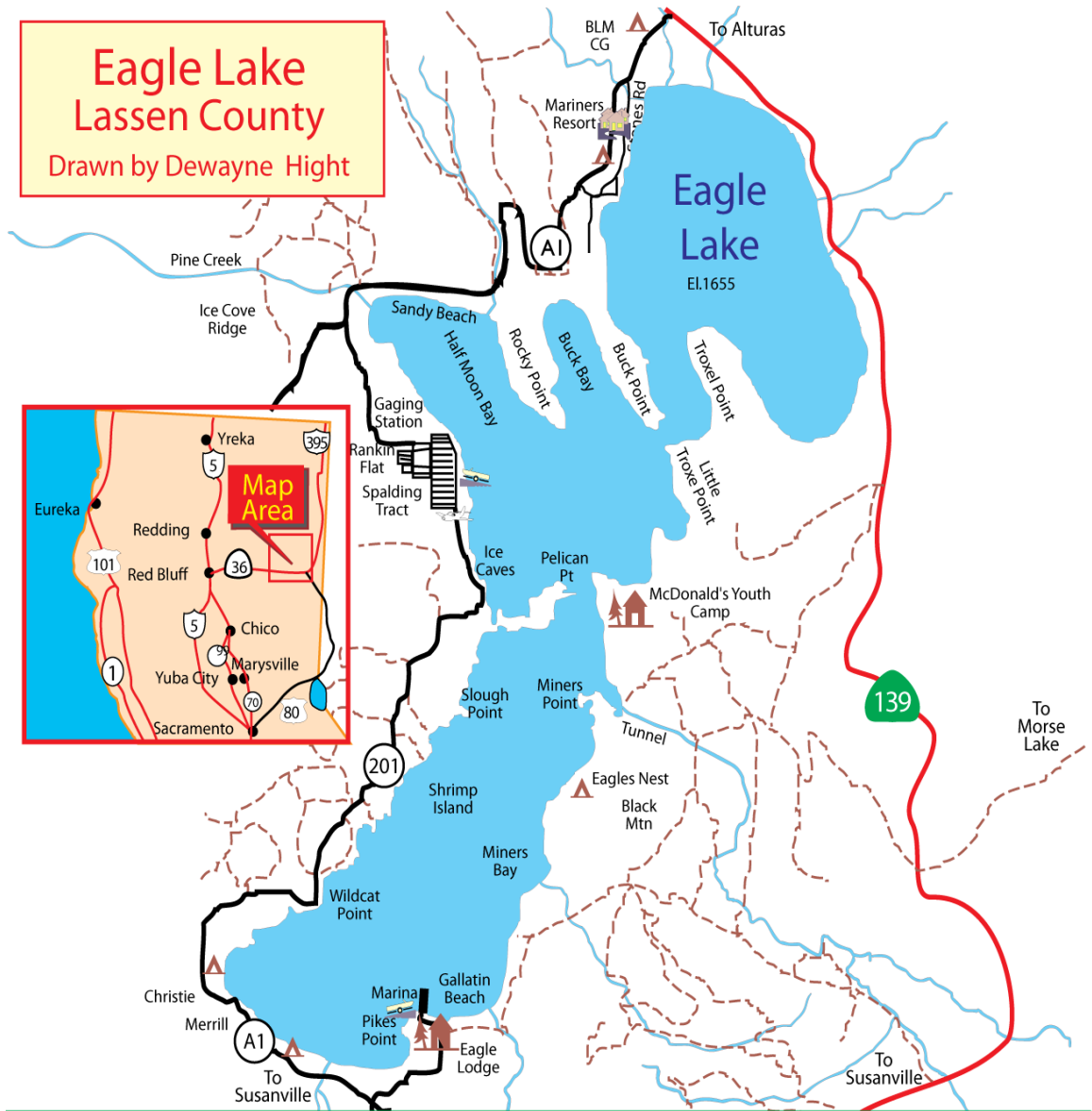


# Rooster Tails Fishing Club Annual Adventure Travel Camping & Fishing Trip September 18-21, 2017



Hook & Ladder Guide Service,  
28 yrs. fishing Eagle Lake

**Eagle Lake  
Lassen County**  
Drawn by Dewayne Hight



## Fishing Notes

The fishing season on the lake is from the Saturday preceding Memorial Day through December 31. The bag limit is two fish. Rainbow trout are the only species of gamefish caught in Eagle Lake. Boaters find excellent action throughout the lake, with the fish moving into the north end in the fall after water cools. A migration of trout from the north end to the deeper south end also takes place during the summer after water temperatures heat up. Trollers fish with a variety of enticers, including Needlefish, plastic grubs, Crippulures, Goldeneyes, Uncle Larry's spinners, Jay Fair trolling flies and nightcrawlers behind flashers or dodgers. Bait fishermen find success in the fall fishing nightcrawlers under bobbers, while fly fishermen catch lots of trout fishing Woolly Buggers and other flies around the tules. Bank fishing can also be good in the late fall when the trout move into the shallows. Fish inflated nightcrawlers and nightcrawlers under bobbers.

Eagle Lake was created by the melting of glaciers during the last ice age and is the second largest natural lake in California. It covers more than 22,000 acres and has over 100 miles of shoreline. The lake sits in a closed drainage basin with no outlet and only limited surface water flowing into it. It is the lure of the Eagle Lake Trout that brings outdoorsmen to this northeastern region of California. Known for its exceptionally fast growth rate, trophy proportions, acrobatic drag-testing battles and excellent table fare, the Eagle Lake Trout is a highly sought after game fish. Eagle Lake Trout are bright, colorful, alert, acrobatic, and possess steelhead-like fighting qualities. Trout ranging in size from recent planters of 6-8 inches, to the large holdover population of fish in the three to six pound range can be found in the lake. Even larger trout lurk in the depths of the lake and each year catches from five to eight pounds and more are reported. The current lake record is an 11 1/4 pound rainbow taken in 1988.

# **Rooster Tail Members Annual Adventure Travel Camping & Fishing Trip Eagle Lake September 18-21, 2017**

Rooster Tail members, their family, and friends enjoy the outdoors, nature, and related sport activities including camping. Many of our members own RV's or tent-camp whenever the chance arises for a relaxing get-a-way... Summer will be ending soon and the holidays are just over the horizon. With this in mind, the Rooster Tails cordially extends an invitation to members and their guests to join us for our Adventure Travel Trip for a four-day club event at Eagle Lake, CA, for camping and fishing for fabled Eagle Lake Trout. **On Sunday, September 17, we will depart the Auburn Elks Lodge at 9:00 a.m. to join our caravan for the 189 mile trip (about 3 1/2 hours) to Eagle Lake's Merrill Campground via I-80 East to Reno than North on Hwy. 36.** We would meet in Susanville at about noon for lunch, than drive the final 16 miles to the campground. Other participants may choose to drive independently and meet us at the campground. There are several restaurants in Susanville, however for RVer's a convenient place with parking is to stop for lunch, order a deli sandwich, and maybe pick-up ice and other supplies at the Susanville IGA Market, 50 Grand Ave., 96130; 530-257-5136.

Participants may also choose to leave early or extend their stay at Merrill Campground. Others may choose to stay at several other lake accommodations or in Susanville hotels\*. Also, bring your boat to Eagle Lake to fish at your own pace or hire a local fishing guide. **Pro Fishing Guide Cliff Spediacci, owner of Hook & Ladder Guide Service, will be our special guest speaker at the Rooster Tails third Friday Breakfast Meeting, September 15, to share his 28 years fishing Eagle Lake.**

**Merrill Campground**, (530) 825-3454 – Marina/Group Reservations, (contact 'Scott'); 477 Eagle Lake Road, is located in the Eagle Lake Recreation Area of the Lassen National Forest. Merrill is located in a mature conifer forest of pines and firs on the southern shoreline of Eagle Lake, at an elevation of 5,100 feet. Merrill is the largest campground on Eagle Lake with 173 sites and is only two miles from the Marina and Gallatin Beach. The campground is a unique US Forest Service facility. Totally rebuilt in early 2000, it is the prototypical RV-park for a Forest Service campground. With 57 full hook-up sites, 64 partial hook-up sites and 51 standard, no hook-up sites. Partial hook-up sites have water and electric, no sewer. All electric hook-up sites have a 50, a 30 and two 20 amp outlets provided. All site camping/parking spurs are at least 45 feet, but most are 55 to 75 feet in length, and are essentially double wide. Each site is equipped with a table and a campfire ring with grill. The campground has flush toilets, potable water points, grey water dumps, limited WIFI and firewood is available for purchase. An RV Dump Station Facility is conveniently located just outside the campground with a \$5 dump fee. Fishing for the Eagle Lake Rainbow Trout, a California Heritage Trout, is the primary recreational activity on Eagle Lake, but the 3rd largest natural lake in California (22,000 acres), provides for plenty of room for swimming, kayaking, other boating activities. There are no 2-cycle restrictions for outboard boat motors on Eagle Lake.

**Rates:** (Merrill Campground honors the Golden Age or Golden Access (GA) **\*\*cardholder discounts** see below)  
Standard (no hook-ups) \$20; with GA discount \$10: Partial Hook-up (water & electric) \$30 with GA discount \$20: Full hook-up (water, electric, sewer) \$35 with GA discount \$25.  
Twelve Group Campsites Sites Reserved for Rooster Tail Members with check-in on Sept. 18 and check-out on Sept. 21.

#### **\*Hotels in Susanville:**

Best Western Trails Inn, \$106 - \$113; 530-257-4123

Red Lion Inn & Suites, \$114; 855-516-1090

#### **\*Accommodations on Eagle Lake:**

Eagle Lake Resort (formerly Mariners Resort), 509-725 Stone Road, 530-251-6770

Eagle Lake RV Park & Cabins, 687-125 Palmetto Way, Spalding, Eagle Lake, 530-825-3133

**\*\*United States government offers senior citizens 62+ years old for entry into national parks for \$10. Not only does it get you into the park, it also includes entry for everyone in their vehicle. Most of the big parks like Yellowstone, Glacier, and Yosemite charge \$30 for a 7-day pass, so this is obviously an incredible bargain. But it's about to get a lot more expensive since President Obama signed the National Park Centennial Act. This will raise the price of a senior pass from \$10 to \$80. The price of the lifetime Senior Pass will increase to \$80 on August 28, 2017. A new \$20 annual Senior Pass will become available at the same time. More info and application at [www.nps.gov/findapark/passes](http://www.nps.gov/findapark/passes).**