

**Coldwater Lake Outing**  
**June 20th, 2020**  
**Fish Masters - Frank and Julie Berge**

**Coldwater Lake** is on the north side of Mt. St Helens within the monument area; the lake lies at approximately 2500 ft. elevation.

**Driving Directions:** Access off I-5 via SR 504, **Exit No. 49**; go east on the well maintained state road. Coldwater Lake is 45 miles from I-5. You will pass Seaquest State Park at 5.2 miles, Toutle at 11, Kid Valley at 18.3 (last place for gas), Eco Park at milepost 24.1, and finally Coldwater at milepost 45.

**Passes:** The Coldwater area requires a NW Forest Pass or Golden Age Pass (National Parks and Rec Areas pass for seniors). A NW Forest Pass can be purchased at 10600 NE 51<sup>st</sup> Circle, Vancouver (located off 112<sup>th</sup> Ave, Gher Road, and south of SR 500 in the Orchards area). A NW Forest Pass is also available at 42218 NE Yale Bridge Rd, Amboy or at Johnston Ridge Observatory.



**General Information about Coldwater Lake**

- **No gas motors** are permitted, but you may use an electric motor.
- You must have a pontoon boat, float tube, canoe, boat, or some means of getting on the lake – no fishing is permitted from shore (if you hike the lake, you are restricted to “stay on the trail” and there are only two access points to the shoreline where boats may land).
- Coldwater is a lake of 766 acres.
- The outlet stream is closed to fishing designated by a sign near the boardwalk.
- The Rainbow and Cutts are a self-sustaining population from the original plant in 1989. Fry were first found in 1992 and though the lake has limited productivity, fish continue to spawn successfully.

**Fishing Gear:** The usual suspect flies will work (or not) such as buggers, leaches, nymphs or a fly that floats well. I suggest you bring both floating and deep sinking lines – you never know one might work better than the other. The fish were very deep last year.

**Saturday:** As most of you know, this outing was supposed to be a two night adventure at the Coldwater Observatory, but due to the COVID 19 social distancing we had to cancel our plans. This outing will now be a day trip.

**Lunch:** Also due to COVID 19, I am going to ask that we all bring our own lunches/drinks and plan to meet in the lagoon on the south side of the lake at 1pm. We can eat back there while social distancing in our boats! It's a nice quiet area out of the wind where we can visit. Frank and I will provide a dessert which will be in packaging. Hope to see you there.

**RSVP** There is no need to RSVP as I have a good idea about the head count. If you have any questions feel free to call. Julie 360-798-6757; Frank 360-798-6463 or [swatberge@gmail.com](mailto:swatberge@gmail.com)