

CENTRAL WASHINGTON FALL OUTING--SEPTEMBER 22-27  
(FORMERLY RALPH RANDALL'S SOAP LAKE OUTING)  
By Carol Whitney

Ralph Randall says that fall fishing is often better than spring fishing in Central Washington. Thus, we have traditionally held a fall outing to this area. These outings have not been official CSF events.

This year's outing is scheduled for September 22-27, just before the Sept. 30 closing of many of the lakes. Waters that are open: Rocky Ford, Blue Lake, Deep Lake, Dry Falls, Lenore, Coffeepot, Stan Coffin. Lakes that are closed: Quincy, Jamison.

For information about other lakes, check Washington Sport Fishing Rules.

Where to stay - most participants stay at one of the following:

For reservations at Best Western in Ephrata, call 509-754-7111 and ask for the Clark Skamania room rates. Rate: \$99.99 + tax which includes breakfast. Room types: Double queen or king.

Website: <http://www.guestreservations.com/best-western-rama-inn-ephrata/booking>

For those who prefer to camp with full accommodations, two miles from Best Western is the Oasis Resort: <http://www.oasisrvandgolfcourse.com>; 509-754-5102

Some people like to camp at Coffeepot Lake which is a primitive, no fee, no reservations, no water campsite. The 10 or so campsites each include a table under a tree. There is one vault toilet (but it is rarely serviced so bring your own TP for backup). There is a sign warning rattlesnakes are in the campsite area. Rattlesnake sightings, along with great fishing, are good topics for the camp happy hour.

Let me know that you are going so I can keep you informed about last minute updates. I would like your cellphone number and where you are planning to stay.

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