

OUTING TITLE: SEEP LAKES (WINK) OUTING
DATE/S: JUNE 1-3 2012

DESCRIPTION: The Seep Lakes are a collection of over 50 lakes within a radius of 6 miles from our base camp at Windmill & Canal Lakes. They were formed when Pot Holes reservoir was created in 1950. This outing is unique in that it provides members with a wide variety of fishing opportunities. Lakes range in size from intimate kick boat areas to 3 mile long lakes for motor boats. Some have boat ramps and others have car access for pontoons or prams. There are hike-in lakes within a hundred yards to several miles. This is the outing for those who like to explore lots of new water and compare notes around a warm campfire in the evening.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: From Umatilla, WA drive north on Hwy 82. Continue north on Hwy 395 and Hwy 17 then turn west on Hwy 262. Go 2.6 miles & turn south on Seep Lakes Rd. Go 3.8 miles and turn left at the Heart – Windmill - Canal Lakes sign & go 1 mile.

SCHEDULED EVENTS: 9am Saturday - Area briefing, map handouts, tips and current stocking information etc. Pair up with like-minded folks or mentor/instructors who want to explore the same waters.

DINNER & SOCIAL TIME: 6:30pm Saturday potluck dinner- please bring a side dish, dessert or beverage to share as well as your fish stories. Lonnie & Caroline will be performing their popular BBQ magic and Forrest promises a spiny-ray fish fry.

LODGING AND CAMPING: There is a large open area at the base camp surrounding a camp fire ring with plenty of room for trailers, tents and RV's. There are 2 outhouses but NO drinking water. RV hookups are available at nearby Potholes State Park, Mardon and O' Sullivan Resorts. Both resorts and the state park are located on Hwy 262, west of Seep Lakes Road and within 13 miles from our base camp. Motels are also available 15 minutes north at Moses Lake. Weather can change from perfect to hot, cold, rain or wind.

Potholes State Park – 888 226 7688 <http://www.stateparks.com/potholes.html>
Mardon Resort - rooms, cabins and store (reserve early) 509 346 2651 www.mardonresort.com
O' Sullivan Sportsman Resort - gas and food 509 346 2447 –www.osullivansportsmanresort.com
For an idea of the variety of waters available, Google - Columbia National Wildlife Refuge Maps

THE FISHING: Dry patterns: Comparadun, Mayfly, Damsel, Caddis, Callibaetis, PMD and Adams. Wet Patterns: Prince, Bugger, Leech, Scud, Callibaetis, Damsel, Hares Ear, Pheasant Tail and Chironomid. Spiny-ray folks can expect both popper and subsurface action. Weed beds surround the shore, so a floating device is a must. These are great rainbow, triploid, brown, and cutthroat lakes. Some are exclusively spiny-ray fisheries with large & small mouth bass, bluegill, crappie, perch, whitefish and walleye. Nearby Quail Lake is hook and release fly fishing only.

OTHER:

Fishmasters will provide a designated first-aid kit location and a sign-out/in record of where folks plan to fish – recommended.
2-way radio's and a whistle - recommended

RSVP REQUESTED: Please call or e-mail one of the fishmasters with a Saturday dinner head count.

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