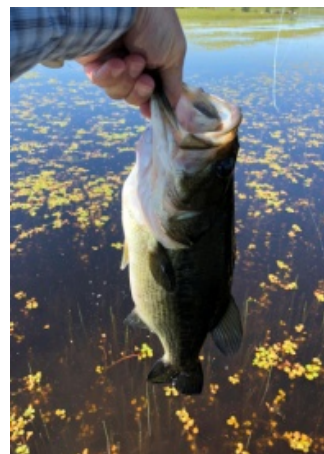
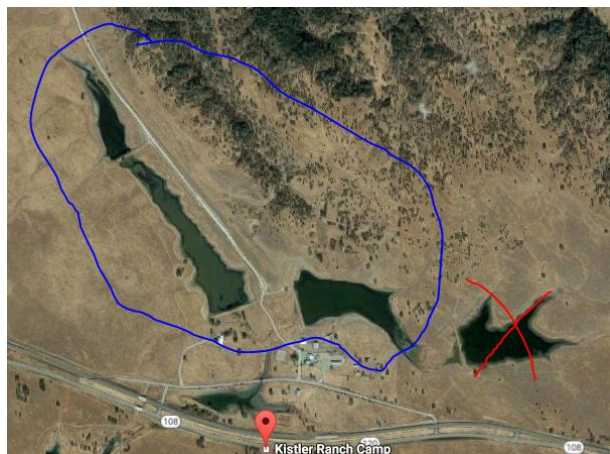


Kistler Ranch Bass Fishing Outing Information – Dave Roche 1-10-19

Steve Kistler will open the gate for the group around 6 am. These rules as always apply: fly fishing gear, catch and release only, personal flotation device must be worn at all times when in any type of watercraft. This includes float tubes. Kistler allows day use of their 3 ponds from dawn to dusk. Do not try to continue down the road beyond the last pond towards the river. This is beyond the gate and off-limits on this working ranch. Easiest parking is by the largest pond on the right as you follow the dirt road in past the barn and outhouse and down the hill. Plan to meet up at there around noon by the vehicles for lunch and to share success stories.

Fishing a green Umpqua swimming frog in short splashy strips is the go-to pattern and method for top water action for large Bass around the edges of the reeds and into slot openings among the reeds near the banks.. Dahlberg divers, plus various sizes of Wolly Buggers are also effective sub-surface.. Small Poppers, Crawdads and Damsfly nymphs are effective as well - but mostly on smaller bass and the plentiful bluegill. Fishing from the banks can be very effective when the bass are in pre-spawn or nesting in close during the Spring. Fish along the edges of cover throughout the 3 ponds. Both float tubing in the am and bank wading in the pm when the wind picks up are successful. Strong weed guards are a must on all flies or you'll be snagging reeds and pond weed all day instead of Bass. Recommended gear is a 9 foot 6-8 weight rod with a floating line and bass taper leader capable of turning over big flies in wind and hauling large bass out of cover quickly before they tangle and break-off.



There are NO facilities, food or water available and only 1 shade tree (shared with cattle). The outhouse is back up across from the barn. You MUST bring your own lunch and plenty of liquids to stay hydrated all day as well as sunscreen, sunglasses and a hat. A camp chair is useful at lunchtime or if you get tired of fishing before your carpool buddy.

Here are the driving instructions. Just remember that GPS (Kistler Ranch Camp) will send you too far east. The entrance to the ranch is immediately west of the red "K arrow" barn. There's

only a small wrought iron bronco design on a metal post by the entrance on the north side of the highway.



Directions: Kistler Ranch is approximately 18 miles east of Oakdale on Hiway 108. As you approach the end of the divided highway, be looking for a left hand turn to the entrance of the ranch. If you miss the left turn and see the red barn with the white "K-arrow" on it (to your left), make a U-turn about a quarter mile up the highway where the divided highway comes to an end.