

California Lakes

	Lake Perimeter	Size of Lake	Clarity of Water	Summer Temp Avg High	Water Temp Summer	Crowded with Boats	Water Smoothness	Afternoon Winds	Inlets & Coves	Water Smoothness Notes	Rental Boats Available	Marinas	Places to Eat on Lake	Lodging Costs	Lakefront Homes for Rent	Lakefront Lodging Options	SF Bay Area, CA	Los Angeles, CA	Portland, OR	Eugene, OR	Types of Fish	Fishing Quality & Popularity	Key Wildlife Seen
	(miles)	(acres)	(1-10)	(°F Avg)	(1-10)	(1-10)	(Y/N)	# of			# of			(1-10)			Hours						
	Size & Clarity			Temp		Water Sports & Lake Conditions							Lodging			Drive Times				Fishing and Wildlife			
Shasta Lake	365	30,500	8	95	83	5	9	No	42	Very smooth in most arms most of the day	Yes	11	Some	4	Yes	Lakefront vacation rentals, cabins, some RV parks, camping, houseboats	3.5	8.5	6	4	Bass, Trout, Salmon, Catfish	Very good, popular for bass and trout fishing	Bald eagles, osprey, deer, black bears
Lake Tahoe	72	122,600	9	80	65	8	4	Yes	10	Often choppy due to size and wind	Yes	14	Many options	9	Yes	Vacation rentals, resorts, hotels, campgrounds, cabins	3.5	7.5	9	7	Mackinaw, Rainbow Trout, Kokanee Salmon	Excellent for trout and salmon	Black bears, marmots, eagles, trout
Lake Almanor	52	2,840	7	85	70	6	6	Yes	8	Moderate smoothness, afternoon wind	Limited	3	Some	5	Yes	Vacation rentals, some cabins, RV parks	4	8	7	5	Rainbow Trout, Brown Trout, Smallmouth Bass	Very good for trout, especially fly fishing	Eagles, osprey, waterfowl, deer
Lake Oroville	167	15,700	7	95	77	7	7	Yes	25	Many arms with smooth water, wind in open areas	Yes	5	Few	5	No	Cabins, campgrounds, some RV parks	2.5	7.5	8	6	Bass, Salmon, Catfish, Crappie	Very good for bass & salmon, popular tournament spot	Osprey, bald eagles, deer, bobcats
Lake Berryessa	165	20,000	6	90	75	6	6	Yes	15	Moderately smooth, afternoon winds common	Limited	4	Few	5	No	Campgrounds	1.5	6.5	9	7	Bass, Trout, Salmon, Catfish	Good, especially for bass and catfish	Deer, wild pigs, eagles, bobcats
Don Pedro	160	13,000	6	95	80	6	7	Yes	20	Generally smooth in mornings, some wind in afternoon	Yes	5	Few	5	No	Campgrounds, some RV parks, houseboats	2.5	5.5	10.5	8.5	Bass, Trout, Salmon, Catfish	Good, less crowded than other lakes	Deer, eagles, wild turkeys, raccoons
Trinity Lake	145	17,300	8	90	74	4	9	Some	28	Very smooth, many calm coves	Yes	3	Limited	3	No	Cabins, camping, some RV sites, houseboats	4	9	7	5	Bass, Trout, Kokanee Salmon	Good, peaceful with decent trout & bass fishing	Bald eagles, black bears, otters, deer
Clear Lake	100	43,000	4	90	78	7	5	Yes	10	Can get choppy, especially in open areas	Yes	6	Several	5	Yes	Vacation rentals, motels, cabins	2.5	7.5	8	6	Largemouth Bass, Crappie, Catfish	Excellent, one of the best bass fishing lakes	Grebes, herons, egrets, bass
New Melones	100	12,400	7	95	78	6	8	Yes	18	Often calm and protected	Limited	4	Few	5	No	Limited lakefront campgrounds	2.5	5.5	10.5	8.5	Bass, Trout, Kokanee Salmon, Catfish	Very good for trout & kokanee salmon	Eagles, hawks, deer, turkeys
Folsom Lake	75	11,500	6	95	78	8	7	Yes	10	Fairly smooth early in day, busier mid-day	Yes	3	Few	6	No	No direct lakefront lodging, all are set back or nearby	2	6	9	7	Bass, Trout, Catfish, Salmon	Good	Deer, coyotes, eagles, waterfowl
Pine Flat Lake	67	5,200	6	95	78	6	6	Yes	10	Decent smoothness early in day	Limited	2	Few	4	Yes	Campgrounds	3.5	4.5	11	9	Bass, Trout, Catfish, Bluegill	Good for bass and trout	Wild pigs, eagles, quail, deer
Lake Havasu (CA side)	60	19,300	7	110	85	9	5	Yes	8	Choppy mid-day, early morning best	Yes	4	Several	8	Yes	Vacation rentals, hotels, RV parks	10	5.5	18	16	Bass, Catfish, Bluegill	Good, Popular for bass tournaments	Coyotes, bighorn sheep, eagles, lizards
Lake Tulloch	55	1,240	7	95	78	6	7	Yes	6	Generally smooth, especially in coves	Limited	2	Few	7	Yes	Vacation rentals, cabins, motel	2.5	5.5	11	9	Bass, Trout, Catfish, Crappie	Moderate, better for casual anglers	Eagles, deer, raccoons, waterfowl
Lake Sonoma	50	2,700	6	90	75	5	6	Yes	6	Moderate smoothness, some coves	Limited	1	No	6	No	No direct lakefront lodging, closest are nearby hills	2	8	9	7	Bass, Catfish, Crappie	Moderate, scenic and quiet fishing spots	Deer, hawks, wild turkeys, bobcats
Cachuma Lake	42	3,250	7	85	72	4	7	Yes	4	Smooth in protected areas, light afternoon wind	Limited	1	Few	6	No	Cabins, yurts, camping, RV parks	5	2.5	12	10	Trout, Bass, Catfish, Bluegill	Good, stocked regularly with trout	Bald eagles, bobcats, deer, wild turkeys
Castaic Lake	29	2,235	6	95	77	9	6	Yes	5	Smooth in mornings, wind picks up in afternoon	Limited	1	No	6	No	Camping	5.5	1	10	8	Largemouth Bass, Striped Bass, Catfish, Bluegill	Very good, bass	Coyotes, deer, hawks, rattlesnakes
Big Bear Lake	22	3,000	7	80	70	8	6	Yes	5	Can get choppy mid-day, best in mornings	Yes	3	Few	7	Yes	Vacation rentals, cabins, limited resorts	8	2	14	12	Trout, Bass, Catfish	Good, well-stocked for trout & bass	Bears, eagles, deer, raccoons