

Cameron Park Lake

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In case you're looking for a decent bass fishery, I'd say Cameron Park Lake is pretty good right now. PG&E scheduled a maintenance power outage today in my neighborhood – since I couldn't work, I went over to the lake to try my luck. I may not make it back out to the lake for a while.

The guard shack at the lake entrance is unmanned right now, so there's no day use fee. The water level is high (about the same as this time 2 years ago), visibility was good (I'd say 8-10 feet), and the weeds are still well below the surface and very manageable. Single bass can be seen sitting on shallow beds in close all around the lake, while somewhat larger fish were seen roaming in the deeper open water. I used a float tube and fished from 11:45-4:45, caught 23 largemouth bass up to 14" (most in the 11-14" range) and 3 nice-sized sunfish. Hot spots for me were the outlet at southwest corner of the lake, the west shore of goose island, and the deep area around the turtle rocks (near the bridge). I caught fish both casting into shore and out in open water. I fished with a 24' 200-grain sink tip (5-6 inches per second), and mostly woolly bugger patterns (courtesy of Tillman Sherman). Orange was the best color for me today, but dark brown and green worked too. For weekday, pressure was light for the hours I fished – I saw one other flyfishing float tuber and one kayaker, and 3 bank fishermen (1 with a fly rod).

- Ron Calvert

