



Pronghorn Lake is a trophy trout destination located in southern Oregon just 6 hours from Portland. Behemoth trout up to 17 lbs. have been caught this season. Lake closes for the summer on June 15 and reopens October 15<sup>th</sup>. Book your spot now to assure you get the dates you want.

Two cabins, a campsite, and an RV spot are available. Here are the details:

- 150-acre lake, 40 miles east of Klamath Falls, just 6 hours' drive from Portland
- Two cabins with electricity, heat, fridge, microwave, coffee maker, and gas barbeque
- Float tubes recommended; boats available for rental from \$25-\$35/day
- Fly fishing only, barbless hook, catch and release
- Motorhome/Trailer power hookups available for \$10/night
- Clean but rustic accommodations - bring your own water
- Excellent bird-watching (eagles, osprey, pelicans, herons, crane, and other waterfowl)
- Peaceful - escape the noise of the city and highway and see countless stars at night!
- 24-daily rate: drive down in the morning, fish the afternoon, stay overnight, fish the next morning.
  - Daily rate: \$200 per person (including cabin, if available)
  - 3-4 anglers: \$185/person
  - 5-6 anglers: \$175/person
  - Non-fishing guests: \$25/day
  - Group rates available

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**Pronghorn Lake in Southern Oregon is a trophy trout destination to add to your bucket list. Toby, who recently fished Pronghorn had this to say about his experience - Vickie Loftus, [www.StillwaterAdventure.com](http://www.StillwaterAdventure.com)**

You never forget the biggest fish you caught. I caught mine last week at Pronghorn Lake Ranch. It's a great place to fish, and you very well could catch your biggest trout there too!

I'm not a skilled angler. Every year I relearn how to cast, and it takes 5 minutes and several tries to tie my first decent blood knot. I've been fly fishing for about five years, but unlike Vickie, who is fishing and tying scores of flies on a weekly basis, my fishing is sporadic and brief, maybe one weekend every few months. I love it, though, and this last week was one of my best fishing experiences, ever.

Vickie brought me to Pronghorn Lake Ranch in southeastern Oregon. It's a big, 150-acre lake, and although secluded and off the beaten path, is just a 6-hour drive from Portland. There, you can likely catch the biggest trout anywhere in the state. Launching our float tubes, we worked our way along the shallow shoreline areas.

My first fish was about 22 inches and gave me good fight. It was my first-time fishing and my first fish of the year, so in my excitement I was all thumbs, juggling my line, rod, and net as I worked to land her. She was beautiful, flawless, and with stunning color and perfect, pink-hued fins. What a great start!

My second fish I lost. It felt bigger (don't the ones that get away always feel bigger?), as I put too much pressure on it, and the trout took my fly. To give you an idea of the size and strength of the fish here, I was using 0X monofilament leader with 1X fluorocarbon tippet. Examining the line, I saw that the hook had been ripped clean out of my loop knot. No knot had failed, nor had it broken at a wind knot or some weak spot in the tippet or leader. I know you cannot put too much pressure and muscle a trophy trout in too early. Nor can you apply too little pressure. How do you know how much pressure to apply and when to let line out and allow the fish to run? It's the Goldilocks rule: can't have too little pressure, can't have too much, but just the right amount, and until you experience it, you can't really know. Losing a fish really hammers that lesson home.

At night, we stayed in the cozy heated cabins. Each has a microwave, refrigerator, coffee maker, gas barbeque, and more. They are very comfortable and heat up quickly, driving away chill from a long day spent on the lake. At night, the stars were amazing and if you listened, you could hear the yip of coyote. During the daytime, the only sounds I heard at the lake were the wind and birdsong.

I lost another fish the following day, but again, it wasn't the leader or the tippet that broke; the fish broke the blood knot tying my tippet to the leader. I wasn't too chagrined; it was my first blood knot of the year, and it held up through three decent size fish before this monster overpowered it.

On the third day, I landed my new record trout: a 27-inch female. She fought long, running hard and causing my reel to whine as it tried to keep up, releasing the line she demanded. She was 10 pounds. I'll never forget her!

Catching such large fish with great fight and splash made this a fishing trip I'll never forget. The spurt of adrenaline you get when you feel the heavy tug on your line, and the feisty splash and wiggle as the fish tries to shake off your fly is difficult to describe. The mixture of excitement when you hook into such a fish and the anxiety at possibly losing it is a heady sensation. You can only learn how to land a large fish by doing it.

Pronghorn Lake Ranch is a great place to experience this. It is an easy drive from Portland, a beautiful setting, and is reasonably priced - especially given you may very well catch the biggest trout you've ever landed here. When you do, you will have a memory for a lifetime. - Toby

To schedule your fishing trip call Mike at 541 218-3030

Good fishing!

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