

FISH SOUTHERN OREGON

Want to discover the best fishing spots in Southern Oregon?

Southern Oregon has some of the finest fishing in the world. And while you may have read about restrictions to Pacific Ocean salmon fishing this year...

NO WORRIES...

There are plenty of fish in the sea. For the latest information on all of them—from salmon to tuna—take a look at

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duced into some of the waters. Black bass and sunfish can be found in area lakes including Applegate Lake.



The most desired and revered fishes are native anadromous salmonids including spring and fall chinook salmon, coho salmon, and summer and winter steelhead.

In late summer and fall, hordes of immature steelhead known as "half-pounders" return to the lower Rogue River on a false spawning run. Fishing for these fierce-fighting native steelhead in a remote wilderness setting filled with abundant wildlife can be the angling experience of a lifetime.

The Umpqua River Region The Jewel of the Land of Umpqua

The diverse streams, rivers and lakes of the Umpqua National Forest support dozens of species of fish, predominately native coldwater fish species, such as Pacific salmon, trout and char, as well as warm water fish, largely introduced from Midwest and Eastern states.

Salmon and steelhead of the Umpqua National Forest are world renowned. Their indomitable urge to swim upstream to spawn make these fish a marvel of nature. Chinook, coho, chum, pink, and sockeye are the five species of Pacific salmon that inhabit many of the Pacific Northwest National Forests. However, only



Spring- and Fall-run chinook salmon, coho salmon, and Summer- and Winter-run steelhead inhabit the Umpqua National Forest.

Several varieties of rainbow trout, coastal cutthroat trout, brook trout, and brown trout make their home in Southern Oregon's rivers and streams. Many of these Pacific Northwest coldwater fish are native to Oregon and Washington, while others have been introduced to the region.

The North Umpqua's diverse terrain creates every imaginable kind of steelhead water, and offers a pristine, 33-mile stretch set aside for fly fishing.

The High Country The Great Klamath Basin and Beyond

The Fremont-Winema National Forests offer 2.3 million acres filled with an endless number of fishing opportunities. Beautiful rivers and streams, high elevation lakes, reservoirs and small ponds offer just about every setting one could ask for to relax and fish, or just enjoy the magnificent scenery.

Flyfishing enthusiasts will love strolling the High Country's many tree-lined meadow streams, where undercut banks find record-size rainbow and brown trout up to 15 pounds.

The South Coast Fantastic Opportunities

While restrictions will impact some Ocean salmon fishing, there are plenty of other fish in the sea! Tuna, Dungeness crab, mussels, ling cod, clams, oysters, and



a vast array of rock fish can be yours. Coastal rivers also offer fantastic variety such as chinook and coho salmon, striped and small mouth bass, steelhead, sturgeon, shad, and pink fin perch.

Designated a national Wild and Scenic River, the Chetco (along with the Pistol, Rogue, Elk and Sixes Rivers to the north) offers the fishing enthusiast fantastic

The Valley The Legendary Rogue River

The Rogue River is the area's crown jewel, heralded by sport anglers since the late 1800s. More than 2,000 miles of fish-bearing streams are found within the two National Forests and many of these are open to fishing.

Five nationally protected Wild and Scenic Rivers (including the Rogue, Illinois, Chetco, and Elk) offer spectacular scenery for anglers to enjoy while pursuing their quarry.

Anglers can stalk native rainbow and cutthroat trout. Non-native brook and brown trout have also been intro-



“... the Rogue River steelhead had no equal in fresh water for speed, strength, cunning, and endurance. All trout are beautiful. But this one of sea species seemed more than beautiful. He was all muscle. He looked exactly what he was, a fish-spirit incarnate, fresh run from the sea, with opal and pearl hues of such delicate loveliness that no pen or brush could portray them. He brought the sea with him and had taken on the beauty of the river.”

1928 - Zane Grey, Famed Western Writer