



2022/2023 California Sport Fishing Regulations: Redwood Creek



What You Need to Know The following sport fishing regulations (effective through 2/28/2023) are *summarized* as a courtesy to anglers in Redwood National & State Parks. All sport fishing must be in accordance with California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) regulations and requires a California fishing license for anglers 16 years old and older. For more information, contact CDFW (see reverse) or inquire at any visitor center.

Body of Water	Open Season & Special Regulations	Daily Bag & Possession Limit
Redwood Creek main stem within a radius of 200 yards of its mouth.*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jan. 1 through Mar. 31. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** daily. 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** in possession.
Redwood Creek main stem from 200 yards above the mouth to the mouth of Prairie Creek*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4th Saturday in May through Mar. 31. Only barbless hooks may be used. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** daily. 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** in possession.
Redwood Creek main stem from the mouth of Prairie Creek to the mouth of Bond Creek.*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4th Saturday in May through Mar. 31. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** daily. 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** in possession.
Redwood Creek and tributaries above Bond Creek.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Closed to fishing all year.</i> 	
All other anadromous waters including Lost Man Creek, Prairie Creek, and its tributaries (except those listed above).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4th Saturday in May through Oct. 31. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** daily. 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead** in possession. closed to the take of salmon.

* Subject to low flow closure (see "Stream Closures" on reverse side).

** Hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead are those missing an adipose fin with healed scar. All other trout and steelhead must be immediately released. Wild trout or steelhead have an intact adipose fin.

Stream Closures

Special Low Flow Conditions

From Oct. 1 through Jan. 31, the main stem of Redwood Creek from the mouth to its confluence with Bond Creek may be closed to angling for the periods Tuesday and Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, and/or Saturday through Monday when CDFW determines flow conditions are less than 300 cfs as measured at the gauging station near the U.S. 101 bridge.

Call CDFW's low flow closure hotline at 707-822-3164 to check if Redwood Creek will be open or closed to fishing. The recorded message is updated by 1:00 p.m. each Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

Additional Salmon & Steelhead Info.

Silver (Coho) & King (Chinook) Salmon

Silver salmon are fully protected at the state and federal level as threatened fish. Silver (Coho) salmon may not be taken from any California state waters. King (Chinook) salmon may not be taken from the waters of Redwood Creek Basin. Both salmon species and steelhead trout are federally listed as threatened.

Incidentally hooked salmon, wild trout and steelhead must be immediately released unharmed to the waters where they were hooked.

Steelhead Report Card

All anglers must have a Steelhead Report Card in their possession while fishing for or taking steelhead on Redwood Creek.

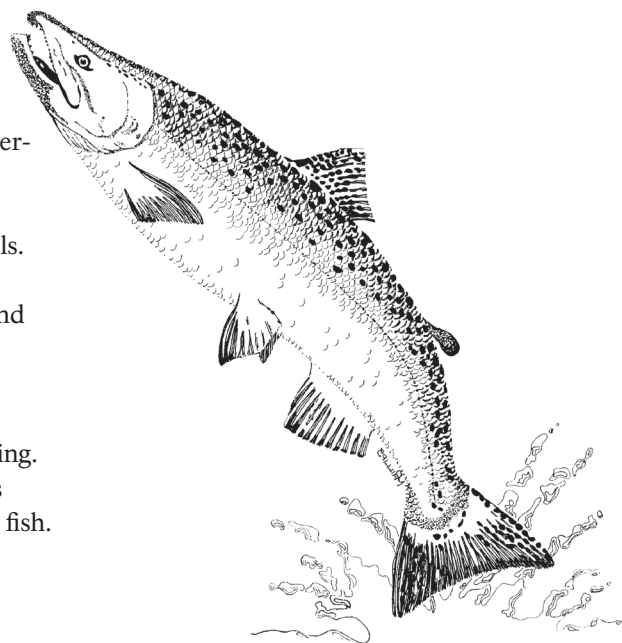
Invasive Species

Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers

Before and after fishing, please clean, freeze or remove all plant material from your boat and/or trailer to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species like the New Zealand Mudsnail.

How to Release Fish Unharmed

1. Land your fish as carefully and quickly as possible.
2. Avoid removing the fish from the water. Underwater unhooking and releasing is preferred.
3. Don't squeeze the fish or touch its eyes or gills.
4. Remove only those hooks that you can see and remove easily. On deep hooked fish, clip the line near the mouth.
5. Artificial lures (no bait) minimize deep hooking. Barbless hooks or completely flattened barbs make unhooking easier and less stressful on the fish.



Contact Info.

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Turn In Poachers

If you observe poaching or a pollution violation, please call CalTIP toll free at:
1-888-334-2258