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Fishing in Bear lake

Please note that the Trout fishing limit in Bear Lake is two per day and all other CDFW rules apply when fishing in the lake including the need for a current fishing license.

As members of our community, please be sure that you, your guests, and other visitors you encounter at the lake stay in compliance with these [simple yet important rules](#).

Katherine,

As you may have noticed in recent years, Bear Lake has recurring algal blooms that turn the lake various shades of green in late summer. After conferring with experts we learned that the small 'bait fish' that occupy the lake are contributing to the algae problem by eating the zooplankton that would normally keep the algae under control.

With this in mind, we came up with a natural solution...but we need your help to make it work!

Bear Lake Trout



In order to attack the algae problem we have just purchased and stocked the lake with trout to scavenge the bait fish and bring the lake back into ecological balance. Brilliant! Right?

Immediately after introducing the trout, word spread about the good fishing in Bear Lake and now the trout are landing on dinner tables faster than we can say "Give 'em a chance to do their job!" To give the trout a chance to eat up some of the bait fish, we quickly updated the

[Lake Rules](#) and established a two-fish maximum for this lake. We also posted signs to remind everyone that Bear Lake is only for the use of BVRI members and their guests.

Please help us to maintain a large, healthy population of trout in the lake by ensuring that:

1. Only BVRI members visit and fish in the lake
2. All members adhere to the two-fish limit
3. Any member or household only catches what they will actually consume.

In addition, please help us out by not introducing fish of any size to the lake. If you want to participate in removing the bait fish (mainly tasty perch), there is no limit on catching these fish; they really like crickets.

Bear Lake is a treasured resource for the Bear Valley community and we need your help to maintain a healthy, active and large trout population.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT FIRE SAFETY

REMINDER: Lot Inspections for Fire Safety Compliance: June 1 - June 15

This could be the worst year for fire danger and bark beetle infestation ever so it's important that Bear Valley property owners comply with state law regarding creation of defensible space. BVRI volunteers will be inspecting all lots between June 1 and June 15 for fire safety, CC&R compliance, and posting of your street address. The Bear Valley Fire Department tells us that burn permits may not be issued in a few more weeks due to dry conditions. Burning is being permitted now, so if burning is part of your defensible space plan, you should do it soon. Once burn permits are no longer issued, wood debris will have to be hauled away. More information about clearing and hauling is available on our Website [here](#).

BVRI got a grant to do fuel management in common areas. You may see crews working in the common areas on weekdays this summer. The [chipper program](#) is available this summer too. For information, call Supervisor Terry Woodrow at 209-753-2551.

We are counting on you to do your part in keeping our forest and our community safe from fire danger.

Sincerely,

The BVRI Board

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