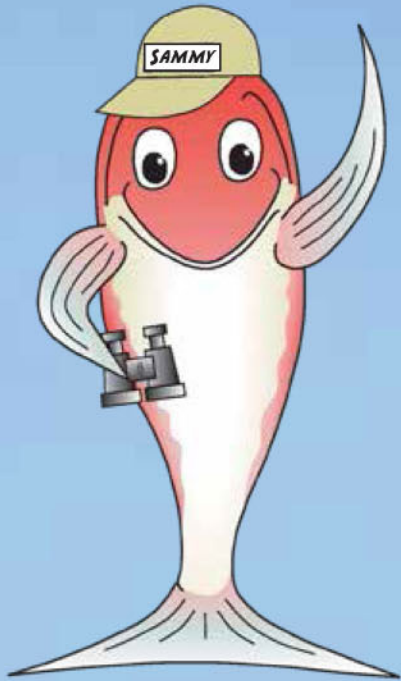


**Hi, I'm SAMMY THE SALMON!
WELCOME TO FISH LAKE,
SIX RIVERS NATIONAL FOREST!**



HOW TO QUEST:

You are holding a treasure map! Follow the movement clues (*italicized*) between stops (numbered) and discover the natural and cultural treasures within this forest. At your final destination you will find your Quest Clue, this is the "key" to your prize (see the "Now that you've finished..." section for your next step)! Have fun, be safe, and stay on marked trails on this adventure.

QUEST TRAIL INFORMATION:

Start: Fish Lake Campground Boat Ramp, CA*
Contact: Orleans/ Ukonom Ranger District, Six Rivers National Forest, (530) 627-3291
www.fs.usda.gov/srnf/

Quest Trail Name: Fish Lake Trail

Total Length: ~1.5 mile RT / ~1 hour

Difficulty: Easy, mostly flat

Driving Directions:

Northbound on HWY 96, about 4.4 miles north of Weitchpec (27 miles north of Willow Creek/ HWY 299) turn left on Bluff Creek Rd. Follow Bluff Creek Rd 5 miles, then turn right on Fish Lake Rd and continue for 3 miles to the boat ramp (before the Campground entrance) and park on the right, across from the boat ramp.

Southbound on HWY 96, about 10 miles south of Orleans turn right on Bluff Creek Rd (see directions above).

***Note:** This site is **ONLY** open during the summer, check accessibility before visiting.

Beware! Poison Oak is found off-trail in this area year round...



NOW THAT YOU'VE FINISHED YOUR QUEST:

Go to the Six Rivers National Forest Offices (all open M-F 8 to 4:30) at the Lower Trinity Ranger District (580 HWY 96, Willow Creek), Orleans/ Ukonom Ranger District (1 Ishi Pishi Rd, Orleans) or Headquarters (1330 Bayshore Way, Eureka) to display your Quest Clue and claim your prize. If they are closed, log on to the Redwood EdVentures website (below) and we'll mail your prize to you.

WHERE WILL YOUR NEXT QUEST TAKE YOU?*

The journey you've just completed is one of many Redwood EdVentures Quests. Find Quest locations and download free copies at www.redwood-edventures.org. Teachers, students, and families can also explore hundreds of outdoor places and educational opportunities on the beautiful Redwood Coast. Find out why **nature is closer than you think!**



THINGS I SAW ALONG THE WAY...

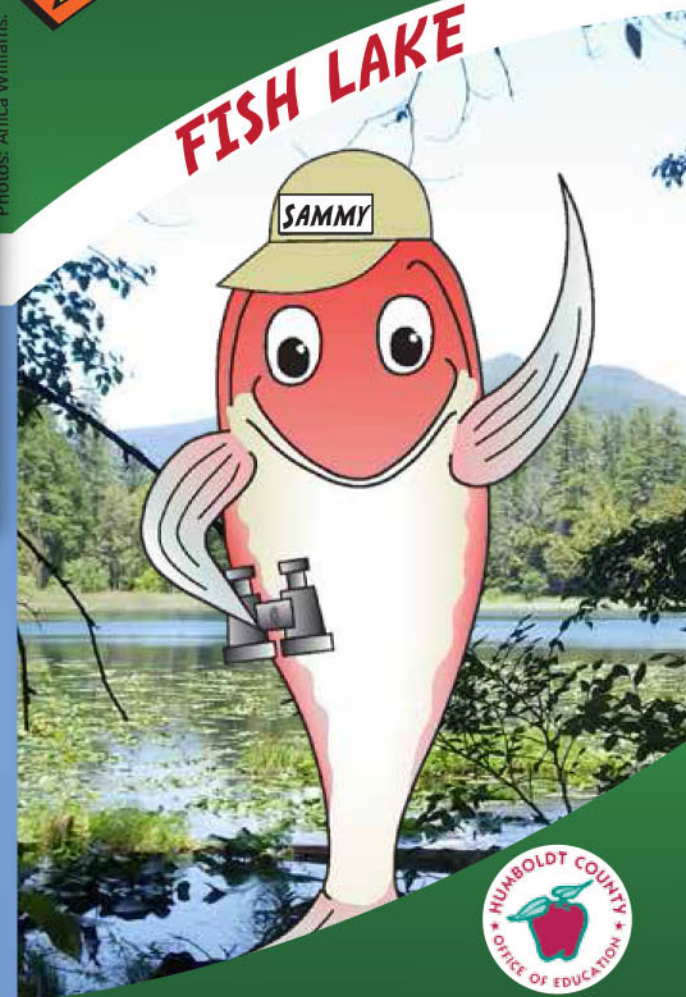


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**FISH LAKE
QUEST
SIX RIVERS NATIONAL FOREST**

Begin this quest at the
Fish Lake Campground Boat Ramp



Osprey
Drawing by: Kyshia, 11



HAPPEN UPON THE SECRETS OF FISH LAKE...

3 In this lake water, non-native and native plants abound,
Sending out roots from the surface to the lake bed ground.
Common water lilies floating on top,
Blooming yellow flowers in June, quite the crop.
Lurking below the water, look for the invasive plant, Eurasian watermilfoil.
Boating, fishing and swimming it does spoil,
Creating dense mats, decreased oxygen, making more mosquito habitat!

*Go back up the hill about 35 steps to the main trail,
You'll see a trail sign pointing - follow it
Go up a small hill, past 3 tree stumps and walk downhill to a small creek
That flows under a walking bridge with rails.*



Rainbow trout
Drawing by: Cher-ere, 11

4 Long, long, ago native fish grew here on their own,
Now they are stocked in this new home.
Rainbow trout, green sunfish, bass, you may catch!
Fish Lake is similar to a vegetable patch,
Providing food for you and me, as far as the eyes can see,
Imagine how many fish swimming in the lake, yippee!
Look at the rules in the signs and books,
Before you catch too many fish on your hooks.

*Leave the bridge; walk up the root stairway,
Turn right at the trail sign, stop at the next bridge.*

Inland Whale
Drawing by: Martina, 11



5 Look up stream, see the dead trees affected by Port Orford-Cedar root disease.
This tree's value and limited range makes one say "stop please!"
Unfortunately, this stream and humans are the disease's feeders.
Spores (fungus "seeds") of this mold are carried by water and our boots,
During winter months through the mud the spores will fly.
Hence, Fish Lake is only open when it's dry.

*Go up the little hillside and wind your way out through the woods,
Until you get to a wide opening.*

6 Spin 3 times facing all directions,
Until you set your eyes up the hill facing north east.
See the trees broken off up top. A wind storm blazed through here one night
Breaking the trees with such might!

Off to your left, two big old-growth Douglas fir trees stand
Hosting **Flying squirrels** who soar all over this land,
Creatures like the Spotted owl also depend upon its branches
Maybe you will see or hear one, what are the chances?

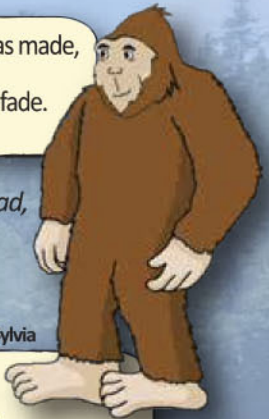
Forge on and stop when you get to the little bridge in the dip...

Eurasian Watermilfoil
Drawing by: Kade, 8

7 Up the Bluff Creek watershed in 1967, the Patterson film was made,
Was it a man in a suit or Bigfoot on a crusade?
Hoax or truth? Woven into ancient and current lore, it can't fade.
Up to you, believers of all ages not just youth.

*Continue up the trail, make a right when you meet the road,
Go to the day use area of the campground
And sit on the bench overlooking the lake.
Here you will find your last learning and Quest Clue.*

Bigfoot
Drawing by: Sylvia



8 Enjoy this rest from your quest and lend me your ear...
Yurok lore tells the story of an inland whale living here,
Look real close for its tail!
The earth tilted this way and that, spilling the ocean life into this lake,
Trapping the large mammal in its wake.

*Have no fear, the quest clue is near;
In fact it is under the bench, right here!
Write the words on the plaque in the space below.
It may be slow but the best way to go is to return the same way you came.*

**WRITE YOUR
QUEST CLUE HERE**



Drawing by: Martina, 11

*From the boat launch, take the trail to the left into the lakeside woods,
Take 11 giant steps up the hill, skip 12 steps to a big tree on your right,
It's a Douglas fir, you can also see the lake to your right.
Keep going, 13 more steps. Look for the rotten nurse log to your left,
A Douglas fir tree covered with huckleberry, lichen and all the rest.*

Common Water Lily
Drawing by: Deja, 10



2 I am a fallen tree!
Where huckleberry, native plants, lichens and bugs like to grow.
One day I will turn into soil, but don't wait too long, the process is very slow.
Think of all the insects like **Carpenter Ants** burrowing in my wood.
Finding food and nourishment like any bug should.

*For your next stop you will pass under trees that cross, a Tanoak and Doug fir,
Go up a rather steep hill and veer to your right.
See the lake in sight as you round the bend close to the water's edge.
You will continue on and will have to step over a log.
Once you do that look for the trail down to the lake,
Make a right and go down to the water.*

Carpenter Ant
Drawing by: Richard, 11

