



Fishmas is Here! Opening Day of Regular Fishing Season is Saturday!

- Get ready to cast your lines! Eastern Sierra locals and visitors alike are celebrating "Fishmas," the official start to the regular fishing season this Saturday, April 26. This highly anticipated day marks the beginning of a season filled with angling excitement across Mono County's pristine lakes, streams, and reservoirs.
- This year promises abundant opportunities - Mono County invests \$100,000 to stock 18 local bodies of water with 40,000 pounds, while the Town stocks the Lakes Basin with over 18,000 pounds of rainbow trout.
- Adding to this bounty, private marinas, resorts, and local fish foundations like the Twin Lakes Trout Foundation, the Bridgeport Fish Enhancement Foundation, and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife also contribute to stocking efforts, ensuring a thriving fishing experience for all.
- Regulations can change. Please verify all regulations by visiting the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) [website](#) or by calling the Bishop CDFW office at (760) 872-1171.
- View the latest [Current Conditions](#) in Mono County and learn more about [sustainable fishing](#) best practices.
- MONO COUNTY ALERT: Expect cold temps and snow, especially on Saturday, get all the details [here](#).

Lakes Basin Road Update

- Today (4/25), the Lakes Basin Road opened for pedestrian and bicycle traffic ONLY.
- There is no anticipated opening date for vehicular access. The Multi-use Paths (MUPS) will remain closed until they are safely cleared and accessible.
- Please be aware of frozen lakes and rotten ice and carry the appropriate safety equipment.
- Campgrounds in the Mammoth Lakes area are scheduled to open on time. Conditions are assessed weekly and opening dates will be posted on the USFS [website](#).

Air Service Update

- [Advanced Air](#) flights are operating Thursday, Friday, Sunday, and Monday through April 28 to Hawthorne-LA and Carlsbad from the Mammoth Yosemite Airport (MMH).
- Summer flights to/from Hawthorne and Carlsbad will operate from June 27 through September 1 on Fridays and Sundays.
- [United Airlines](#) operate from the Eastern Sierra Regional Airport (BIH) in Bishop. Daily summer service from June 26 through September 1 is available now for booking.
- Additional flights on Mondays, Thursdays, Fridays and Sundays will be available from September 4 through October 6.
- For local discounts and deals, please click [here](#).

Parks and Recreation Update

- [Parks and Facilities Update](#): The Pickleball Complex and Shady Rest DiscGolfPark are now open, along with the Community Dog Park and the Whitmore Recreation Area. The [Whitmore Pool](#) opens on May 12 for lap swim and swim team practice.
- NEW [Annual Membership's](#) go on sale in-person on May 1. Buy 2 adult passes and all kids <17 years are FREE! Click [here](#) to learn more about the membership program and where and when you can purchase from May 1.

Hantavirus Hotspot – Prevention is Key

- Hantavirus is a serious and often fatal illness spread primarily through contact with infected deer mouse droppings, urine, or saliva. Deer mice are widespread in the Eastern Sierra region.
- "Hantavirus Pulmonary Syndrome is uncommon but extremely dangerous," said Dr. Tom Boo, Mono County Health Officer. "We urge residents and visitors to pay attention to the presence of mice indoors and other enclosed spaces and take precautions to reduce the risk of infection, especially when cleaning up areas where rodent activity is present."
- Avoid sweeping droppings and wear protective gear, even in offices and businesses. Spread the word to keep others safe. If you've had rodent exposure and develop flu-like symptoms, seek medical care immediately.
- Visit the Mono County Public Health website for additional information and download and share the Hantavirus prevention measures in English and Spanish and WATCH THIS VIDEO: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5PO0NEdnIxA>