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Round Lake - Nevada County

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Distance:

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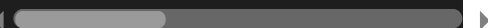
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Elevation Profile 1:



Gallery:



See a short video of this lake
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Round Lake - (Nevada County)

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Getting There

To reach Round Lake in Nevada County, drive to the [Carr Lake trailhead](#) by taking Highway 20 from [Highway 80 at Yuba Pass](#). Take Highway 20 west until you can turn right on Bowman Lake Road. From Bowman Lake Road, follow the signs to the turnoff for Carr Lake Road. Carr Lake Road is an unimproved dirt road that is very rough but still manageable in a 2-wheel drive vehicle with modest clearance. The parking can be sparse due to the trailhead being very popular.

The Hike

The hike to Round Lake starts with a hike to [Island Lake](#). You will cross paths with many other day hikers and backpackers on your way to [Island Lake](#) but after that they should thin out. At the junction of the Crooked Lakes trail and the Round Lake trail near Little Island Lake, stay to the right as marked by a wooden sign nailed to a tree. There is a short, uphill climb over the saddle and then you drop down towards Round Lake. Follow the trail until you see the sign for the spur trail that leads right to Round Lake. Camping areas at Round Lake are found on the west side of the lake.

The Fishing

The High Sierra fishing at Round Lake in Nevada County was fair for small Brook Trout that were about 9 or 10 inches long. I saw a couple of trout rising when we

arrived so I was glad to see signs of life. I set some poles up with a worm rig for my kids and wife and then set out to take photos of the lake. We stayed about two hours and landed three Brook Trout total. We were able to release two of them and keep one to eat. The middle of the lake fished well but the outlet area produced nothing.

Unfortunately, I didn't get a chance to break out my fly rod as I was distracted with kids, so I will have to do that another day. There are a few areas to backcast on the west and south side and the east side is rocky outcropping that may be accessible but I didn't try to get to it.

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This site was created to provide information on fishing the lakes and streams in California's Sierra Nevada Mountains.

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