

Big Chico Creek Fishing Regulations 2020-2021

7.50 Waters With Special Fishing Regulations

(a) General Provisions

(b) Special Regulations

<i>Area or Body of Water</i>	<i>Open Season and Special Regulation</i>	<i>Daily Bag and Possession Limit</i>
(20) Big Chico Creek (Butte Co.).		
<p>(A) From mouth to Bear Hole, located approximately one mile downstream from the upper end of Bidwell Park.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Avoid Fishing at swimming holes: (Bear Hole, Day Camp, Alligator hole). Must be at least 200' upstream of golf course 	<p>Jun. 16 through Feb. 15. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used from Oct. 16 through Feb. 15.</p>	<p>2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead* 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead* in possession</p>
<p>(B) From Bear Hole to the upper boundary of the Big Chico Creek Ecological Reserve.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Avoid fishing at swimming holes (Salmon Hole, Browns Hole). 	<p>Nov. 1 through Apr. 30. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.</p>	<p>2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead* 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead* in possession</p>
<p>(C) From the upper boundary of the Big Chico Creek Ecological Reserve to Higgins Hole Falls, located about one-half mile upstream from Ponderosa Way.</p>	<p>Closed to all fishing all year.</p>	

Notes:

*Hatchery trout or steelhead are those showing a healed adipose fin clip (adipose fin is absent). Unless otherwise provided, all other trout and steelhead must be immediately released unharmed. Wild trout or steelhead are those not showing a healed adipose fin clip (adipose fin is present).

STEELHEAD FISHING REPORT AND RESTORATION CARD: Anglers must have a nontransferable Steelhead Fishing Report and Restoration Card issued by the department in their possession while fishing for steelhead trout in anadromous waters. For purposes of this regulation, a steelhead trout is defined as any rainbow trout greater than 16 inches in length found in anadromous waters. Anglers must record, with a ball point pen, the month, day, location fished, number of steelhead caught and kept, and number of steelhead caught and released. Month, day and location must be recorded EVEN IF NO STEELHEAD WERE CAUGHT. A report-restoration card shall be valid for the calendar year. When the card is completely filled-in, a person may purchase another card. Anglers are required by law to return Steelhead Fishing Report and Restoration cards to the Department of Fish and Wildlife by January 31 of the year following the card expiration. Example: 2018 cards are to be returned by January 31, 2019.

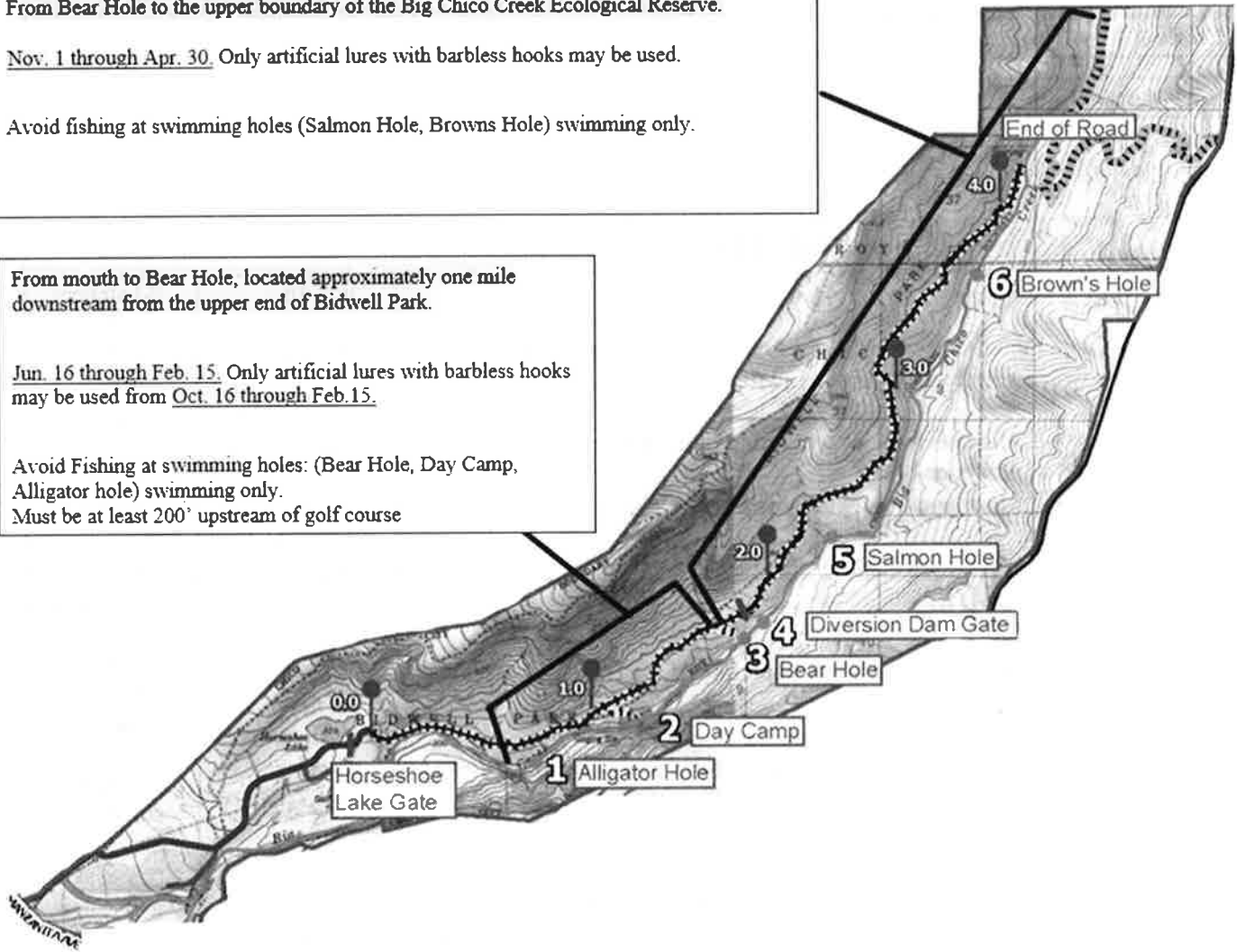


• For more information about fishing regulations please visit <https://wildlife.ca.gov/Regulations>

Upper Bidwell Park

From Bear Hole to the upper boundary of the Big Chico Creek Ecological Reserve.
Nov. 1 through Apr. 30. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.
 Avoid fishing at swimming holes (Salmon Hole, Browns Hole) swimming only.



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 Avoid Fishing at swimming holes: (Bear Hole, Day Camp, Alligator hole) swimming only.
 Must be at least 200' upstream of golf course



Review Questions:

1. Is Fishing permitted in swimming holes?



Swimming Holes		
① Alligator Hole	Yes	No
② Day Camp	Yes	No
③ Bear Hole	Yes	No
④ Diversion Dam	Yes	No
⑤ Salmon Hole	Yes	No
⑥ Brown's Hole	Yes	No

2. Is fishing Permitted In lower or Middle Park?



Fishing is only allowed in Upper Park.