

Hiamonee Plantation Rainbow Trout • November 2018

Please read letter carefully for instructions and information.

Dear Fellow Fly Fishers:

Terry Bramlett brings the first load of 400 lbs. of trout Friday November the 16th. The second load of 400 lbs. will tentatively come in early to mid-December. This year we are again going to have a third load of 400 lbs. of trout which tentatively will be sometime in mid-January 2019. **We will be open for fishing beginning Saturday Nov 17th. We will end fishing the third Sunday in March when we drain the pond.** The fish will be the same as before, a mix of very large Triploid Kamloops and regular Kamloops Rainbow Trout.

The rules will change a little so please read: — **Fly fishing only with barbless hooks.** Because we have some exceptionally large fish, please do not use a rod smaller than 4 wt. The bigger fish are too difficult to land quickly with a light rod and release with chance for their survival. Use as heavy a tippet as you feel you can get by with. Initially that will not be a problem but as the season progresses and the fish have been caught and released several times, they do get leader-shy. Long shank hooked flies are easier to remove from fish without harming them. **Five things I changed and want to continue are (1) Please pay and sign in before fishing and then sign out when you leave (2) DO NOT fish off the dock (really can't land fish without lifting them up and harms them too much to release them safely plus the dock is not safe) (3) DO NOT chum fish (4) do not use fish food fly imitations and (5) do not fish after dark or before daylight.** There are three feeders that will go off sequentially at midnight, 1:00 AM, and 2:00 AM. If no fish food is on the water during daylight hours the fish will be evenly spread out in the pond and be more opportunistic than selective feeders. This will make it easier—and more equitable—for everyone. By having three loads of fish we will always have some naïve fish and make it easier for less experienced fishermen.

If you can possibly help it *do not lift the fish out of the water if you plan to release it.* A trout out of water for thirty seconds will almost certainly die no matter how quickly it swims off. Even with the best of care some of the bigger fish will die so I am going to ask again if you are going to keep a fish, please just keep one. Most of the fish will be big enough to feed two hungry people and four not-so-hungry people. If you have a bleeding fish, kill it and eat it — even if you have already kept a fish. If a fish does not appear to quickly revive then keep it, kill it, and eat it. Each succeeding year we have had fewer and fewer dead fish as everyone becomes more adept at careful release.

Please pay before fishing and sign in and then sign out when you leave. The sign-out notebook will be in the mailbox on the dock. Make any remarks, pro or con. I enjoy reading them. Fish prices continue to go up but, so far, I am not going to change the fishing cost. Leave a check in the box for \$25.00 per fisherman, made out to Galt Allee. Cash will not be refused. **Please pay BEFORE fishing.** There are no bathroom facilities. Please carry out your trash.

We would like to be able to send you updates by e-mail. If you need to add or update an e-mail address, please send Francine your address or print your name and e-mail address in the sign-out book. If you have questions or concerns you can leave us a message or e-mail Francine.

We would appreciate your calling before you arrive as I like to know when people are coming. Also, if the water is too warm to fish, I will leave a message on our answering machine stating so or send out an e-mail. The gate on the road will be open during daylight hours. If you would like to help with the draining of the pond in the spring let me know by leaving a note in the sign-up book with your name and e-mail clearly printed.

Tight lines,
Galt Allee