

## Carp Out Fishing Report

We arrived at the south end of Elk lake at about 10:30 a.m. A quick look around revealed a possible fishing area just in front of the car park and a couple more spots along the trail that skirts the highway side of the lake.



At one spot about half way up the lake we saw a good size carp surface just outside the weeds.

Harry set up in the beach area by the car park, Bruce went for his inflatable and I went up the trail to where we saw the carp. I started off using kernel corn as bait but after no bites for half an hour I added a little bit of sliced ham to the corn. After an hour with no bites it was a little cheddar cheese and corn but still no bites in spite of seeing a number of carp jumping and splashing about. One looked like a small submarine surfacing and must of weighed close to 15 pounds. At about 2 p.m. I brought in my gear as it was about time to head back, when I was surprise to find that I had hooked a 5 inch perch on the cheese and corn combo. Believe it or not I actually released it. I guess that that was my good deed for this year.

Interestingly while fishing, a fellow on a bike stopped to tell me that the week before he saw a person land a 5 pound rainbow from where I was fishing. Also on the shore I observed a number of large scales that had obviously come from a large carp.

As I saw an eagle and a pair osprey working the lake, maybe it would have been better early in the morning or more towards evening.

Meanwhile, back at the beach area Harry casted out his patented “corn fly” and wamo...first cast was fighting for his life with Mr. Carp.



To the disappointment of four hungry raccoons, Harry also released Mr. Carp back into Elk Lake