FISHING REGULATIONS AND FISH SPECIES

Poudre River
From Rocky Mountain National Park boundary downstream to the confluence with Joe Wright Creek:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

From upper boundary of Big Bend camp - ground downstream to confluence with Black Hollow Creek:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

From west boundary of the Hombre Ranch (below Rustic) downstream to the Pingree Park Road/bridge:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

From upper boundary of Gateway Park (water diversion for Fort Collins) downstream to the confluence with the North Fork of the Poudre River:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

Poudre River, North Fork
From Milton Seaman Reservoir downstream to the confluence with the Poudre River:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

Lakes listed in order from bottom of canyon to top. Statewide regulations apply to all waters except as noted.

Seaman Reservoir (5,480 ft)
- Rainbow Trout, Black Bullhead, Green Sunfish, Yellow Perch
- Hike to lake 1 mile from parking lot
- No gas powered boating
- Day use fees March 1 - Nov. 30

Barnes Meadow Reservoir (9,080 ft)
- Brown/Cutbow/Cutthroat/Rainbow Trout
- Non-motorized boating
- Respect private property

Chambers Reservoir (9,150 ft)
- Cutthroat/Lake/Rainbow Trout, Kokanee Salmon
- Boating allowed, boat ramp available
- Camping available

Lost Lake (9,290 ft)
- Rainbow Trout
- Non-motorized boating

Trap Lake (9,950 ft)
- Cutbow/Rainbow Trout
- Non-motorized boating

Peterson Lake (9,500 ft)
- Cutbow/Rainbow Trout
- Non-motorized boating

Long Draw Reservoir (10,100 ft)
- Cutthroat Trout
- Artificial flies and lures only
- Bag and posession limit for trout is 2
- Non-motorized boating

Joe Wright Creek
- Cutthroat Trout, Arctic Grayling
- From the confluence with Joe Wright Reservoir upstream to Colo. Hwy 14
- Artificial flies and lures only.
- Fishing prohibited Jan. 1-July 31

Joe Wright Reservoir (9,920 ft)
- Cutthroat Trout, Arctic Grayling
- Artificial flies and lures only
- Non-motorized boating

Zimmerman Lake (10,490 ft)
- Native Cutthroat Trout
- Artificial flies and lures only
- Trout must be returned to water immediately.
- Fishing prohibited in inlet area as posted Jan.1-July 31
- Non-motorized boating
- Hike to lake 1 mile from parking lot

STATEWIDE LIMITS (SELECTED SPECIES) Type of fish	Daily bag limit	Possession limit
TROUT, ARCTIC CHAR, GRAYLING, SALMON(except kokanee) in aggregate*	4	8
BROOK TROUT 8 inches long or less (in addition to trout limit above)	10	10
KOKANEE SALMON angling, snagging or archery	10	10
YELLOW PERCH East of Continental Divide	20	20

*For statewide limits see CPW fishing brochure

* in aggregate means the limit may consist of one species or a mixed bag of more than one species.

FAQ

Who needs a license?
Anyone 16 or older is required to buy and carry a fishing license to fish or take fish.

How many rods can I fish with?
One. Anglers can use a second rod, hand line or tip-up by purchasing a second-rod stamp. Youths under 16 must have and carry with them a second-rod stamp if fishing with a second line.

Can I use live minnows for bait?
Yes, but only in waters below 7,000 feet that are East of the Continental Divide. Live fish collected for bait may only be used in the same water from which they were collected, they may not be transported to other lakes or rivers. See the Colorado Fishing regulation brochure for details.

GLOSSARY OF FISHING TERMS

ARTIFICIAL FLIES AND LURES means devices made entirely of, or a combination of, natural or synthetic nonedible, nonscented (regardless if the scent is added in the manufacturing process or applied afterward), or materials such as wood, plastic, silicone, rubber, epoxy, glass, hair, metal, feathers or fiber, designed to attract fish. This does not include anything defined as bait below.

BAIT means any hand-moldable material designed to attract fish by the sense of taste or smell; those devices to which scents or smell attractants have been added or externally applied (regardless if the scent is added in the manufacturing process or applied afterward); scented manufactured fish eggs and traditional organic baits, including but not limited to worms, grubs, crickets, leeches, dough baits or stink baits, insects, crayfish, human food, fish, fish parts or fish eggs.

FISHING is defined as efforts to take fish, amphibians or crustaceans, including by hook and line, handline, trotline, jug, seine, net, underwater spearfishing, archery, snagging or gigging.

MORE QUESTIONS?

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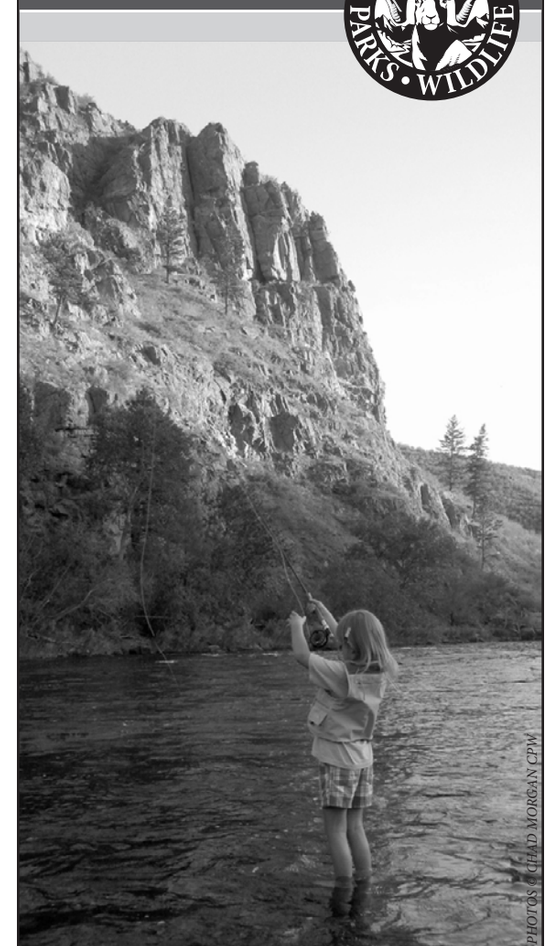
Fishing the Poudre Canyon



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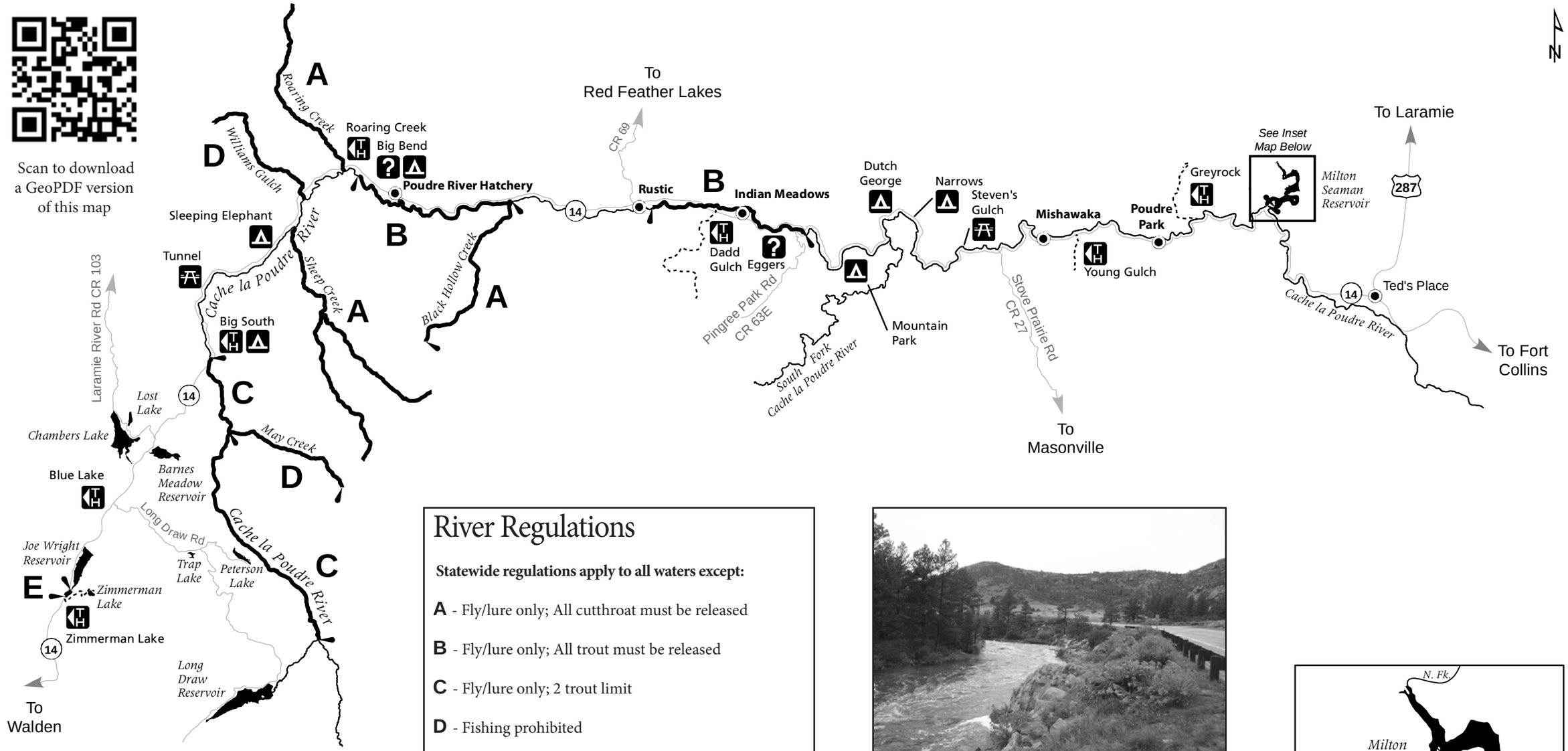


River Regulations

Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:

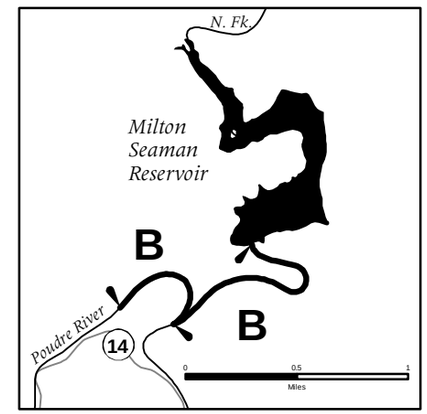
A - Fly/lure only; All cutthroat must be released

B - Fly/lure only; All trout must be released

C - Fly/lure only; 2 trout limit

D - Fishing prohibited

E - Fly/lure only; Fishing prohibited from Jan. 1 - July 31



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