

2019 Ridgway Reservoir Smallmouth Bass Classic

Saturday, July 6 – Saturday, July 27

PRIZE CATEGORIES

Raffle – Seven winners will be drawn from a raffle. The Raffle Grand Prize will be worth \$2,500, and six Second Tier Prizes will be worth \$250 each.

Angling Prizes – Cash prizes will be awarded for Smallmouth Bass caught for each of the following criteria: Most (\$5,000), Second Most (\$1,500), Third Most (\$500), Largest (\$500) and Smallest (\$500). Additionally, each of the top three anglers will receive a free annual parks pass.

Youth Prizes – A package of fishing lures will be given to any angler under 12 years of age who turns in a smallmouth bass. Limited to one prize per angler under 12.

RAFFLE

1. *Prizes* – One *Grand Prize* and six *Second Tier Prizes* will be awarded.
2. *Raffle* – Anglers will be awarded a raffle ticket for each smallmouth bass of any size turned in at the fish checking station. All adult prizes will be given away via the raffle at the end of the tournament held on Saturday July 27 at 6:30 PM at the fish checking station.

ANGLING PRIZES

1. *Prizes* – Five total cash prizes will be awarded for smallmouth bass caught and turned in to the fish checking station. These prizes will be for the most, second most and third most smallmouth bass turned in by an angler. Additionally, prizes will be awarded for the largest and smallest smallmouth bass turned in by length. The three anglers with the most smallmouth bass turned in will receive a free annual state parks pass for the following year.
2. *Awards* – To qualify for awards, all smallmouth bass must be turned in to the fish checking station by 6:00 PM on Saturday July 27. All adult prizes will be awarded at the end of the tournament at a ceremony held on Saturday July 27 at 6:30 PM at the fish checking station. Anglers do not need to be present to win.

FISH CHECKING STATION

3. *Check Station* – All smallmouth bass must be turned in at the Fish Checking Station located at the Ridgway State Park boat ramp. It will be open from 1 PM to 5 PM Fridays and 10 AM to 6 PM on Saturdays and Sundays from July 6 - 27, 2019.

RULES

1. This is a smallmouth bass only tournament. You may possess other species as allowed by Colorado Fishing Regulations, but they may not be entered in the tournament.
2. There is no bag or possession limit on smallmouth bass at Ridgway Reservoir.

3. Anglers must possess a valid Colorado fishing license and follow all Colorado boating and fishing regulations, including method of take regulations. All smallmouth bass must be disposed of according to Colorado Fishing Regulations by the angler. Anglers may also donate smallmouth bass carcasses to CPW for research purposes at the check station.
4. Any angler cited for an angling violation during the duration of the contest will be disqualified from the tournament.
5. Angling will begin at 7 AM on Saturday July 6, and end at 6 PM on Saturday July 27, 2019. Only smallmouth bass caught within this time frame from Ridgway Reservoir can be entered in the tournament, and any violations will result in tournament disqualification. Anglers may fish as many days of the tournament as they wish.
6. Anglers are only eligible for prizes if the smallmouth bass they catch are dead when presented at the Fish Checking Station. It is illegal to transport live fish in Colorado.
7. There are no daily time restrictions on angling within the official tournament period (see bullet 5), however, fish will only be accepted when the Fish Checking Station is open. The Fish Checking Station will be located at the Ridgway State Park boat ramp and will be open 1 PM to 5 PM Fridays and 10 AM to 6 PM on Saturdays and Sundays for the duration of the tournament.
8. Participating anglers must register for the tournament when their first fish are checked in. They will receive an angler number after providing their phone number and email address for correspondence regarding winning prizes. The angler number will be used to match winning raffle tickets to the angler. Anglers are responsible for putting their number on all raffle tags they enter. Raffle tags without an angler number will not be eligible for prizes.
9. Raffle tickets will be dropped into a locked box by each angler once they are awarded. This box will not be opened until the raffle drawing at 6:30 PM on Saturday, July 27, 2019 at the Fish Checking Station.
10. Anglers do not need to be present at the award ceremony at 6:30 PM on Saturday July 27, 2019 to win. All winners not present will be contacted by Friday August 2, 2019 to be notified of prizes.
11. Each individual angler must turn in fish that they caught under their angler number. Anglers are not allowed to pool their catch between multiple anglers under one angler number. This will result in disqualification from the tournament.
12. All smallmouth bass will be marked at the Fish Checking Station after they are turned in so that anglers cannot receive multiple raffle tickets for an individual fish.
13. Anglers are only allowed to win one prize per angler from the raffle.
14. The angler who catches the most SMB (and wins the \$5,000) will not be eligible for the Raffle Grand Prize of \$2,500, but can win one of the second tier raffle prizes.
15. A valid Colorado State Parks pass is required to enter the park and to participate in the tournament.
16. Colorado Parks and Wildlife employees and their immediate families are not eligible to participate in the tournament.