2020 Colorado Fishing

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303-297-1192 (M–F 8 a.m.–5 p.m. MT)

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BRUSH
28167 County Rd. T
Brush, 80723
970-842-6300

COLORADO SPRINGS
4225 Sinton Rd.
Colorado Springs, 80907
719-227-3200

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6060 Broadway
Denver, 80216
303-291-7227

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151 E. 16th St,
Durango, 81301
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334989 Hwy.
Grand Junction, 81505
970-255-6100

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346 Grand County Rd.
Hot Sulphur Springs, 80451
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LANA
7200 S. Main St.
Lamar, 81042
970-336-6600

MEEEKER
7346 Hwy.
Meeker, 81641
970-878-6090

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4206 B St.
Monte Vista, 81144
719-627-6900

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320 S. Townsend Ave.
Montrose, 81401
970-252-6000

PUEBLO
30000 S. Blvd.
Pueblo, 81005
970-561-3300

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Estes Park, 80517
970-588-6000

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS
925 W. Lincoln Ave.
Steamboat Springs, 80487
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► Ice fishing. © Seth Firestone, CPW
► Having fun at the Family Crappie Fishing & Cooking Clinic hosted by CPW. © CPW
► James Bixler takes his grandson, Phoenix Garrett Thomas, fishing at Bear Creek Lake. © Belinda Bixler
► A successful day! © CPW
WHAT’S NEW: 2020 REGULATION CHANGES & NEW INFORMATION

► VALID DATES FOR ANNUAL LICENSES & HABITAT STAMPS HAVE CHANGED:
Annual hunting and fishing licenses (such as fishing, small game, fur bearer, resident combo small game/fishing) and Habitat Stamps will be valid March 1–March 31 of the following year (13 months), instead of April 1–March 31. Annual licenses go on sale March 1. See “Habitat Stamps,” page 2.

► NEW SENIOR COMBO SMALL GAME/FISHING LICENSE: Customers age 65 and older can now purchase a combination small game/fishing license for $28, plus the search-and-rescue and Wildlife Education Fund fees (see table below.)

► DISTURBING TROT-LINES IS PROHIBITED: Molesting, disturbing or damaging gill nets, traps, seines and now trot-lines set by CPW is not allowed. See pages 8–9 for more fishing regulations.

► NEW INFORMATION FOR RECORDS PROGRAMS: Updated information for the Records by Weight, Records by Length and Master Angler programs can be found on pages 4–5.

LICENSE INFORMATION

SEASON DATES: Colorado waters are open to taking fish, amphibians and crustaceans day and night, year round, except if otherwise stated in the regulation section of this brochure. See pages 11–39.

FREE FISHING DAYS: Residents and nonresidents can fish without a license or Habitat Stamp from June 6–7, 2020. All other rules and regulations apply.

LICENSE FEES, HABITAT STAMPS, ANS STAMP

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<td>Annual Habitat Stamp (nonrefundable)</td>
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<td>Only one is required per person, ages 18–64, per year buying or applying for a license.</td>
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AQUATIC NUISANCE SPECIES (ANS) STAMP

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LICENSES

| FEE |
| RESIDENTS |
| Adult annual (18–64) | $35.17 |
| Senior annual (65+) | $9.85 |
| Small game & fishing combo | $50.37 |
| NEW Senior small game & fishing combo (65+) | $29.75 |

| NONRESIDENTS |
| Annual | $97.97 |
| Five-day | $32.14 |

| YOUTH |
| Residents ages 16–17 | $9.85 |
| Second-rod charge still applies. |

| RESIDENTS & NONRESIDENTS |
| Second-rod stamp | $10.87 |
| A second-rod stamp per year is available to anyone who has purchased a fishing license and any youth under 16 (see “Second-rod Stamp” at night). |
| One-day fishing: residents | $13.90 |
| One-day fishing: nonresidents | $16.94 |
| Additional-day fishing | $6.81 |
| Customers buying a one-day or additional day license are exempt from the Habitat Stamp fee with the first two of these licenses. The Habitat Stamp fee will be assessed when a third license of this type is purchased. All license fees include a 25-cent search-and-rescue fee and a $1.50 fee for the Wildlife Education Fund. |

NEW FEE:

What you need to valid March 1–March 31 the next year (13 months)

1. ID: Secure and verifiable ID (See cpw.state.co.us/secure-verifiable-id for more information.) AND:
   - PROOF of residency for Colorado residents. (See page 2.)

2. HABITAT STAMP: A 2020 or lifetime Habitat Stamp is required prior to buying a license for anyone ages 18–64. One will be automatically added to your purchase, if applicable. (See page 2.)
   - NOTE: A Social Security number is required for new customers ages 16 and older (age 12 for a second-rod stamp).

LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

► ADULTS: People 16 and older are required to buy and carry with them a fishing license to fish or take fish, amphibians and crustaceans, except as prohibited.

► YOUTH: Residents ages 16–17 can purchase a fishing license for $9.85. Those under 16 can take a full bag and possession limit without a license. However, they must have a second-rod stamp if fishing with a second line.

► SENIORS: Colorado residents age 65 and older can obtain an annual senior fishing license for $9.85 NEW or an annual senior combo small game/fishing license for $29.75, both of which include the 25-cent search-and-rescue fee and the $1.50 Wildlife Education Fund fee. License must be carried while fishing. Seniors must have a second-rod stamp if fishing with a second line.
  - a. Senior lifetime low-income fishing licenses also are available for Colorado residents 65 or older. For information and eligibility requirements, contact any CPW location.
  - b. Those with disability licenses must purchase a stamp if fishing with a second line.
  - c. A second-rod stamp is not required when only using trot-lines or jugs.
  - d. Those with special licenses must have and carry with them a second-rod stamp if fishing with a second line.
  - e. Seniors fishing with a senior license must have and carry with them a second-rod stamp if fishing with a second line.

► SECOND-ROD STAMP: Anglers can use a second rod, hand line or tip-up by purchasing a second-rod stamp. One stamp is allowed per season and is nontransferable. A second-rod stamp does not entitle an angler to an additional bag limit, nor can it be used for another person to fish.
  - a. Those with disability licenses must purchase a stamp if fishing with a second line.
  - b. A second-rod stamp is not required when only using trot-lines or jugs.
  - c. youths under 16 must have and carry with them a second-rod stamp if fishing with a second line.

► COMMERCIAL LICENSE: $40; required to take or possess bait fish, amphibians or crustaceans for commercial purposes. Applications are available at CPW locations. License holders must submit an annual report to CPW within 30 days of the license expiration date. Holders are required to provide live-fish buyers with a receipt stating the seller’s name, date of sale, species and number sold.

► CHILD SUPPORT DELINQUENCY: State and federal law require a Social Security number to buy a license. It is not displayed on the license but is provided, if requested, to Child Support Enforcement authorities. Hunting and fishing licenses are not issued to those suspended for noncompliance with child support. Any current licenses become invalid if held by an individual who is deemed noncompliant by Child Support Enforcement.

► ARMED FORCES EXEMPTION: Colorado residents on active duty with U.S. armed forces out of state can fish free without a license while here on temporary leave, maximum of 30 days a year. You must carry official leave papers while fishing.
**SECURE ID & RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS**

- cpw.state.co.us/proofofresidency
- The physical residence address you give to buy or apply for a license must be the same as the address given for Colorado state income tax purposes.
- You terminate your Colorado residency if you apply for, buy or accept a resident hunting, fishing or trapping license issued by another state or foreign country, register to vote outside Colorado or accept a driver’s license that shows an address other than in Colorado.
- CPW cannot accept Colorado-issued drivers licenses, permits or IDs that state “Not valid for federal identification, voting or public benefit purposes” (see image above). You will need another valid form of identification to purchase a hunting or fishing license in Colorado. See: cpw.state.co.us/secure-verifiable-id

**NOTE:** CPW can accept valid drivers licenses, permits or IDs issued by another state, even if those out-of-state documents do not meet federal REAL ID requirements.

**RESIDENCY TYPES**

1. **STANDARD COLORADO RESIDENT**
   a. **Requirements:** You must live in Colorado for at least 6 consecutive months prior to buying or applying for any resident CPW product, have your primary residence in Colorado and have not applied for or purchased a resident license or pass outside of Colorado in the last 6 months.
   b. **Proof:** Current and valid Colorado driver’s license/ID with a Colorado address issued 6 or more months prior. If the Colorado driver’s license/ID is not 6 months old, you must provide at least two forms of additional residency proof, as outlined in “Additional Residency Proofs” below.

2. **STUDENT: ATTENDING SCHOOL FULL-TIME IN COLORADO**
   a. **Requirements:** You must be attending school full time at an accredited Colorado school starting at least 6 months prior to buying or applying for any resident CPW product.
   b. **Proof:** Student ID, name of institution, date you became a full-time student, school transcript showing full-time status.

3. **STUDENT: ATTENDING SCHOOL FULL-TIME OUTSIDE OF COLORADO**
   a. **Requirements:** You must meet Colorado residency requirements and be attending an accredited school outside of Colorado, paying nonresident tuition.
   b. **Proof:** Student ID, name of institution, date you became a full-time student, proof of out-of-state tuition payment.

4. **MILITARY: STATIONED IN COLORADO**
   a. **Requirements:** You must be active-duty military stationed in Colorado (including your spouse/dependents). Residency begins the date the orders begin.
   b. **Proof:** Military ID and orders.

5. **MILITARY: COLORADO HOME OF RECORD**
   a. **Requirements:** You must be active-duty military stationed outside of Colorado, but with Colorado as your home of record, paying income tax as a Colorado resident (including your spouse/dependents).
   b. **Proof:** Military ID and orders.

6. **YOUTH**
   Children under the age of 18 have the same residency status as their parent, legal guardian or person with whom they live the majority of the time per court order.

**OTHER RESIDENCY INFORMATION**

1. **ADDITIONAL RESIDENCY PROOFS**
   If you otherwise meet residency requirements but your Colorado driver’s license or ID was issued or renewed less than 6 months ago, or you have a CPW-approved religious exemption to photo identification on your record, you must provide at least two additional proofs of residency showing 6 consecutive months of Colorado residency immediately prior to buying or applying for a license. Those proofs include: income sources (pay stubs), utility bills, state income tax documents (as a full-time resident), lease agreements/rent receipts, motor vehicle registration, voter registration.

2. **MULTIPLE HOMES**
   If you have a home in Colorado and another location, call 303-297-1192 to make sure you comply with Colorado residency requirements before obtaining a CPW license or state park pass.

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**HABITAT STAMPS**

Habitat Stamps are $10.13 and only one is required per person, per year for anyone ages 18–64. **NEW** Stamps are valid March 1–March 31 (13 months).
- You must purchase a stamp before buying or applying for a hunting or fishing license.
- A lifetime stamp is $304.11.
- Anyone who holds a free lifetime fishing license, a veteran lifetime combo **NEW** or first responder combo small-game/fishing license, or are approved for the Big Game Mobility Impaired Hunting Program is exempt from the Habitat Stamp requirement. See: cpw.state.co.us/accessibility

**SPECIAL LICENSE INFORMATION**

CPW offers several programs for hunters and anglers with disabilities. Go to cpw.state.co.us/accessibility for more information on each program and how to apply. These programs require advance legal paperwork submissions.

**RESIDENT FISHING LIFETIME PROGRAM**

Colorado residents who are totally and permanently disabled can apply for a free lifetime fishing license.

**RESIDENT VETERAN LIFETIME PROGRAM**

Military veterans who are disabled and residents of Colorado are eligible to apply for a lifetime fishing and small game combo license. The veteran must have proof of a service-connected disability, with an overall combined rating of 60% or more by the Department of Veteran’s Affairs. Purple Heart recipients are also eligible to apply for the combo license.

**RESIDENT FIRST RESPONDER LIFETIME PROGRAM**

Colorado residents who are disabled first responders can obtain a lifetime first responder combination small game/fishing license. The first responder must have proof of a permanent occupational disability.

**HEALTH ADVISORIES**

**EATING YOUR CATCH?**

Colorado Parks and Wildlife encourages Colorado residents to go fishing and enjoy eating the fish they catch. Keep in mind that not all fish should be eaten in unlimited amounts. Fish are an important part of a healthy diet: They are a lean, low-calorie source of protein and nutrients. However, some fish meat may contain chemicals that could pose health risks. The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, in cooperation with CPW, tests fish throughout the state for the presence of certain contaminants (such as mercury, arsenic and selenium) that may be present in some fish.

**CURRENT ADVISORIES ARE ONLINE:**

[colorado.gov/cdphe/wq-fish-consumption](http://colorado.gov/cdphe/wq-fish-consumption)
GENERAL INFORMATION

GOLD MEDAL WATERS

Gold Medal Waters are the highest quality cold-water habitats and have the capability to produce many quality-sized (14 inches or longer) trout.

CPW has established criteria and management guidelines to support the public interest in angling, observing and protecting these significant cold-water fishery resources.

Gold Medal Waters are defined as any river or lake which is producing a standing stock of at least 60 pounds per acre, and at least 12 trout that are 14 inches or longer per acre on a sustained basis.

River segments designated as Gold Medal Waters must be a minimum of 2 miles in length, and lakes must be a minimum of 50 acres.

The following lakes and streams in Colorado offer the greatest potential for trophy trout fishing:

GOLD MEDAL STREAMS

- **ANIMAS RIVER:** From Lightner Creek to Riviera Crossing bridge.
- **ARKANSAS RIVER:** From the confluence with the Lake Fork of the Arkansas, near Leadville, downstream to Parkdale at the U.S. 50 bridge crossing above the Royal Gorge.
- **BLUE RIVER:** From Dillon Reservoir dam to Hamilton Creek Road bridge; also from Green Mountain Reservoir dam to Colorado River.
- **COLORADO RIVER:** From Fraser River to Troublesome Creek, and from Canyon Creek (Grand Co.) to Rock Creek.
- **GUNNISON RIVER:** From 200 yards downstream of Crystal Reservoir dam to the North Fork of the Gunnison.
- **NORTH PLATTE RIVER:** From south boundary of Routt National Forest to Wyoming (Northgate Canyon).
- **ROARING FORK RIVER:** From the Fryingpan River to the Colorado River.
- **SOUTH PLATTE RIVER:**
  - From the confluence of the middle and south forks to Spinney Mountain Reservoir inlet.
  - From Spinney Mountain Reservoir outlet to Eleven Mile Reservoir inlet.
  - From Cheesman Reservoir dam to the south boundary of the Wigwam Club property.
  - From the north boundary of Wigwam Club property to Scraggy View picnic ground.
  - Middle fork, from the U.S. 9 bridge to the south fork confluence.
- **NORTH DELANEY BUTTE LAKE** in Jackson County
- **SPINNEY MOUNTAIN RESERVOIR** in Park County
- **STEAMBOAT LAKE** in Routt County

WILD TROUT PROGRAM

CPW is responsible for the preservation and protection of native and non-native wild trout populations. Most mountain streams and some high lakes in Colorado support populations of wild trout.

These resources are important to the integrity of Colorado’s trout fisheries; as an indicator of properly functioning aquatic ecosystems; and for their intrinsic value to those seeking a unique, aesthetic and significant fishery resource.

To assure the continuation and availability of wild self-sustaining trout populations the Parks and Wildlife Commission has established specific management guidelines for those aquatic habitats which support all life stages of trout.

These waters are to be managed to the extent possible to maintain these wild trout populations.

STREAM SURVEYS

STREAM SURVEYS HELP BIOLOGISTS MANAGE FISHING

Colorado Parks and Wildlife is the state agency responsible for fisheries management of public waters in Colorado.

The primary tool that guides fish management is the lake and stream survey. These surveys periodically monitor fish populations. During the process, fish are collected using a variety of gear and the necessary biological data is recorded. This gauges the entire fish community rather than a single species.

The collected data is used to track fish population trends, evaluate the effectiveness of management actions such as stocking and regulations, and establish realistic management goals for a given lake or stream. The fisheries section of CPW conducts hundreds of lake and stream surveys each year.

High-priority and brood waters such as Chatfield, Pueblo and Horse-tooth reservoirs and the Gunnison River are surveyed annually. Smaller, more remote, or lightly used lakes or streams may only be surveyed once every 5–10 years.

Most of the survey fieldwork takes place from early June through late September; however, many areas also conduct more specialized sampling beginning right after ice-out and again in the fall prior to freeze-up.

MORE ABOUT HOW FISHERY BIOLOGISTS SAMPLE FISH:
cpw.state.co.us/fish/management

FISHERY DATA FOR SOME OF YOUR FAVORITE COLORADO WATERS:
cpw.state.co.us/fish/fisherydata
**STATE RECORDS BY WEIGHT**

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**STATE RECORDS BY LENGTH**

State Records by Length recognizes the longest fish of a particular species that is caught and released by an angler, anywhere throughout Colorado. Records are by length (inches) for this program, and the angler will fill out and return an application form. Applications can be sent to: Record Fish Program, Colorado Parks and Wildlife, Attn: Assistant Chief of Hatcheries, 6060 Broadway, Denver CO 80216. See records and more information on qualifying: [cpw.state.co.us/fish/records](http://cpw.state.co.us/fish/records)

**GENERAL**

CPW recognizes licensed anglers who catch exceptionally large fish through three separate programs: Records by Weight, Records by Length (released only) and Master Angler.

**STATE RECORDS BY WEIGHT**

State Records by Weight is Colorado’s original and oldest fishing recognition program. Fish records are tracked by weight in 49 different species categories (see table at left). If an angler catches a large fish that they believe may have broken the weight record in its species, there are a series of steps that must be taken to have the fish certified as a new state record:

- Potential record holders must have a valid Colorado fishing license or be under the age of 18.
- The catch must be made in Colorado in compliance with all state fishing rules and regulations.
- The fish in question must be weighed on a state-certified scale (pounds and ounces). State-certified scales are available at the four CPW regional offices: NE, NW, SE, SW.
- The fish, not frozen, gutted or altered in any way, must be examined, identified and the application signed by a CPW employee before an application is submitted. The employee will fill out and return the application form, picture of fish on scale showing weight, weight receipt of fish when possible and picture of fish on a length-measuring device to the Assistant Chief of Hatcheries in Denver.
- Verified state record applicants will receive a lapel pin.
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**STATE RECORDS BY WEIGHT**

Prior to Jan. 2020, the fish that were considered for the Records by Length program came through our Master Angler program (see next page). The Master Angler program had minimal length verification requirements to verify the size of the fish before it was released. Because of this, the validity of some catches was brought into question. Starting Jan. 2020, our Records by Length program will be a stand-alone program where specific steps must be followed for record submission and acceptance. Unlike the Records by Weight program, these fish MUST BE RELEASED in order to qualify.

See records and more information on qualifying lengths: [cpw.state.co.us/fish/records](http://cpw.state.co.us/fish/records). Look for a new State Records by Length table in this brochure next year!
4. How to measure your fish’s length: Close the fish’s mouth and measure from the tip of jaw to the tip of the tail with a measuring device behind the fish and not following the curvature of the fish. This is the total length.

All state fishing regulations must be followed. There are 46 categories of species recognized in this program, and there can be more than one Master Angler award given in each category every year. See award lengths table below. Anglers who catch a qualifying-length fish will get a Master Angler certificate and patch: only one patch per angler per year. For more information on the program, including application rules, and to see the Heritage Master Angler Lengths table online, go to: cpw.state.co.us/fish/masterangler

AWARD LENGTHS FOR MASTER ANGLER

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MEASURE YOUR CATCH

1. Fish must be hooked, played and landed on sport tackle by the entrant. (Snagged fish are not eligible.)
2. Only fish caught in Colorado are eligible for entry and must be submitted within 60 days of catch.
3. All state fishing regulations must be followed.
4. How to measure your fish’s length: Close the fish’s mouth and measure from the tip of jaw to the tip of the tail with a measuring device behind the fish and not following the curvature of the fish. This is the total length.

HELP IMPROVE YOUR FISHERIES

SOME FISH SPECIES ARE GOOD WHERE THEY BELONG, BUT IN THE WRONG BODY OF WATER THEY CAN RUIN A FISHERY:

- CPW biologists are no longer stocking fish in some waters because illegally introduced fish can compete with and/or eat fish that would normally be stocked. Fish are stocked by CPW in other waters to ensure better use of your license dollars. CPW hatcheries are also raising larger sized fish to stock so that illegally introduced fish have a smaller chance of eating stocked fish. This situation results in increased expenses to CPW, and fewer fish available to anglers.

- In the wrong place, some fish species can change the entire ecosystem, reducing the quality of fishing overall and interfering with CPW fishery management.

- Unlimited bag and possession limits are often established to aid in the management of species that were illegally stocked and/or not compatible with CPW fishery management.

- For waters with no bag and possession limits for certain species, anglers are encouraged to "catch and keep" these fish.

HERE ARE SOME WATERS WHERE YOU CAN KEEP ALL YOU CATCH OF CERTAIN SPECIES:

- Crawford Reservoir: northern pike
- Green Mountain Reservoir: northern pike
- Elkhead Reservoir: northern pike; smallmouth bass
- Harvey Gap Reservoir: northern pike; smallmouth bass
- Juniata Reservoir: smallmouth bass
- Kenney Reservoir: northern pike
- Ridgway Reservoir: smallmouth bass
- Rifle Gap Reservoir: northern pike; smallmouth bass
- Stagecoach Reservoir: northern pike; smallmouth bass; walleye
- Wolford Mountain Reservoir: northern pike

- Many other rivers and lakes on the west slope have no bag and possession limits for certain species. Check the Special Regulations on pages 11–39 of this brochure.

- Check online health advisories at: colorado.gov/cdphe/wq-fish-consumption

REMEMBER:

- Do not move fish from one body of water to another! Anyone caught moving fish illegally may be fined up to $5,000, can lose hunting and fishing privileges and may be held liable for the costs of eradication or removal. Collection and transportation of wild-caught live fish as bait is restricted in most of the state. Know these rules and follow them if you use live bait.

- Report any poaching activity to Operation Game Thief:
AQUATIC NUISANCE SPECIES

DON'T LET INVASIVE SPECIES RUIN YOUR FAVORITE FISHING SPOT

Aquatic nuisance species (ANS) are a significant and rapidly growing threat to Colorado's fisheries and water supplies. ANS are invasive animals, plants and diseases that are not native to our rivers, lakes, streams and wetlands. Once introduced, most ANS cannot be eradicated and cost millions to manage. Preventing the introduction and spread of ANS is critical to maintaining our fisheries.

ANS STAMP: required for motorboats and sailboats

To help CPW detect, prevent and manage aquatic nuisance species in Colorado's waters, and to protect human health, safety and welfare from aquatic nuisance species, each motorboat or sailboat must now have an ANS stamp before launching in Colorado waters. Boat owners are required to purchase the ANS Stamp, and boat operators must retain proof of purchase (an electronic or printed receipt) on their person, motorboat or sailboat when operating the vehicle.

► RESIDENTS: Boaters registering in Colorado will purchase the ANS Stamp at the time of registration, renewal online, or at any CPW office or state park. Residents with motorboats or sailboats documented by the U.S. Coast Guard or otherwise exempt from in-state registration can purchase the ANS stamp online at cpw.state.co.us (click “Buy and Apply”), or in person at any CPW office, state park or sales agent.

► NONRESIDENTS: Nonresidents can purchase the ANS stamp online at cpw.state.co.us (click “Buy and Apply”), or in person at any CPW office, state park or sales agent.

Threats to Colorado's aquatic ecosystem and fisheries include zebra and quagga mussels, New Zealand mud-snails, whirling disease, viral hemorrhagic septicaemia (VHS) and Eurasian watermilfoil. Help CPW combat these invasive species and prevent new ANS from entering our state by following the guidelines outlined below:

1. It is the responsibility of the vessel or other floating device operator to clean, drain water from all compartments and motors/engines between launches, and dry the vessel or other floating device in between launches.
2. Upon removal of a vessel or other floating device from waters of the state, and before leaving the boat launch or parking area, the operator is required to remove aquatic plants and water drain plug(s). It is prohibited to transport a vessel or other floating device over land with aquatic plants or water drain plugs in place.
3. Remove all plants, animals or mud and thoroughly wash boats, trailers, waders and equipment that have come in contact with the water before leaving a lake or stream.
4. Drain any space or item that could hold water, including live wells, bait containers, bilge, ballast tanks, storage areas, engine cooling systems or any other place on boats or equipment that might hold water.
5. Allow boats, engines, boots and gear to dry completely before moving to other waters.
6. If draining and drying are not possible, wash boats, trailers and equipment carefully and completely with hot water (120–140 degrees F).
7. By the CPW office in Denver (6060 Broadway, Denver, CO 80216) Monday–Friday for a free professional ANS inspection or decontamination. Check the CPW website for all 72 statewide inspection station hours of operation.
8. Don't move or transport fish between water bodies. This can spread diseases and nuisance species.
9. Don't dispose of fish entrails or other byproducts into any body of water.

MORE ON INVASIVE SPECIES: cpw.state.co.us/invasive-species

MORE ON THE ANS STAMP: cpw.state.co.us/boatingregistration

ATTENTION BOATERS

ANS can hitchhike on boats and gear, being introduced into new waters accidentally. Inspect your boat between uses and make sure it is clean, drained and dry. Colorado has a mandatory boat-inspection program. Your boat must be inspected if:
1. The boat has been in any water that is positive or suspect for ANS.
2. The boat has been in any water body outside of Colorado.
3. The boat will enter any water where inspections are required.

There are 72 inspection and decontamination stations in Colorado. Check the CPW website or call ahead for important details on hours of operation, ramp closures, fees and reservoir-specific boating policies: cpw.state.co.us/fish/boatinspections

DISINFECTING YOUR GEAR

Disinfect waders or boots between uses. Scrub the bottom of waders with a wire brush and remove all mud, plants and organic materials. Following all label precautions, perform one of the following before going into the next body of water:

■ OPTION 1: Submerge waders and gear in a tub filled with mixture of 6 ounces of a quaternary ammonium-based institutional cleaner (such as Super HDQ Neutral) per gallon of water for at least 10 minutes, scrubbing debris from gear and visually inspecting the gear for mud, plants or snails before rinsing. Rinse with water from ANS-free source. Dispose of chemicals properly, away from the water body.
■ OPTION 2: Spray or soak gear with water hotter than 140 degrees F for at least 10 min.
■ OPTION 3: Dry waders and equipment completely for at least 10 days in between uses.
■ OPTION 4: Place waders and boots in a freezer overnight between uses.

REPORT IT

If you find what you think is an invasive species on your boat or in a body of water, report it to CPW by emailing: invasive.species@state.co.us, or call: 303-291-7295

RUSTY CRAYFISH

AGGRESSIVE AND OPPORTUNISTIC

Crayfish are not native to parts of Colorado, yet they have become established in many waters throughout the state. Rusty crayfish endanger aquatic native species and sportfish by:

► PREYING on all life stages of fish, amphibians and invertebrates and other species of crayfish.
► COMPETING aggressively for habitat and food.
► DESTROYING productive habitat in our streams, ponds and lakes.

Crayfish can be taken for personal consumption, but care should be taken with their use and disposal.

■ Even though crayfish can be taken live east of the Continental Divide, it is recommended that tails of all crayfish be removed immediately and packed in ice for transport.
■ Do not throw unused bait crayfish, or bait of any kind, back in the water alive.

LIVE TRANSPORT PROHIBITED

FROM WATERS WEST OF THE CONTINENTAL DIVIDE

All crayfish caught west of the Continental Divide must be immediately killed (by removing the head from the thorax) and taken into possession, or immediately returned to the water from which they were taken.

AT SANCHEZ RESERVOIR SWA

Rusty crayfish have been discovered at Sanchez Reservoir State Wildlife Area (SWA) in Costilla County. To prevent their spread within and beyond this area, a CPW order prevents the transport of any live crayfish from Sanchez Reservoir SWA.

LEARN HOW TO HELP STOP THE SPREAD OF RUSTY CRAYFISH:

cpw.state.co.us/rustycrayfish

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ARTIFICIAL FLIES AND LURES means devices made entirely of, or a combination of, natural or synthetic nonedible, nonscented materials (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.

CHUMMING means placing fish, parts of fish or other feeding material in the waters for the purpose of attracting fish to a particular area in order that they might be taken. This does not include fishing with baited hooks or live traps.

COMMON HOOK is any hook or multiple hooks having a common shank. All hooks attached to a manufactured artificial lure shall be considered a common hook.

FISHING means efforts to take fish, amphibians or crustaceans, including by hook and line, handline, trot-line, jug, seine, net, underwater spearfishing, archery, snagging or gigging.

FLOAT TUBE means a floating device which suspends a single occupant in the water from the seat down and is not propelled by oars, paddles or motors.

GAME FISH means all species of fish except unregulated species, prohibited nongame, endangered and threatened species, which currently exist or may be introduced into the state and which are classified as game fish by the Parks and Wildlife Commission. This includes, but is not limited to brown, brook, cutthroat, golden, lake (Mackinaw), and rainbow trout; cutbow (rainbow/cutthroat hybrids); spale (lake trout/brook trout hybrids); tiger trout (brown/brook trout hybrids); Arctic char; grayling; kokanee; salmon; whitefish; sculpin; smallmouth, largemouth, spotted, striped and white bass; wiper (striped bass/white bass hybrids); carp; bullhead, blue, channel and flathead catfish; black and white crappie; drum; northern pike; tiger muskie; Sacramento and yellow perch; sauger; saugeye (walleye/SAuger hybrids); speckled dace; rainbow smelt; tench; walleye; bluegill; bluegill hybrids (bluegill/green sunfish); green, redear and pumpkinseed sunfish; gizzard shad; longnose and white suckers; and minnows.

GIG means a barbed fork with one or more tines attached to a handle.

JUGS means floats to which are attached a line and common hook.

MINNOW means all members of the families of fish classified Cyprinidae (which includes, but is not limited to: carp, chub, dace, fathead minnow, shiner, stoneroller and tench), Cyprinodontidae (excluding but not limited to: killifish) and Clupeidae (gizzard shad), except those designated as nongame, threatened or endangered, or those designated as nonregulated. See pages 8–9 and Chapters 10 and 11 of CPW regulations online.

NATURAL STREAM is one where water naturally flows regularly or intermittently for at least part of the year. Man-made ditches or other channels are not considered natural streams.

NET means seine, dip net, gill net, cast net, trap net, hoop net or similar devices used to take or as an aid in taking fish, amphibians or crustaceans.

PERSONALLY ATTENDED LINE means a rod and line, hand line or tip-up that is used for fishing and which is under the personal control of a person who is in proximity to it.

SIZE OR LENGTH means the total length of a fish with head and tail attached measured from the tip of the snout to the tip of the tail.

SEINING means the capture of live fish with the use of a net that hangs vertically in the water and is used to enclose fish when its ends are pulled together, or are drawn ashore.

SLINGBOW means a hand-held device, not drawn or held mechanically, with the arms or attachment points to which an elastic band is attached for propelling an arrow. Also includes string releases or mechanical releases which are hand-drawn and handheld, with no other attachment or connection to the slingbow other than to the bowstring. Wrist-brace attachments are considered normal components of a slingbow.

SNAGGING means the taking of fish by snatching with hooks, gang hooks, artificial flies or lures, or similar devices where the fish is hooked in a part of the body other than the mouth.

TROT-LINE means a single, anchored line with a float at each end from which droplines are attached.
1. **ONE PERSONALLY ATTENDED LINE**: Each line shall have only three common hooks attached.

2. **TROT-LINES**
   a. Permitted only on these reservoirs (as listed in this brochure): Adobe Creek, Bonny, Henry, Horse Creek, John Martin, Meredith, Navajo, Nee Gronda, Nee Noshe, Nee So Pah, Queens (North and South), Thurston and Two Buttes.
   b. No one may use more than one trot-line.
   c. Must be anchored, marked at each end by floats, be no longer than 150 feet with no more than 25 droplines, and shall be weighted to place the line at least 3 feet under water.
   d. Only three barbed hooks allowed on a common hook on each dropline.
   e. Must be tagged with the user’s CID number and date set or user’s name when CID is unavailable.
   f. All trot-lines shall be personally checked at least once every 24-hour period.

3. **JUGS**
   a. Permitted only on these reservoirs (as listed in this brochure): Adobe Creek, Bonny, Henry, Horse Creek, John Martin, Meredith, Nee Gronda, Nee Noshe, Nee So Pah, Queens (North and South), Thurston and Two Buttes.
   b. Only 10 jugs are allowed for each license holder, each with only one single line and one common hook.
   c. Must be tagged with the user’s CID number or name when CID is unavailable.
   d. Must be personally checked at least once an hour.

4. **UNDERWATER SPEARFISHING, ARCHERY, SLINGBOWS AND GIGS**
   Bow anglers are advised to reference the current State Recreation Lands brochure for more regulations on waters that allow archery fishing.

   a. Underwater spearfishing, archery, slingbows and gigs may be used state-wide for the taking of carp and northern pike, except as prohibited by these regulations or land management agencies. East of the Continental Divide, gizzard shad and white or longnose suckers may also be taken, unless otherwise prohibited in Special Regulations: Fishing Waters, pages 11–39. Other fish may be taken when authorized for specific waters in the regulation section.

**NOTE:** It is illegal to fish on private property without first getting permission from the landowner.

5. **SNAGGING** is permitted for taking kokanee salmon only, on specific waters listed in this brochure. Other species snagged must be returned to the water immediately.

6. **SEINES AND CAST-NETS**
   a. Seines are allowed only for bait fish, gilled form of aquatic tiger salmon larvae and crayfish; or if authorized for emergency salvage. See Special Conditions and Restrictions, below.
   b. Seines must be made of a quarter-inch or less nonmetallic square mesh.
   c. Seines cannot exceed 20 feet long and 4 feet in depth.

7. **BY HAND OR WITH DIP NETS**
   a. Allowed for bullfrogs, crayfish and the gilled form of aquatic tiger salmon larvae.
   b. Fish may be taken by these means or others approved by CPW for emergency salvage.
   c. Hand-held dip nets may be used for taking bait fish according to restrictions. See Use and Collection of Bait Fish, below.

8. **LIVETRAPs** Cage or box traps, including set pots, shall be used only for the taking of crayfish, snapping turtles and fish captured as bait fish or for personal consumption. Traps must be tagged with the user’s CID number or name when CID is unavailable.

9. **ARTIFICIAL LIGHT** may be used as a fishing aid.

10. **BAIT** may be used where permitted as fishing aid, except by chumming.

**THREATENED, ENDANGERED & NONGAME SPECIES**
If caught, these species must be returned to the water immediately. Except, taking greenback cutthroat trout is permitted in specific waters and with restrictions as listed in this brochure.

IT IS ILLEGAL TO TAKE OR USE THE FOLLOWING:

**SPECIAL CONDITIONS & RESTRICTIONS**

**CRUSTACEANS:** The following crustaceans may be possessed east of the Continental Divide: virile crayfish, waternymph crayfish, calico crayfish, ringed crayfish and Southern Plains crayfish. All other species are not allowed to be possessed in Colorado. See “h. Crustaceans” on next page.

**FISH:** Brown, brook, cutthroat, golden, lake and rainbow trout, and their hybrids; arctic char; grayling; kokanee salmon; whitefish; sculpin; smallmouth, largemouth, spotted, striped and white bass; wipers; common carp; triploid grass carp; bullhead, blue, channel and flathead catfish; black and white crappie; drum; northern pike; tiger muskie; Sacramento and yellow perch, and their hybrids; sauger and saugeye; speckled dace; rainbow smelt; tench; walleye; bluegill and bluegill hybrids; green, reedar and pumpkinseed sunfish; gizzard shad, longnose and white suckers; fathead minnow; families of fish classified Cyprinidae except for bighead carp, black carp and silver carp; any fish designated as unregulated wildlife under regulations. All other species are not allowed to be possessed in Colorado.

**USE AND COLLECTION OF BAIT FISH:**
- Except as otherwise noted in this brochure, in waters east of the Continental Divide and below 7,000 feet elevation, live fish collected for use as bait may only be used in the same body of water from which they were collected. In addition, collection and use is allowed in any man-made ditches and canals within one-half of a mile of the adjoining lake or reservoir. Use of any baitfish collected in those ditches and canals is restricted to only the water from which it was collected and the adjoining lake or reservoir. Baitfish collected under this provision may not be otherwise transported or stored for later use.
b. The collection, use or possession of live fish for use as bait is prohibited in all waters east of the Continental Divide above 7,000 feet elevation and all waters west of the Continental Divide, except in Navajo Reservoir; collection, use or possession of live fish for bait is also prohibited in the Arkansas River above Parkdale (in Fremont and Chaffee counties) and in Watson Lake in Larimer County.

c. In Baca, Bent, Crowley, Kiowa, Otero and Prowers counties, live fish collected for personal use as bait may be transported, stored or used anywhere within these counties. Transportation to, or use of, any such baitfish in any other county is prohibited.

d. The only fish allowed to be taken for commercial use are minnows, gizzard shad, white and longnose suckers and carp. All live aquatic organisms from a commercial source and transported by anglers must at all times be accompanied by a receipt from the source. It is illegal to import any live native or non-native aquatic wildlife into Colorado without authorization from CPW or as stated in regulations.

e. The only species allowed to be taken and used for personal use as bait (either alive or dead) by fishing, seining, netting, trapping or dipping are minnows, bluegill, hybrid bluegill, carp, sunfish, gizzard shad, sculpin, white and longnose suckers, yellow perch and rainbow smelt. Statewide bag limits apply to sunfish, bluegill, hybrid bluegills and yellow perch.

f. The seining, netting, trapping and dipping of fish is prohibited statewide in all natural streams, springs, all waters in Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Broomfield, Clear Creek, Denver, Douglas, Gilpin, Elbert, Jefferson and Park counties, and all public standing waters in Rio Grande, Saguache, Conejos, Costilla, Alamosa, Mineral and Hinsdale counties in the Rio Grande drainage. This does not apply to fish handled or produced at commercially licensed aquaculture facilities.

g. BULLFROGS AND SALAMANDERS: Bullfrogs and the aquatic gilled form of the tiger salamander for private and commercial use are permitted. Statewide bag limits apply. Bullfrogs can be taken by fishing, archery, hand, gigs and nets. Artificial light is allowed. Salamander larvae can be taken by fishing, hand, traps, seines or nets.

h. CRUSTACEANS: Take methods include by hand, bailed lines, traps, pots, nets or seines for food or bait. Taking crustaceans, crayfish, with a commercial fishing license is allowed with the following restrictions: The minimum size is 3 inches for commercial food (measured from the tip of the acumen (bony spike between the eye) to the telson (last bony plate in the tail)); crayfish with eggs attached must be returned to the water immediately; all set pots and traps must be labeled with the user's CID or user's name if a CID is unavailable.

Only the following species are allowed to be possessed east of the Continental Divide: virile crayfish, waternymph crayfish, calico crayfish, ringed crayfish and Southern Plains crayfish. All other species are not allowed to be possessed in Colorado.

In all waters west of the Continental Divide and from Sanchez Reservoir SWA, all crayfish must be returned to the water of origin immediately or killed by separating the abdomen from the cephalothorax (tail from body) and taken into possession immediately upon catch.

h. MOLLUSKS: Taking mollusks is prohibited.

5. ICE FISHING: The following rules apply to waters open for ice fishing:

a. Ice-fishing holes cannot exceed 10 inches in diameter, or 10 inches on any side.

b. All fires on the ice must be enclosed in a container.

c. No litter allowed on the ice.

d. Portable ice-fishing shelters (where permitted) must be removed at the end of the day.

e. Permanent ice-fishing shelters (where permitted) must display the name and CID number of the owner or user on the outside of the shelter facing the shore. Writing must be in legible, contrasting color letters at least 2 inches high.

6. TAGGING FISH & RELEASING TAGGED FISH: It is illegal to tag or mark a fish prior to releasing it. It is also illegal to release tagged or marked fish, except for approved contests, into public waters. Tagged or marked fish can be released in public waters for scientific research with written application and approval by CPW at least 30 days before release.

7. DONATING FISH: You can donate edible parts of fish to like-license holders anywhere or to anyone at the recipient's home. Donor and recipient subject to bag and possession limits. A “like-license” is a Colorado fishing license.

8. TRANSPORTING, EXPORTING FISH: The license holder must accompany any species in this brochure, or parts of game fish, that are transported within or exported from Colorado. Wildlife shipped by common carrier must be accompanied by license or photocopy of license and donation certificate, if needed.

9. ILLEGAL TAKE AND TRANSFER OF FISH: Only people designated by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service may take fish, amphibians, mollusks or crustaceans within the boundaries of any Federal fish hatchery or rearing unit.

a. Molesting, disturbing or damaging gill nets, traps, seines or trot-lines set by CPW is prohibited.

10. EMERGENCY CLOSURE OF FISHING WATERS: Emergency closure of waters may be authorized for up to nine months when environmental conditions in these waters warrant and fishing could result in unacceptable levels of fish mortality. Public notice will be given if waters are closed and notice will be posted at the site. Closures may occur when any of these criteria are met:

a. Daily max. water temperatures exceed 74 degrees F, or the daily average temperature exceeds 72 degrees F.

b. Measured stream flows are 25 percent or less of the historical average low flow for the period.

c. Fungus and other visible signs of deterioration may be present.

d. Daily minimum dissolved oxygen levels are below five parts per million (ppm).

e. When environmental events such as wildfires, mudslides, oil spills or similar events have occurred, resulting in the need for recovery time or remedial action for a fish population.

11. PROTECTED WATERS: Fishing may be prohibited as posted to protect threatened or endangered species, spawning areas, waters used in CPW research projects, newly acquired access to fishing waters and the integrity of aquatic wildlife.

12. EMERGENCY PUBLIC SALVAGE: If substantial numbers of fish are in imminent danger of being lost, CPW can allow licensed anglers to take fish during daylight hours. Public notice will be given and notice will be posted at the site regarding the catch limit and approved fishing methods.

13. FISHING CONTESTS: Fishing contests cannot be advertised, promoted or conducted without CPW approval if the purpose is to take marked or tagged fish released in waters open to public fishing.

Applications and a $40 nonrefundable fee must be made 60 days before the contest. Written approval must be obtained from landowners or agencies before applying. Contests are not permitted on streams, rivers, other flowing water or Gold Medal Waters, or commercial or private lakes licensed by CPW. All standard fishing regulations apply.

Contests for tagged or marked trout will be permitted only on waters greater than 200 surface acres and managed as a catchable fishery. Public fishing areas will remain open during a contest, regardless of contest fees. Sponsors shall document the number of participants, average time spent fishing and estimated total catch by species in a written report for CPW within 20 days of the contest end.

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STATEWIDE BAG & POSSESSION LIMITS

THREATENED, ENDANGERED & NONGAME SPECIES
If caught, these species must be returned to the water immediately. Except, taking greenback cutthroat trout is permitted in specific waters and with restrictions as listed in this brochure.

IT IS ILLEGAL TO TAKE OR USE THE FOLLOWING:
Arkansas darter, bluehead sucker, bonytail chub, boreal toad, brassy minnow, Colorado pikeminnow, common shiner, flannelmouth sucker, flathead chub, greenback cutthroat trout, humpback chub, Iowa darter, lake chub, mollusks, mountain sucker, northern leopard frog, northern redbelly dace, plains leopard frog, plains minnow, plains topminnow, plains orangethroat darter, razorback sucker, Rio Grande chub, Rio Grande sucker, river shiner, roundtail chub, southern redbelly dace, stoneloach, striped dace, suckermouth minnow, wood frog and Woodhouse’s toad.

READING THE LIMITS CHART
Statewide limits for species are listed in the chart to the right. Species not on this chart have no bag or possession limits or are restricted or illegal to take. See ‘Special Conditions and Restrictions,’ page 8. Some waters have more restrictive limits than what is listed on the chart. See Special Regulations: Fishing Waters, pages 11–39, for the area you plan to fish to learn more about specific waters. If a water is not on the list or no bag limit is specified, these statewide limits apply.

MAP: WIPER/WHITE BASS AND WALLEYE/SAUGEYE BAG LIMITS
The map below outlines the general areas of the Arkansas and South Republican River drainages (green) and the South Platte and North Republican drainages (yellow). If you are fishing for wiper, white bass, walleye or saugeye in these areas, the daily bag and possession limits are different for the two areas on the map. See the Statewide Limits chart at right for details.

STATEWIDE LIMITS

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* in aggregate means the limit may consist of one species or a mixed bag of more than one species.
GOLD MEDAL WATERS: Waters that offer the greatest potential for trophy trout fishing. See page 3 for details.

FISHING MAPS ARE ONLINE: PDFs of the maps in the brochure are available online. Store them on your smartphone for use in the field: cpw.state.co.us/fish/maps

THE FOLLOWING WATERS AND CPW PROPERTIES HAVE MORE RESTRICTIVE FISHING REGULATIONS THAN STANDARD BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS, MANNER OF TAKE, FISHING HOURS, ETC. If a specific water doesn’t appear in this list, statewide regulations (page 10) apply.

ATTENTION: This brochure includes fishing regulations. State wildlife areas have additional access and land regulations. If you plan to visit a SWA, you must consult CPW’s current State Recreation Lands brochure for specific property regulations.

Special regulations are designed to provide the best fishing and maintain the long-term welfare of fish. They include bag limits, size limits and harvest restrictions.

By reducing bag limits and requiring that certain fish be returned to the water, larger fish may result. While many streams and rivers support a daily bag and possession limit, anglers are asked to reduce their harvest by practicing voluntary, selective harvest.

> **ABRAMS CREEK — EAGLE**  
**MAP:** PAGE 15  
1. Artificial flies and lures only.  
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

> **ADAMS COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS LAKES (PUBLIC WORKS AND MANN-NYHOLT LAKES) — ADAMS**  
1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.

> **ADOBE CREEK RESERVOIR (BLUE LAKE) — BENT, KIOWA**  
1. Trot-lines and jugs permitted.

> **AGNES LAKES (UPPER AND LOWER LAKES) — JACKSON**  
1. Artificial flies and lures only.

> **AKRON CITY LAKE — WASHINGTON**  
1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.

> **ALBERTA PARK RESERVOIR — MINERAL**  
**MAP:** PAGE 27  
1. Artificial flies and lures only.

> **AMERICAN LAKES (SNOW AND MICHIGAN LAKES) — JACKSON**  
1. Artificial flies and lures only.

> **ANIMAS RIVER — LA PLATA**  
FROM THE CONFERENCE WITH LIGHTNER CREEK TO THE RIVERA CROSSING BRIDGE:  
1. Artificial flies and lures only.  
2. Bag, possession and min. size for trout is 2, 16 inches long.

FROM THE CONFERENCE WITH HERMOSA CREEK DOWNSTREAM TO THE STATE LINE:  
1. No bag or possession limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie.

> **ANTELOPE CREEK, WEST — GUNNISON**  
**MAP:** PAGE 19  
1. Artificial flies and lures only.  
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

> **ANTERO RESERVOIR — PARK**  
**MAP:** PAGE 30  
1. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.  
2. Ice-fishing shelters must be portable.

> **APACHE CREEK, NORTH AND SOUTH FORKS — HUERFANO**  
FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE USFS BOUNDARY:  
1. Fishing prohibited.

> **ARAPAHOE BEND NATURAL AREA (BASS, BEAVER, CORMORANT AND SNAPPER PONDS) — LARIMER**  
1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.

> **ARAPAHO CREEK — GRAND**  
**MAP:** PAGE 16  
FROM MONARCH LAKE DOWNSTREAM TO USFS RD. 125:  
1. Artificial flies and lures only.  
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

> **ARCHULETA CREEK — SAGUACHE**  
**MAP:** PAGE 19  
WITHIN THE COCHETOPA STATE WILDLIFE AREA (SYNDER RANCH) DOWNSTREAM FROM DOME LAKES STATE WILDLIFE AREA:  
1. Artificial flies and lures only.  
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

> **ARKANSAS RIVER — CHAFFEE**  
**MAP:** PAGE 12  
FROM THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE LAKE FORK OF THE ARKANSAS DOWNSTREAM TO PARKDALE AT THE U.S. 50 BRIDGE CROSSING ABOVE THE ROYAL GORGE:  
1. Artificial flies and lures only.  
2. Bag, possession and max. size for trout is 1, 12 inches long.

> **ARKANSAS RIVER — CHAFFEE, FREMONT, PUEBLO**  
FROM THE STOCKYARD BRIDGE (CHAFFEE CR 102) BELOW SALIDA DOWNSTREAM 7.5 MILES TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH BADGER CREEK:  
1. Artificial flies and lures only.  
2. Rainbow trout and cutbow must be returned to water immediately.

WITHIN THE PUEBLO RESERVOIR STATE WILDLIFE AREA:  
1. Bag, possession and min. size for walleye and saugeye is 5 in the aggregate, 18 inches long.  
2. Only 1 walleye or saugeye in the aggregate longer than 21 inches may be taken per day.

FROM THE BRIDGE AT VALCO PONDS DOWNSTREAM TO PUEBLO BLVD. (EXCEPT AT PUEBLO NATURE CENTER AS POSTED):  
1. Artificial flies and lures only.  
2. Trout longer than 16 inches must be returned to water immediately.

> **ARKANSAS RIVER, MIDDLE FORK OF THE SOUTH ARKANSAS — CHAFFEE**  
FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO BOSS LAKE:  
1. Artificial flies and lures only.  
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

> **AUGUSTORA CREEK — ARCHULETA**  
1. Artificial flies and lures only.  
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

> **AURORA (SENA) RESERVOIR — ARAPAHOE**  
1. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.  
2. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.  
3. Min. size for walleye is 18 inches long.  
4. Only 1 walleye or saugeye in the aggregate longer than 21 inches may be taken per day.

> **BARD CREEK — CLEAR CREEK**  
1. Artificial flies and lures only.  
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

> **BARKER RESERVOIR — BOULDER**  
1. Ice fishing prohibited.  

> **BARR LAKE — ADAMS**  
1. Min. size for walleye and saugeye is 15 inches long.  
2. Only 1 walleye or saugeye in the aggregate longer than 21 inches may be taken per day.

> **BEAR CREEK — CONEJOS**  
**MAP:** PAGE 18  
FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE CONEJOS RIVER:  
1. Artificial flies and lures only.  
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

> **BEAR CREEK — EL PASO**  
FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO GOLD CAMP ROAD:  
1. Fishing prohibited.
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▶ BEAR CREEK — JEFFERSON
FROM THE BASE OF EVERGREEN LAKE DAM DOWNSTREAM TO BEAR CREEK RESERVOIR:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag and possession limit for trout (except rainbow and cutbow) is 2.
3. Rainbow trout and cutbow must be returned to water immediately.

▶ BEAR CREEK — MONTEZUMA
FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO CONFLUENCE WITH THE DOLORES RIVER:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

▶ BEAR CREEK RESERVOIR — JEFFERSON
1. Min. size for walleye and saugeye is 15 inches long.
2. Only 1 walleye or saugeye in the aggregate longer than 21 inches may be taken per day.

▶ BEAR RIVER — GARFIELD, ROUTT
MAP: PAGE 36
1. Bag limit for whitefish is 4.
2. Possession limit for whitefish is 8.

▶ BEAVER CREEK — GARFIELD
MAP: PAGE 22
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

▶ BEAVER CREEK — GUNNISON
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1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

▶ BEAVER CREEK — MINERAL
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▶ BEAVER CREEK RESERVOIR — RIO GRANDE
MAP: PAGE 27

▶ BEAVER CREEK, WEST — GUNNISON
MAP: PAGE 19
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

▶ BESWICK POND — MESA
MAP: PAGE 22
1. Fishing prohibited.

▶ BIG BEND CREEK — LA PLATA
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

▶ BIG CREEK LAKE (LOWER) — JACKSON
MAP: PAGE 18
1. Bag and possession limit for lake trout and/or splake is 3. Only 1 may be longer than 26 inches.

▶ BIG HOLE CREEK — EAGLE
MAP: PAGE 16
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

▶ BIG LAKE — CONEJO
MAP: PAGE 7
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

▶ BIG LAKE — CONEJO
1. Bag, possession and min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 1 in aggregate, 15 inches long.

▶ BIG THOMPSON RIVER — LARIMER
FROM THE BASE OF OLYMPUS DAM AT LAKE ESTES DOWNSTREAM TO BRIDGE AT WALTONIA:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

▶ BLACK CANYON — SAN JUAN
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

WATERS

Lake Regulations
Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:
Clear Creek Reservoir - Snagging kokanee permitted Oct. 1 - Dec. 31
Crystal Lake - Fly/lure only
Hidden Lakes - Fly/lure only; All cutthroat must be released
Mount Elbert Forebay - 1 lake trout limit; Lake trout between 22 and 34 inches must be released
Native Lake - Fly/lure only; All cutthroat must be released
Swamp Lakes - Fly/lure only; All cutthroat must be released
Three Lakes (Lowest and Middle) - Fly/lure only; All cutthroat must be released
Timberline Lake - Fly/lure only; 2 trout limit
Turquoise Reservoir - 2 lake trout limit
Twin Lakes - 1 lake trout limit; Lake trout between 22 and 34 inches must be released
Virginia Lake - Fly/lure only; 2 trout limit

River Regulations
Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:
A - Fly/lure only; All cutthroat must be released
B - Fly/lure only; 1 trout limit, maximum 12 inches
C - Snagging kokanee permitted Oct. 1 - Dec. 31
Gold Medal Water - From confluence with Lake Fork of the Arkansas to Parkdale

Upper Arkansas River

Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.
Artificial flies and lures only.
Possession limit for whitefish is 8.
Fishing prohibited.


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Granite

To Aspen

North boundary of Hayden Ranch

Minturn

To South boundary

South boundary of Hayden Ranch

 Arkansas

Overpass

Clear Creek Res.

Cache Cr.

To Copper Mtn.

2020 COLORADO FISHING
**Blue River Basin**

**Lake Regulations**
Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:
- Clinton Reservoir - 2 trout limit
- Dillon Reservoir - 1 Arctic char limit, minimum 20 inches
- Green Mountain Reservoir - 8 lake trout limit; Kokanee snagging permitted from Sept. 1 - Dec. 31
- Old Dillon Reservoir - Fly/lure only, 1 golden trout limit, minimum 16 inches

**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, minimum 16 inches
- D - Kokanee snagging permitted from Sept. 1 - Dec. 31
- Gold Medal Water - From Dillon Reservoir Dam to Hamilton Creek Road bridge and from Green Mountain Reservoir Dam to the Colorado River

**GOLD MEDAL WATERS FROM DILLON RESERVOIR DAM TO HAMILTON CREEK ROAD BRIDGE**

FROM THE NORTH INLET AT SUMMIT CR 3 (COYNE VALLEY ROAD 3 MILES NORTH OF BRECKENRIDGE) DOWNSTREAM TO DILLON RESERVOIR:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag, possession and min. size for trout is 2, 16 inches long.

FROM DILLON DAM DOWNSTREAM TO NORTH CITY LIMITS OF SILVERTHORNE:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

FROM NORTH CITY LIMITS OF SILVERTHORNE DOWNSTREAM TO COLO. 9 BRIDGE OVER THE BLUE RIVER AT BLUE RIVER STATE WILDLIFE AREA:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag, possession and min. size for trout is 2, 16 inches long.

FROM COLO. 9 BRIDGE OVER THE BLUE RIVER AT BLUE RIVER STATE WILDLIFE AREA DOWNSTREAM TO GREEN MOUNTAIN RESERVOIR INLET:

FROM GREEN MOUNTAIN RESERVOIR DAM DOWNSTREAM TO THE COLORADO RIVER:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

**BOBTAIL CREEK — GRAND**
**MAP: PAGE 13**
FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE DENVER WATER BOARD DIVERSION:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

**BOYD LAKE — LARIMER**
1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.
2. Min. size for walleye and saugeye is 15 inches long.
3. Only 1 walleye or saugeye in the aggregate longer than 21 inches may be taken per day.

**BOYD LAKE — LARIMER**
**MAP: PAGE 15**
FROM THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE EAGLE RIVER UPSTREAM FOR 2.5 MILES:
1. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.
BRUSH CREEK, WEST — EAGLE  
**MAP:** PAGE 15  
IN THE SYLVAN LAKE INLET AND UPSTREAM FOR 0.5 OF A MILE:  
1. Fishing prohibited Sept. 1–Nov. 30.

BRUSH HOLLOW RESERVOIR — FREMONT  
1. Min. size for largemouth, smallmouth and spotted bass is 15 inches long.

BULL BASIN RESERVOIR NO. 1 — MESA  
**MAP:** PAGE 22  
1. Artificial flies and lures only.  
2. Bag, possession and min. size for trout is 2, 16 inches long.

BULL CREEK RESERVOIRS NO. 1, NO. 2 AND CONNECTING CHANNELS — MESA  
**MAP:** PAGE 22  
1. Artificial flies and lures only.  
2. Bag, possession and min. size for trout is 2, 16 inches long.

BURGESS CREEK — GARFIELD, ROUTT  
**MAP:** PAGE 36  
1. Bag limit for whitefish is 4.  
2. Possession limit for whitefish is 8.

BUTTON ROCK (RALPH PRICE) RESERVOIR — BOULDER  
1. Artificial flies and lures only.  
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.  
3. Fishing prohibited Nov. 1–April 30.  
4. Additional permit from city of Longmont required. Call 303-651-8649 for details.

CABIN CREEK — GARFIELD  
**MAP:** PAGE 33  
FROM TRAPPERS LAKE UPSTREAM FOR 0.5 OF A MILE:  
1. Fishing prohibited.

CANYON CREEK — GARFIELD  
**MAP:** PAGE 28  
FROM NORTH SIDE OF I-70 BRIDGE DOWNSTREAM TO CONFLUENCE WITH THE COLORADO RIVER:  

CARNO ROO CREEK: MIDDLE, NORTH AND SOUTH — SAGUACHE  
**MAP:** PAGE 27  
1. Artificial flies and lures only.  
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

CARTER CREEK — GRAND  
**MAP:** PAGE 16  
1. Artificial flies and lures only.  
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

CARTER LAKE — LARIMER  
1. Bag, max. size for walleye is 3, 21 inches long.  
2. Possession limit for walleye is 5.  
3. It is unlawful to possess filleted or cleaned fish in boat on lake.

CASCADE CREEK — CONEJOS  
**MAP:** PAGE 18  
1. Artificial flies and lures only.  
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

CASCADE CREEK — HUERFANO  
**MAP:** PAGE 15  
HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE USFS BOUNDARY:  
1. Fishing prohibited.

CASTLE CREEK — LA PLATA  
1. Artificial flies and lures only.  
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

CAT CREEK — RIO GRANDE, CONEJOS  
**MAP:** PAGE 18  
1. Artificial flies and lures only.  
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

CAT CREEK, NORTH AND SOUTH FORKS — RIO GRANDE  
**MAP:** PAGE 18  
1. Artificial flies and lures only.  
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

CATARACT CREEK — SUMMIT  
**MAP:** PAGE 13  
1. Artificial flies and lures only.  
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

CERRO SUMMIT (MONTROSE) RESERVOIR — MONTROSE  
**MAP:** PAGE 21  
1. Fishing is prohibited from December 1–February 28.  
2. Fishing access is restricted to the parking lot, the trail and up to 50 feet from the water line from March 1–August 15.  
3. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.  
4. All fish must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.  
5. Ice fishing is prohibited.

CHALK CREEK — CHAFFEE  
**WITHIN WRIGHT’S LAKE STATE WILDLIFE AREA:**  
1. Artificial flies and lures only.

CHARTIER POND — MORGAN  
1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.

CHATFIELD RESERVOIR AND CHATFIELD STATE PARK — DOUGLAS, JEFFERSON  
**WITHIN CHATFIELD STATE PARK, INCLUDING THE SOUTH PLATTE RIVER AND ALL PONDS WITHIN THE PARK BOUNDARY:**  
1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.  
2. Bag and min. size for walleye is 3, 18 inches long.  
3. Only 1 walleye longer than 21 inches may be taken per day.  
4. Fishing prohibited from dam and within 100 ft. of dam or walleye spawning nets Mar. 1–April 15, or until walleye spawning operations are complete.  
5. Fishing prohibited on ponds in dog off-leash area.

CHEESMAN RESERVOIR — DOUGLAS, JEFFERSON  
**MAP:** PAGE 31  
1. Fishing prohibited Oct. 1–April 30.  
2. Fishing prohibited one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise.

GOOD PLACES TO:

- Corn Lake, Mesa Co.  
- Fairplay Beach, Park Co.  
- Frantz Lake, Chaffee Co.  
- Haviland Lake, La Plata Co.  
- Midwestern Farm Pond, Prowers Co.  
- Monument Lake, El Paso Co.  
- St. Vrain State Park, Boulder Co.  
- West Lake, Mesa Co.

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3. Fishing prohibited on dam and around reservoir as posted.  
4. Ice fishing prohibited.  

CHERRY CREEK RESERVOIR — ARAPAHOE  
1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.  
2. Bag and min. size for walleye is 3, 18 inches long.  
3. Only 1 walleye longer than 21 inches may be taken per day.  
4. Fishing prohibited from dam and within 100 ft. of dam or walleye spawning nets Mar. 1–April 15, or until walleye spawning operations are complete.

CHEYENNE CREEK, NORTH — EL PASO, TELFER  
FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO GOLD CAMP ROAD:  
1. Fishing prohibited.

CIMARRON RIVER — MONTROSE  
**MAP:** PAGE 21  
Middle Colorado and Eagle Rivers

River Regulations
Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:
- CPW - Fly/lure only; All cutthroat must be released
- B - 2 trout limit
- C - 2 trout limit; No limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie
- D - Fly/lure only; 2 trout limit, minimum 16 inches; Gold Medal Water
- E - Fishing prohibited Sept. 1 - Nov. 30

Lake Regulations
Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:
- Gypsum Ponds SWA - 2 trout limit
- Sylvan Lake - Fishing prohibited from Sept. 1 - Nov. 30 in inlet and upstream 0.5 miles

CLEAR CREEK — CHAFFEE
FROM THE GAUGING STATION (APPROXIMATELY 0.5 OF A MILE ABOVE CLEAR CREEK RESERVOIR) DOWNSTREAM TO CLEAR CREEK RESERVOIR:

CLEAR CREEK — LA PLATA
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

CLEAR CREEK HOLDING PONDS (SANDOVAL POND) — ADAMS
1. Fishing prohibited except for youths in CPW angler education activities.

CLEAR CREEK RESERVOIR — CHAFFEE
MAP: PAGE 12

CLEAR LAKE — JACKSON
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

CLINE RANCH STATE WILDLIFE AREA — PARK
(See Tarryall Creek on page 37.)
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

CLINTON RESERVOIR — SUMMIT
MAP: PAGE 13
1. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

COCHETOPA CREEK — SAGUACHE
MAP: PAGE 19
WITHIN COCHETOPA STATE WILDLIFE AREA (SNYDER RANCH):
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

COLORADO RIVER — GARFIELD, EAGLE, GRAND, MESA
MAPS: PAGES 16, 22, 28
GOLD MEDAL WATERS FROM FRASER RIVER TO TROUBLESOME CREEK, AND FROM CANYON CREEK TO ROCK CREEK.
1. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.
3. Fishing prohibited from Sept. 1 - Nov. 30 in inlet and upstream 0.5 miles.

FROM CONFLUENCE WITH TROUBLESOME CREEK DOWNSTREAM TO I-70 EXIT 90 BRIDGE AT RIFLE (EXCLUDING 50 YARDS UPSTREAM AND DOWNSTREAM OF CONFLUENCES WITH CANYON, GRIZZLY AND NO NAME CREEKS):
1. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

COLORADO RIVER, NORTH FORK INCLUDING SHADOW MOUNTAIN SPILLWAY — GRAND
MAP: PAGE 16
FROM SHADOW MOUNTAIN DAM SPILLWAY TO LAKE GRANBY, INCLUDING COLUMBINE BAY TO THE TWIN CREEK INLET:

COME COO — BOULDER
FROM HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH NORTH BOULDER CREEK:
1. Fishing prohibited.

CONCEJO RIVER — CONCEJOS
MAP: PAGE 18
FROM THE LOWER BRIDGE AT TOWN OF PLATERO DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE SOUTH FORK OF THE CONCEJO RIVER:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag, possession and min. size for trout is 2, 16 inches long.

For Glenwood Springs Area Colorado River Regulations please see Middle Colorado/Roaring Fork Rivers Map
Upper Colorado River - Headwaters to Radium

**Lake Regulations**

Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:

- **Grand Lake**: 4 lake trout limit; Only 1 lake trout greater than 36 inches; All lake trout 26 - 36 inches must be released; Portable ice fishing shelters only; Gaffs and tail snares prohibited
- **Lake Granby**: 4 lake trout limit; From Jan. 1 - Aug. 31, limit for trout (except lake trout) and kokanee is 4, singly or in aggregate; From Sept. 1 - Dec. 31, limit for trout (except lake trout) is 4, singly or in aggregate; From Sept. 1 - Dec. 31, limit for kokanee is 10; Snagging kokanee permitted from Sept. 1 - Dec. 31 except in Columbine Bay from the inlet of Twin Creek upstream; Gaffs and tail snares prohibited; Portable ice fishing shelters only
- **Columbine Bay, Lake Granby**: Fishing prohibited Oct. 1 - Dec. 31 from the Twin Creek inlet upstream
- **Shadow Mountain Reservoir**: Portable ice fishing shelters only
- **Williams Fork Reservoir**: Snagging kokanee permitted Sept. 1 - Dec. 31; Northern pike from 24 - 36 inches must be released; Use of spearfishing, archery, slinbows and gigs prohibited for take of northern pike; 8 lake trout limit; Only 1 lake trout greater than 30 inches; Fishing and snagging prohibited Sept. 15 - Nov. 30; Portable ice fishing shelters only; Gaffs and tail snares prohibited; Fishing prohibited Oct. 1 - Dec. 31 from the inlet buoy line to Grand Co. Rd. 330 bridge (Williams Fork Bridge Rd.)
- **Willow Creek Reservoir**: Portable ice fishing shelters only
- **Wolford Mountain Reservoir**: Access prohibited within 150 feet of any kokanee spawning trap or wing net Oct. 1-Dec. 1.

**River Regulations**

Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:

- **A**: Fly/lure only; All cutthroat must be released
- **B**: Fly/lure only; All rainbow must be released
- **C**: 2 trout limit
- **D**: Fly/lure only; All trout must be released
- **E**: Fly/lure only; 2 trout limit
- **F**: Snagging prohibited; Fishing prohibited Oct. 1 - Dec. 31
- **G**: Fishing and snagging prohibited Sept. 15 - Nov. 30; Snagging kokanee permitted Sept. 1 - Sept. 14 and Dec. 1 - Dec. 31; Northern pike from 24 - 36 inches must be released
- **H**: Fly/lure only; All trout must be released; *Non-native fish regulation
- **I**: 2 trout limit; *Non-native fish regulation

*Non-native fish regulation* - No limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie

**Gold Medal Water** - Colorado River from Fraser River confluence to Troublesome Creek confluence
CUTTHROAT TROUT: HOLDING ON TO A LEGACY

The rugged topography of the Rocky Mountain West has led to stream isolation and, in turn, the evolution of 14 recognized subspecies of cutthroat trout, making it the most diverse and wide-ranging trout species in North America.

The greenback, Colorado River and Rio Grande cutthroat trout still call Colorado home, but all three have endured dramatic reductions in their native ranges, primarily due to the introduction of non-native trout.

Rainbow trout hybridize with native cutthroat trout, while brook and brown trout tend to replace non-native trout.

All three cutthroat trout subspecies are either currently listed or have been petitioned to be listed under the Endangered Species Act as a result.

In an effort to preserve the legacy of these prized game fish, multiagency conservation teams have been established for each subspecies. Aquatic biologists on these teams use a variety of conservation measures to reclaim historic habitats and establish new populations.

PROTECTED CUTTHROAT WATERS

Various cutthroat waters, specifically those considered Cutthroat Conservation and Recreation Waters, are protected throughout the state.

In these waters, fishing is allowed by artificial flies and lures only, and all cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

These restrictions protect the growing number of cutthroat trout streams and lakes that are being included in conservation and recovery efforts. CPW recommends anglers disinfect waders and other fishing gear between uses (see page 6) to limit the spread of aquatic nuisance species and their potential to negatively impact cutthroat trout.

FROM MENKHAVEN RESORT DOWNSTREAM TO THE UPPER BOUNDARY OF ASPEN GLADE CAMPGROUND:
1. Artificial flies only.
2. Bag, possession and min. size for trout is 2, 16 inches long.

» CONJOS RIVER, LAKE FORK — CONJOS
MAP: PAGE 18
FROM THE HEADWATERS INCLUDING BIG LAKE, DOWNSTREAM TO AND INCLUDING ROCK LAKE AND ITS OUTLET:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

» CONNECTED LAKE — MESA
MAP: PAGE 22
1. Bag, possession and min. size for largemouth bass is 2, 18 inches long.

» COOPER LAKE — HINSDALE
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

» CORNELIUS CREEK — LARIMER
MAP: PAGE 25
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

» CORRAL CREEK — SAN JUAN
FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONfluence WITH HERMOSA CREEK:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

» CORRAL CREEK — SUMMIT
MAP: PAGE 13
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

» COTTONWOOD CREEK, LITTLE — MOFFAT
MAP: PAGE 36
FROM FREEMAN RESERVOIR UPSTREAM FOR 0.25 MILE:

» CRAWFORD RESERVOIR — DELTA
1. Bag, possession limit and min. size for largemouth bass is one fish, 18 inches long.
2. No bag or possession limit for yellow perch.

FROM THE FENCE ON TOP OF THE CRAWFORD RESERVOIR DAM DOWNSTREAM TO THE NORTH BOUNDARY FENCE:
MAP: PAGE 21
1. Fishing prohibited in spillway, stilling basin and outlet canal.

» CROSHO RESERVOIR — RIO BLANCO
MAP: PAGE 36
1. Bag, possession and min. size for grayling is 2, 16 inches long.

» CRYSTAL LAKE — LAKE
MAP: PAGE 12
1. Artificial flies and lures only.

» CRYSTAL RESERVOIR — MONTROSE
MAP: PAGE 21

» CULEBRA CREEK — COSTILLA
FROM COLO. 159 BRIDGE DOWNSTREAM APPROXIMATELY 3 MILES TO THE JAOUEZ BRIDGE:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

» CUNNINGHAM CREEK — PITKIN
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

» DEEP CREEK — SAN MIGUEL
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

» DEER BEAVER CREEK — SAGUACHE
MAP: PAGE 19
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

» DELANEY BUTTE LAKES (NORTH, SOUTH, AND EAST) — JACKSON
1. Artificial flies and lures only. Scented flies or lures must be 1.5 inches or longer.
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.
3. Brown trout 14–20 inches long must be returned to the water immediately.
4. Rainbow, cutthroat and cutbow trout 18–22 inches long must be returned to the water immediately.

NORTH DELANEY BUTTE LAKE:
1. Fishing prohibited in inlet upstream of standing water line.
2. Fishing prohibited from dam and within 100 feet of dam Sept. 15–Nov. 15.

SOUTH DELANEY BUTTE LAKE:
1. Fishing prohibited in inlet upstream of standing water line.

» DEPOORTER LAKE — SEDGWICK
1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.

» DILLON RESERVOIR — SUMMIT
MAP: PAGE 13
1. Arctic char under 20 inches must be returned to the water immediately.
2. Bag, possession and min. size limit for Arctic char is 1, 20 inches long.

» DIVIDE CREEK, WEST — GARFIELD
FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONfluence WITH BROOK CREEK:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

» DEER BEAVER CREEK — SAGUACHE
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Lake Regulations

Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:

- Fly/lure only; All cutthroat must be released
- Fly/lure only; 2 trout limit, minimum 16 inches
- Fly/lure only; 2 trout limit

River Regulations

Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:

- Fly/lure only; All cutthroat must be released
- Fly only; 2 trout limit, minimum 16 inches
- Fly/lure only; 2 trout limit
- Fly only; 2 trout limit, minimum 16 inches

Conejos and Alamosa River Drainages

Menkhaven Resort

Waterfall at South San Juan Wilderness boundary

Upper boundary Aspen Glade Campground
Upper Gunnison Basin - Taylor Park Reservoir to Blue Mesa Reservoir

River Regulations

Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:

- Fly/lure only; All cutthroat must be released
- Fly/lure only; All trout must be released
- Fishing prohibited as posted
- Fly/lure only; 2 trout limit, maximum 12 inches; No taking of kokanee
- Fly/lure only; 2 trout limit, maximum 12 inches; No taking of kokanee; Fishing prohibited Aug. 1-Oct. 31
- Fly/lure only; 2 brown trout limit, minimum 16 inches; All rainbow trout must be released; No taking of kokanee Aug. 1-Oct. 31; Snagging kokanee permitted Nov. 1-Dec. 31
- Fly/lure only; All fish must be released
- Fly/lure only; 2 brown trout limit, minimum 16 inches; All rainbow trout must be released
- 2 trout limit
- Snagging kokanee permitted Sept. 1-Dec. 31

Lake Regulations

Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:

Blue Mesa Reservoir - Ice fishing shelters must be portable; No bag or possession limit for lake trout; Only 1 lake trout over 32 inches per day; Snagging kokanee permitted Nov. 1-Dec. 31; Bag limit for kokanee is 5; Possession limit for kokanee is 10

Morrow Point Reservoir - Snagging kokanee permitted Sept. 1-Dec. 31

Taylor Park Reservoir - Snagging kokanee permitted Sept. 1-Dec. 31; Gaffs and tail snare prohibited; 3 lake trout limit; Only one lake trout over 26 inches per day

To Lake City

To Saguache

To Buena Vista

To Salida

For Gunnison River regulations below Blue Mesa Reservoir see Lower Gunnison Basin Map
1. Bag, possession and max. size for trout is 2, 12 inches long.
2. Taking kokanee prohibited.
3. From Roaring Judy Hatchery Outlet downstream to Southern Roaring Judy SFU boundary:

Echo Canyon Reservoir — Archuleta
1. Largemouth bass 12–15 inches long must be returned to the water immediately.

Elaine T. Valente Open Space Lakes, North Lake — Adams
1. Artificial flies and lures only. Scented flies or lures must be 1.5 inches or longer.
2. All fish must be returned to the water immediately.

Eleven Mile Reservoir — Park
1. Ice-fishing shelters must be portable.
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 4. Only 2 may be longer than 16 inches.
3. No bag or possession limit on yellow perch.

Elk Creek — Garfield
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

Elk River (North, South, and Middle Forks) — Routt
1. Bag limit for whitefish is 4.
2. Possession limit for whitefish is 8.

Elk River — Routt
1. Bag limit for whitefish is 4.
2. Possession limit for whitefish is 8.

Eagle River — Eagle
1. Bag limit for whitefish is 4.
2. Possession limit for whitefish is 8.

Emerald Lakes (Big and Little) — Hinsdale
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag, possession and max. size for trout is 2, 14 inches long.

In the Lake Creek Inlet for 0.5 of a mile above Big Emerald Lake:

Erie Lake — Boulder
1. All largemouth and smallmouth must be returned to water immediately.

Evans City Lake (Riverside Park) — Weld
1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.

Fall Creek — Mineral
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

Fall Creek — San Miguel
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

Fawn Creek — Rio Blanco
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

Fish Creek — Routt
1. Bag limit for whitefish is 4.
2. Possession limit for whitefish is 8.

Good Places To:
- Adobe Creek Reservoir, Bent & Kiowa Cos.
- Turk’s Pond, Baca Co.
- John Martin Reservoir, Bent Co.
- North Sterling Reservoir, Logan Co.
- Prewitt Reservoir, Logan & Washington Cos.
- Jumbo Reservoir, Logan & Sedgwick Cos.
- Crawford State Park, Delta Co.

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Lake Regulations

Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:

- **Blue Mesa Reservoir** - Ice fishing shelters must be portable; No bag or possession limit for lake trout; only 1 lake trout over 32 inches per day; Snagging kokanee permitted Nov. 1-Dec. 31; Bag limit for kokanee is 5; Possession limit for kokanee is 10
- **Cerro Summit Reservoir** - Fly/ère only; All must be released; Ice fishing prohibited; Fishing prohibited Dec. 1-Feb. 28; Fishing access restricted to parking lot, trail, and up to 50 feet from the water line March 1-Aug. 15;
- **Crawford Reservoir** - 1 largemouth bass limit, minimum 18 inches; No bag or possession limit for yellow perch; Fishing in the spillway, stilling basin, or the outlet canal is prohibited; Underwater spearfishing may be used as a method of fishing for northern pike or carp in accordance with CPW regulations; Underwater spearfishing prohibited within 100 feet of any marina, boat ramp, swim beach or dam

Crystal Reservoir - Snagging kokanee permitted Sept. 1-Dec. 31

- **Ridgway Reservoir** - 1 largemouth bass limit, minimum 18 inches; No bag or possession limit for yellow perch; Fishing in the spillway, stilling basin, or the outlet canal is prohibited; Underwater spearfishing may be used as a method of fishing for northern pike or carp in accordance with CPW regulations; Underwater spearfishing prohibited within 100 feet of any marina, boat ramp, swim beach or dam

- **Paonia Reservoir** - Fishing prohibited from the top of the dam down to the boundary fence below the stilling basin

- **Switzer Lake** - All fish, except carp, must be returned to the water immediately upon catch; Underwater spearfishing may be used as a method of fishing for northern pike or carp in accordance with CPW regulations; Underwater spearfishing prohibited within 100 feet of any marina, boat ramp, swim beach or dam

- **Morrow Point Reservoir** - Snagging kokanee permitted Sept. 1-Dec. 31

River Regulations

Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:

- **Fly/ère only; All trout must be released**
- **Fly/ère only; All rainbow trout must be released; Gold Medal Water**
- **Fishing prohibited as posted**
- **Snagging kokanee permitted Sept. 1-Dec. 31**
- **Fly/ère only; All rainbow trout must be released; Gold Medal Water; *Non-native fish regulation**
- **Fishing in the spillway, the stilling basin and the outlet canal is prohibited.**
- **Snagging kokanee permitted Nov. 1-Dec. 31**
- ***Non-native fish regulation**
- **Fly/ère only; All trout must be released; *Non-native fish regulation**

*Non-native fish regulation - No limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie*
Lake Regulations

Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:

- Beswick Pond - Fishing prohibited
- Bull Basin Res. #1, Bull Creek Res. #1 & #2, and connecting channels - Flylure only; 2 trout limit, minimum 16 inches
- Connected & Duke Lakes - 2 largemouth bass limit, minimum 18 inches
- Griffith Reservoir - Flylure only; 2 trout limit, minimum 16 inches
- Hallenbeck Reservoir - Flylure only; Scented flies or lures may be used if longer than 1.5 inches; Largemouth bass between 12 and 15 inches must be released; Only 2 largemouth bass greater than 15 inches allowed
- Harvey Gap Reservoir - Minimum size for largemouth bass is 15 inches; 2 channel catfish limit; Use of spearfishing, archery, slingsbows and gigs for the take of northern pike is prohibited
- Highline Reservoir - 2 largemouth bass limit, minimum 15 inches
- Jerry Creek Reservoirs #1 & #2 - Flylure only, Scented flies or lures may be used if longer than 1.5 inches; All fish must be released; Float tubes with chest-high waders permitted
- Juniata Reservoir - Flylure only, Scented flies or lures may be used if longer than 1.5 inches; Largemouth bass between 12 and 15 inches must be released; Only 2 largemouth bass greater than 15 inches allowed
- Mack Mesa Reservoir - 2 largemouth bass limit, minimum 15 inches
- Rifle Gap Reservoir - 1 walleye limit, minimum 18 inches; 20 yellow perch limit
- Silver Lake - Flylure only; 2 trout limit, minimum 16 inches
- Youngs Creek reservoirs #1, #2, and #3 - Flylure only; All cutthroat must be released

River Regulations

Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:

- Flylure only; All cutthroat must be released
- No limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie
- 2 trout limit; No limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie
- Fishing prohibited Oct. 1 - last day of Feb.

For Colorado River Regulations above Rifle please see Middle Colorado and Roaring Fork Rivers Map.
2. No bag or possession limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie.

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FROM BLUE MESA DAM DOWNSTREAM FOR 225 YARDS:

MAP: PAGE 19
1. Fishing prohibited as posted.

FROM THE CLOSURE SIGNS BELOW BLUE MESA DAM DOWN-STREAM TO MORROW POINT RESERVOIR DAM:

MAP: PAGE 19

FROM MORROW POINT RESERVOIR DAM DOWNSTREAM FOR 130 YARDS:

MAP: PAGE 21
1. Fishing prohibited as posted.

FROM THE CLOSURE SIGN BELOW MORROW POINT RESERVOIR DAM DOWNSTREAM TO CRYSTAL RESERVOIR DAM:

MAP: PAGE 21

FROM CRYSTAL RESERVOIR DAM DOWNSTREAM FOR 200 YARDS:

MAP: PAGE 21
1. Fishing prohibited as posted.

FROM 200 YARDS DOWNSTREAM OF THE CRYSTAL RESERVOIR DAM DOWNSTREAM TO THE RELIEF DITCH DIVERSION (5 MILES ABOVE AUSTIN BRIDGE):
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Rainbow trout must be returned to water immediately.

FROM THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE SMITH FORK DOWN-STREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE COLORADO RIVER:
1. No bag or possession limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie.
2. Artifical flies and lures only.
1. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

FROM FIRST BRIDGE CROSSING ABOVE LAKE SAN CRISTOBAL DOWNSTREAM TO LAKE SAN CRISTOBAL:
1. Artificial flies only.

FROM THE CONFLUENCE WITH HIGH BRIDGE GULCH DOWNSTREAM TO THE BLM BOUNDARY BELOW “THE GATE” CAMPGROUND:

MAP: PAGE 19
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag, possession and min. size for brown trout is 2, 16 inches long.
3. Rainbow trout must be returned to water immediately.

FROM THE BLM BOUNDARY BELOW “THE GATE” CAMPGROUND TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH CHERRY CREEK:

MAP: PAGE 19
1. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

FROM THE CONFLUENCE WITH CHERRY CREEK DOWNSTREAM TO THE UPPER RED BRIDGE CAMPGROUND BOUNDARY:

MAP: PAGE 19
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag, possession and min. size for brown trout is 2, 16 inches long.
3. Rainbow trout must be returned to water immediately.

FROM THE UPPER RED BRIDGE CAMPGROUND BOUNDARY DOWNSTREAM TO BLUE MESA RESERVOIR:

MAP: PAGE 19

GUNNISON RIVER, NORTH FORK — DELTA, GUNNISON

MAP: PAGE 21
FROM THE CONFLUENCE WITH ANTHRACITE CREEK DOWN-STREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE GUNNISON RIVER:
1. No bag or possession limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie.
2. Artificial flies and lures only.
1. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

GYPSUM PONDS STATE WILDLIFE AREA — EAGLE

MAP: PAGE 15
1. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

HANNAH RIVER — RIO BLANCO

MAP: PAGE 33
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

HALLENBECK (PURDY MESA) RESERVOIR — MESA

MAP: PAGE 22
1. Artificial flies and lures only. Scented flies or lures must be 1.5 inches or longer.
2. Largemouth bass 12–15 inches long must be returned to water immediately. No more than 2 largemouth bass in any bag and possession limit can be longer than 15 inches.

HAMILTON CREEK — GRAND

MAP: PAGE 16
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

HANGING LAKE — GARFIELD

MAP: PAGE 28
1. Fishing prohibited.

HARVEY GAP RESERVOIR — GARFIELD

MAPS: PAGES 22, 28
1. Min. size for largemouth bass is 15 inches long.
2. Bag and possession limit for channel catfish is 2.
3. Use of spearfishing, slingbows, archery, gibs for take of northern pike is prohibited.

HAT CREEK — EAGLE

MAP: PAGE 15
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

HAXTUN CITY LAKE (GUN CLUB LAKE) — PHILLIPS

1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.

HAYDEN CREEK — SOUTH PRONG — FREMONT

FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH HAYDEN CREEK:
1. Fishing prohibited.

HEADACHE CREEK — ARCHULETA
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

HEBERTON CREEK — GARFIELD

MAP: PAGE 33
FROM TRAPPERS LAKE UPSTREAM FOR 0.5 OF A MILE:
1. Fishing prohibited.

HENRY RESERVOIR — CROWLEY
1. Trot-lines and jugs permitted.

HERMAN GULCH — CLEAR CREEK
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

HERMOSA CREEK — LA PLATA, SAN JUAN
FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH EAST CROSS CREEK:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

HERMOSA CREEK, EAST FORK — LA PLATA
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

HIDDEN LAKES — LAKE COUNTY

MAP: PAGE 12
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

HIGHLINE RESERVOIR — MESA

MAP: PAGE 22
1. Bag, possession and min. size for largemouth bass is 2, 15 inches long.

HIMES CREEK — MINERAL
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

HINE LAKE — JEFFERSON
1. Min. size for largemouth bass is 18 inches long.

HOHNHOLZ LAKE NO. 3 — LARIMER
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 4.

HOLYOKE CITY LAKE (LIONS CLUB FISHING HOLE) — PHILLIPS
1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.

HOMESTAKE CONVEYANCE CHANNEL (SPINNEY MOUNTAIN RESERVOIR INLET DITCH) — PARK

MAP: PAGE 30
1. Fishing prohibited.

HORSE CREEK RESERVOIR (TIMBER LAKE) — BENT, OTERO
1. Trot-lines and jugs permitted.

HORSESHOE RESERVOIR — HUERFANO
1. Min. size for largemouth, smallmouth, and spotted bass is 15 inches long.
Upper Poudre River Drainage

Lake Regulations

- Fly/lure only; All cutthroat must be released
- Fly/lure only; All trout must be released
- Fly/lure only; 2 trout limit
- Fishing prohibited
- Fly/lure only; Fishing prohibited from Jan. 1 - July 31

River Regulations

- Fly/lure only; All cutthroat must be released
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Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:

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- Watson Lake
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See inset map
Fishing prohibited Jan. 1–July 31.

1. Artificial flies and lures only.

2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

JOHN MARTIN RESERVOIR — BENT
1. Trot-lines and jugs permitted.

JOHNSTOWN RESERVOIR — WELD
1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.
2. Min. size for crappie is 10 inches long.
3. Min. size for walleye and saugeye is 15 inches long.
4. Only 1 walleye or saugeye in the aggregate longer than 21 inches may be taken per day.

JUMBO RESERVOIR — LOGAN, SEDGWICK
1. Min. size for wiper is 15 inches long.
2. Min. size for crappie is 15 inches long.
3. Min. size for walleye and saugeye is 15 inches long.
4. Only 1 walleye or saugeye in the aggregate longer than 21 inches may be taken per day.
5. Visitors ages 18–64 must have annual Jumbo/ Prewitt Res. access permit, except those who have a valid annual Colorado hunting or fishing license. Permits are $43, available on the CPW website or at authorized sales agents.

JUNIATA RESERVOIR — MESA
1. Artificial flies and lures only. Scented flies or lures must be 1.5 inches or longer.

KELSO CREEK — MESA
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

KELLY LAKE — JACKSON
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

KELSO CREEK — MESA
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

KENNEY RESERVOIR — RIO BLANCO
1. No bag or possession limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie.

KERR LAKE — CONEJOS
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

KETNER LAKE — JEFFERSON
1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.

KINGFISHER POND (FORT COLLINS ENVIRONMENTAL LEARNING CENTER) — LARIMER
1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.

LAKE ARBOR — JEFFERSON
1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.
2. Min. size for walleye, saugeye is 15 inches long.
3. Only 1 walleye or saugeye in the aggregate longer than 21 inches may be taken per day.

LAKE CREEK — HINSDALE

LAKE DOROTHEY — LAS ANIMAS
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

LAKE FORK CREEK — LAKE
1. Ice-fishing shelters must be portable.

LAKE GRANBY — GRAND
1. Ice-fishing shelters must be portable.
2. Bag and possession limit for lake trout is 4.
4. Jan. 1–Aug. 31, bag and possession limit for trout (except lake trout) and kokanee is 4, singly or in aggregate.
5. Sept. 1–Dec. 31, bag and possession limit for trout (except lake trout) and kokanee is 4, singly or in aggregate.
7. Snagging kokanee permitted Sept. 1–Dec. 31 except in Columbine Bay upstream of Twin Creek inlet.

LAKE GRANBY — GRAND
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

LA PLATA RIVER — LA PLATA
1. No bag or possession limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie.

LAGERMAN RESERVOIR — BOULDER
1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.

LEARNING CENTER — GRAND
1. Artificial flies and lures only.

JOE WRIGHT RESERVOIR — LARIMER
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LAKE DOROTHEY — LAS ANIMAS
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JOHNNIE SPRINGS — GRAND
1. Artificial flies and lures only.

JORDAN LAKE — CONEJOS
1. Artificial flies and lures only.

KINNEY CREEK (3 MILES EAST OF HOT SULPHUR SPRINGS) — GRAND
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

KOA LAKE — BOULDER
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JOE WRIGHT CREEK — LARIMER
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
## River Regulations

**Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:**

1. **Beaver Creek Reservoir** - Fly/lure only; 2 trout limit.
2. **Lake John — Jackson**
   - Bag, possession and min. size for trout is 2, 18 inches long.
3. **Laramie River — Larimer**
   - Artificial flies and lures only.
4. **Lester Creek — Routt**
   - Bag, possession and min. size for trout is 2, 18 inches long.
5. **Lone Hagler Reservoir — Larimer**
   - All largemouth and smallmouth bass must be returned to water immediately.
   - Only one channel catfish in the bag or possession limit may exceed 20 inches long.
6. **Lone Pine Creek — Larimer**
   - No bag or possession limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie.
7. **Lost Trail Creek — Gunnison**
   - Bag, possession and min. size for largemouth bass is 15 inches long.
8. **Lowell Ponds — Adams**
   - Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.
9. **Mack Mesa Reservoir — Mesa**
   - Bag, possession and min. size for largemouth bass is 2, 15 inches long.
10. **Mackay Lake — Adams**
    - Artificial flies and lures only. Scented flies or lures must be 1.5 inches or longer.
11. **Mancos River — Montezuma**
    - No bag or possession limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie.
12. **May Creek — Larimer**
    - From headwaters downstream to the confluence with Poudre River:
      - No bag or possession limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie.
13. **McElmo Creek — Montezuma**
    - No bag or possession limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie.
14. **Martin Lake — Huerfano**
    - No bag or possession limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie.
15. **Los Pinos Creek — Saguache**
    - From the headwaters downstream to the Weminuche Wilderness boundary:
      - Artificial flies and lures only.
      - Bag limit for trout is 2.
16. **Los Pinos River — Hinsdale, La Plata**
    - From the U.S. 160 Bridge in Bayfield downstream to Navajo Reservoir:
      - No bag or possession limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie.
17. **Losee Creek — Routt**
    - Bag limit for trout is 2.
18. **Lost Trail Creek — Gunnison**
    - Artificial flies and lures only.
    - Bag must be returned to water immediately.
19. **Lover’s Lake — Saguache**
    - No bag or possession limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie.
20. **McElmo Creek — Montezuma**
    - From the U.S. 160 Bridge East of Cortez downstream to the state line:
      - No bag or possession limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie.
21. **Lake John — Jackson**
    - Bag and possession limit for trout is 4.
22. **Laskey Gulch — Summit**
    - Artificial flies and lures only.
    - Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.
23. **Lester Creek — Routt**
    - Map: Page 36
    - For 0.25 of a mile upstream and 0.25 of a mile downstream from Pearl Lake:
      - Bag, possession and min. size for trout is 2, 18 inches long.
24. **Lone Pine Creek — Larimer**
    - From Parvin Lake upstream to Larimer CR 74E (Red Feather Lakes Road):
      - Fishing prohibited as posted.
25. **Long Draw Reservoir — Larimer**
    - Map: Page 25
    - Artificial flies and lures only.
    - Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.
26. **Mancos River — Montezuma**
    - From the U.S. 160 Bridge in Mancos downstream to the state line:
      - No bag or possession limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie.
27. **Mancos River — Montezuma**
    - From the U.S. 160 Bridge in Mancos downstream to the state line:
      - No bag or possession limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie.
28. **Mancos River — Montezuma**
    - From the U.S. 160 Bridge in Mancos downstream to the state line:
      - No bag or possession limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie.
29. **Mancos River — Montezuma**
    - From the U.S. 160 Bridge in Mancos downstream to the state line:
      - No bag or possession limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie.
30. **Mancos River — Montezuma**
    - From the U.S. 160 Bridge in Mancos downstream to the state line:
      - No bag or possession limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie.
31. **Mancos River — Montezuma**
    - From the U.S. 160 Bridge in Mancos downstream to the state line:
      - No bag or possession limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie.
32. **Mancos River — Montezuma**
    - From the U.S. 160 Bridge in Mancos downstream to the state line:
      - No bag or possession limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie.
33. **Mancos River — Montezuma**
    - From the U.S. 160 Bridge in Mancos downstream to the state line:
      - No bag or possession limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie.
34. **Mancos River — Montezuma**
    - From the U.S. 160 Bridge in Mancos downstream to the state line:
      - No bag or possession limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie.
35. **Mancos River — Montezuma**
    - From the U.S. 160 Bridge in Mancos downstream to the state line:
      - No bag or possession limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie.
Lake Regulations
Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:

- Hanging Lake - Fishing is prohibited
- Harvey Gap Reservoir - Minimum size for largemouth bass is 15 inches; 2 channel catfish limit; Use of spearfishing, archery, slingbows and gigs for the take of northern pike is prohibited
- Rifle Gap Reservoir - 1 walleye limit, minimum 18 inches; 20 yellow perch limit

For Colorado River Regulations above Dotsero please see Middle Colorado and Eagle Rivers Map

Middle Colorado and Roaring Fork Rivers

For Colorado River Regulations below Rifle please see Lower Colorado River and Grand Mesa Map

River Regulations
Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:

- Fishing prohibited March 15 - May 31 and Oct. 1 - Nov. 30
- Fiy/lure only; All cutthroat must be released
- 2 trout limit; *Non-native fish regulation
- Fly only; All trout must be released
- Fiy/lure only; 2 trout limit, minimum 16 inches
- Fly/lure only; 2 trout limit, minimum 16 inches; Gold Medal Water
- Fiy/lure only; 2 trout limit, minimum 16 inches; Fishing prohibited March 15 - May 31 and Oct. 1 - Nov. 30; Gold Medal Water
- Fly/lure only; All trout (except brown trout) must be released; 2 brown trout limit, maximum 14 inches; Gold Medal Water
- 2 trout limit; Fishing prohibited March 15 - May 31 and Oct. 1 - Nov. 30; *Non-native fish regulation
- Statewide trout limit; *Non-native fish regulation

*Non-native fish regulation - No limit for channel catfish, large mouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie

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- No limit for channel catfish, large mouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie
BIG BROWN TROUT IN COLORADO
Learn all about our spawn-take operation at North Delaney Butte Lake in Walden, CO!

> McMURRY PONDS — LARIMER
1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.

> MCPHEE RESERVOIR — MONTEZUMA
1. Largemouth and smallmouth bass 10–15 inches long must be returned to the water immediately.
2. No bag or possession limit for walleye.

> McPHEE RESERVOIR — MONTEZUMA
1. Largemouth and smallmouth bass 10–15 inches long must be returned to the water immediately.
2. No bag or possession limit for walleye.

> MEADO PONDS — WELD
1. All largemouth and smallmouth bass must be returned to water immediately.

> MEADOW CREEK — EAGLE
MAP: PAGE 15
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

> MEADOW CREEK, EAST — EAGLE
MAP: PAGE 15
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

> MEDANO CREEK — SAGUACHE
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

> MEDANO CREEK, HUDSON BRANCH — SAGUACHE
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

> MEDANO CREEK, LITTLE — SAGUACHE
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

> MEREDITH RESERVOIR — CROWLEY
1. Trot-lines and jugs permitted.

> MICHIGAN RIVER — JACKSON
WITHIN BROWNLEE, MURPHY AND DIAMOND J STATE WILDLIFE AREAS:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

> MIDDLE CREEK, EAST — SAGUACHE
FROM HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE WATERFALL APPROXIMATELY 2.5 MILES UPSTREAM FROM THE CONFLUENCE WITH MIDDLE CREEK:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

> MINERS CREEK — SAGUACHE
MAP: PAGE 27
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

> MITCHELL CREEK — GARFIELD
MAP: PAGE 28
FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE UPPER BOUNDARY OF THE GLENWOOD SPRINGS FISH HATCHERY:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

> MONTGOMERY RESERVOIR — PARK
1. Ice fishing prohibited.

> MOUNT ELBERT FOREBAY RESERVOIR — LAKE
MAP: PAGE 12
1. Bag and possession limit for lake trout is 1.
2. Lake trout 22–34 inches long must be returned to the water immediately.

> MUDDY CREEK — SAN MIGUEL
FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO WOODS LAKE:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

> MUDDY CREEK, LITTLE — GRAND
MAP: PAGE 16
1. Artificial flies and lures only.

2. Cutthroat must be returned to the water immediately.

> NASH CREEK — DOLORES
FROM GROUNDHOG RESERVOIR UPSTREAM FOR 0.5 OF A MILE:
1. Fishing prohibited April 15–July 15.

> NATE CREEK — OURAY
MAP: PAGE 27
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

> NATIVE LAKE — LAKE
MAP: PAGE 12
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

> NAVAJO LAKE — DOLORES
1. Artificial flies and lures only.

> NAVAJO RESERVOIR — ARCHULETA
1. Trot-lines permitted.

> NAVAJO RIVER — ARCHULETA, CONEJOS
FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO BRIDAL VEIL FALLS:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

FROM THE OSO DIVERSION DAM DOWNSTREAM TO THE STATE LINE:
1. No bag or possession limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie.

> NEE GRONDA RESERVOIR — KIOWA
1. Trot-lines and jugs permitted.

> NEE NOSHE RESERVOIR — KIOWA
1. Trot-lines and jugs permitted.

> NEE SO PAH RESERVOIR (SWEETWATER AND JET) — KIOWA
NOTE: At publication, this reservoir is dry.
1. Trot-lines and jugs permitted.

> NEWLIN CREEK — CUSTER, FREMONT
FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE USFS BOUNDARY:
1. Fishing prohibited.

> NICKELSON CREEK — PITKIN
MAP: PAGE 28
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

> NO NAME CREEK — GARFIELD
MAP: PAGE 28
FROM THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE COLORADO RIVER UPSTREAM FOR 0.5 OF A MILE:

> NOLAN CREEK — EAGLE
MAP: PAGE 15
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
South Platte River in South Park

**Lake Regulations**

Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:

- **Antero Res.** - 2 trout limit; Portable ice fishing shelters only
- **Eleven Mile Res.** - 4 trout limit; Only 2 trout over 16 inches; No limit for yellow perch; Portable ice fishing shelters only
- **Spinney Mtn. Res.** - Fly/lure only; 1 trout over 20 inches; No fishing from 30 minutes after sunset to 30 minutes before sunrise; Ice fishing prohibited; No bag or possession limit for yellow perch; Gold Medal Water

**River Regulations**

Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:

- **Spinney Mountain Reservoir** - Fly/lure only; Trout 12-20 in. must be released; 2 trout limit; Only 1 trout over 20 in.; Gold Medal Water
- **Golden Trout** - Fly/lure only; All trout must be released
- **Homestake Conveyance Channel** - Fishing is prohibited (Homestake Conveyance Channel)

2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

- **NORTH LAKE STATE WILDLIFE AREA — LAS ANIMAS**
  1. Artificial flies and lures only.
- **NORTH PLATTE RIVER — JACKSON**
  1. Artificial flies and lures only.
  2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

- **NORTH SHIELDS PONDS — LARIMER**
  1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.
  2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

- **NORTH STERLING RESERVOIR — LOGAN**
  1. Min. size for largemouth bass is 15 inches long.
  2. Min. size for smallmouth bass is 12 inches long.
  3. Min. size for wiper is 15 inches long. Only 1 can be longer than 25 inches.
  4. Min. size for walleye and saugeye is 15 inches long.

- **NORTH TAYLOR CREEK — CUSTER**
  1. Artificial flies and lures only.
  2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.
- **OSIER CREEK — CONEJOS**
  1. Artificial flies and lures only.
  2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

- **OLD DILLON RESERVOIR — SUMMIT**
  1. Artificial flies and lures only.
  2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.
- **OVERLAND TRAIL POND — LOGAN**
  1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.

- **PAONIA RESERVOIR — GUNNISON**
  1. Fishing prohibited as posted.

| From the Southern Boundary of the Routt National Forest, Downstream to Wyoming (NORTHGATE CANYON): |
| 1. Artificial flies and lures only. |
| 2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2. |

- **NORTH PLATTE RIVER, NORTH FORK — JACKSON**
  1. Artificial flies and lures only.
  2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

- **NORTHWATER CREEK — GARFIELD**
  1. Artificial flies and lures only.
  2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

- **PARACHUTE CREEK, EAST FORK — GFIELD**
  1. Artificial flies and lures only.
  2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

- **PARACHUTE CREEK, EAST MIDDLE FORK — GFIELD**
  1. Artificial flies and lures only.
  2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

- **PASTURE CREEK — LA PLATA, SAN JUAN**
  1. Artificial flies and lures only.
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5. Only 1 walleye or saugeye in the aggregate longer than 21 inches may be taken per day.

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South Platte River from Cheesman Res. to Chatfield Res.

Lake Regulations: Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:
- Cheesman Res. - Fishing prohibited Oct. 1 - April 30; No fishing from 30 minutes after sunset to 30 minutes before sunrise; Fishing prohibited on the dam and around reservoir as posted; Snagging kokanee permitted Sept. 1 - Sept. 30; Ice fishing prohibited
- Chatfield Res. and all waters within state park including South Platte River - 3 walleye limit, minimum 18 inches; Only 1 walleye over 21 inches per day; Minimum size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches; Fishing prohibited from dam and within 100 feet of dam or walleye spawning operation nests March 1 - April 15, or until walleye spawning operations are completed; Fishing prohibited on ponds in dog off-leash area.
- Spring Gulch Pond - Fly/lure only; All fish must be returned to water immediately

River Regulations: Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:
- A - Fly/lure only; All trout must be released; Gold Medal Water
- B - Fly/lure only; 2 trout limit, minimum 16 inches; Gold Medal Water
- C - Fly/lure only; 2 trout limit
PEARL LAKE — ROUTT
MAP: PAGE 36
INCLUDING INLET STREAM FOR 0.25 OF A MILE ABOVE INLET AND THE OUTLET STREAM FOR 0.25 OF A MILE BELOW THE OUTLET:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag, possession and min. size for trout is 2, 18 inches long.

PELLA CROSSING RECREATION AREA PONDS (ALL PONDS) — BOULDER
1. Artificial flies and lures only. Scented flies or lures must be 1.5 inches or longer.
2. All largemouth and smallmouth bass must be returned to the water immediately.

PETTY CREEK — SAN JUAN
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

PIEDRA RIVER — ARCHULETA
FROM PIEDRA RIVER BRIDGE ON USFS 631 (PIEDRA ROAD) DOWNSTREAM TO THE LOWER BOUNDARY OF THE TRES PIEDRA RANCH (1.5 MILES ABOVE U.S. 160):
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

PIEDRA RIVER, EAST FORK — MINERAL, HINSDALE
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

PIKES PEAK NORTH SLOPE RECREATION AREA — EL PASO, TELLER
CRYSTAL, NORTH CATAMOUNT & SOUTH CATAMOUNT RESERVOIRS:
1. Bag and possession limit for lake trout is 2.

NORTH CATAMOUNT RESERVOIR ONLY:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.

PIKES PEAK SOUTH SLOPE RECREATION AREA — EL PASO, TELLER
Permits Required. Visit Colorado Springs Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services website and then Open Spaces for more information on opening and closing dates, permits and other rules.

BOEMER RESERVOIR, BOEMER CREEK:
1. Fishing prohibited in Boemer Reservoir and Bohemer Creek, from the headwaters to Mason Reservoir.

MASON RESERVOIR:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag, possession and max. size for trout is 1, 16 inches long.

McREYNOLDS RESERVOIR:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

PIT D POND — BOULDER
1. Bag, possession and min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 1 in the aggregate, 15 inches long.

POAGE LAKE — RIO GRANDE
MAP: PAGE 27
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag, possession and max. size for trout is 2, 12 inches long.

POSE CREEK — RIO BLANCO
MAP: PAGE 36
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

PORCUPINE LAKE — ROUTT
MAP: PAGE 36
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

POUDRE PONDS NO. 1 — WELD
1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.

POUDRE RIVER — LARIMER
MAP: PAGE 25
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 CAMPGROUND 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 — LARIMER
MAP: PAGE 25
FROM THE CONFLUENCE WITH DIVEE CREEK DOWNSTREAM TO BULL CREEK (ABOVE HALLIGAN RESERVOIR):
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

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.

POUDRE RIVER, SOUTH FORK — LARIMER
MAP: PAGE 25
FROM THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK BOUNDARY DOWNSTREAM FOR 1 MILE:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

PREWITT RESERVOIR — LOGAN, WASHINGTON
1. Min. size for wiper is 15 inches long.
2. Min. size for walleye, saugeye is 15 inches long.
3. Only 1 walleye or saugeye in the aggregate longer than 21 inches may be taken per day.
4. Min. size for crappie is 10 inches long.
5. Visitors ages 18–64 must have annual Jumbo/Prewitt Res. access permit, except those who have a valid annual Colorado hunting or fishing license. Permits are $43, available on the CPW website or at authorized sales agents.

PRONGER POND — LOGAN
1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.

PROSPECT PARK LAKES — JEFFERSON
1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.

BASS LAKE AND WEST PROSPECT LAKES ONLY:
1. Artificial flies and lures only. Scented flies or lures must be 1.5 inches or longer.

PROSPECT PONDS NO. 2 AND 3 — LARIMER
1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.

PUEBLO RESERVOIR — PUEBLO
1. Min. size for largemouth, smallmouth, and spotted bass is 15 inches long.
2. Bag, possession, min. size for walleye and saugeye is 5 in the aggregate, 18 inches long.
3. Only 1 walleye or saugeye in the aggregate longer than 21 inches may be taken per day.
4. Bag and possession limit for crappie is 10.
5. Min. size for crappie is 10 inches long.
6. Bag and possession limit for wiper is 5.
7. Only 1 wiper longer than 21 inches may be taken per day.
8. Underwater spearfishing allowed for channel, blue and flathead catfish with an aggregate bag and possession limit of 5 and for wiper with a bag and possession limit of 5.
9. Fishing prohibited from dam and within 100 ft. of dam or walleye spawning nets Mar. 1–April 15, or until walleye spawning operations are complete.
10. It is unlawful to possess filleted or cleaned fish in boat on lake.

PURGATOIRE RIVER, MIDDLE FORK — LAS ANIMAS WITHIN BOSQUE DEL OSO STATE WILDLIFE AREA:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. All fish must be returned to water immediately.

PURGATOIRE RIVER, SOUTH FORK — LAS ANIMAS WITHIN BOSQUE DEL OSO STATE WILDLIFE AREA:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. All fish must be returned to water immediately.

QUEENS RESERVOIR, NORTH AND SOUTH — KIOWA
1. Trot-lines and jugs permitted.

QUINCY RESERVOIR — ARAPAHOE
1. Artificial flies and lures only. Scented flies or lures must be 1.5 inches or longer.
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.
3. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 18 inches long.
4. Access controlled by Aurora Parks & Rec. as posted.
Rampart Reservoir — El Paso
1. Bag and possession limit for lake trout is 2.
2. Ice fishing prohibited.

Ranch Creek, North Fork — Grand
MAP: PAGE 16
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

Red Lion State Wildlife Area — Logan
1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.
2. Min. size for crappie is 10 inches long.

Relay Creek — La Plata, San Juan
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

Rhodes Gulch — Conejos
MAP: PAGE 18
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

Ridgway Reservoir — Ouray
MAP: PAGE 21
2. No bag, possession limit for smallmouth bass.

Rifle Gap Reservoir — Garfield
MAPS: PAGES 22, 28
1. Bag, possession and min. size for walleye is 1, 18 inches long.
2. Bag and possession limit for yellow perch is 20.

White River - Headwaters to Meeker

Lake Regsulations
Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:
Trappers Lake — Fly/Lure Only; 2 cutthroat limit, 11 inches maximum size; Fishing prohibited in inlets and upstream 1/2 mi.; Fishing prohibited within 100 ft. of either side of all inlet streams; Fishing prohibited within 100 ft. of either side of the outlet and downstream to the first falls; No limit on brook trout

River Regulations
Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:
- Fly/lure only; All cutthroat must be released
- 2 trout limit
- 2 trout limit; No limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch, and crappie
- Fly/lure only; All trout must be released; No limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch, and crappie

Map:

1. Min. size for largemouth bass is 15 inches long.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.
3. Rainbow trout must be returned to water immediately.
4. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.
5. All trout must be released; No limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch, and crappie

Map:

B From Colo. 149 Bridge at South Fork downstream to the Rio Grande Canal Diversion Structure:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

Riverbend Ponds No. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 — Larimer
1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.

River’s Edge Natural Area Ponds (Bass, Dragonfly, and Sandpiper) — Larimer
1. All largemouth and smallmouth bass must be returned to the water immediately.
2. Bag and possession limit for yellow perch is 5.

Road Beaver Creek — Gunnison
MAP: PAGE 19
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

Roaring Creek — Larimer
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.
White River - Meeker to Utah State Line

Lake Regulations
Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:

- **Kenney Reservoir** - No bag or possession limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie
- **Rio Blanco Lake** - Minimum size for largemouth bass is 15 inches

River Regulations
Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:

- **2 trout limit; No limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie**
- **Fishing prohibited as posted. No limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie**

MAP:
- **WITHIN MANVILLE STATE WILDLIFE AREAS:**
  - 400 yards below Taylor Draw Dam

FROM 50 YARDS UPSTREAM AND DOWNSTREAM FROM THE CONFLUENCES WITH FOURMILE CREEK AND THREEMILE CREEK:
- **1. Artificial flies and lures only.**
- **2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.**

FROM UPPER WOODY CREEK BRIDGE DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE COLORADO RIVER (EXCLUDING 50 YARDS UPSTREAM AND DOWNSTREAM FROM THE CONFLUENCES WITH FOURMILE CREEK AND THREEMILE CREEK):
- **1. Artificial flies and lures only.**
- **2. Bag, possession and min. size for trout is 2, 16 inches long.**

FROM 50 YARDS UPSTREAM AND DOWNSTREAM FROM THE CONFLUENCE WITH CALIFORNIA GULCH:
- **1. Artificial flies and lures only.**
- **2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.**

- **3. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.**
- **Ice fishing prohibited.**

- **ROUGH CANYON - CONEJOS**
  - **GOLD MEDAL WATERS FROM FRYINGPAN RIVER TO COLORADO RIVER**
  - **1. Artificial flies and lures only.**
  - **2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.**

- **ROCKY MOUNTAIN LAKE - DENVER**
  - **1. Min. size for largemouth bass is 15 inches long.**

- **ROSEMOND RESERVOIR - TELLER**
  - **1. Artificial flies and lures only.**
  - **2. Ice fishing prohibited.**

- **ROUGH CANYON - CONEJOS**
  - **1. Artificial flies and lures only.**
  - **2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.**

- **ROSEMOND RESERVOIR - TELLER**
  - **1. Artificial flies and lures only.**
  - **2. Ice fishing prohibited.**

- **ROUGH CANYON - CONEJOS**
  - **GOLD MEDAL WATERS FROM FRYINGPAN RIVER TO COLORADO RIVER**
  - **1. Artificial flies and lures only.**
  - **2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.**

- **ROSEMOND RESERVOIR - TELLER**
  - **1. Artificial flies and lures only.**
  - **2. Ice fishing prohibited.**

- **ROUGH CANYON - CONEJOS**
  - **GOLD MEDAL WATERS FROM FRYINGPAN RIVER TO COLORADO RIVER**
  - **1. Artificial flies and lures only.**
  - **2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.**

- **ROSEMOND RESERVOIR - TELLER**
  - **1. Artificial flies and lures only.**
  - **2. Ice fishing prohibited.**

- **ROUGH CANYON - CONEJOS**
  - **GOLD MEDAL WATERS FROM FRYINGPAN RIVER TO COLORADO RIVER**
  - **1. Artificial flies and lures only.**
  - **2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.**

- **ROSEMOND RESERVOIR - TELLER**
  - **1. Artificial flies and lures only.**
  - **2. Ice fishing prohibited.**

- **ROUGH CANYON - CONEJOS**
  - **GOLD MEDAL WATERS FROM FRYINGPAN RIVER TO COLORADO RIVER**
  - **1. Artificial flies and lures only.**
  - **2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.**

- **ROSEMOND RESERVOIR - TELLER**
  - **1. Artificial flies and lures only.**
  - **2. Ice fishing prohibited.**

- **ROUGH CANYON - CONEJOS**
  - **GOLD MEDAL WATERS FROM FRYINGPAN RIVER TO COLORADO RIVER**
  - **1. Artificial flies and lures only.**
  - **2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.**

- **ROSEMOND RESERVOIR - TELLER**
  - **1. Artificial flies and lures only.**
  - **2. Ice fishing prohibited.**

- **ROUGH CANYON - CONEJOS**
  - **GOLD MEDAL WATERS FROM FRYINGPAN RIVER TO COLORADO RIVER**
  - **1. Artificial flies and lures only.**
  - **2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.**

- **ROSEMOND RESERVOIR - TELLER**
  - **1. Artificial flies and lures only.**
  - **2. Ice fishing prohibited.**

- **ROUGH CANYON - CONEJOS**
  - **GOLD MEDAL WATERS FROM FRYINGPAN RIVER TO COLORADO RIVER**
  - **1. Artificial flies and lures only.**
  - **2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.**

- **ROSEMOND RESERVOIR - TELLER**
  - **1. Artificial flies and lures only.**
  - **2. Ice fishing prohibited.**

- **ROUGH CANYON - CONEJOS**
  - **GOLD MEDAL WATERS FROM FRYINGPAN RIVER TO COLORADO RIVER**
  - **1. Artificial flies and lures only.**
  - **2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.**

- **ROSEMOND RESERVOIR - TELLER**
  - **1. Artificial flies and lures only.**
  - **2. Ice fishing prohibited.**

- **ROUGH CANYON - CONEJOS**
  - **GOLD MEDAL WATERS FROM FRYINGPAN RIVER TO COLORADO RIVER**
  - **1. Artificial flies and lures only.**
  - **2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.**

- **ROSEMOND RESERVOIR - TELLER**
  - **1. Artificial flies and lures only.**
  - **2. Ice fishing prohibited.**
**SAGUACHE CREEK, MIDDLE FORK — SAGUACHE**

MAP: PAGE 27

FROM HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE SOUTH FORK OF SAGUACHE CREEK:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.

**SAGUACHE CREEK, SOUTH FORK — SAGUACHE**

MAP: PAGE 27

FROM HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE MIDDLE FORK OF SAGUACHE CREEK:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.

**SAGUACHE CREEK, NORTH (AND SOUTH) — BOULDER**

WITHIN THE TOWN LIMITS OF LYONS, AS POSTED:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

**ST. VRAIN STATE PARK — WELD**

Bald Eagle Lake:
1. Artificial flies and lures only. Scented flies or lures must be 1.5 inches or longer.
2. All largemouth and smallmouth bass must be returned to the water immediately.

Blue Heron Lake:
1. All largemouth and smallmouth bass must be returned to water immediately.
2. Only 1 channel catfish in the bag or possession limit may exceed 20 inches long.

**SAN FRANCISCO CREEK (MIDDLE AND WEST FORKS) AND WEST SAN FRANCISCO LAKE — RIO GRANDE**

MAP: PAGE 27

PORTION ON USFS LANDS INCLUDING WEST SAN FRANCISCO LAKE:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

**SAN JUAN RIVER — ARCHULETA**

FROM THE INTERSECTION OF U.S. 160 AND U.S. 84 DOWNSTREAM THROUGH PAGOSA SPRINGS TO THE INTERSECTION OF APACHE STREET WITH THE RIVER, INCLUDING RIVER CENTER PONDS:
1. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

FROM U.S. 160 BRIDGE IN PAGOSA SPRINGS DOWNSTREAM TO NAVAJO RESERVOIR:
1. No bag or possession limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie.

**SAN MIGUEL RIVER — MONTROSE, SAN MIGUEL**

FROM THE COLO. 90 BRIDGE AT PINON DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE DOLORES RIVER:
1. No bag or possession limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie.

**SANCHEZ RESERVOIR — COSTILLA**

1. Any crayfish taken must be immediately returned to the water it came from or be taken into possession immediately and killed by separating the tail from the body.

**SARVIS CREEK — GRAND, ROUTT**

MAP: PAGE 36
1. Bag limit for whitefish is 4.
2. Possession limit for whitefish is 8.

**SCENERY POND — RIO BLANCO**

COLOROW MOUNTAIN STATE WILDLIFE AREA:
1. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

**SCHWACHHEIM CREEK — LAS ANIMAS**

WITHIN LAKE DOROTHEY STATE WILDLIFE AREA:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.

**SECOND CREEK — DELTA**

MAP: PAGE 23
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

**SEVERY CREEK — EL PASO**

FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE USFS BOUNDARY:
1. Fishing prohibited.

**SHADOW MOUNTAIN RESERVOIR — GRAND**

MAP: PAGE 16
1. Ice-fishing shelters must be portable.

**SHADOW MOUNTAIN SPILLWAY — GRAND**

MAP: PAGE 16
FROM SHADOW MOUNTAIN RESERVOIR DOWNSTREAM TO LAKE GRANBY INCLUDING COLUMBINE BAY TO THE TWIN CREEK INLET:
2. Snagging prohibited.

**SHEEP CREEK — CONEJOS**

MAP: PAGE 20
FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONEJOS RIVER:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

**SHEEP CREEK — LARIMER**

MAP: PAGE 25
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

**SHEEP CREEK, EAST AND WEST FORKS — LARIMER**

MAP: PAGE 25
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

**SHEEP CREEK — GRAND, ROUTT**

MAP: PAGE 36
1. Bag limit for whitefish is 4.
2. Possession limit for whitefish is 8.

**SILVER LAKE — MESA**

MAP: PAGE 12
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag, possession and min. size for trout is 2, 16 inches long.

**SLOAN CREEK, SOUTH FORK AND EAST PRONG OF THE SOUTH FORK — ROUTT**

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

**SOUTH PLATTE PARK (LITTLETON) — ARAPAHOE**

MAP: PAGE 27
1. Bag limit for whitefish is 4.
2. Possession limit for whitefish is 8.

**SOUTH PLATTE RIVER — DOUGLAS, JEFFERSON, PARK, TELLER**

MAPS: PAGES 30–31

FROM THE CONFLUENCE OF THE MIDDLE AND SOUTH FORKS DOWNSTREAM TO SPINNEY MOUNTAIN RESERVOIR INLET:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout 12–20 inches long must be returned to the water immediately.
3. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2. Only one may be longer than 20 inches.

FROM THE OUTLET OF SPINNEY MOUNTAIN RESERVOIR DOWNSTREAM TO THE INLET OF ELEVEN MILE RESERVOIR:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Some portions may be closed to fishing as posted from Sept. 15–Dec. 31 for kokanee spawning.
3. All fish must be returned to water immediately.

FROM IMMEDIATELY BELOW ELEVEN MILE DAM DOWNSTREAM TO THE WAGON TONGUE GULCH ROAD BRIDGE AT SPRINGER GULCH (ELEVEN MILE CANYON):
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

FROM CHEESMAN DAM DOWNSTREAM TO THE SOUTH PROPERTY LINE AT WIGWAM CLUB:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.

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WATERS
**Yampa River - Headwaters to Craig**

**River Regulations**

Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:
- A - *Whitefish regulation; *Non-native fish regulation
- B - *Whitefish regulation; *Non-native fish regulation
- C - Fly/lure only; 2 trout limit; *Whitefish regulation; *Non-native fish regulation
- D - Fly/lure only; 2 trout limit; *Whitefish regulation; *Non-native fish regulation
- E - Fly/lure only; 2 trout limit; *Whitefish regulation; *Non-native fish regulation
- F - Fly/lure only; 2 trout limit; *Whitefish regulation; *Non-native fish regulation
- G - *Non-native fish regulation
- H - *Non-native fish regulation
- I - Fishing prohibited Jan. 1-July 31
- J - *Whitefish regulation - Bag limit for whitefish is 4; Possession limit for whitefish is 8
- K - *Non-native fish regulation - No limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie

**Lake Regulations**

Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:
- Crosho Reservoir - 2 grayling limit, minimum 16 inches
- Elkhead Reservoir - 2 largemouth bass limit, minimum 15 inches; 10 crappie limit
- Freeman Reservoir - Fishing prohibited from Jan. 1 - July 31 within 50 yards of either side of the inlet and upstream 1/4 mile
- Pearl Lake (including 1/4 mile up inlet and 1/4 mile down outlet) - Fly/lure only; 2 trout limit, minimum 18 inches
- Porcupine Lake - Fly/lure only; All cutthroat must be released
- Stagecoach Reservoir - No bag and possession limit for walleye
- Vaughn Reservoir - 2 cutthroat limit
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

**FROM THE NORTH BOUNDARY OF THE WIGWAM CLUB DOWNSTREAM TO SCRAGGY VIEW PICNIC GROUND:**
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag, possession and min. size for trout is 2, 16 inches long.

**FROM STRONTIA SPRINGS DAM DOWNSTREAM TO 300 YARDS UPSTREAM FROM THE DENVER WATER BOARD’S MARSTON DIVERSION STRUCTURE:**
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

**WITHIN CHATFIELD STATE PARK:**
1. Bag limit and min. size for walleye is 3, 18 inches long.
2. Only 1 walleye longer than 21 inches may be taken per day.
3. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.

**SOUTH PLATTE RIVER, SOUTH FORK — PARK**

**MAP: PAGE 30**

**FROM THE COLO. 9 BRIDGE (4.9 MILES NORTH OF GARGO) DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE SOUTH FORK OF THE SOUTH PLATTE:**
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout 12–20 inches long must be returned to the water immediately.
3. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2. Only one may be longer than 20 inches.

**SOUTH PLATTE RIVER, SOUTH FORK — PARK**

**MAP: PAGE 30**

FROM U.S. 285 DOWNSTREAM TO ANTERO RESERVOIR:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout 12–20 inches long must be returned to the water immediately.
3. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2. Only one may be longer than 20 inches.

FROM ANTERO RESERVOIR DOWNSTREAM IN THE NEWLY CONSTRUCTED CHANNEL TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE EXISTING CHANNEL:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

FROM THE LOWER BOUNDARY FENCE OF BADGER BASIN STATE WILDLIFE AREA DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE MIDDLE FORK OF THE SOUTH PLATTE:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout 12–20 inches long must be returned to the water immediately.
3. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2. Only one may be longer than 20 inches.

**STEAMBOAT LAKE — ROUTT**

**MAP: PAGE 36**

1. No bag or possession limit for walleye.

**STARKER LAKE — YUMA**

1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.

**STANDELEY LAKE — JEFFERSON**

1. Min. size for walleye and saugeye is 15 inches long.
2. Only 1 walleye or saugeye in the aggregate longer than 21 inches may be taken per day.

**STEAMBOAT LAKE — ROUTT**

**MAP: PAGE 17**

1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.

**STEELMAN CREEK — GRAND**

**MAP: PAGE 16**

FROM HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE DENVER WATER BOARD DIVERSION:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

**STEUBEN CREEK, WEST FORK — GUNNISON**

**MAP: PAGE 19**

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

**SUMMIT RESERVOIR — MONTEZUMA**

1. Min. size for largemouth bass is 15 inches long.

**SWAMP LAKES — LAKE**

**MAP: PAGE 12**

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.
THOMAS RESERVOIR — BOULDER
1. Bag, possession limit and min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 1 in the aggregate, 15 inches long.

THREE LAKES (LOWEST AND MIDDLE LAKES) — LAKE
MAP: PAGE 12
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

THREE LICKS CREEK — EAGLE
MAP: PAGE 16
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

THREEMILE CREEK — GARFIELD
MAP: PAGE 28
FROM THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE ROARING FORK RIVER UPSTREAM FOR 0.5 OF A MILE:

THURSTON RESERVOIR — PROWERS
1. Trot lines and jugs permitted.

TIMBERLINE LAKE — LAKE
MAP: PAGE 12
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

TORSIDO CREEK — CONEJO
MAP: PAGE 18
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

TOTTEN RESERVOIR — MONTEZUMA
1. Min. size for largemouth bass is 15 inches long.

TRAPPER CREEK — GARFIELD
MAP: PAGE 22
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

TRAPPERS LAKE — GARFIELD
MAP: PAGE 33
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag, possession and max. size for cutthroat is 2, 11 inches long.
3. Cutthroat over 11 inches long must be returned to water immediately.
4. No bag or possession limit for brook trout.
5. Fishing prohibited in inlets and upstream for 0.5 of a mile.
6. Fishing prohibited within 100 ft. of either side of inlet streams.
7. Fishing prohibited within 100 ft. of either side of outlet and downstream to first falls.

TRINIDAD RESERVOIR — LAS ANIMAS
1. Min. size for largemouth, smallmouth and spotted bass is 15 inches long.
2. Bag and possession limit for walleye and saugeye is 5 in the aggregate.
3. Only 1 walleye or saugeye in the aggregate longer than 18 inches may be taken per day.

TROUT CREEK — RIO BLANCO, ROUTT
MAP: PAGE 36
FROM SHERIFF RESERVOIR DAM DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH YAMPA RIVER:
1. Bag limit for whitefish is 4.
2. Possession limit for whitefish is 8.
FROM HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO, BUT NOT INCLUDING, SHERIFF RESERVOIR:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

TURQUOISE RESERVOIR — LAKE
MAP: PAGE 12
1. Bag and possession limit for lake trout is 1.
2. Lake trout 22–34 inches long must be returned to water immediately.
SNAGGING KOKANEE PERMITTED Nov. 15–Dec. 31.

TWIN LAKES — LAKE
MAP: PAGE 12
1. Bag and possession limit for lake trout is 1.
2. Lake trout 22–34 inches long must be returned to the water immediately.

TWIN BUTTES RESERVOIR — BACA
1. Trot lines and jugs permitted.

TWO LEDGE RESERVOIR — JACKSON
1. Artificial flies and lures only.

UNCOMPAGHRE RIVER — OURAY, NEW MONTROSE, DELTA
MAP: PAGE 21
FROM OURAY CR 23 BRIDGE DOWNSTREAM TO RIDGWAY RESERVOIR:
FROM RIDGWAY DAM DOWNSTREAM TO THE FENCE JUST BELOW USGS GAUGE STATION:
1. Fishing prohibited, except as posted.
FROM THE FENCE JUST BELOW THE USGS GAUGE STATION BELOW RIDGWAY DAM DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH COW CREEK:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.
FROM THE CONFLUENCE WITH COW CREEK DOWNSTREAM TO THE LA PLATA CR 501 BRIDGE:
1. No bag or possession limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie.
NEW FROM THE COLO. 90 BRIDGE DOWNSTREAM TO THE ASHLAR RD. BRIDGE:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

VALLECCITO CREEK — LA PLATA, SAN JUAN
FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE SOUTHERN BOUNDARY OF THE WEMINUCHE WILDERNESS:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.
FROM THE SOUTHERN BOUNDARY OF THE WEMINUCHE WILDERNESS DOWNSTREAM TO THE LA PLATA CR 501 BRIDGE:
1. All kokanee must be returned to water from Sept. 1–Nov. 14.
FROM THE LA PLATA CR 501 BRIDGE DOWNSTREAM TO THE STANDING WATER LINE OF VALLECITO RESERVOIR:

VASQUEZ CREEK, LITTLE — GRAND
MAP: PAGE 16
FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE COLORADO RIVER DIVERSION:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

VASQUEZ CREEK, SOUTH FORK — GRAND
MAP: PAGE 16
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.
1. Bag and possession limit for cutthroat is 2.

WILLIAMS FORK RESERVOIR — GRAND

1. Northern pike 26–34 inches must be returned to the water immediately.
2. Use of spearfishing, archery, slingsbows and gibs for the take of northern pike is prohibited.
3. Bag and possession limit for lake trout is 8. Only 1 may be longer than 30 inches.

WILLIAMS FORK — GRAND

1. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

WILLIAMS GULCH — LARIMER

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

WILLIAMS FORK RESERVOIR — GRAND

1. Access, including for fishing, prohibited within 150 ft. of any kokanee spawning trap or wing net from Oct. 1–Dec. 1.

WOODS LAKE STATE WILDLIFE AREA — SAN MIGUEL

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

WRIGHTS LAKE — CHAFFEE

1. Artificial flies and lures only.

YAMPA RIVER — ROUTT, MOFFAT

1. Bag limit for whitefish is 4.
2. Possession limit for whitefish is 8.

FROM STAGECOACH DAM DOWNSTREAM FOR 0.6 OF A MILE:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

FROM STAGECOACH DAM DOWNSTREAM TO CATAMOUNT LAKE:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO CATAMOUNT LAKE:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

FROM THE JAMES BROWN (SOUL CENTER OF THE UNIVERSE BRIDGE) IN STEAMBOAT SPRINGS:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

FROM 0.6 OF A MILE BELOW STAGECOACH DAM DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH WATSON LAKE, EXCLUDING CATAMOUNT LAKE:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

FROM THE CONFLUENCE WITH WATSON LAKE DOWNSTREAM FOR 4.8 MILES TO THE JAMES BROWN (SOUL CENTER OF THE UNIVERSE BRIDGE) IN STEAMBOAT SPRINGS:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

FROM THE HEADWATERS OF THE YAMPA RIVER DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE GREEN RIVER:
1. No bag or possession limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie.

FROM STAGECOACH DAM DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH WATSON LAKE:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

FROM STAGECOACH DAM DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH WATSON LAKE:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

FROM TAYLOR DRAW DAM DOWNSTREAM 400 YARDS:
1. No bag or possession limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie.

FROM TAYLOR DRAW DAM DOWNSTREAM TO THE STATE LINE:
1. No bag or possession limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie.

FROM THE CONFLUENCE OF THE NORTH AND SOUTH FORKS OF THE WHITE RIVER DOWNSTREAM TO THE COLO. 13 BRIDGE BELOW MECKER (EXCLUDING THE SLEEPY CAT EASEMENT, WAKARA LEASE, AND MECKER PASTURE STATE WILDLIFE AREA):
1. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

ON THE SLEEPY CAT EASEMENT, WAKARA LEASE, AND MECKER PASTURE STATE WILDLIFE AREA EAST OF MECKER:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

WHITE RIVER — RIO BLANCO

1. Bag and possession limit for cutthroat is 2.

WHITE CREEK — MESA

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

WHITE CREEK — EAGLE

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

WHITE RIVER — RIO BLANCO

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

WOLF CREEK — CONEJOS

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

WOLFORD MOUNTAIN RESERVOIR — GRAND

1. Bag limit for whitefish is 4.
2. Possession limit for whitefish is 8.

WYOMING RIVER — RIO BLANCO

1. Bag limit for whitefish is 4.
2. Possession limit for whitefish is 8.

YUMA CITY LAKE — YUMA

1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.
2. Bag and possession limit for channel catfish is 5.

ZIMMERMAN LAKE — LARIMER

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.
# Colorado Fish Identification

## Identification Tips for Common Game Species

### Trout Family

- **Rainbow Trout**
  - Black spots on a light body, red stripe along sides
- **Brown Trout**
  - Spotting pattern made up of black spots; red-orange spots inside light blue circles
- **Brook Trout**
  - Pectoral, pelvic and anal fins often orange, edged with black and white; body is dark with white and red spots inside blue circles
- **Cutthroat (Native) Trout**
  - Crimson slash on either side of the throat beneath the lower jaw; heavier spotting towards the tail
- **Lake Trout (Mackinaw)**
  - Has a white, irregular spot pattern on dark body; veriform markings over back and head; unlike other trout, they have a deeply indented tail fin
- **Lake Trout (Mackinaw)**
  - Cross between a brown trout and a brook trout; pronounced stripes on body, resembling a tiger

### Pike

- **Northern Pike**
  - Horizontal rows of light-colored round/oval spots, on dark background

### Tiger Muskie

- Northern pike and muskie hybrid; irregular, dark-colored vertical markings on a light background; long snout

### Bass

- **Smallmouth Bass**
  - Upper jaw does not extend beyond eye; fish usually has vertical stripes along sides
- **Largemouth Bass**
  - Upper jaw extends beyond eye; often has horizontal stripe extending the length of body
- **Largemouth Bass**
  - Upper jaw extends beyond eye; often has horizontal stripe extending the length of body
- **Wiper**
  - Hybrid between white bass and striped bass

### Other Sportfish

- **Channel Catfish**
  - Barbels (whiskers); forked tail; sporadic black spotting
- **Walleye**
  - Two separate dorsal fins; large, well-developed canine teeth; large eyes with milky corneas; white-tipped tail
- **Sauger**
  - Spotted dorsal fin; no white tip on tail; darker color
- **Saugeye**
  - Walleye-sauger hybrid with black mottling marks on body; black color between dorsal fins
- **Yellow Perch**
  - Two separate dorsal fins; large vertical dark stripes on yellow sides

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WESTERN SLOPE NATIVE FISH THAT MUST BE RELEASED

Anglers may possibly catch these species if fishing in the Colorado River Basin. These fish must be returned to the water unharmed as quickly as possible. See pages 8 and 10 for a full list of protected species to be released.

- BONTAIL CHUB
- HUMPBACK CHUB
- ROUNDTAIL CHUB
- FLANNELMOUTH SUCKER
- BLUEHEAD SUCKER
- RAZORBACK SUCKER
- COLORADO PIKEMINNOW

HOW TO RELEASE A FISH

If you practice catch and release while fishing, follow these steps to ensure the fish returns to the water with minimal damage. Any fish you plan to release MUST be returned to the water immediately.

- **TIME IS ESSENTIAL.** Quickly play and release fish. A fish played for too long will be too exhausted to recover.
- **KEEP FISH IN THE WATER** as much as possible.
- **REMOVE THE HOOK AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.** Single barbless hooks can often be removed while the fish is still in the water.
- **GENTLE HANDLING IS ESSENTIAL.** Avoid squeezing or putting your fingers in the gills or eye sockets.

**How to safely remove hooks:** Use a pair of forceps, longnosed pliers or a purposely made hook-out to quickly, efficiently remove the hook. If the fish is hooked deep in the throat or stomach, cut the line as close to the hook as possible and leave the hook in the fish — it could do more damage trying to remove a deeply set hook than leaving it where it is.

**To revive an unconscious fish:** Hold it upright in the water. Move the fish forward and backward so that water runs through the gills. This may take a few minutes. When it begins to struggle, release it.

**When photographing a fish:** Hold it horizontally and do not squeeze the fish. Do not put your hands in its gills or hold it vertical by its gills.
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