2023 Colorado Fishing

SEASON: MARCH 1, 2023–MARCH 31, 2024
Matthew Robinson and his first ever pike. 38” and 13 lbs!
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Greg Burney caught this 38” and 22 lb. pike at Spinney Mountain Reservoir.
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Zach L. and his tremendous trout from the Blue River.
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Nash L. with a beast of a carp!
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A group of youngsters learn to fish at a CPW fishing clinic.
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Walleye caught by Ryan Bame.
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Matt Smiley poses with the state record brook trout he caught Oct. 8, 2022. The fish measured 26.25” with a girth of 16”.
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Landon Jackson caught this 6 lb. 24” cutbow his first time ice fishing at Antero Reservoir.
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Zach Langer with his catch from the Blue River.
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Tiger muskie caught by Jory Keever.
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Mike Randash and his white crappie pulled in from Cherry Creek Reservoir.
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A youngster learns to fish at a CPW fishing clinic.
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Spring ice fishing for rainbow trout at Antero Reservoir in Park County. © CPW photo by Michael DelliVeneri

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NOTICE: Laws and regulations in this brochure are paraphrased for easier understanding and are intended only as a guide. Complete Colorado wildlife statutes and regulations are available at CPW offices listed below and online: cpw.info/regulations

CPW ADMINISTRATIVE, REGIONAL & AREA OFFICE LOCATIONS

ADMINISTRATION
6060 Broadway
Denver, 80216
303-297-1192 (M–F, 8 a.m.–5 p.m. MT)

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Boat, Snowmobile, Off-Highway Vehicle
13787 US Hwy. 85 N
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ONLY the offices below can assist hunters with animal checks and taking samples that are related to hunting activities. See CPW’s website for a complete list of our park locations that can also sell licenses, issue duplicate licenses and accept some licenses for refunds.

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

COLORADO SPRINGS
4255 Sinton Rd.
Colorado Springs, 80907
719-227-3200

DENVER
6060 Broadway
Denver, 80216
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6088 Wildlife Way
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Hot Sulphur Springs, 80451
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LAMAR
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Lamar, 81052
719-335-6800

LAMONTE
710 S. 9th St.
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Meeker, 81641
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Pueblo, 81005
719-561-5300

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7405 Hwy. 50
Salida, 81201
719-530-5520

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS
925 Veach Dr.
Steamboat Springs, 80487
970-870-3333

2023 COLORADO FISHING
WHAT’S NEW: 2023

► BAG AND POSSESSION LIMIT MODIFIED AT RIFLE GAP RESERVOIR: Bag, possession and minimum size for walleye is 3, 15 inches long and only 1 walleye longer than 18 inches may be taken per day. See page 32.

► VALLECITO CREEK REGULATIONS UPDATED: Fishing is allowed on Vallecito Creek from the southern boundary of the Weminuche Wilderness downstream to the standing water line of Vallecito Reservoir. The regulation prohibiting fishing from La Plata CR 501 Bridge downstream to Vallecito Reservoir to protect kokanee salmon has been removed. See page 38.

► GOLD MEDAL WATER ADDITIONS: The Taylor River from Taylor Park Reservoir to Almont (see pages 3 and 37), and the Gunnison River from Almont to U.S. 50 (twins bridges) (see pages 3 and 24).

► NEW RECORDS BY WEIGHT AND LENGTH: Look for the NEW tag on pages 6 and 7 for the newest records by weight and length, and see cpw.info/fishing-records for how to properly weigh and measure your fish.

► KNOW BEFORE YOU GO! There are actions you can take and available resources to consult BEFORE you head out on your next adventure that will help make your fishing experience the best it can be.

CPW encourages you to disinfect your fishing gear (page 4), know the statewide and special regulations for the water you plan to visit (starting on page 8), and be aware of the local fishing conditions such as water level/stream flow and water temperature (page 5). You may also contact the local CPW Area Office for more information: cpw.info/contact-us

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 3–4, 2023. All other rules and regulations apply.

LICENSE FEES, HABITAT STAMPS & ANS STAMP

HABITAT STAMPS

- Annual Habitat Stamp (nonrefundable)..........................................................$11.50
  Only one is required per person, ages 18–64, per year buying or applying for a license.
- Lifetime Habitat Stamp............................................................................$345.36

AQUATIC NUISANCE SPECIES (ANS) STAMP

- RESIDENTS: Annual.............................................................................$25.00
- NONRESIDENTS: Annual.................................................................$50.00

LICENSES

- RESIDENTS
  - Adult annual (18–64)..............................................................................$39.71
  - Senior annual (65+)..............................................................................$10.95
  - Youth ages 16–17 (second-rod stamp charge still applies; see below)....$10.95
  - Small game & fishing combo.............................................................$56.97
  - Senior small game & fishing combo (65+)............................................$33.54

- NONRESIDENTS
  - Annual..............................................................................................$111.03
  - Five-day............................................................................................$36.26

- RESIDENTS & NONRESIDENTS
  - Second-rod stamp ..............................................................................$12.10

  A second-rod stamp per year is available to anyone who has purchased a fishing license and to any youth under 16.
  - One-day fishing*: residents.................................................................$15.55
  - One-day fishing*: nonresidents.........................................................$19.01
  - Additional-day fishing*......................................................................$7.50

*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.

WHAT YOU NEED TO BUY A LICENSE

1. PROPER IDENTIFICATION and PROOF of residency (for CO residents).
2. HABITAT STAMP: A 2023 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 persons 12 and older to purchase a license or stamp.

LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

► ADULTS: People 16 and older are required to buy and carry a physical fishing license (or My CPW app accessible license) to fish or take fish, amphibians and crustaceans on their person, except where prohibited.

► YOUTH: Residents ages 16–17 can purchase a fishing license for $10.95. 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 $10.95 or an annual senior combo small game/fishing license for $33.54, 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. 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. Youth under 16 must have and carry with them a second-rod stamp if fishing with a second line.
  d. Seniors fishing with a senior license must have and carry with them a second-rod stamp if fishing with a second line.

► COMMERCIAL LICENSE: $40. An annual license is required to take or possess bait fish, amphibians, or crustaceans for commercial purposes. Licensees must provide live-fish buyers with a receipt stating the seller’s name, date of sale, species and number sold. For application, restrictions, and annual reporting requirements, visit: cpw.info/purchase-special-license

► 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.

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
1 RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS

- 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. Visit cpw.info/proof-of-residency.
- 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.

RESIDENCY TYPES

1. STANDARD COLORADO RESIDENT
   a. Requirements: You must live in Colorado for at least 6 consecutive months immediately 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. Military member’s spouse and/or dependents share the same residency status. 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. Military member’s spouse and/or dependents share the same residency status.
   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.

2 HABITAT STAMPS

Habitat Stamps are $11.50 and only one is required per person, per year for anyone ages 18–64. 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 available for $345.36.
- Anyone who is approved in the Columbine, First Responder, Veteran and/or Big Game Mobility Impaired programs is exempt from the Habitat Stamp requirement. See cpw.info/accessibility
- Learn more online: cpw.info/habitat-stamp

ANGLERS WITH DISABILITIES

CPW offers several programs for hunters and anglers with disabilities. Go to cpw.info/accessibility for more information on each program and how to apply.

These programs require advance legal paperwork submissions: Please apply at least 30 days prior to when you wish to use the permit or license. Due to volume, applications cannot be expedited.

RESIDENT COLUMBINE FISHING LIFETIME PROGRAM

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

RESIDENT FIRST RESPONDER LIFETIME COMBO LICENSE

Colorado resident first responders who have proof of a permanent occupational disability can qualify for the First Responder program to obtain a free lifetime fishing or combo small game/fishing license.

RESIDENT DISABLED VETERAN LIFETIME COMBO LICENSE

Military veterans who have a service-connected disability (with an overall combined rating of 60% or more by the Dept. of Veteran’s Affairs) and are residents of Colorado can obtain a free lifetime fishing or combo small game/fishing license.

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
- Elkhead Reservoir: northern pike; smallmouth bass
- Green Mountain Reservoir: northern pike
- 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. See pages 11–39 of this brochure.
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 Rivera 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.
  - From the U.S. 24 river overpass downstream to the lower boundary of Hayden Ranch, as posted.
  - From the stockyard bridge (Chaffee CR 102) below Salida downstream 7.5 miles to the confluence with Badger Creek.
- **BLUE RIVER:**
  - From Dillon Reservoir dam to Hamilton Creek Road bridge.
  - From Green Mountain Reservoir dam to the Colorado River.
- **COLORADO RIVER:**
  - From Fraser River to Troublesome Creek.
  - From Canyon Creek (Grand Co.) to Rock Creek.
- **FRYINGPAN RIVER:** From Ruedi Reservoir dam to the Roaring Fork River.
- **GORE CREEK:** From Red Sandstone Creek to Eagle River.
- **GUNNISON RIVER:**
  - From Almont to the U.S. 50 bridge.
  - From 200 yards downstream of Crystal Reservoir dam to the North Fork of the Gunnison.
- **NORTH PLATTE RIVER:** From the south boundary of Routt National Forest to Wyoming (Northgate Canyon).
- **RIO GRANDE:** From the Colo. 149 bridge at South Fork downstream to the Rio Grande Canal diversion structure.
- **ROARING FORK RIVER:** From the Fryingpan River to the Colorado River.
- **SOUTH PLATTE RIVER:**
  - From the confluence of the Middle and South Forks to the Spinney Mountain Reservoir inlet.
  - From the Spinney Mountain Reservoir outlet to the Eleven Mile Reservoir inlet.
  - From Cheesman Reservoir dam to the south boundary of the Wigwam Club property.
  - From the north boundary of the Wigwam Club property to the Scraggy View picnic ground.
  - Middle Fork, from the Colo. 9 bridge to the South Fork confluence.
- **NEW TAYLOR RIVER:** From Taylor Park Reservoir dam to Almont.

### GOLD MEDAL LAKES

- **NORTH DELANEY BUTTE LAKE** in Jackson Co.
- **SPINNEY MOUNTAIN RESERVOIR** in Park Co.
- **STEAMBOAT LAKE** in Routt Co.

### WILD TROUT PROGRAM

CPW is responsible for the preservation and protection of native and nonnative 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 areas are to be managed to the extent possible to maintain these wild trout populations.

### WILD TROUT & GOLD MEDAL WATERS POLICY:

[cpw.info/gold-medal-policy](http://cpw.info/gold-medal-policy)

### 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 Horsetooth 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.info/fishery-management](http://cpw.info/fishery-management)

**FISHERY DATA FOR SOME OF YOUR FAVORITE COLORADO WATERS:**

[cpw.info/fishery-data](http://cpw.info/fishery-data)
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.

AQUATIC NUISANCE SPECIES ALERTS: cpw.info/ans-alerts

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 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.info/buy-apply, or in person at any CPW office, state park or sales agent.

NONRESIDENTS: Nonresidents can purchase the ANS stamp online at cpw.info/buy-apply, or in person at any CPW office, state park or sales agent.

AQUATIC NUISANCE SPECIES ALERTS: cpw.info/ans-alerts

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.

STOP AQUATIC HITCHHIKERS!

There are 73 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.info/boat-inspections

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.

- Do not throw unused bait crayfish, or bait of any kind, back in the water alive.
- Do not transport crayfish, live or dead, from ANS-free source. Dispose of chemicals properly, away from the water body.

LEARN HOW TO HELP STOP THE SPREAD OF RUSTY CRAYFISH:
cpw.info/rusty-crayfish

MORE ON INVASIVE SPECIES: cpw.info/invasive-species

MORE ON THE ANS STAMP: cpw.info/boating-registration

© CPW Zebra mussels are just one example of aquatic nuisance species that can ruin fishing waters.

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 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. Stop 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 73 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.
**FISHING TERMS GLOSSARY**

- **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) and 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** is 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 are considered a common hook.

- **FISHING** is defined as 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 and prohibited non-game, 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); spalake (lake trout/brook trout hybrids) and 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** is a barbed fork with one or more tines attached to a handle.

- **JUGS** are 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, stonepicker and tench), Cyprinodontidae (including 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, handline or tip-up that is used for fishing and which is under the personal control of a person who is in proximity to it.

- **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.

- **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.

- **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 handled, 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** is 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** is a single, anchored line with a float at each end from which droplines are attached.

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**ONLINE RESOURCES**

- **FISHING CONDITIONS**: [cpw.info/fishing-conditions](http://cpw.info/fishing-conditions)
- **FISHING REPORT & STOCKING REPORT**
  - Fishing and stocking reports are generated weekly April 1–Oct. 31, and twice a month Nov. 1–March 31. Sign up to receive the reports:
    - [cpw.info/fishing-report-sign-up](http://cpw.info/fishing-report-sign-up)
    - [cpw.info/fish-stocking-report](http://cpw.info/fish-stocking-report)
- **BOAT REGISTRATION**: [cpw.info/boating-registration](http://cpw.info/boating-registration)
- **FISHING ATLAS**
  - The interactive Colorado Fishing Atlas allows you to search for fishing opportunities by species, specific interest or proximity to your home or destination: [cpw.info/maps](http://cpw.info/maps)
- **FISHING MAPS**
  - Find all of the color-coded fishing regulation maps in this brochure (pages 11–39) online: [cpw.info/maps](http://cpw.info/maps)
- **FISHING NEWS & EVENTS**
  - Check out upcoming fishing tournaments, such as Debunk the Winter Funk at Stagecoach State Park and the Kokanee Giveaway.
- **CATCH OF THE WEEK**
  - Send us your photo for a chance to be featured online: [dnr_fish.reporter@state.co.us](mailto:dnr_fish.reporter@state.co.us)
- **FISHERY MANAGEMENT & SURVEYS OF COLORADO’S WATERS**
  - CPW is the lead agency responsible for fisheries management of public waters in the state of Colorado. The primary tool that guides fish management is the lake and stream survey; find the PDF online.
- **AND MORE! GO TO**: [cpw.info/fishing](http://cpw.info/fishing)
### State Records by Weight

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### State Records by Length

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 16.
- 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 a length-measuring device to the Assistant Chief of Hatcheries in Denver.
- Verified state record applicants will receive a lapel pin.
- 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 at [cpw.info/fish-weight-records](http://cpw.info/fish-weight-records).

### Measure Your Catch

Fish must be hooked, played and landed on sport tackle by the entrant. (Snagged fish are not eligible.) Only fish caught in Colorado are eligible for entry and must be submitted within 60 days of catch, and all state fishing regulations must be followed. See the State Records by Length table and more information on the program on the next page.

To accurately measure a fish for a length record:

- You MUST place the fish directly on the measuring device (ruler, tape measure, etc.). As pictured below, the measuring device shall be behind or under the fish and not following the curvature of the fish.
- You MUST align the fish at a clearly-marked area of the measuring device. In the image below, the 1-inch mark is used to clearly and accurately indicate the starting point for measurement.
- You MUST place fish on its side with the jaw closed.
- You MUST squeeze the tail fin together to obtain the snout to the extreme tip of the tail fin.
- You MUST measure the fish and not following the curvature of the fish.
- You MUST measure the fish to the extreme tip of the tail fin.
### STATE RECORDS BY LENGTH

#### SPECIES | YEAR | LOCATION & CO. | QUALIFYING LENGTH (inches) | RECORD LENGTH (inches) | ANGLER
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Arctic char | NEW 2022 | Chatfield Res., Douglas & Jefferson | no verified record | 30 | Adrian Hurrell
Carp, common | NEW 2022 | Pueblo Reservoir, Pueblo | no verified record | 14 | Mike Anderson
Carp, hybrid | NEW 2022 | Private farm pond, Mesa | no verified record | 10 | Andrew Potter
Carp, largemouth | NEW 2022 | Jayhawker Pond #1, Larimer | no verified record | 18 | Benjamin Nira
Catfish, black bullhead | NEW 2022 | James M. Robb Colo. River State Park (Colo. River Section), Mesa | no verified record | 14 | Marc Melnick
Catfish, brown bullhead | NEW 2022 | James M. Robb Colo. River State Park (Colo. River Section), Mesa | no verified record | 14 | Marc Melnick
Catfish, channel | NEW 2021 | Pueblo Reservoir, Pueblo | no verified record | 39.5 | Colten Smith
Catfish, flathead | NEW 2022 | Pueblo Reservoir, Pueblo | no verified record | 14 | Mike Anderson
Crayfish, black | NEW 2022 | Pueblo Reservoir, Pueblo | no verified record | 14 | Mike Anderson
Crayfish, white | NEW 2022 | Pueblo Reservoir, Pueblo | no verified record | 14 | Mike Anderson
freshwater drum | NEW 2022 | Yampa River, Moffat | no verified record | 15 | Will Firestone
Grayling | NEW 2021 | Banner Lake #5, Weld | no verified record | 38.5 | Howard Huntington
Mountain whitefish | NEW 2022 | Artic char | no verified record | 10 | Tristan Francis
NORTHERN PIKE | NEW 2021 | Juniata Reservoir, Mesa | no verified record | 8 | Tristan Francis
Salmon, chum | no verified record | 10.88 | Tristan Francis
Salmon, kokanee (angling) | no verified record | 10 | Tristan Francis
Sucker, longnose | no verified record | 10 | Tristan Francis
Sunfish, bluegill | no verified record | 10 | Tristan Francis
Sunfish, green | NEW 2022 | Private farm pond, Mesa | no verified record | 10 | Andrew Potter
Sunfish, hybrid | NEW 2021 | Juniata Reservoir, Mesa | no verified record | 10 | Tristan Francis
Sunfish, pumpkinseed | no verified record | 8 | Tristan Francis
Sunfish, redbreast | no verified record | 12 | Tristan Francis
Tench | no verified record | 18 | Tristan Francis
Tiger muskie | no verified record | 40 | Tristan Francis
TROUT BROOK | NEW 2021 | Antero Reservoir, Park | no verified record | 16 | Kyle Schelhaas
TROUT, BROWN | NEW 2022 | Blue River, Grand | no verified record | 22 | Zach Langer
TROUT, CUTTOW | NEW 2022 | Blue River, Grand | no verified record | 22 | Zach Langer
TROUT, GOLDEN | no verified record | 16 | Zach Langer
TROUT, LAKE | no verified record | 32 | Zach Langer
TROUT, NATIVE CUTTHROAT | no verified record | 20 | Zach Langer
TROUT, RAINBOW | NEW 2022 | Blue River, Grand | no verified record | 24 | Zach Langer
TROUT, SNAKE RIVER CUTTHROAT | no verified record | 24 | Zach Langer
TROUT, TIGER | NEW 2022 | S. Platte River, Jefferson | no verified record | 18 | Kolton Paulson
Walleye | NEW 2022 | Trinidad Res., Las Animas | no verified record | 18 | Scott Parton

### 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: Chief of Hatcheries, 6060 Broadway, Denver CO 80216.

Prior to Jan. 2020, the fish that were considered for the Records by Length program came through our Master Angler Program (see below). The Master Angler program did not have enough 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.

Since Jan. 2020, our Records by Length program has been 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 measured in order to qualify. Only submissions showing properly measured fish will be accepted. See “Measure Your Catch” on the previous page of this brochure. Find more information on qualifying lengths and the submission process online: [cpw.info/fish-length-records](http://cpw.info/fish-length-records)

### MASTER ANGLER PROGRAM

The Master Angler Program was designed to recognize anglers for their success in their sport, as well as to promote the conservation of fishery resources and quality fishing by encouraging the careful release of trophy-sized popular sport species.

Master Angler awards are based on fish length rather than weight; this allows anglers to measure fish and return them to the water alive if they choose to do so.

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 [awards lengths table below](http://cpw.state.co.us). 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.info/master-angler](http://cpw.info/master-angler)

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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, Neé Gronda, Neé Noshe, Neé 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 in 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, Neé Gronda, Neé Noshe, Neé 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, slingsbows and gigs may be used statewide 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.
   b. Archery and slingbows may be used to take kokanee if a water is otherwise open to snagging. In such cases, the following applies:
      1. Bows must have reel, fishing line and arrow attached to bow.
      2. Bows must have an arrow safety-slide mechanism that keeps fishing line in front of the arrow at all times.
   c. Additional restrictions apply to underwater spearfishing:
      1. CO2 guns or cartridge-powered spears are prohibited.
      2. Guns must be loaded and unloaded while the gun is submerged.
      3. Divers must stay within a radius of 100 feet of a float bearing the National Divers’ Symbol.
      4. Spears must be attached by a safety line.
   d. Archery, slingsbows and gigs are allowed for taking bullfrogs.

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-NET
See “Use and Collection of Bait Fish,” below and next page.

   a. Seines are allowed only for bait fish, gilled form of aquatic tiger salamander larvae and crayfish, or, if authorized, for emergency salvage.
   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
See “Use and Collection of Bait Fish,” below and next page.

   a. Allowed for bullfrogs, crayfish and the gilled form of aquatic tiger salamander 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.

8. LIVETRAPS See “Use and Collection of Bait Fish,” below and next page.

   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 a fishing aid, except by chumming.
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 Co.

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 nonnative 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, baited 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 and 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. Only the following crustaceans may be possessed on either side of the Continental Divide: freshwater shrimp, commercially available brine shrimp and commercially available krill. 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.

i. 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 AND 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 AND 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 may be possessed on either side of the Continental Divide: crustaceans within the boundaries of any Federal fish hatchery or rearing unit. Molesting, disturbing or damaging gill nets, traps, seines or trot lines by CPW is prohibited.

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. Moisting, disturbing or damaging gill nets, traps, seines or trot lines 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 maximum water temperature exceeds 71 degrees F.

b. Measured stream flows are 50 percent or less of the daily average flow.

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

d. Daily minimum dissolved oxygen levels are below 6 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.
STATEWIDE BAG & POSSESSION LIMITS

THREATENED, ENDANGERED & NONGAME SPECIES
If caught, these species must be returned to the water immediately.

IT IS ILLEGAL TO TAKE OR USE THE FOLLOWING:
Arkansas darter, bluehead sucker, bonnetail 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 orangemouth darter, razorback sucker, Rio Grande chub, Rio Grande sucker, river shiner, roundtail chub, southern redbelly dace, stonecat, 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.

FISHING IN STATE PARKS & NATIONAL PARKS
Fishing is available at most of Colorado’s state parks. If you plan a fishing trip to these waters, check the CPW Park Finder for any additional entrance fees and restrictions that may apply where you’re going; cpw.info/park-finder

National parks also offer fishing opportunities around the state, but may have different bag limits and regulations. One example of this is at Rocky Mountain National Park. There, you will need a CPW fishing license but restrictions will be specific to the park. Before you plan your trip, check regulations online at: nps.gov/romo/planyourvisit/fishing.htm

Fishing is available at more than 270 national wildlife refuges, 29 national fish hatcheries and many other U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service lands and waters. Certain refuges may have individual restrictions. Plan your trip by researching specific refuges online: fws.gov/fishing

STATEWIDE LIMITS

DAILY BAG LIMIT
Maximum number of fish you can take in a day, regardless of what you do with them that day. Fish caught and placed on a stringer, in a container or live well, or not returned to the same water immediately, do count in your daily bag or possession limit. Fish released immediately are not part of the limit.

POSESSION LIMIT
Maximum number of fish allowed at any time, including in the field, transporting, at home or in storage. Transporting live fish without proper permits is prohibited. Fish taken and later smoked, canned, frozen or preserved for consumption are part of the possession limit until consumed.

MAP: WIPER/WHITE BASS & 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.
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.info/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 Co. Fairgrounds Lakes (Public Works & Mann-Nyholt Lakes) — Adams
1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.

Adore Creek Reservoir (Blue Lake) — Bent, Kiowa
NOTE: Access to the frozen surface of the lake is prohibited.
1. Trot-lines and jugs permitted.

Agnes Lakes (Upper & Lower Lakes) — Jackson
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

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.
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

American Lakes (Snow & Michigan Lakes) — Jackson
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

Animas River — La Plata
From the confluence 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 confluence 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.

Anthracite Creek, North Fork — Gunnison
MAP: PAGE 20
From the headwaters downstream to the confluence with Hell Creek:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

Apache Creek, North & South Forks — Huerfano
From the headwaters downstream to the USFS boundary:
1. Fishing prohibited.

Arapaho Bend Natural Area (Bass, Beaver, Cormorant & 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 (Snyder 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 near Leadville downstream to Parkdale at the U.S. 50 bridge crossing above the Royal Gorge:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 1, 12 inches long.

Outside the U.S. 24 River Overpass downstream to the lower boundary of Hayden Ranch, as posted:
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.

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

Aurora (Senac) 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.

Basin Creek — Gunnison
MAP: PAGE 20
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

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.
Lake Regulations

Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:

- **Clear Creek Reservoir** - Snagging kokanee permitted Oct. 1 – Dec. 31
- **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
- **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 - Arkansas River 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.

**Big Bend Creek — La Plata**

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

**Big Creek Lake (Lower) — Jackson**

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**

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

**Big Lake — Conejos**

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

2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

3. Artificial flies and lures only.

4. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

5. Artificial flies and lures only.

6. Min. size for crappie is 10 inches long.

7. Bag, possession and min. size for trout is 2, 16 inches long.

8. No bag or possession limit for any game fish expected to be refilled.

9. No bag or possession limit for any game fish expected to be refilled.

10. Ice-fishing shelters must be portable.

11. No bag or possession limit for lake trout.

12. Only 1 lake trout longer than 32 inches may be taken per day.

13. No bag or possession limit for any game fish expected to be refilled.


15. No bag or possession limit for any game fish expected to be refilled.

16. Ice-fishing shelters must be portable.

17. No bag or possession limit for any game fish expected to be refilled.

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WATERS

BOULDER CREEK — BOULDER
FROM THE UPPER END OF EBEN FINE PARK (WITHIN BOULDER CITY LIMITS) DOWNSTREAM TO 5TH STREET:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout 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.

BRUSH CREEK — EAGLE
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 & 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.

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.

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 THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE COLORADO RIVER:

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

CARTER LAKE — LARIMER
1. All walleye exceeding 21 inches must be returned to water immediately.
2. Daily bag limit for walleye is 3 fish less than 21 inches long.
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
THE 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 & SOUTH FORKS — RIO GRANDE
MAP: PAGE 18
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

CERRO SUMMIT (MONTROSE) RESERVOIR — MONTROSE
MAP: PAGE 23
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
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. All fish must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.
5. Ice fishing is prohibited.

CHAIR CREEK — GUNNISON
MAP: PAGE 20
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

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 & CHATFIELD STATE PARK — DOUGLAS, JEFFERSON
MAP: PAGE 31
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.

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.

TAKE KIDS FISHING!
• Barr Lake State Park, Adams Co.
• Corn Lake, Mesa Co.
• Fairplay Beach, Park Co.
• Frantz Lake, Chaffee Co.
• Haviland Lake, La Plata Co.
• Kingfisher Cove at Chatfield State Park, Douglas/Jefferson Cos.
• Midwestern Farm Pond, Prowers Co.
• Monument Lake, El Paso Co.
• St. Vrain State Park, Weld Co.
• West Lake, Mesa Co.

More places:
cpw.info/take-kids-fishing

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 areas Dec. 1–Apr. 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.
3. Fishing prohibited on dam and around reservoir as posted.
4. Ice fishing prohibited.

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

CITY LIMITS) DOWNSTREAM TO 55TH STREET:

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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, TELLER**
FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO GOLD CAMP ROAD:
1. Fishing prohibited.

**CIMARRON RIVER — MONTROSE**
MAP: PAGE 21

**CLEAR CREEK — CHAFFEE**
MAP: PAGE 12
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 youth in CPW angler education activities.

**CLEAR CREEK RESERVOIR — CHAFFEE**
MAP: PAGE 12

**CLEAR FORK OF MUDDY CREEK — GUNNISON**
MAP: PAGE 20
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

**COLORADO RIVER — GARFIELD, EAGLE, GRAND, MESA**
MAPS: PAGES 16, 22, 28
FROM LAKE GRANBY DAM DOWNSTREAM TO THE U.S. 40 BRIDGE APPROXIMATELY 3 MILES WEST OF HOT SULPHUR SPRINGS:
1. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

FROM THE U.S. 40 BRIDGE APPROXIMATELY 3 MILES WEST OF THE HOT SULPHUR SPRINGS DOWNSTREAM TO CONFLUENCE WITH TROUBLESOME CREEK (APPROXIMATELY 5 MILES EAST OF KREMMLING):
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

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

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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 snare prohibited
Lake Granby - 4 lake trout limit; From Jan. 1 - Aug. 31, limit for trout (except lake trout) 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 snare prohibited; Portable ice fishing shelters only
Columbine Lake, Bay Lake Granby - Fishing prohibited Oct. 15 - Nov. 30 from the Twin Creek inlet upstream
Meadow Creek Reservoir - Bag, possession and min. size limit for tiger trout is 1, 18 inches long.
Shadow Mountain Reservoir - Portable ice fishing shelters only
Williams Fork Reservoir - Snagging kokanee permitted Sept. 1 - Dec. 31; Northern pike from 26 - 34 inches must be released; Use of spearfishing, archery, slingbows and gigs prohibited for take of northern pike; 8 lake trout limit; Only 1 lake trout greater than 36 inches; Fishing and snagging prohibited Sept. 15 - Nov. 30 from 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 - Flyfishing only; All cutthroat must be released
B - Flyfishing only; All rainbow trout must be released
C - 2 trout limit
D - Flyfishing only; All trout must be released
E - Snagging prohibited; Fishing prohibited Oct. 15 - Nov. 30
F - 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
G - Flyfishing only; All trout must be released; *Non-native fish regulation
H - 2 trout limit; *Non-native fish regulation
Gold Medal Water - Colorado River from Fraser River confluence to Troublesome Creek confluence
*Non-native fish regulation - No limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie

For Colorado River Regulations below Radium please see Middle Colorado and Eagle Rivers map
For Blue River Basin Regulations Please see Blue River Basin Map
In an effort to preserve the legacy of these currently listed or have been petitioned to be listed cutthroat trout subspecies, CPW recommends anglers disinfect waders and other fishing gear between uses (see page 4) to limit the spread of aquatic nuisance species and their potential to negatively impact cutthroat trout.

### 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.

Cutthroat trout © CPW

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 nonnative trout.

Rainbow trout hybridize with native cutthroat trout, while brook and brown trout tend to replace them in streams and rivers where they occur together.

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.
Conejos and Alamosa River Drainages

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

River Regulations
Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:
- Kerr Lake - Fly/lure only; 2 trout limit
- Rock Lake - Fly/lure only; 2 trout limit, minimum 16 inches
- Big Lake - Fly/lure only; 2 trout limit, minimum 16 inches
- Fly only; 2 trout limit, minimum 16 inches

Conejos and Alamosa River Drainages

Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:
- Kerr Lake - Fly/lure only; 2 trout limit
- Rock Lake - Fly/lure only; 2 trout limit, minimum 16 inches
- Big Lake - Fly/lure only; 2 trout limit, minimum 16 inches
- Fly only; 2 trout limit, minimum 16 inches

Kerr Lake
- Fly/lure only; 2 trout limit

Rock Lake
- Fly/lure only; All cutthroat must be released

Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:
- Kerr Lake - Fly/lure only; 2 trout limit
- Rock Lake - Fly/lure only; 2 trout limit, minimum 16 inches
- Big Lake - Fly/lure only; 2 trout limit, minimum 16 inches
- Fly only; 2 trout limit, minimum 16 inches

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- Fly only; 2 trout limit, minimum 16 inches
Upper Gunnison Basin - Taylor Park Reservoir to Blue Mesa Reservoir

River Regulations
Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:
1. Flyfishing only; all cutthroat must be released
2. Flyfishing only; all trout must be released
3. Fishing prohibited as posted
4. Flyfishing only; 2 trout limit, maximum 12 inches; no taking of kokanee
5. Flyfishing only; 2 trout limit, maximum 12 inches; no taking of kokanee; fishing prohibited Aug. 1-Oct. 31
6. Flyfishing 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
7. No taking of kokanee Aug. 1-Oct. 31; snagging kokanee permitted Sept. 1-Dec. 31
8. Flyfishing only; all fish must be released
9. Flyfishing only; 2 brown trout limit, minimum 16 inches; all rainbow trout must be released
10. 2 trout limit
11. Snagging kokanee permitted Sept. 1-Dec. 31

Gold Medal Water - Taylor River from Taylor Park Reservoir dam downstream to Almont and Gunnison River from Almont to US-50 bridge

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 snares prohibited; 3 lake trout limit; only one lake trout over 26 inches per day

For Gunnison River regulations below Morrow Point Reservoir see Lower Gunnison Basin Map
Delaney Butte Lakes (North, South & East)

DePorter Lake — Sedgwick
1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.

River Regulations
Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:
A - Fly/lure only; All cutthroat must be released
B - *Non-native fish regulation
C - Fishing prohibited as posted

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

For North Fork Gunnison River below Hotchkiss and Lower Gunnison basin regulations see Lower Gunnison Basin Map

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River Regulations
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C - Fishing prohibited as posted

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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.
5. Artificial flies and lures only. Scented flies or lures must be 1.5 inches or longer.
6. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

Lake Regulations
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6. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

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4. Rainbow, cutthroat and cutbow trout 18–22 inches long must be returned to the water immediately.
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6. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

Lake Regulations
Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:
Paonia Reservoir - Fishing prohibited from the top of the dam down to the boundary fence below the stilling basin

For North Fork Gunnison River below Hotchkiss and Lower Gunnison basin regulations see Lower Gunnison Basin Map
Lower Gunnison Basin - Blue Mesa Reservoir to Delta

River Regulations
Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:

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

Gold Medal Water - Gunnison River from 200 yards downstream of Crystal Reservoir dam to the North Fork of the Gunnison.
*Non-native fish regulation

Lake Regulations
Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:

Blue Mesa Reservoir - Ice fishing shelters must be portable; No bag or possession limit for 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/lure only; All fish 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
Morrow Point Reservoir - Snagging kokanee permitted Sept. 1-Dec. 31
Sweitzer 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

- Fly/lure only; All rainbow trout must be released;
- Artificial flies and lures only.
- Fly/lure only; All fish must be released;
- Artificial flies and lures only.
- Fly/lure only; All trout must be released;
- Artificial flies and lures only.

FROM THE I-70 EXIT 147 BRIDGE IN EAGLE DOWNSTREAM 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. All fish, except carp, must be returned to the water immediately.
3. Taking kokanee prohibited.

FROM ROARING JUDY HATCHERY OUTLET DOWNSTREAM TO SOUTHERN ROARING JUDY STATE FISHING UNIT BOUNDARY:
2. No bag or possession limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie.
3. Artificial flies and lures only.
4. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

FROM ROARING JUDY HATCHERY OUTLET DOWNSTREAM TO SOUTHERN ROARING JUDY STATE FISHING UNIT BOUNDARY:
2. No bag or possession limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie.
3. Artificial flies and lures only.
4. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.
5. Taking kokanee prohibited.

FROM ROARING JUDY HATCHERY OUTLET DOWNSTREAM TO SOUTHERN ROARING JUDY STATE FISHING UNIT BOUNDARY:
2. No bag or possession limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie.
3. Artificial flies and lures only.
4. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.
5. Taking kokanee prohibited.

FROM ROARING JUDY HATCHERY OUTLET DOWNSTREAM TO SOUTHERN ROARING JUDY STATE FISHING UNIT BOUNDARY:
2. No bag or possession limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie.
3. Artificial flies and lures only.
4. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.
5. Taking kokanee prohibited.

FROM ROARING JUDY HATCHERY OUTLET DOWNSTREAM TO SOUTHERN ROARING JUDY STATE FISHING UNIT BOUNDARY:
2. No bag or possession limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie.
3. Artificial flies and lures only.
4. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.
5. Taking kokanee prohibited.

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2. No bag or possession limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie.
3. Artificial flies and lures only.
4. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.
5. Taking kokanee prohibited.

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3. Artificial flies and lures only.
4. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.
5. Taking kokanee prohibited.

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3. Artificial flies and lures only.
4. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.
5. Taking kokanee prohibited.

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5. Taking kokanee prohibited.

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3. Artificial flies and lures only.
4. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.
5. Taking kokanee prohibited.
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 - Fly/fly only; 2 trout limit, minimum 16 inches
- Connected & Duke Lakes - 2 largemouth bass limit, minimum 18 inches
- Griffith Reservoir - Fly/fly only; 2 trout limit, minimum 16 inches
- Hallenbeck Reservoir - Fly/fly 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, slingshots and gigs for the take of northern pike is prohibited
- Highline Reservoir - 2 largemouth bass limit, minimum 15 inches
- Jerry Creek Reservoirs #1 & #2 - Fly/fly 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 - Fly/fly 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 - 3 walleye limit, minimum 15 inches; Only 1 walleye longer than 18 inches per day; 20 yellow perch limit
- Silver Lake - Fly/fly only; 2 trout limit, minimum 16 inches
- Youngs Creek reservoirs #1, #2, and #3 - Fly/fly only; All cutthroat must be released

River Regulations

Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:

- Fly/fly 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

For Beswick Pond see Middle Colorado and Roaring Fork Rivers Map
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.
Artificial flies and lures only.

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

IN THE LAKE CREEK INLET FOR 0.5 OF A MILE ABOVE BIG EMERALD LAKE:

FALL CREEK — MINERAL
FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO WOLF CREEK:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

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

FAYN CREEK — RIO BLANCO
MAP: PAGE 33
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

FLORIDA RIVER — LA PLATA
FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO LEMON RESERVOIR:

FROM THE U.S. 160 BRIDGE EAST OF DURANGO DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE ANIMAS 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.

FORBES PARK LAKE — COSTILLA
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

FORT MORGAN PONDS — MORGAN
1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.

FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO WOLF CREEK:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

FROM THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE ROARING FORK RIVER UPSTREAM FOR 0.5 OF A MILE:

FRANK EASEMENT PONDS (NORTH & SOUTH) — WELD
1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.

FRASER CREEK — GARFIELD
MAP: PAGE 33
FROM TRAPPERS LAKE UPSTREAM FOR 0.25 OF A MILE:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Rainbow trout must be returned to water immediately.

FROM THE CONFLUENCE WITH ST. LOUIS CREEK:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Rainbow trout must be returned to water immediately.

FROM THE CONFLUENCE WITH ST. LOUIS CREEK DOWNSTREAM TO THE COLORADO RIVER:
1. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

GORE CREEK — EAGLE
MAP: PAGE 15
FROM THE CONFLUENCE WITH RED SANDBSTONE CREEK DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE EAGLE RIVER:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag and possession limit for lake trout is 8.
3. All largemouth and smallmouth bass must be returned to water immediately.
4. Possession of largemouth or smallmouth bass while fishing Golden Park Ponds No. 1 or 2 is prohibited.

ON GOLDEN PARK POND NO. 3:
1. Bag, possession and min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 1 in the aggregate, 15 inches long.

GRAND LAKE — GRAND
MAP: PAGE 16
1. Ice-fishing shelters must be portable.
2. Bag and possession limit for lake trout is 4.
3. All trout 26–36 inches long must be returned to water immediately.

GRANDVIEW PONDS — ADAMS
1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.

GRANEROS CREEK — PUEBLO
FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE USFS BOUNDARY:
1. Fishing prohibited.

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

FORT MORGAN PONDS — MORGAN
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

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

GREAT MOUNTAIN RESERVOIR — SUMMIT
MAP: PAGE 13
1. Bag and possession limit for lake trout is 8.

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

GREEN CREEK, LITTLE — GRAND, Routt
MAP: PAGE 16
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

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

GRIFFITH RESERVOIR — MESA
MAP: PAGE 22
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag, possession and min. size for trout is 2, 16 inches long.
**GRIMES CREEK — LA PLATA**
FROM THE BUREAU OF RECLAMATION PROPERTY DOWNSTREAM TO THE STANDING WATER LINE OF VALLECITO RESERVOIR:
1. Fishing is prohibited from Sept. 1–Nov. 14.

**GRIZZLY CREEK — GARFIELD**
MAP: PAGE 28
FROM THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE COLORADO RIVER UPSTREAM FOR 0.5 MILES:

**GROSS RESERVOIR — BOULDER**
1. Fishing prohibited from sunset to sunrise.

**GROUNDHOG CREEK — DOLORES**
FROM GROUNDHOG RESERVOIR UPSTREAM FOR 0.5 MILE:
1. Fishing prohibited April 15–July 15.
3. Rainbow trout must be returned to water immediately.

**GROUNDHOG RESERVOIR — DOLORES**
IN THE NASH CREEK AND GROUNDHOG CREEK INLETS UPSTREAM FOR 0.5 MILE:
1. Fishing prohibited April 15–July 15.

**GUNNISON RIVER — DELTA, GUNNISON**
FROM TAIL RACE OF THE DELTA DAM TO THE NORTH FORK OF THE GUNNISON RIVER — DELTA, GUNNISON, MONTROSE
MAP: PAGE 21
FROM 200 YARDS DOWNSTREAM OF THE CRYSTAL RESERVOIR DAM TO THE NORTH FORK OF THE GUNNISON:
MAP: PAGE 19
FROM THE CONFLUENCE OF THE EAST AND TAYLOR RIVERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE U.S. 50 BRIDGE:
MAP: PAGE 19
3. No bag or possession limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie.

**GUNNISON RIVER, LAKE FORK — GUNNISON, HINSDALE**
FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE WATERFALL AT SHERMAN:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.
3. Fishing prohibited as posted.

**GUNNISON RIVER, NORTH FORK — DELTA, GUNNISON**
FROM FIRST BRIDGE CROSSING ABOVE LAKE SAN CRISTOBAL DOWNSTREAM TO LAKE SAN CRISTOBAL:
1. Artificial flies only.
2. From the confluence with the Smith Fork downstream to the confluence with the Colorado River:
3. No bag or possession limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie.

**GOOD PLACES TO:**
- Adobe Creek Reservoir, Bent & Kiowa Cos.
- Turf’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.
- Find where to catch a lunker: cpw.info/fishing-hot-spots

**HALLENBECK (PURDY MESA) RESERVOIR — MESA**
MAP: PAGE 22
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Largemouth bass 12–15 inches long must be returned to water immediately.
3. 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.
3. Use of spearfishing, slingsbows, archery, gigs for take of northern pike is prohibited.

**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, possession limit for channel catfish is 2.
3. Use of spearfishing, slingsbows, archery, gigs for take of northern pike is prohibited.
Lake Regulations
Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:

Joe Wright Reservoir - Fly/lure only
Long Draw Reservoir - Fly/lure only; 2 trout limit
Parvin Lake - Fly/lure only; 2 trout limit
Watson Lake - Smallmouth bass minimum size is 12 inches. No live minnows
Zimmerman Lake - Fly/lure only: All trout must be released; Fishing prohibited in inlet area Jan. 1 - July 31

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.

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

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.
HORSESHOE RESERVOIR — LARIMER
1. Min. size for walleye and saugeye is 15 inches long.
2. No more than 1 walleye or saugeye in aggregate greater than 21 inches long may be taken per day.

HORSETOOTH RESERVOIR — LARIMER
1. Min. size for smallmouth bass is 12 inches long.
2. Fishing prohibited in inlet area as posted March 15–May 31.

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

HUBBARD CREEK, MAIN — DELTA
MAP: PAGE 20
FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO OVERLAND DITCH:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

HUBBARD CREEK, MIDDLE — DELTA
MAP: PAGE 20
FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO OVERLAND DITCH:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

HUERFANO RIVER — HUERFANO
FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE USFS BOUNDARY:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

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

ILLINOIS RIVER — JACKSON
WITHIN DIAMOND J AND HARMONY RANCH STATE WILDLIFE AREA:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

JACKSON LAKE (RESERVOIR) — MORGAN
1. Ice-fishing shelters must be portable.
2. Min. size for wiper 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. Fishing prohibited in outlet ditch below dam around rotary screen.
6. Min. size for crappie is 10 inches long.

JAYHAWKER PONDS — LARIMER
1. All largemouth and smallmouth bass must be returned to the water immediately.
2. Bag and possession limit for yellow perch is 5.

JERRY CREEK RESERVOIRS NO. 1 & 2 — MESA
MAP: PAGE 22
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.
3. Float tubes with chest-high waders permitted.

JOE WRIGHT CREEK — LARIMER
MAP: PAGE 25
FROM THE CONFLUENCE WITH JOE WRIGHT RESERVOIR UPSTREAM TO COLO. 14:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.

JOE WRIGHT RESERVOIR — LARIMER
MAP: PAGE 25
1. Artificial flies and lures only.

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 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.

JUNIATA 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 the water immediately. No more than 2 largemouth bass in any bag and possession limit can be longer than 15 inches.

KAUFMAN CREEK — GUNNISON
MAP: PAGE 20
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

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
MAP: PAGE 34
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
MAP: PAGE 18
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.

KINNEY CREEK (3 MILES EAST OF HOT SULPHUR SPRINGS) — GRAND
MAP: PAGE 16
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

KOA LAKE — BOULDER
1. All largemouth and smallmouth bass must be returned to water immediately.

LA PLATA RIVER — LA PLATA
FROM THE U.S. 160 BRIDGE 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.

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
FROM BIG EMERALD LAKE INLET UPSTREAM FOR 0.5 MILE:

LAKE DOROTHEY — LAS ANIMAS
WITHIN LAKE DOROTHEY STATE WILDLIFE AREA, INCLUDING SCHWACHHEIM CREEK AND ALL OTHER DRAINAGES INTO THE LAKE:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.

LAKE FORK CREEK — LAKE
MAP: PAGE 12
FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH GLACIER CREEK:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

LAKE GRANBY — GRAND
MAP: PAGE 16
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.
Upper Rio Grande Basin

Lake Regulations

Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:
- Alberta Park Reservoir - Fly/lure only, 2 trout limit
- Beaver Creek Reservoir - Snagging kokanee permitted Oct. 1-Dec. 31
- Poage Lake - Fly/lure only; 2 trout limit, maximum 12 inches
- West San Francisco Lake - Fly/lure only; All trout must be released

River Regulations

Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:
- Beaver Creek Reservoir - Fly/lure only, 2 trout limit
- Lake Loveland - Fly/lure only, 2 trout limit, maximum 12 inches
- Upper Seepage Lake - Fly/lure only; 2 trout limit, minimum 16 inches
- West San Francisco Lake - Fly/lure only; All trout must be released

5. Sept. 1–Dec. 31, bag and possession limit for trout (except lake trout) is 4, singly or in aggregate.
7. Snagging kokanee permitted Sept. 1–Dec. 31 except in Columbine Bay upstream of Twin Creek inlet.

IN COLUMBINE BAY FROM THE INLET OF TWIN CREEK UPTREAM:
1. Fishing prohibited Oct. 15–Nov. 30.

LAKE JOHN — JACKSON
1. Bag and possession limit for trout is 4.

LAKE LOVELAND — LARIMER
1. Min. size for walleye and saugeye is 15 inches long.
2. No more than 1 walleye or saugeye in aggregate greater than 21 inches long may be taken per day.

LARAMIE RIVER — LARIMER
WITHIN HOMNHOLZ STATE WILDLIFE AREA:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

LASKEY GULCH — SUMMIT
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

LESTER CREEK — ROUTT
MAP: PAGE 36
FOR 0.25 OF A MILE UPSTREAM AND 0.25 OF A MILE DOWNSTREAM FROM PEARL LAKE:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag, possession and min. size for trout is 2, 18 inches long.

LON HAGLER RESERVOIR — LARIMER
1. All largemouth and smallmouth bass must be returned to water immediately.
2. Only one channel catfish in the bag or possession limit may exceed 20 inches long.

LONE PINE CREEK — LARIMER
FROM PARVIN LAKE UPSTREAM TO LARIMER CR 74E (RED FEATHER LAKES ROAD):
1. Fishing prohibited as posted.

LONG DRAW RESERVOIR — LARIMER
MAP: PAGE 25
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

LOS PINOS CREEK — SAGUACHE
MAP: PAGE 19
WITHIN OCHETOPA STATE WILDLIFE AREA (SNYDER RANCH):
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. All fish must be returned to the water immediately.

LOS PINOS RIVER — HINSdale, LA PLATA
FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE WEMINUCHE WILDERNESS BOUNDARY:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

FROM THE U.S. 160 BRIDGE IN BAYFIELD 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.

LOST TRAIL CREEK — GUNNISON
MAP: PAGE 28
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

LOWELL PONDS — ADAMS
1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.

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

MAGNOLIA RESERVOIR — MESA
FROM THE U.S. 160 BRIDGE IN MAGNOLIA 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.

MARTIN LAKE — HUERFANO
1. Min. size for largemouth, smallmouth, and spotted bass is 15 inches long.
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 - 3 walleye limit, minimum 15 inches; Only 1 walleye longer than 18 inches per day; 20 yellow perch limit

For Colorado River Regulations above Dotsero please see Middle Colorado and Eagle Rivers Map
For Colorado River Regulations below Rifle please see Lower Colorado River and Grand Mesa Map

River Regulations
Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:
*A - Fishing prohibited March 15 - May 31 and Oct. 1 - Nov. 30
B - Flylure only; All cutthroat must be released
C - 2 trout limit; Non-native fish regulation
D - Fly only; All trout must be released
E - Flylure only; 2 trout limit, minimum 16 inches
F - Flylure only; 2 trout limit, minimum 16 inches; Fishing prohibited March 15 - May 31 and Oct. 1 - Nov. 30
G - Flylure only; All trout (except brown trout) must be released; 2 brown trout limit, maximum 14 inches
H - 2 trout limit; Fishing prohibited March 15 - May 31 and Oct. 1 - Nov. 30
I - Statewide trout limit; Non-native fish regulation

Gold Medal Water - Roaring Fork River from the confluence with the Fryingpan River to the Colorado River
*Non-native fish regulation - No limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie

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

Inset Map

Middle Colorado and Roaring Fork Rivers

(Please see inset map)
MAY CREEK — LARIMER
MAP: PAGE 25
FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE Poudre River:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. All trout 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 RESERVOIR — JACKSON
1. Bag, possession limit for trout is 2.

MEDANO CREEK — SAGUACHE, ALAMOSA
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.

MERRIDITH RESERVOIR — CROWLEY
1. Artificial flies and lures only.

MICHAIGAN 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 THE 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.

MINNESOTA CREEK, SOUTH FORK — GUNNISON
MAP: PAGE 20
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.

ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE RESERVOIR AND FROM THE WEST FACE OF THE DAM:
1. Fishing prohibited as posted.

MONUMENT RESERVOIR — LAS ANIMAS

MORROW POINT RESERVOIR — GUNNISON, MONTROSE
MAP: PAGE 19

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 water immediately.

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

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, CONEJO
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.
South Platte River in South Park

Lake Regulations

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

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

- **NEWLIN CREEK — GARFIELD**

- **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 to Woodland Park:
  1. Artificial flies and lures only.
  2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

- **NOLAN CREEK — EAGLE**
  map: page 15
  1. Artificial flies and lures only.
  2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

- **NORTH LAKE STATE WILDLIFE AREA — LAS ANIMAS**
  1. Artificial flies and lures only.

- **NORTH PLATE RIVER — JACKSON**
  within brownlee ii or vernier state wildlife areas:
  1. Artificial flies and lures only.
  2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

- **NORTH PLATE RIVER, NORTH FORK — 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.

- **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.
  5. Only 1 walleye or saugeye in the aggregate longer than 21 inches may be taken per day.
  6. Min. size for crappie is 10 inches long.

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

- **NORTHWATER CREEK — GARFIELD**
  map: page 22
  1. Artificial flies and lures only.
  2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

- **OLD DILLON RESERVOIR — SUMMIT**
  map: page 13
  1. Artificial flies and lures only.
  2. Bag, possession and min. size for golden trout 1, 16 inches long.

- **OSIER CREEK — CONEJO**
  map: page 18
  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**
  map: page 20
  from the top of paonia dam downstream to the boundary fence below the stilling basin:
  1. Fishing prohibited as posted.

- **PARACHUTE CREEK, EAST FORK — GARFIELD**
  map: page 22
  1. Artificial flies and lures only.
  2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

- **PARACHUTE CREEK, EAST MIDDLE FORK — GARFIELD**
  map: page 22
  1. Artificial flies and lures only.
  2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.
PARVIN LAKE — LARIMER
MAP: PAGE 25
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

IN THE INLET STREAM (LONE PINE CREEK) UPSTREAM TO
LARIMER CR 74E (RED FEATHER LAKES ROAD):
1. Fishing prohibited as posted.

PASS CREEK — MINERAL
MAP: PAGE 27
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.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

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.
3. Fishing prohibited in Webster Pond.

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 RD.)
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.

FROM THE U.S. 160 BRIDGE 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.

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 at coloradosprings.gov/parks and then Open Spaces for more information on opening and closing dates, permits and other rules.

BOEHMER RESERVOIR, BOEHMER CREEK:
1. Fishing prohibited in Boehmer Reservoir and Boehmer 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.

POINTS CREEK — MESA
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.
POUDRE RIVER, NORTH FORK — LARIMER
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 THE 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 THE 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 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 DIVIDE CREEK DOWNSTREAM TO BULL CREEK (ABOVE HALLIGAN RESERVOIR): 1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

FROM MILFIT 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.

PRIEST GULCH — DOLORES, MONTEZUMA
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

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 & 3 — LARIMER
1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.

PRYOR CREEK — OURAY
MAP: PAGE 21
FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO USFS BOUNDARY: 1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

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, possession, min. size for crappie is 10 fish, 10 inches long.
5. Bag and possession limit for wiper is 5.
6. Only 1 wiper longer than 21 inches may be taken per day.
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. It is unlawful to possess filleted or cleaned fish in boat on lake.

PURGAITO RIVER, MIDDLE & SOUTH FORKS — LAS ANIMAS
WITHIN BOSEC DEL OSO STATE WILDLIFE AREA: 1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. All fish must be returned to water immediately.

QUEENS RESERVOIR, NORTH & 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 & Recreation 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 3, 15 inches long.
2. Only 1 walleye longer than 18 inches may be taken per day.
3. Bag and possession limit for yellow perch is 20.

RIO BLANCO LAKE — RIO BLANCO MAP: PAGE 34
1. Min. size for largemouth bass is 15 inches long.

RIO BLANCO RIVER — ARCHULETA, CONEJOS FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO SAN JUAN WILDERNESS BOUNDARY: 1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

FROM THE BLANCO DIVERSION DAM DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE SAN JUAN 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.

RIO DE LOS PINOS — CONEJOS MAP: PAGE 18
FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE WATERFALL AT THE SOUTH SAN JUAN WILDERNESS BOUNDARY: 1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

RIO GRANDE — HINSDALE, MINERAL, RIO GRANDE MAP: PAGE 27
FROM LOWER BOUNDARY OF RIVER HILL CAMPGROUND DOWNSTREAM TO THE COLO. 149 BRIDGE: 1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Rainbow trout must be returned to water immediately.
3. Bag, possession and max. size for brown trout is 2, 12 inches long.
White River - Headwaters to Meeker

Lake Regulations
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:

from Colo. 149 Bridge at South Fork downstream to the Rio Grande Canal diversion structure:
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.

RIO LADO CREEK — MONTEZUMA
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

RIVERBEND PONDS NO. 1, 2, 3 & 5 — LARIMER
1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.

RIVER’S EDGE NATURAL AREA PONDS (BASS, DRAGONFLY & 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 & TRIBUTARIES — LARIMER
Map: Page 25
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

ROARING FORK CREEK — GRAND
Map: Page 16
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

ROARING FORK OF THE NORTH PLATE — JACKSON
WITHIN MANVILLE STATE WILDLIFE AREA:
1. Artificial flies only.
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

ROARING FORK RIVER — PITKIN, GARFIELD
Map: Page 28
From Fryingpan River to Colorado River

FROM THE CONFLUENCE WITH McFARLANE CREEK DOWNSTREAM TO THE UPPER WOODY CREEK BRIDGE:
1. Artificial flies only.
2. Trout 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 CONFLUENCES WITH FOURMILE CREEK AND THREEMILE CREEK:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
3. Bag, possession and min. size for trout is 2, 16 inches long.

ROARING FORK — MINERAL
Map: Page 27
From the headwaters downstream to the confluence with Goose Creek, including unnamed tributary streams:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

ROARING FORKS CREEK — MONTEZUMA
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

ROBINSON CREEK — GUNNISON
Map: Page 20
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

ROCK CREEK — GUNNISON
Map: Page 20
From the headwaters downstream to the confluence with Clear Fork of Muddy Creek:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

ROCK CREEK — LAKE
Map: Page 12
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:

**Meeker to Utah State Line**

**White River** - Minimum size for largemouth bass is 15 inches

**ROCK CREEK — PARK**
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

**ROCK CREEK, LITTLE — MESA**
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

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

**ROCKY FORK CREEK — PITKIN**
**MAP:** PAGE 28
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.

**ROSEMONT RESERVOIR — TELLER**
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Ice fishing prohibited.

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

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

**RUNYON/FOUNTAIN LAKES STATE WILDLIFE AREA — PUEBLO**
1. Ice fishing prohibited.

**SAGUACHE CREEK — SAGUACHE**
**MAP:** PAGE 27
From the confluence of the Middle and South Forks downstream to the confluence with California Gulch:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.

**SAGUACHE CREEK, MIDDLE FORK — SAGUACHE**
**MAP:** PAGE 27
From the 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 the headwaters downstream to the confluence with the Middle Fork of Saguache Creek:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.

**ST. VRAIN CREEK (NORTH & 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 & WEST FORKS) & 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 Colored 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.
SOUTH PLATTE RIVER — DOUGLAS, JEFFERSON, PARK, TELLER

MAP: 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 CHEESEMAN DAM DOWNSTREAM TO THE SOUTH PROPERTY LINE AT WIGWAM CLUB:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
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, MIDDLE FORK — PARK

MAP: PAGE 30

FROM THE COLO. 9 BRIDGE (4.9 MILES NORTH OF GARO) 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.

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.

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Yampa River - Headwaters to Craig

River Regulations

Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:

- **A**: Fish/lure only; All trout must be released; Spawning areas (redds) closed as posted; *Non-native fish regulation
- **B**:-fly/lure only; All trout must be released; Spawning areas (redds) closed as posted; *Non-native fish regulation
- **C**: Fish/lure only; 2 trout limit; Spawning areas (redds) closed as posted; *Non-native fish regulation
- **D**: Fish/lure only; 2 trout limit; *Non-native fish regulation
- **E**: Fish/lure only; All trout must be released; *Non-native fish regulation
- **F**: Fish/lure only; All cutthroat must be released
- **G**: Fish/lure only; All cutthroat must be released
- **H**: Fishing prohibited Jan. 1-July 31
- **I**: Fish/lure only; 2 trout limit, minimum 18 inches

*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
- **Steamboat Lake** - Gold Medal Water
- ** Vaughn Reservoir** - 2 cutthroat limit

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To Baggs, WY
1/4 mile above and below Pearl Lake
0.6 miles downstream of Stagecoach dam
0.5 mile above and below Freeman Res.
Colorado 394 Bridge
Colo 394 Bridge
1/4 mile above Freeman Res.
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.

SPRAT-PLATTE LAKE — ADAMS
1. Artificial flies and lures only. Scented flies or lures must be 1.5 inches or longer.
2. Min. size for largemouth bass is 18 inches long.

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

SPRING GULCH POND — DOUGLAS
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. All fish must be returned to water immediately.

SPRUCES CREEK — GRAND, SUMMIT
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

SPRUCES CREEK — GRAND, SUMMIT
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

STAGECOACH RESERVOIR — ROUTT
1. No bag or possession limit for walleye.

STALKER 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

STEARMANS LAKE — BOULDER
1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.

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

STEUERN CREEK, WEST FORK — GUNNISON
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
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

SWAN RIVER — SUMMIT
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag, possession and min. size for trout is 2, 16 inches long.

SWAN RIVER, NORTH FORK — SUMMIT
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

SWEITZER LAKE — DELTA
1. All fish except carp must be returned to the water immediately.

SYLVAN LAKE — EAGLE
1. Fishing prohibited Sept. 1–Nov. 30.

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

TARRYALL CREEK — PARK
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.
4. Fishing access restricted to designated fishing areas (beats). Each fishing beat restricted to occupants of vehicle in parking stall assigned to that beat (determined by corresponding number). No more than 4 anglers per vehicle. Only 1 vehicle per stall.

TAYLOR CREEK, LITTLE — MONTEZUMA
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

TAYLOR PARK RESERVOIR — GUNNISON
1. Bag and possession limit for lake trout is 3. Only 1 may be longer than 26 inches.
2. Gaffs and tail snare prohibited.

TAYLOR RIVER — GUNNISON
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

TERROR CREEK, EAST FORK — DELTA
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 & MIDDLE LAKES) — LAKE
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

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

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

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

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

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

WATER BOARD DIVERSION:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Fishing prohibited one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise.
3. Ice fishing prohibited.
4. No bag and possession limit for yellow perch.

WILDLIFE AREA DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE WATER BOARD DIVERSION:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Fishing prohibited one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise.
3. Ice fishing prohibited.
4. No bag and possession limit for yellow perch.

WILDLIFE AREA (APPROXIMATELY 0.4 OF A MILE):
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
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WILDLIFE AREA DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE HEADWATERS DOWNSWERM TO THE DENVER WATER BOARD DIVERSION:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

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1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Fishing prohibited one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise.
3. Ice fishing prohibited.
4. No bag and possession limit for yellow perch.

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

Only 1 may be longer than 26 inches.
1. Min. size for largemouth bass is 15 inches long.
2. Bag and possession limit for lake trout is 2.
3. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

**Trout Creek — Rio Blanco, Routt**

- Artificial flies and lures only.
- Bag, possession and max. size for cutthroat is 2, 16 inches long.
- Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

**Twin Creek, North & South — Gunnison**

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

**Twin Lakes — Lake**

- Bag and possession limit for lake trout is 2.
- Lake trout 22–34 inches long must be returned to the water immediately.

**Two Buttes Reservoir — Baca**

- Trot-lines and jugs permitted.

**Two Ledge Reservoir — Jackson**

- Artificial flies and lures only.

**Turquoise Reservoir — Lake**

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

**Trinnidad Reservoir — Las Animas**

- Min. size for largemouth bass and spotted bass is 15 inches long.
- Only 1 walleye or saugeye in the aggregate longer than 18 inches may be taken per day.
- Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.
- Artificial flies and lures only.
- Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

**Vallecito Creek — La Plata, San Juan**

- Artificial flies and lures only.
- Bag, possession limit and min. size for trout is 2, 16 inches long.
- Yellow perch or crappie.

**Vallecito Reservoir**

- All kokanee must be returned to water from Sept. 1–Dec. 31.

**Uncompahgre River — Ouray, Montrose, Delta**

- Artificial flies and lures only.
- From Ouray Cr 23 Bridge downstream to Ridgway Reservoir:
- From Ridgway Dam downstream to the fence just below USGS gauge station:
  - Fishing prohibited, except as posted.
- From the fence just below the USGS gauge station below Ridgway Dam downstream to the confluence with Cow Creek:
  - Artificial flies and lures only.
  - Trout must be returned to water immediately.

**Union Reservoir (Calkins Lake) — Weld**

- Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie.

**Upper SeePage Lake — Mineral**

- Artificial flies and lures only.
- Bag, possession limit and min. size for trout is 2, 16 inches long.

**Valco Ponds 4 – 7 — Pueblo**

- Largemouth, smallmouth and spotted bass must be returned to water immediately.
- Bag, possession limit for channel catfish is 1.

**Vallesito Creek — La Plata, San Juan**

- Artificial flies and lures only.
- Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.
- Trout must be returned to water immediately.

**Vallesito Reservoir**

- Min. size for wiper is 15 inches long.

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- Artificial flies and lures only.

**Upper SeePage Lake — Mineral**

- Artificial flies and lures only.
- Bag, possession limit and min. size for trout is 2, 16 inches long.

**Stagecoach Reservoir, Routt Co.**

- Go Ice Fishing!

- Learn how to ice-fish safely at cpw.info/ice-fishing-safety
WATEROYLA (LAFAYETTE) — BOULDER
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Fishing prohibited.

WALDEN PONDS (EXCEPT WALLY TOEVs POND) — 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.

WALKER STATE WILDLIFE AREA — MESA
MAP: PAGE 22
1. Fishing prohibited Oct. 1–last day of Feb.

WANANA LAKE (LAFAYETTE)— BOULDER
1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.

WASHINGTON PARK (LILY POND) — DENVER
1. Fishing open only to youth 15 or younger.

WATSON LAKE — LARIMER
MAP: PAGE 25
1. Min. size for smallmouth bass is 12 inches long.

WEST CREEK — MESA
FROM THE COLO. 141 BRIDGE DOWNSTREAM 5 MILES TO THE CONFLUENCE OF UTE CREEK:
1. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

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

WHITE RIVER, NORTH FORK — RIO BLANDO
MAP: PAGE 33
FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE SOUTH FORK OF THE WHITE RIVER:
1. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

WHITE RIVER, SOUTH FORK — RIO BLANDO
MAP: PAGE 33
FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE NORTH FORK OF THE WHITE RIVER:
1. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

WILDCAT CREEK — DOLORES, MONTEZUMA
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

WILLAINS FORK RESERVOIR — GRAND
MAP: PAGE 16
1. Northern pike 26–34 inches must be returned to the water immediately.
2. Use of spearfishing, archery, slingbows and gigs 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.

FROM THE BUOY LINE AT THE WILLAINS FORK RIVER INLET UPSTREAM TO THE FIRST GRAND CR BRIDGE:
1. Fishing and snagging prohibited Sept. 15–Nov. 30.

WILLAINS FORK RIVER — GRAND
MAP: PAGE 16
FROM WILLAINS FORK DAM DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE COLORADO RIVER:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

WILLAINS GULCH — LARIMER
MAP: PAGE 25
FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE POUDRE RIVER:
1. Fishing prohibited.

WILLLOW CREEK (LITTLE SNAKE DRAINAGE) — MOFFAT
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

WILLLOW CREEK RESERVOIR — GRAND
MAP: PAGE 16
1. Ice-fishing shelters must be portable.

WINDSORE RESERVOIR — WELD
1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.

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

WOLF CREEK, SOUTH FORK — MINERAL
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

WOLORD MOUNTAIN RESERVOIR — GRAND
MAP: PAGE 16
1. Access, including for fishing, prohibited within 150 ft. of any kokanee spawning trap or wing net from Oct. 1–Dec. 1.

WOODS LAKE 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.

YAMMA RIVER — ROUTT, MOFFAT
MAP: PAGE 36
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. Spawning areas (redds) closed to fishing as posted.

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

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

FROM THE JAMES BROWN (SOUL CENTER OF THE UNIVERSE) BRIDGE DOWNSTREAM TO THE COLO. 394 BRIDGE NEAR CRAIG:
1. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

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.

YOUNGS CREEK RESERVOIRS NO. 1, 2 & 3 — DELTA
MAP: PAGE 22
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

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
MAP: PAGE 25
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 is 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

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

TIGER TROUT
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

WIPER
Hybrid between white bass and striped bass

CHANNEL CATFISH
Barbels (whiskers); forked tail; sporadic black spotting

PIKE

OTHER SPORTFISH

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

More species identification information: cpw.info/fish-identification

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**ARCTIC CHAR**
Long, slender with small, pointed head; light spots on body; leading edge of lower fins are milk white; fine scales with smooth, slippery skin

**SPLAKE**
Cross between a brook trout and a lake trout; tri-colored pelvic fins; slightly forked tail

**GRAYLING**
Large sail-like dorsal fin; silver body; small mouth and body

**GREEN SUNFISH**
Olive-colored body with short, rounded pectoral fins with yellow trim

**REDEAR SUNFISH**
Similar to bluegill, but with dark colors on top and lighter yellow-green on the belly; males have cherry-red opercle (ear flap), females have orange

**BLUEGILL**
Opercle (ear flap) is dark to its edge and a dark blotch at the back of dorsal fin rays; small mouth

**BLACK CRAPPIE**
Black splotches on a silver body; dorsal spines and rays get longer as they approach the tail

**HUMPBACK CHUB**
Green to silver and white with an abrupt hump behind the head

**BONYTAIL CHUB**
Slight hump and a long, narrow tail

**MOUNTAIN WHITEFISH**
Mouth is smaller than a trout’s and does not extend to below the center of the eye, as it does on a trout

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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.

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- **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, long-nosed 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 in a circular motion so that water runs through the gills, or hold the fish facing upstream in slow moving water. 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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THE PENALTIES INCLUDE:
- Significant fines, up to $5,000.
- Permanent loss of your hunting and fishing privileges.
- Paying up to hundreds of thousands of dollars to reclaim the body of water.

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You could be eligible for a reward.