

Fishing Report



Friday March 27th, 2020

News and Information

Upcoming Fishing Tournaments and Events

COVID-19 Update - 3/26/20 5:00 p.m.

Effective March 26, 2020: Colorado State Parks remain open, but Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) will [close all playgrounds, campgrounds, dispersed camping and camping facilities](#) (including yurts and cabins) at Colorado's state parks as well as camping at State Wildlife Areas effective Thursday, March 26 until further notice. This action has been taken based on The Stay-At-Home Order from Colorado Governor Jared Polis and the advice of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Colorado State Parks to remain open, but Colorado Parks and Wildlife Offices & Visitor Centers limiting most public access effective Friday, March 20

CPW's 2020 walleye spawn canceled, but not all is lost for Colorado's popular warm water sport fish
Colorado Parks and Wildlife [called off its walleye spawning operation this year](#) to follow proper social distancing guidelines, but just because there will be a one-year gap in eggs sent to the state's fish hatcheries does not mean Colorado's robust walleye populations will dwindle.

CPW utilizes three bodies of water in the state for its broodstock - Lake Pueblo along with Chatfield and Cherry Creek Reservoirs. Broodstock is a group of mature fish used for breeding purposes.

Each spring during the walleye spawning operations, CPW Aquatic Biologists, other staff and an army of volunteers set out to collect a goal of roughly 130 million walleye eggs to deliver to the hatcheries. Walleye have been stocked in Colorado's waters since around 1949.

Colorado Parks and Wildlife promotes outdoor health benefits and trail safety etiquette during COVID-19 pandemic

Colorado Parks and Wildlife is diligently [working to keep state parks open so the public can enjoy the health benefits](#) associated with being outside.

As Colorado adjusts to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, it is important to find or maintain healthy pastimes that strengthen your physical and mental health. A healthy mind and body can strengthen your immune system, and nature proves to be a valuable refuge for Coloradans.

	<p>Now you can take the #ColoradoOutdoors anywhere. Follow us on @instagram @coparkswildlife! http://instagram.com/coparkswildlife</p>
	<p>Check out our CPW community on Facebook. Colorado anglers can "like" the CPW Facebook page to get tips, share stories and more. If you love the outdoors, this is the place to be. Before you head out, head for facebook.com/ColoradoParksandWildlife/.</p>
	<p>Fish with us on Twitter Colorado anglers can get updates directly from CPW on Twitter. Follow @COParksWildlife.</p>

Stocking Report

Body of Water	Region	Report Date
Milavec Reservoir	Northeast	3/10/2020
Boxelder Lake #3	Northeast	3/11/2020
Clearwater Pond #3	Northeast	3/11/2020
Glenmere Lake	Northeast	3/11/2020
Riverside Park Lake	Northeast	3/11/2020
St Vrain-Coot Pond	Northeast	3/12/2020
St Vrain-Sandpiper Pond	Northeast	3/12/2020
Barr Lake	Northeast	3/9/2020
Mann-Nyholt Lake	Northeast	3/9/2020
Rocky Mountain Lake	Northeast	3/10/2020
Berkeley Lake	Northeast	3/10/2020
Horseshoe Reservoir	Southeast	3/11/2020
Martin Lake	Southeast	3/11/2020
Quincy Reservoir	Northeast	3/12/2020
Olathe Kids Pond	Southwest	3/12/2020
Chipeta Lake	Southwest	3/12/2020
Lon Hagler Reservoir	Northeast	3/13/2020
Bear Creek Reservoir	Northeast	3/13/2020
Main Lake	Northeast	3/13/2020
Webster Lake	Northeast	3/16/2020
Thomas Reservoir	Northeast	3/16/2020
Golden Gravel Ponds #3	Northeast	3/16/2020
Carter Reservoir	Northeast	3/17/2020
Douglass Reservoir	Northeast	3/17/2020
Milavec Reservoir	Northeast	3/17/2020
Johnstown Reservoir	Northeast	3/18/2020
Poudre Ponds #1	Northeast	3/18/2020

McCall Lake	Northeast	3/18/2020
Jayhawker Pond #2	Northeast	3/18/2020
Dragonfly Pond	Northeast	3/18/2020
Willow Springs Pond #2	Southeast	3/17/2020
Willow Springs Pond #3	Southeast	3/17/2020
Sloans Lake	Northeast	3/18/2020
Centennial Park Lake	Northeast	3/18/2020
Black Hole at Two Buttes	Southeast	3/19/2020
Turks Pond	Southeast	3/19/2020
Northgate Pond #3	Southeast	3/19/2020
Northgate Pond #2	Southeast	3/19/2020
Jackson's Pond	Southeast	3/19/2020
Standley Lake	Southeast	3/20/2020

Catch of the Week



Travis caught his 18-inch rainbow trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) at Elevenmile Reservoir. This was only the second time Travis has ice fished. He caught around 20 fish throughout the day!

Have a fish you are proud of? Share your photo!
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Conditions Report - Metro

Aurora Reservoir

This 762-acre impoundment is located off of E. Quincy Avenue, two miles east of E-470. As of **3/17/2020**, Aurora Reservoir is open to boating (electric motors only). A park ranger noted that fishing has been slow to fair while using PowerBait but suggested that anglers should concentrate on fishing shallow water at this time of the year. For more information, call 303-326-8425. Park hours are 6:30 am to 8:00 pm for the month of March.

[Aurora Reservoir](#)

Chatfield Reservoir

This 1,356 impoundment is located in Chatfield State Park. As of **3/26/2020**, Chatfield Reservoir became open to boating on 3/15/2020. Recent reports have indicated that water visibility is poor at approximately three to four feet. One angler indicated that they had success with crankbait and jerkbait lures. Meanwhile, other anglers suggested a Husky Jerk, or a lipless crankbait lure when targeting Walleye.

[Chatfield Reservoir](#)

Cherry Creek Reservoir

This 881-acre impoundment is located in Cherry Creek State Park, in Aurora. There are two entrances to the park, the east entrance off S. Dayton St. and the west entrance off S. Parker Rd. As of **3/26/2020**, boating is open at Cherry Creek Reservoir. The East Ramp will be open for ANS inspections 6:00am-6:00pm for the month of March. Due to early season conditions please keep a lookout for possible floating debris, and always be aware that unmarked hazards may exist. Current water temperatures range between 45 to 50 degrees.

[Cherry Creek State Park](#)

Quincy Reservoir

As of **3/17/2020**, Quincy Reservoir is now open to boating. There have been a handful of reports of trout being caught on spoons and spinners. Restricted to artificial flies and lures only. The reservoir is restricted to watercrafts capable of being launched by hand permitted. Vehicles and trailers are not permitted in the water. Park Hours for March 6:30am-8:00pm. For more information, call 303-326-8424

[Quincy Reservoir](#)

Conditions Report - Northeast Colorado

Antero Reservoir

Reported on **3/24/2020**, there are mixed reports regarding the ice conditions at Antero Reservoir. Some anglers warn of deteriorating ice conditions while others report ice thickness between 15 and 20 inches in some areas. Anglers should use extreme caution if they decide to venture out on Antero Reservoir. About 30 miles to the east lies Eleven Mile Reservoir where more recent conditions are provided per the Eleven Mile Marina Weekly Fishing Report. Anglers looking for some late season ice season should check out Eleven Mile Reservoir. Conditions are always subject to change and anglers should use extreme caution.

[Antero Reservoir](#)

Cheesman Canyon

Report courtesy of Pat Dorsey of The Blue Quill Angler. As of **3/19/2020**, anglers are currently experiencing fair fishing conditions in Cheesman Canyon. "Cheesman Canyon regulars should prepare themselves for sporadic hatches of midges and look for the occasional fish eating adults in the slower runs, deeper pools, and tailouts. The Family Hole and Ice Box are two great areas to look for rising fish during the winter that are keying on midge-adults. Nymphing with midge larvae and pupae is your best bet right now, however, make sure you go small-size 24 and 26's. Target the transitional zones that funnel into the deeper runs and pools. The best fishing is between 11:00 a.m. and 3 p.m. when the water warms up a few degrees." Pat recommends the following patterns: #20-24 Medallion Midge, #20-22 Mercury Midge, #22 Jujubee Midge, #22 Minute Midge, #22 Tube Midge, #22-24 Black Beauty, #20-22 Red Larva, #20-22 Manhattan Midge, #20-26 Top Secret Midge, #22-24 Chocolate Foam Wing Emerger, #18 Hot Tail Flash Egg, #20-24 Griffith Gnat, #22-24 Matt's Midge, #22-26 Parachute Adams.

<https://bluequillangler.com/fishing-reports/cheesman-canyon-south-platte/>

[Cheesman Canyon](#)

Deckers - South Platte River

Report courtesy of Pat Dorsey of The Blue Quill Angler. As of **3/20/2020**, Pat explains that, “fishing has been fair at Deckers lately. Anglers willing to work hard are picking up a few nice fish. Nymphing with midge larvae and pupae is your best bet right now. Target the transitional zones that funnel into the deeper runs and pools. The best fishing is between 10:00 a.m. and 3 p.m. when the water warms up a few degrees. Currently, the river is ice free from Deckers to Night Hawk Hill. If the flow remains above 100 cfs, the lower river should remain in good shape for a while, unless temperatures drop below zero for a period of time. The biggest challenge is the cold water, currently the water temperature is 35 degrees and raises to 38 or 39 degrees on seasonably warm days.” Recommended flies include: #20-24 Medallion Midge, #20-22 Mercury Midge, #22 Jujubee Midge, #22 Minute Midge, #22 Tube Midge, #22-24 Black Beauty, #20-22 Red Larva, #20-22 Manhattan Midge, #20-26 Top Secret Midge, #22-24 Chocolate Foam Wing Emerger, #18 Hot Tail Flash Egg, #20-24 Griffith Gnat, #22-24 Matt’s Midge, #22-26 Parachute Adams.

[Deckers](#)

Eleven Mile Reservoir

Report from the Eleven Mile Marina Weekly Fishing Report. As of **3/26/2020**, “the foot of snow from last Thursday is slowly dissipating from the ice but it was a nice protective layer and it didn’t warm up until yesterday. Ice is running 15 to 22 inches with shoreline areas much thinner, down to five or six inches. Plenty of places for anglers to get on and off the ice. There is open water only at the west end at the inlet and most of the water is on the North side. Windy conditions may rapidly expand open water but it is unlikely there will be much, if any, shore access fishing this weekend. Currently, the ice remains solid but this may be some of the last spring ice fishing opportunities. It has been quite some time since we have enjoyed late March possibly early April hard water angling. Extreme Caution always advised.”

<https://www.11milesports.com/fishing-report>

[Eleven Mile State Park](#)

St. Vrain State Park

As of **3/26/2020**, park staff report that fishing has been great. Stocking has recently been completed in the follow areas of the park: Coot Pond and Sandpiper Pond.

[St. Vrain State Park](#)

Conditions Report - Southeast Colorado

Arkansas River - Leadville to Buena Vista

Information provided by Braden Baker with Ark Anglers. As of 3/22/2020, "winter tactics are the best option to take advantage of the fishing opportunities in the upper basin. Focus on fishing deeper water with tandem nymph rigs of stoneflies (8-14), midges (16-20), caddis (14-18) and blue winged olive nymphs (16-18). We will likely see good blue wing hatches in the next couple of weeks above BV. Above the Lake Creek confluence, there are still substantial ice shelves, but with the warmer weather, more and more water is becoming available. Closer to BV, areas like Granite, Numbers, and Railroad Bridge are viable options, although increased insect and fish activity will be found down-river in the lower basin around Salida. The low, clear water can make fish spooky, so approach with caution and be thoughtful in your presentations. Strikes can be subtle with the lower flows, so bring your A-game! Plan to fish the upper basin mid-day through early afternoon, when sun exposure has had a chance to warm the stream and get bugs and fish active. Focus on nymphing deeper runs that get a fair amount of sunlight. It won't be long before we start to see spring blue winged olive hatches on the upper river."

Flows: 70 CFS at Hayden Meadows, 111 CFS at Granite (3/22/2020)

[http://www.arkanglers.com/
Arkansas River](http://www.arkanglers.com/ArkansasRiver)

Arkansas River - Salida to Canon City

Information provided by Braden Baker with Ark Anglers. As of 3/22/2020, Braden noted, "we are finally seeing strong blue winged olive hatches in both the middle basin and the lower basin below Salida, bringing with them some great dry fly fishing opportunities, especially on cloudy days. As we proceed through March, fish are dispersing throughout the river rather than only holding in or near winter water. Midge larva and pupa (#16-20) are still widely available, but blue winged olive nymph activity and imminent afternoon hatches mean that most pheasant tail variations in a #16-18 will consistently get some attention. You'll want to keep some dun and emerger patterns handy to cover an emergence from here on out (Parachute Adams, Gulper Special, Sprout Baetis, Bat-wing Emergers, Barr Emergers, Jujubaetis, etc. in #16-18). Immature stonefly nymphs (#10-12) and caddis larva (#14-18) are especially effective in the morning before any hatch activity takes place. Flows are leveling out around 260 cfs below Salida following the reduction of the Twin Lakes' outflow in early March. This is an excellent flow for the fishery this time of year, as well as for wade fisherman getting an early start to their spring season."

Flows: 267 CFS at Wellsville (3/22/2020)

[http://www.arkanglers.com/
Arkansas River](http://www.arkanglers.com/ArkansasRiver)

John Martin Reservoir

As of 3/26/2020, the reservoir has retained steady but not great fishing. A few anglers have reported catching moderate amounts of White Bass. Water temperature fluctuate between the high 40's and low 50's but rising ambient temperatures may influence water temperatures in the near future. Meanwhile, at Lake Hasty, located near the eastern shore of the reservoir, anglers have reported being especially successful catching trout. Park staff also reported that anglers have begun seeing some success catching Walleye as well.

[John Martin Reservoir](#)

Pueblo Reservoir

As of 3/23/2020, Pueblo Reservoir remains slow going. A recent report stated that water temperature was recorded at 45 degrees and water clarity was decent, at about 6 feet. As the ambient temperature rises, so will the water temperature. Warmer water temperatures will make fish more active and the reservoir more productive.

[Pueblo Reservoir](#)

Trinidad Lake

As of 3/22/2020, anglers have been experiencing some luck at Trinidad Lake. A park ranger reported that boaters have had success trolling for trout and targeting walleye in deep water. Meanwhile, South Shore anglers have been catching trout with hooks tipped with dough bait and worms and commonly pull up trout between 12 to 15 inches. Reilly Canyon was also reported as producing decent sized trout while using jigs and worms.

[Trinidad Lake](#)

Conditions Report - Northwest Colorado

Grand Lake

Report from the Grand County Fishing Report from Fishing with Bernie. As of **3/23/2020**, “fishing remains fair to good for all species, but does seem to change with this crazy spring weather. The ice is holding up with the top 12” starting to get soft and the usual open water areas are starting to grow. No problems with slush or travel lately. Rainbows and browns are biting in 8-16 feet of water, pink and white spoons or tungsten jigs tipped with wax worm have been productive. Lake trout are being found suspended in 70-110 feet of water. Tube jigs, spoons and minnow style baits tipped with sucker are producing bites. Target those suspended fish with your electronics and move often until you find the active fish.” -Dan Shannon provided this information, a guide with Fishing with Bernie

www.fishingwithbernie.com

[Grand Lake](#)

Harvey Gap Reservoir

As of **3/26/2020**, there has been few notable reports coming out of Harvey Gap Reservoir. Park staff noted that ice conditions have deteriorated considerably and ice has receded to the middle of the reservoir. The continual transition to open water will allow anglers to cast from shore.

[Harvey Gap Reservoir](#)

Lake Granby

Report from the Grand County Fishing Report from Fishing with Bernie. As of **3/23/2020**, Lake Granby “has been extremely good for rainbows in the shallows. Small Jigs tipped with wax worms along the shoreline are being bit. Try 6-15’ early in the morning. When the sun hits the ice the bite is about over. Lake trout have been eating twisters, tubes, spoons and plain bait on a jig head. Do not forget to look for suspended fish over very deep water. When fishing these fish keep your lure above them.”

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[Lake Granby](#)

Lake John

As of **3/23/2020**, reports indicate that Lake John continues to retain about 14 to 16 inches of ice. Anglers report that the fishing is fairly slow. When successful, anglers were fishing in shallow water. If fishing Lake John, one report suggested that anglers consider ratso’s, kastmasters, tubes with shrimp oil, and HD Ice lures. As we begin to transition to warmer spring conditions, be aware of the dynamic ice conditions on the lake, especially along the shoreline. As always, please use caution.

[Lake John](#)

North, South, and East Delaney Lakes

As of **3/23/2020**, North and South Delaney lakes were reported to be very productive. They both have strong ice conditions, at least 18 inches. It was reported that a variety of tackle has been successful on South Delaney, including white or green Berkeley tubes, kastmasters, HD Ice lures, and spoons. In contrast to the aforementioned Delaney Lakes, East Delaney Lake fishing is at a standstill. Ice conditions have deteriorated and the shores have begun to open up. Hold off on going to East Delaney Lake until the water has opened. In the meantime, try fishing the very productive North and South Delaney Lakes.

[North Delaney Lake](#)

[South Delaney Lake](#)

[East Delaney Lake](#)

Rifle Gap Reservoir

As of **3/26/2020**, the Rifle Gap Reservoir continues to see expanded open water fishing opportunities. Anglers have reported catching a mix of trout (in deeper waters) and Northern Pike close to shore. The reservoir is not currently open to boating, anglers are restricted to shore fishing only.

[Rifle Gap Reservoir](#)

Upper Roaring Fork River - Aspen to Basalt

Report from the Taylor Creek Fly Shop fishing report. As of **3/23/2020**, “the river is now open from bank to bank and most ice has dissipated as of this week. The ice has gone away, but the snow is still quite deep. Getting to the river is tough in some spots and easier in others, be prepared to post-hole a bit getting to your favorite sections. We are not seeing a ton of dry fly action, but streamer fishing and nymphing has been quite productive. Small worms, stones and princes make great lead flies and follow them up with RS2s or various midge larva.” The folks at Taylor Creek Fly Shops recommend the following flies: Morgan's Para Midge 20-22, HOH CDC Midge Adult 24, HOH CDC Spent Midge 22-24, Sprout Midge 20-24, Skittering Z Lon Midge 20-22. NYMPHS: BLM 18-20, Tungsten Bead Baetis 20, BTS Baetis 20-22, Sparklewing RS2 20-22, Freestone Emerger 20, BH Polywing Emerger 20, Kingrey's Cap'n Hook 20-22, Bead Wing Midge 20-22, Rojo Midge 20-22, Spanflex Stone 10-12, Tungsten Split Case PMD 16-18, PMD Halfback Emerger 14-18. STREAMERS: Autumn Splendor 6, Zuddler 6, Slumpies 6-8

Flows: 20 cfs below Maroon Creek (3/23/2020)

<https://taylorcreek.com/blogs/roaring-fork-river-report/roaring-fork-river-report-3-23-20>

[Roaring Fork River](#)

Lower Roaring Fork River - Carbondale to Glenwood

Report from the Taylor Creek Fly Shop fishing report. As of **3/23/2020**, “the lower Roaring Fork is on fire! The transitions of longer and warmer days seem to get the fish out of their winter funk and put on the proverbial “feed bag.” Blue Wings are blanket-hatching, and some thick midge hatches below Carbondale as we warm up. Like always, overnight temperatures are more of a “fishiness factor” than daytime temperatures. Once we are out of the teens at night, it is game on out there. Nymphs of note are worms and princes trailed with Tungsten Bead Baetis or RS2s, play around with sizes and colors until you dial the fish in. Streamers are good right now too, don't overlook purple!” The folks at Taylor Creek Fly Shops recommend the following flies: NYMPHS: BLMs 18-20, Freestone Emerger 20, RS2s 20-22, Polywing Emerger 18-20, Biot Baetis 18-20, Thread Body Baetis 18-20, Soft Hackle BWO 20-22, Imposters 20-22, Cat Poop 8-12, San Juan Worm 10. DRIES: Perfect Baetis 20-22, No Hackle Baetis 20-22, Roy's Special Fryingpan Emerger 20-22, CDC Comparadun 18-20, Hatching Midge 20-22, HOH CDC Spent Midge 22-24, HOH CDC Midge Adult 24, Morgans Midge 18-20, Sprout Midge 18-20, Skittering Zelon Midge 20-22, Griffiths Gnat 20.

Flows: 440 cfs at Glenwood Springs (3/23/2020)

<https://taylorcreek.com/blogs/roaring-fork-river-report/roaring-fork-river-report-3-23-20>

[Roaring Fork River](#)

Vega State Park

As of **3/23/2020**, Vega State Park staff reported, “the lake is frozen with approximately 1 - 2 feet of ice near the dam and the Island. Fisherman's Flats road is closed due to excessive mud. You can still access the lake for ice fishing at Angler's Stairwell, the Island and Oak Point Campground. The edges of the ice are starting to soften by afternoon. Always use caution when accessing the lake as ice depths can vary. Fishing is excellent with anglers reporting catching nice rainbows and cutthroats in the 14 - 17 inch range with ice jigs and mealworms. We have about a foot of snow on the ground.”

[Vega State Park](#)

Conditions Report - Southwest Colorado

Animas River - Durango

As of 3/26/2020, the Animas River has been fishing well. Recent hatches have made size 20-22 Blue Winged Olive a productive fly for anglers. In addition to the dry fly action, Blue Winged Olive Emerger and midge patterned nymphs have also been successful on the Animas.

[Animas River](#)

Blue Mesa Reservoir

This is a 9000 acre storage reservoir that offers good fishing for kokanee salmon, brown trout, rainbow trout, and lake trout. Blue Mesa Reservoir is located within Curecanti National Recreation Area. As of 3/17/2020, our friends at GSO Fishing declared end of the ice fishing season. They reported that with daily highs in the 50's and lows remaining above freezing, the ice is unstable and not safe for supporting anglers. Water has begun to open up along the shorelines; however, there is not enough open water to support open water fishing at this time.

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[Blue Mesa](#)

Crawford Reservoir

As of 3/26/2020, Crawford Reservoir has fully transition from ice to open water fishing. According to park staff, there have been very few anglers who have visited the reservoir since the water has opened. Fishing is currently restricted to the shore only. The boat ramp is scheduled to open for operation on 5/1/2020.

[Crawford Reservoir](#)

Jackson Gulch Reservoir - Mancos State Park

As of 3/23/2020, park staff report that "fishing is not occurring right now. Lake is still ice-covered except for an unfishable margin right at the shoreline. The ice is totally rotten, milky blue, cracked and ugly. There is currently no open water or ice to fish right now."

[Jackson Gulch Reservoir](#)

Navajo Lake

As of 3/21/2020, there have been a few reports of Northern Pike and Catfish catches so far. Water temperature is approximately 40-45 degrees, and lake level is currently 6055.80. The boat ramp remains open on the Colorado side of the lake. Meanwhile, Navajo Lake State Park, like all New Mexico state parks, is temporarily closed until April 9th, 2020. New Mexico's Navajo Lake State Park closure starts at the Colorado/New Mexico state line.

[Navajo Lake](#)

Conditions Report - Statewide

Across the state, we continue to transition from winter to spring conditions. Last week, a storm brought several inches to the Front Range, across the plains, in the mountains, and down the western slope. Since, daily highs have continued to creep into the 50's, 60's, and 70's and lows have risen to at least freezing in some areas. These changes in ambient temperatures impact water temperatures in water bodies across the state. Whether you are chasing trout, walleye, bass, or catfish, changes to water temperature will change the ways that fish behave. Warmer water temperatures often increases activity among many fish species. For example, Walleye spawning season occurs in the transition from winter into spring and dramatically influences their feeding behaviors. They are fairly active in the pre-spawning phase and will feed near their spawning grounds. During spawning, the most activity occurs out of territorial aggression, which can make fishing slow. Finally, post-spawning is a feeding frenzy. After recovering for a day up to a week, Walleye will begin feeding to regain weight lost throughout the spawn. Spawning cycles are not universal and can vary across water bodies based on lake specific water temperatures and other factors. Fly anglers must also consider how warmer temperatures affect what is going atop of the water as well. Warmer weather initiates the start of dry fly fishing in many areas with spring blue winged olive and midge hatches. When anglers recognize an active hatch, they should throw a small (sizes #18 or smaller) BWO or midge pattern.

Tip of the Week - Be Prepared

Throughout my life I have lost hundreds of dollars of flies, line, lures, and at least one section of a fly rod. Even the most experienced angler will lose equipment at one time or another. Therefore, when that monster fish breaks the line, the fly catches a branch too high to reach, or you've snagged a log resting on the lake bottom, having the ability to cut your losses and tie on something new will keep your fishing trip headed in the right direction. By stocking up on duplicate flies or lures you can continue to present flies or lures that you know have been working despite the circumstances. Being prepared extends to other fishing equipment as well. Wading anglers who snag their waders will be thankful to carry an emergency repair kit. Meanwhile, I also like to bring along an extra rod. For me, a tenkara rod perfectly attaches to my bag and is there in case something goes wrong or I am faced with a difficult casting scenario. Whatever the situation may be, a prepared angler can find relief that they're ready to continue fishing. So when that sinking feeling of a snagged hook sets in and frustration and anger take over, take a deep breath, look around at the natural beauty, and grab a new lure, because you're ready to keep fishing.

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