

# Fishing Report



Friday June 7th, 2019

## News and Information

### Upcoming Fishing Tournaments and Events

#### Free Family Fun

Colorado Parks and Wildlife and its great Evergreen partners are hosting the [annual Evergreen Outdoors Skills Day](#) on Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to 2 pm.

CPW hatchery trucks now delivering vivid conservation messages along with millions of fish statewide. The vibrant photos of glistening [trout, bass, crappie and other aquatic life](#) beckon passing motorists as the trucks make their rounds delivering fish from CPW's 19 hatcheries to Colorado's 2,000 natural lakes, 800 reservoirs and 9,500 miles of trout streams.

#### Kid's Fishing Derby

Saturday June 8 10:00am to 1:00pm, Lathrop State Park, kids under 16 can [participate in the Kid's Fishing Derby](#). A free fishing pole (courtesy of Great Outdoors Colorado) will be given to the first 50 children.

#### "Take Me Fishing"

Saturday June 15 8:30am to 11:00am, Ridgway State Park, kids will have the [opportunity to learn a new sport, or practice](#) with rods, bait and volunteer help provided. Meet at the Pa-Cho-Chu-Puk ponds.

#### Women-only outdoor skills weekend planner for Western Colorado

Women who want to gain valuable outdoor skills, learn about wildlife and receive an introduction to hunting and fishing are invited to attend a ["Cast and Blast" weekend workshop](#), June 21-23, sponsored by Colorado Parks and Wildlife.



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	<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 <a href="http://facebook.com/ColoradoParksandWildlife/">facebook.com/ColoradoParksandWildlife/</a>.</p>
	<p>Fish with us on Twitter          Colorado anglers can get updates directly from CPW on Twitter. Follow <a href="#">@COParksWildlife</a>.</p>

# Stocking Report

Body of Water	Region	Report Date
<a href="#">Smith Reservoir</a>	Southwest	5/28/2019
<a href="#">Stabilization Reservoir</a>	Southwest	5/28/2019
<a href="#">Mountain Home Reservoir</a>	Southwest	5/28/2019
<a href="#">Palmer Lake</a>	Southeast	5/28/2019
<a href="#">Prospect Lake</a>	Southeast	5/28/2019
<a href="#">Ruedi Reservoir</a>	Northwest	5/28/2019
<a href="#">Copper Mountain Pond</a>	Northwest	5/28/2019
Blue River #3	Northwest	5/28/2019
<a href="#">Rampart Reservoir</a>	Southeast	5/28/2019
Staunton Reservoir #1	Southeast	5/28/2019
Staunton Reservoir #2	Southeast	5/28/2019
<a href="#">Roaring Judy Ponds</a>	Southwest	5/28/2019
<a href="#">Pastorius Reservoir</a>	Southwest	5/28/2019
<a href="#">North Lake Park Pond</a>	Northeast	5/29/2019
<a href="#">Standley Lake</a>	Northeast	5/29/2019
<a href="#">Arvada Reservoir</a>	Northeast	5/29/2019
<a href="#">Beaver Creek Reservoir</a>	Southwest	5/29/2019
<a href="#">Seymour Reservoir</a>	Northeast	5/29/2019
<a href="#">Slack and Weiss Reservoir</a>	Northeast	5/29/2019
<a href="#">Wolford Mountain Reservoir</a>	Northwest	5/29/2019
<a href="#">Summit Reservoir</a>	Southwest	5/29/2019
<a href="#">Eaglewatch Lake</a>	Northeast	5/30/2019
<a href="#">Smith Lake</a>	Northeast	5/30/2019
<a href="#">Muddy Pass Lake</a>	Northeast	5/30/2019
<a href="#">Willow Creek Reservoir</a>	Northwest	5/30/2019
<a href="#">Granby Reservoir</a>	Northwest	5/30/2019
<a href="#">Ranger Lake Lower</a>	Northeast	5/30/2019

<a href="#">Ranger Lake Upper</a>	Northeast	5/30/2019
<a href="#">Buena Vista Kids Pond</a>	Southeast	5/30/2019
<a href="#">Cottonwood Lake</a>	Southeast	5/30/2019
<a href="#">Fairplay Kids Pond</a>	Southeast	5/30/2019
<a href="#">Pine Valley Ranch Lake</a>	Southeast	5/30/2019
<a href="#">Chatfield Reservoir</a>	Northeast	5/30/2019 & 5/31/2019
<a href="#">Ridgway Reservoir</a>	Southwest	5/31/2019
<a href="#">Lake San Cristobal</a>	Southwest	5/31/2019
<a href="#">Dillion Reservoir</a>	Northwest	5/28/2019 & 5/31/2019
North Platte River #2	Northeast	5/31/2019
<a href="#">North Platte River #B2</a>	Northeast	5/31/2019
<a href="#">DeWeese Reservoir</a>	Southeast	5/31/2019
<a href="#">Riverside Ponds</a>	Southeast	5/31/2019

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## Catch of the Week



**Keri with a beauty of a brown trout caught on the fly rod!**

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# Conditions Report - Metro

## Aurora Reservoir

This 762-acre impoundment is located off E. Quincy Avenue, two miles east of E-470. Open to boating. Electric trolling motors only. As of 5/28/2019, trout fishing is slow to fair with a handful of some good reports. Best area has been off the dam using power bait from a slip rig. Boaters are reporting fair to good success on trout trolling with lures and fishing with crawlers off the bottom in 20-25' of water. Trout, walleye, and perch action has been slow to fair at this point. For more information call 303-326-8425. Park hours May 5:30am-9:00pm. Restricted to electric motors only.

[Aurora Reservoir](#)

## Chatfield Reservoir

This 1,356-acre impoundment is located in Chatfield State Park. As of 6/7/2019, water temperatures are in the high 50's to low 60's. The recent stabilization of the weather has improved the fishing. Anglers targeting smallmouth are having success on tube jigs and swimbaits along rocky shorelines. Walleye anglers have been reporting a lot of success using live bait rigs along the underwater roadbeds. Jigging with paddletails has also produced some good walleye action and some slightly larger fish. Trout fishing has been fair with most fish being caught on nightcrawlers floated about a foot off bottom. Fish have seemed to be most active in the evening hours.

[Chatfield Reservoir](#)

## Cherry Creek

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 5/30/2019, water temperatures are slowly getting back into the low 60's with the recent stretch of slightly warmer water. Anglers targeting trout are reporting success using nightcrawlers or PowerBait. Anglers fishing for walleye are having success jigging blade baits on underwater points throughout the reservoir.

[Cherry Creek Reservoir](#)

## Quincy Reservoir

As of 5/28/2019 Bass fishing has started to pick up again. Reports of bass starting to spawn. A few reports of smallmouth bass being caught off the dam using jigs. Restricted to artificial flies and lures only. Some reports of perch being caught using jigs. Only watercraft capable of being launched by hand permitted. Vehicles and trailers are not permitted in the water. For more information call 303-326-8424. Park Hours May 5:30am-9:00pm.

[Quincy Reservoir](#)

# Conditions Report - Northeast Colorado

## Antero Reservoir

As of 6/7/2019, water temperatures are in the high 40's to low 50's. With the warmer water temperatures the fish are becoming more active. Anglers have been having the most success in the deeper sections of this shallow reservoir.

[Antero Reservoir](#)

## Barr Lake

As of 5/28/2019, water temperatures are in the high 50's but fishing has remained slow. Anglers are having some very limited success catching a few walleye and wiper. Water clarity is still considered good for this reservoir at 5 to 6 feet. Weeds are starting to grow in the shallower sections of the reservoir which can make the fishing tough but gives anglers a starting point when trying to find the fish.

[Barr Lake State Park](#)

## Deckers and Cheesman Canyon

As of 6/7/2019, flows have dropped from the previous week (low 200s) to right around 120CFS. With low water fish will be looking for deep pools. Dries have been productive when paired with a delicate presentation as water clarity is excellent and fish will be spooked easily. Dry-Dropper setups allowing surface and sub-surface waters to be covered should give anglers success.

Flows: 123 CFS (6/7/2019)

[Deckers and Cheesman Canyon](#)

### **Eleven Mile Reservoir**

As of 5/30/2019, water temperatures are being reported around 48 degrees. Trout fishing is very good currently with fish of all sizes being caught both from shore and from boats. Kokanee fishing is currently fair but is slowly improving as the water continues to warm. Pike fishing is still lacking but is improving as the water warms, look for the fish to be using newly emerging vegetation as an ambush location and good place to target large pike.

[Eleven Mile State Park](#)

### **Jackson Lake**

As of 6/5/2019, Surface water temperature is approximately 65 degrees. The water has cleared from the recent algae bloom. Anglers are reporting success along the north shore in shallower areas of the lake. Walleye are doing fair, while Wipers are being reported as good. Most Wipers are under the 15" limit however, anglers are reporting catching high numbers of them. Twister tails and jigs are the lures of choice.

[Jackson Lake State Park](#)

### **North Sterling Reservoir**

As of 5/27/2019, water temperature is about 56 degrees. Fishing report - Carp and Drum are fair, Walleye and Crappie fishing is Good/Great with limits being caught routinely. Walleye are being caught on worms, leeches and jigs on a slow retrieval. Crappie are being caught on small jigs and minnows. The Reservoir is OPEN to BOATING. The Inlet is ON and the Outlet is OFF.

[North Sterling Reservoir](#)

### **Spinney Mountain Reservoir**

As of 5/30/2019, water temperatures are still hovering in the high 40's with inconsistent weather patterns keeping things relatively cool. Fishing has been tough as the strong South Park winds have stirred up the reservoir and decreased water clarity. Anglers fishing with jerk baits are still having some success as the fish key in on the vibrations of more aggressive lures when the water is stained. Pike fishing has slowed slightly over the last week but anglers are still able to catch a few using larger jerk baits or swimbaits.

[Spinney Mountain Reservoir](#)

### **Tarryall Reservoir**

As of 5/30/2019, fishing has been very good the last few days for trout. The most productive baits have been PowerBait or artificial salmon eggs. Anglers have reported quick limits of fish being caught. Anglers fishing with lures have had the most success using small blue and silver Kastmasters.

[Tarryall Reservoir](#)

## **Conditions Report - Southeast Colorado**

### **Adobe Creek Reservoir**

As of 5/27/2019, fishing for crappies is good; Anglers have been having success using jigs, small crankbaits and minnows. Fishing for other species has been slow. The low water boat ramp is usable.

[Adobe Creek Reservoir](#)

### **Arkansas River-Below Pueblo Reservoir**

As of 6/7/2019, flows have been on the increase all week long. Fly anglers are having success targeting trout by nymphing San Juan worms, egg patterns, and larger stonefly patterns, but don't forget your dry patterns as hatches should encourage rising fish in the later parts of the day Anglers fishing with spin casting gear are having luck with in-line spinner baits or small jerk baits. Due to the higher flows fish will be on the search for slow moving water where they can get some relief.

Flows: 1960 CFS (6/7/2019)

[Lake Pueblo State Park](#)

### **Arkansas River - Buena Vista to Canon City**

As of 6/7/2019, water temperatures are hanging in the 40s. Flows are way up compared to last week as a lot of runoff has been entering the waterway. This is causing poor visibility and challenging conditions for anglers to compete with. Due to fast flows, fish will be looking for any slower moving sections of river (banks, pockets etc). Large streamers, large dries with droppers will likely be the most productive route. With fast high water, be extra careful if you find yourself wading.

Flows: 2530 CFS (6/7/2019)

[Arkansas River](#)

### **John Martin Reservoir**

As of 5/29/2019, the lake is about 20 feet low. The recent stretch of consistent weather has the fishing picking up with anglers reporting days of catching over 30 white bass with ease. Crappie and saugeye have been a bit tougher to come by.

[John Martin Reservoir State Park](#)

### **Pueblo Reservoir**

As of 5/30/2019, water temperatures are finally reaching 60 degrees, which has really turned the fishing on. Bass are being caught on a wide variety of presentations such as more aggressive crankbaits or lipless crankbaits. Other anglers targeting bass with more finesse techniques are also having success. Walleye anglers are having the best success using live bait rigs along underwater points in the 15 to 25 foot of water range. Other anglers are also having luck using slip bobbers with leeches, minnows, or nightcrawlers as bait. Be sure to check the [2019 Fishing Brochure](#) for updates on new Pueblo Specific Regulations for 2019. Boat Ramp/Inspection Station hours are currently 5:00am to 11:00pm.

[Lake Pueblo State Park](#)

### **Trinidad Lake State Park**

As of 5/28/2019, the lake is at 778 surface acres with a surface elevation of 6188.83. Water temperature is sitting in the high 50's. Boaters are having excellent success catching trout. Trolling with worms or spinners seems to be the go to rig. There are reports of walleye being caught in 15 to 20 feet of water. Water clarity is slightly off color due to recent snowmelt and rain. The boat ramp is open, inspection hours are from 8:00am to 4:00pm daily. If there is not an inspector at the ramp, please call the ranger cell phone numbers at 719-859-0480 or 719-989-7194 or the visitor center at 719-846-6951 from 8:00am to 4:00pm.

[Trinidad Lake](#)

## **Conditions Report - Northwest Colorado**

### **Blue River - Silverthorne**

As of 6/7/2019, flows have stayed around 400cfs. Although flows are up some anglers have still been able to get into some nice fish. With high water, fish will be looking for any area that offers some slower pockets that offer some current relief. Nymphing is going to be most productive. Do not forget your streamers as anglers have also been having some success on larger flies.

Flows: 407 CFS (6/7/2019)

[Blue River](#)

### **Colorado River - Near Kremmling**

As of 6/7/2019, with runoff season slowly beginning, fishing on the Colorado River has been tough but dedicated anglers can have success. The only few reports of success are coming from anglers using spoons, or jerk baits fished in the current. Fly anglers are also having some success nymphing large flashy flies such as flashback pheasant tails or stonefly imitations. Try out a multiple nymph rig to test fish in various depths.

Flows: 2180 CFS (6/7/2019)

[Colorado River](#)

### **Lake Granby**

As of 5/27/2019, water temperatures are at 47 degrees. Casting lures shallow near the shorelines during lowlight periods is producing some good brown trout action. Lake Trout have been caught all over the reservoir in a wide variety of depths with some being extremely shallow and other fish being caught on deep structure. Jigging is still probably one of the best techniques for targeting lakereels in these deep mountain reservoirs.

[Lake Granby](#)

### **Lake John**

As of 6/7/2019, fishing is a little slower than normal for this time of year but the water temperature is starting to rise. The water temperature is 56 degrees. People are still catching fish here and the average size is nicer this year compared to last year. As the water temperatures continue to climb the fishing activity continues to increase as well. The fish do appear to be in more shallow waters right now and crawlers seem to be doing the trick.

[Lake John](#)

### **Steamboat Lake**

As of 6/1/19, Creeks are thawed and running quickly. The lake is ice-free and fishing has been great so far!

[Steamboat Lake State Park](#)

### **Vega Reservoir**

As of 5/25/2019, fishing is good with anglers reporting catching some nice rainbows and cutthroats in the 12 to 16 inch range. The Island and Early Settlers boat ramps are open at this time. Oak Point Boat ramp will remain closed this summer due to a silting problem at the bottom of the ramp. All boats must be inspected prior to launching. The ANS inspection station and entrance gate open at 7:00am and close at 8:30pm daily. If you have a valid pre-inspection receipt and seal then you may launch prior to 8:00 a.m.

[Vega State Park](#)

## **Conditions Report - Southwest Colorado**

### **Blue Mesa Reservoir**

As of 5/30/2019, the water level has started to stabilize as outflows through the dam have increased. There is still a large amount of floating debris present in the reservoir so anglers are encouraged to use caution when navigating on a boat. The reservoir is open for boating, boat inspection hours are 6:00am to 8:00pm 7 days a week, launching will be available at the Elk Creek Boat Ramp as well as the Lake Fork Boat Ramp. Fishing for trout has still been good casting jigs and jerk baits along shore, if you are not having success look a bit deeper as the fish are staying slightly deeper with rising water levels. Trolling for kokanee salmon has been consistent with fish spread at various depths. Lake trout fishing has been slow but the occasional large fish have been caught. For more information, contact Curecanti National Recreation Area at 970-641-2337.

[Blue Mesa Reservoir](#)

### **Crawford Reservoir**

As of 6/4/2019, we have had many anglers, both shore fishing and fishing from boats. They have reported catching pike and largemouth bass, as well as perch and crappie. Remember that there is a lake specific limit on the bass. They must be 18 inches or larger to keep, and you can only keep ONE. Statewide limits pertain to all other species.

[Crawford State Park](#)

### **Gunnison River - near Gunnison**

As of 5/31/2019, flows have been steadily decreasing over the last week which will have the fish start spreading out again and making the fishing good. Anglers are still having the most success using nymphs in the slower deeper pools. Other anglers have had some limited success fishing the small pockets of slack water behind larger rocks. Look for flows to increase as the Gunnison Basin has well above average snowpack.

**Flows: 1640 CFS (5/31/2019)**

[Gunnison River](#)

### **Ridgway Reservoir**

As of 5/29/2019, fishing in the reservoir for trout is good, productive lures and baits are worms, artificial salmon eggs, in-line spinners, and Rapalas. Larger fish have been caught trolling in deeper water. The fishing ponds at Pa-Co-Chue-Pak have been fishing well with small worms, PowerBait and egg imitations.

[Ridgway Reservoir](#)

### **Taylor Park Reservoir**

As of 6/7/2019, the lake is open to boating with ANS Inspectors present 8:00am to 6:00pm daily. Fishing has been slow to start the season. Anglers have been reporting occasional success jigging deep water for Lake Trout. Water levels are still low but with a lot of snowpack on the surrounding peaks water levels are expected to rise quickly!

[Taylor Park Reservoir](#)

### **Taylor River - Below Taylor Park Reservoir**

As of 6/7/2019, flows out of Taylor Park Reservoir are much higher than average for this time of year which is making the fishing on the tailwater section very difficult. Nymphing is the ticket as the water is on the rise, worms, eggs, and shrimp should produce the greatest success for anglers.

**Flows: 661 CFS (6/7/2019)**

[Taylor River](#)

# Conditions Report - Statewide

The recent weather patterns have been bittersweet when it comes to conditions on rivers and streams statewide. The cooler weather has slowed runoff a bit giving anglers a few extra days of prime flows to take advantage. Streams on the Front Range are still flowing at optimal levels providing for exception opportunities for anglers to get out and do some nymphing and even some dry fly fishing. The disadvantage to the recent weather patterns is localized heavy amounts of rain that can quickly increase flows on certain streams and rivers. With that being said there are some streams and rivers throughout the state flowing much higher than average. In those instances, the fish have likely pushed out of the main river channel and onto the edges that are flowing slower and with slightly better visibility. This extra moisture will surely get the substrate stirred up which can flush some of the larger insects and worms into the flow and the trout will surely be feeding heavily. The best way to target these edges is either by nymphing something relatively large and flashy that will catch the attention of feeding fish or larger streamers that make the calories expended worth the meal for the fish.

## Tip of the Week

### Multi-Species Angling

Anglers in Colorado have the privilege of having a wide variety of species as well as bodies of water to fish. Even so, I have noticed anglers will get hyper-focused into fishing for one specific species or fishing with one specific technique. I believe targeting as many different species of fish with as many different techniques as possible is one of the best ways to become a better overall angler. Being able to switch gears and adapt quickly to target a new species of fish or learn a new technique will only benefit anglers down the road when fishing conditions are less than ideal because anglers that have tried a wide variety of techniques will be able to adjust to the conditions efficiently and find the technique that is working for those exact conditions. The other benefit of being a multi-species angler is extending your prime fishing season. With so many different species in the state the best time to target those species is often different meaning anglers can cherry pick the best times to target a given species to give themselves fantastic year-round fishing opportunities.

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