

Fishing Report



Friday July 31st, 2020

News and Information

COVID-19 Update - 7/16/2020

Governor Polis has issued [Executive Order D 2020-138](#), requiring the use of non-medical facial coverings/masks in public indoor spaces statewide for all individuals aged 11 or older, effective as of midnight, July 17. Executive Order D 2020-138 is in effect for 30 days, and is subject to future extensions. The order applies to all Colorado Parks and Wildlife offices, visitor centers, classes and organized events occurring indoors. To protect workers, customers, and the community, no business serving the public in a Public Indoor Space may provide service to a customer or allow a customer to enter or move within that Public Indoor Space, unless the customer is wearing a face covering. Any individual who knowingly enters or remains in a Public Indoor Space in violation of the terms of this Executive Order may be subject to civil or criminal penalties, per the order.

Colorado Parks and Wildlife group picnic areas for groups of 25 or fewer; campgrounds including cabins, yurts and group camping for groups of 25 or fewer; camper services buildings; and designated swim areas are now open. Please follow all directions and precautions required by Governor Polis's Safer at Home and in the Vast, Great Outdoors Order. The check-in time for all yurt and cabin reservations is now 4 p.m. Playgrounds at Colorado's state parks remain closed until further notice. There are exceptions in counties with remaining health orders or areas remaining closed by county request. For commonly asked questions, including details on available SWA camping, [please review our Camping FAQ](#). Most Colorado Parks and Wildlife visitor centers, service centers and CPW offices are open with limited access to the public. Front desk areas and staffed drive-up windows will open to customers with social distancing and safety at the forefront. Individual location hours may vary, so please call for hours before visiting your nearest office or park. Restrictions and closures remain subject to change.

Great American Outdoors Act provides essential funds to Colorado conservation and recreation initiatives

Congress passed the [Great American Outdoors Act](#) and approved \$900 million of annual funds for the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) to ensure necessary investments are allocated to protect irreplaceable lands and outdoor recreation opportunities in every state. This [historic legislation will help direct funds to maintenance projects in Colorado](#) to conserve public lands, waterways and wildlife habitat for future generations to enjoy.

CPW asks anglers to mind weather, water conditions when trout fishing

Colorado Parks and Wildlife is encouraging trout anglers statewide to [consider fishing early in the day and in higher altitude](#) lakes and streams as hot, dry conditions and reduced water levels may increase stress to trout populations.

Big Prizes beckon smallmouth bass anglers to Ridgway State Park tournament

If you need an extra excuse to go fishing, [head over to Ridgway State Park July 11 - Aug. 9 to participate in the Sixth Annual Smallmouth Bass Fishing Tournament](#) sponsored by Colorado Parks and Wildlife.

	<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
Sheriff Reservoir	Northwest	7/13/2020
Trap Lake	Northeast	7/3/2020
Poudre River #2	Northeast	7/14/2020
Poudre River #3	Northeast	7/14/2020
Big Creek Lake Lower	Northeast	7/15/2020
Ridgway Reservoir	Southwest	7/14/2020
Taylor Reservoir	Southwest	7/16/2020
Chalk Creek Lake	Southeast	7/13/2020
Turquoise Lake	Southeast	7/13/2020
Twin Lakes	Southeast	7/13/2020
Wrights Lake	Southeast	7/13/2020
Jefferson Lake	Northeast	7/14/2020
Barnes Meadows	Northeast	7/15/2020
Buena Vista Kids Pond	Southeast	7/15/2020
Mount Elbert Forebay	Southeast	7/15/2020
South Platte River #3B	Northeast	7/15/2020
Twin Spruce Ponds	Southwest	7/14/2020
Molas Lake Big	Southwest	7/15/2020
Animas River #2	Southwest	7/16/2020
Animas River #4	Southwest	7/16/2020
San Juan River #2	Southwest	7/17/2020
San Juan River, East Fork	Southwest	7/17/2020
Vallecito Reservoir	Southwest	7/17/2020
Ridgway Reservoir	Southwest	7/16/2020
Ridgway Reservoir	Southwest	7/18/2020
Avery Lake	Northwest	7/17/2020
Bel Aire Ponds	Northwest	7/17/2020

Sleepycat Ponds	Northwest	7/17/2020
Riverside Ponds	Southeast	7/20/2020
Tarryall Reservoir	Northeast	7/20/2020
Rampart Reservoir	Southeast	7/21/2020
Clear Creek Reservoir	Southeast	7/22/2020
Davis Pond #1	Northeast	7/22/2020
Davis Pond #2	Northeast	7/22/2020
Sands Lake	Southeast	7/22/2020
Laramie Lake	Northeast	7/21/2020
Trap Lake	Northeast	7/21/2020
Ridgway Reservoir	Southwest	7/21/2020
Avery Lake	Northwest	7/22/2020
Bel Aire Ponds	Northwest	7/22/2020
Sleepycat Ponds	Northwest	7/22/2020
Rifle Gap Reservoir	Northwest	7/22/2020
Elk Creek, East	Northwest	7/22/2020
Rifle Creek	Northwest	7/22/2020
Blue River #3	Northwest	7/21/2020
Trent Pond	Northwest	7/21/2020
Teal Lake	Northwest	7/21/2020
Copper Mountain Ponds	Northwest	7/21/2020
Coulter Lake	Northwest	7/23/2020
Kriley Pond	Northwest	7/23/2020
Slough Pond	Northwest	7/23/2020
Dolores River #4	Southwest	7/21/2020
Dolores River #5	Southwest	7/21/2020
Vallecito Reservoir	Southwest	7/22/2020
Taylor Reservoir	Southwest	7/23/2020
Buckhorn Lake Big	Southwest	7/21/2020
Ridgway Reservoir	Southwest	7/22/2020

San Miguel River #3	Southwest	7/23/2020
Gunnison Pond	Southwest	7/24/2020
Hot Springs Reservoir	Southwest	7/24/2020
Pac-Man Lake	Southwest	7/24/2020
Riverway Pond	Southwest	7/24/2020



Missed your region's Angler Roundtable? No worries! Click on the links below to watch the recorded Angler Roundtables.

[Northwest Region June 10, 2020](#)

[Southwest Region June 15, 2020](#)

[Southeast Region June 25, 2020](#)

[Northeast Region July 15, 2020](#)

Catch of the Week



Gabriel with his first tiger trout!

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Conditions Report - Metro

Aurora Reservoir

As of 7/27/2020, trout fishing from shore is slow to fair. Anglers have been using PowerBait from the dam with mild success. The trout are deeper now, so casting out 40 to 50 yards is recommended. Trout action from boats is fair to good while trolling with crawlers. Walleye action has been fair to good trolling with bottom bouncers and crawlers in 25' to 30' of water. For more information call 303-326-8425. Park Hours for August 5:30am-9:00pm. Restricted to electric motors only and portable gas tanks must be removed.

[Aurora Reservoir](#)

Chatfield Reservoir

As of 7/22/2020, anglers have been having success at Chatfield Reservoir. One angler noted having success pulling in smallmouth bass and trout from shore. They reported fish were attracted to both chartreuse worms and small jerkbaits. A recent water temperature measurement was recorded at 70 degrees and the water level was estimated to be approximate 4' below full pool. Aquatic Nuisance Species Inspections will be conducted at the North and South ramps from 6am -10pm seven days a week. Vessel Decontamination will only be performed during daylight hours.

[Chatfield Reservoir](#)

Cherry Creek Reservoir

As of 7/19/2020, Cherry Creek remains to be productive. An angler reported they were able to attract walleye on both metal spoons and swim baits. They also noticed an influx of shad appearing in many areas across the lake. Water temperature was measured at 75 degrees on 7/29/2020 with recent variability between 73 to 76 degrees. The water surface level is currently at normal levels for this time of the year. The reservoir is open for boating with two boat ramps and ANS inspections stations open daily from 6am-10 pm. The West boat ramp is closed on Wednesdays.

[Cherry Creek State Park](#)

Quincy Reservoir

As of 7/27/2020, bass fishing is slow to fair with a few good reports of anglers using soft plastics and top water lures. Early mornings and evenings have been the best time to fish. There have been reports of smallmouth being caught from the dam using jigs. Yellow perch fishing is fair to good using jigs. Restricted to artificial flies and lures only. Only watercraft capable of being launched by hand are permitted. Vehicles and trailers are not permitted in the water. Park Hours for August 5:30am-9:00pm. For more information call 303-326-8424.

[Quincy Reservoir](#)

Conditions Report - Northeast Colorado

Boyd Lake

As of 7/8/2020, the staff at Boyd Lake report that there has been excellent fishing at the lake. Specifically, anglers have had success catching trout on either worms or spinners near the Pumphouse and along shorelines at a depth of around 8'. The bite has also been on among white bass as well. Anglers have been pulling in white bass using jigs and deep runners at a depth of 20-30'. There has also been good fishing for carp, crappie, and walleye. Bowfishers have had success with carp along the shorelines. Kastmasters and rapallas have gotten anglers into crappie. Meanwhile, a slow death rig/bottom bouncer with chartreuse spinner and worm harness will attract walleye. The main and Heron Cove boat ramps are currently open. ANS inspections are available 6am to 10pm and decontaminations are available 8am to 8pm at the main boat ramp.

[Boyd Lake](#)

Eleven Mile Reservoir

As of 7/23/2020, the Eleven Mile Marina reports that fishing for trout continues to be good at Eleven Mile Reservoir. While noted as generally good, the marina warned that "when it is hot and calm the bite is a little slower. Weeds are beginning to be an issue for trolling. The weeds are usually down early am but get bad as the sun gets higher in the sky." They suggest that anglers targeting trout should consider throwing Tas Devils, Kastmasters, or Needlefish but jigging tubes and marabous have been effective when weeds become trouble. They also note that there has been good shore action "with people pitching Kastmasters or your favorite bait." Outside of trout, there has only been moderate action among northern pike. To catch norther pike the marina suggests anglers "work the weed lines on the west or rock drop offs on the east. Big sticks and spinner baits have also done well. We catch them on the Kastmaster which has generally been one of the better performing lures this season."

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

[Eleven Mile State Park](#)

Horsetooth Reservoir

As of 7/19/2020, there continues to be reports of fish activity at Horsetooth Reservoir, especially among smaller fish at approximately 12" to 15". One angler noted they were able to pull in fish from 10' to 15' down the water column. They were the most successful using small swimbaits to attract fish. Water temperature was recently recorded between 71 and 73 degrees with water clarity at about 4'. ANS stations are open 6am to 10pm, 7 days a week at the following boat ramps: South Bay Ramp, Inlet Bay Ramp, and Satanka Ramp.

[Horsetooth Reservoir](#)

North Sterling Reservoir

As of 7/19/2020, a recent report indicated there is good fishing still going on at North Sterling Reservoir. One angler noted that they caught their limit of crappie and also landed a bluegill and walleye. Water temperatures have been recently measured in the high 60's to low 70's. The Elks ramp is open daily 7am-9pm, the South ramp is open Fr.-Su., 7am-9pm; M., 8am-4pm.

[North Sterling Reservoir](#)

Spinney Mountain Reservoir

As of 7/22/2020, fishing at Spinney Mountain Reservoir was reported as fair. One angler explained that they saw a lot of fish activity but still came up empty. Specifically, they noted there being a lot of activity early in the day, especially in shallow waters. When you know there are fish present, it's best to try as many lures/bait/flies as possible. Trial and error should help narrow down what fish are interested in. Sometimes, however, fish that see a lot of pressure will be resistant to bite whatever you throw at them. Water temperature at Spinney Mountain Reservoir was recorded at 63 degrees and water levels were estimated to be approximate 5' below full pool.

[Spinney Mountain Reservoir](#)

Rampart Reservoir

As of 7/19/2020, Rampart Reservoir has been fishing well, especially among lake trout. One report indicated the most lake trout action occurred between 40' to 90' down the water column. Despite the activity among suspended lake trout, anglers suggested there was little top water activity to be had. Water temperature was recorded at 64 degrees. According to the US Forest Service, "all trailered and motorized watercraft are only allowed from 7am to 5pm Thursdays through Sundays when CPW is performing aquatic nuisance species inspections. Hand launched watercraft may be launched from the boat ramp Monday - Sunday 7am to 5 pm.

[Rampart Reservoir](#)

Conditions Report - Southeast Colorado

Arkansas River - Leadville to Buena Vista

Information provided by Braden Baker with Ark Anglers. As of 7/29/2020, Braden writes that “we’ve got excellent conditions right now on the upper Arkansas. The Hayden Meadows area is the most approachable section to wade fish, but if anglers are comfortable rock hopping through BV and the Numbers, good pocket water is available along the edges. Expect to see some gray drake, pale morning dun and caddis activity in Hayden Meadows, with more golden stoneflies and yellow sallies as you head towards Buena Vista. Even if nothing is hatching, you’ll likely find opportunistic, competitive fish taking refuge in velocity shelters looking for an easy meal. Think dry-dropper or shallow nymphing with large attractor flies like chernobyl ants, stimulators, Pat’s rubberlegs, etc. The fish in Hayden meadows are starting to disperse along the entire river. Many fish will still be found in the undercut banks and pockets on the edge but don’t forget to cast into riffles and pools out away from the bank too. Below the Twin Lakes confluence the majority of your fish are still along the edges where they can find shelter from the current.”

Flows: 178 CFS at Hayden Meadows, 495 CFS at Granite (7/29/2020)

<http://www.arkanglers.com/>

[Arkansas River](#)

Arkansas River - Buena Vista to Salida

Information provided by Braden Baker with Ark Anglers. As of 7/29/2020, “the river has remained clear above Chalk Creek over the past few days, but below Chalk has seen varying levels of discoloration as the creek itself has runoff following significant rain up the Chalk Creek valley. The creek seems to be stabilizing and recovering, and with the clear forecast over the next few days we should see a quick return of quality conditions on the river all the way from Buena Vista down to Salida...Currently, you’ll want to focus on fishing the soft pockets of slower water along the edges, dropoffs and mid-stream pocket water. We’ve had some great reports from anglers working the edges with large attractor dry/dropper setups, and flies that imitate grasshoppers and stoneflies are usually the ticket. Golden stones, yellow sallies and pale morning duns are the key food items here, and a mix of caddis are active as well.”

Flows: 756 CFS at Helca Junction (7/29/2020)

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[Arkansas River](#)

Horseshoe Lake

As of 7/17/2020, according to rangers at Lathrop State Park, “trout fishing has dropped off dramatically, due to higher temperatures. Crappie and bass fishing on Horseshoe has been more productive than on Martin, with most anglers stating that artificial lures, jigs, plastic worms, and spinners result in the most takes. Warmer waters have led to increased activity from catfish and carp. Fishing for catfish has been reported as being the most active around dawn and dusk, and anglers are having success with worms or liver based baits.”

[Horseshoe Lake](#)

Lake Pueblo

As of 7/16/2020, reports from anglers indicate that Lake Pueblo is fishing very well. The water temperature has been recorded in the low 70’s while recent ambient temperatures have been high. These high temperatures have made night fishing anglers best bet. Anglers have had success fishing from boat and shore. Nightcrawlers and leeches suspended below a slip bobber has gotten a lot of anglers into a variety of fish species, specifically wiper, walleye, smallmouth and largemouth bass. Reports also suggest that the shad hatch is on. Anglers should bring shad patterned lures to take advantage. Boat ramps are open with inspection hours 5am to 12am and decontamination hours 8am to 7pm. Park staff note that the park is experiencing high visitation and heavy boating usage. Expect long lines at the entrance to the park, to launch your boat and to find a parking space. Be prepared to walk a distance from your parking spot. Waiting times of one to two hours may occur during the peak times: 11 am to 4 pm on weekends.

[Pueblo Reservoir](#)

Lake Trinidad

As of 7/21/2020, there continues to be good fishing at Lake Trinidad. Surface water temperatures have recently been recorded between 71-74 degrees. These temperatures have pushed trout into deeper waters and other species have been active in shallow waters. Walleye, perch, and bluegill have been noted to be active recently, especially in waters 25’ or less. Boaters have had luck trolling for walleye and perch at around 15’ to 25’ below the surface, meanwhile, boaters can troll deeper in the water column to find trout. Shore anglers have been successful with hooks tipped in dough bait or nightcrawlers, especially in the mornings and evenings. In Reilly Canyon, water levels have been low and significant grass blooms have restricted fishing opportunities along shorelines. Beyond the weeds, boaters have been successful reeling in walleye and bluegill.

[Lake Trinidad](#)

Martin Lake

As of 7/17/2020, park staff at Lathrop State Park reported the following conditions for Martin Lake: “trout fishing has dropped off over the past weeks, in part due to higher water temperatures and windy conditions. Both largemouth and smallmouth bass have been active, as well as yellow perch. Trolling or fishing with swimbaits has led to more anglers pulling in pike and muskie. Wiper have been most active in the early morning hours prior to sunrise.”

[Martin Lake](#)

Conditions Report - Northwest Colorado

Grand Lake

As of 7/27/2020, a Fishing With Bernie guide writes that the “bite has slowed down this week. We are finding lake trout in 30’ to 60’ of water. Small plastics and spoons tipped with sucker meat have produced most of the lake trout. Make sure to capitalize on every chance as bites are at a premium this time of year. Browns and rainbows can still be caught near the surface at first light but as soon as the sun hits the water it gets tougher.”

<https://www.fishingwithbernie.com/weekly-fishing-reports>

[Grand Lake](#)

Lake Granby

As of 7/27/2020, Fishing With Bernie guides report that “rainbows and brown trout have been difficult along the shorelines. A few browns are being caught at night with lures. Lake trout are still willing to hit small jigs tipped with sucker meat. Keep moving till you find a group of fish that will bite.”

<https://www.fishingwithbernie.com/weekly-fishing-reports>

[Lake Granby](#)

Steamboat Lake

As of 7/17/2020, reports indicate that fishing has been great at Steamboat Lake. Park staff noted that there has been a lot of success of anglers suspending nightcrawlers and even marshmallows below a bobber. The Dutch Hill ANS inspection booth is open Monday through Thursday, 8am to 6pm; Friday through Sunday 6am to 9pm.

[Steamboat Lake](#)

Sylvan Lake

As of 7/8/2020, staff at Sylvan Lake State Park noted that the lake was stocked with catchable trout in September, October, and November 2019, as well as in early May and June 2020. They also reported that the water levels have been close to normal throughout the summer. Only non-motorized boats or boats with electric trolling motors are allowed.

[Sylvan Lake](#)

Williams Fork Reservoir

As of 7/27/2020, Randy, a guide with Fishing with Bernie, reports that “water capacity is 99% as the summer draw down begins. Surface temperature is 65 warming to 67 degrees in the main body. The lake trout bite is fair to good depending on the day. The bite drops off considerably after 11AM but you can find biters in 80 to 90 foot range throughout the day. Small grubs tipped with sucker meat are working best for us. Northern pike are slow but we’ve had some follows in the west bays. Rainbows are breaking the surface most of the day. Cast small spinners or a fly and bubble at rises. A few rainbow trout are being caught bottom fishing around the campgrounds with PowerBait or worms. You’ll probably catch some Crawdads too. Kokanee trolling is slow but some four years olds are being caught in the 40’ to 50’ range. Most kokanee trollers are catching small lake trout. Ramp hours are 6AM to 8PM daily.”

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[Williams Fork Reservoir](#)

Vega Reservoir

As of 7/28/2020, reports from Vega Reservoir indicate that fishing is good. Staff note that “PowerBait and worms have been successful in landing some nice rainbow and cutthroat trout in the 14”-18” range. The lake is open for boating and you may access it via the Island boat ramp. Early Settlers and Oak Point boat ramps remains closed. The ANS boat inspection station is open daily from 7am-8:30pm.”

[Vega Reservoir](#)

Conditions Report - Southwest Colorado

Animas River

As of 7/29/2020, the Animas River has rebounded and is running about normal for this time of the year. Water temperature last peaked at 70 degrees but has since returned to daily highs in the mid-60's and lows in the low 60's. These conditions have meant better conditions for the livelihood of fish in the Animas. Anglers should keep an eye out for hatches of green drakes, PMD's, golden stoneflies, and BWO's. Look for trout to be held up in deeper water in the late mornings or early evenings until ambient and water temperatures cool off.

[Animas River](#)

Blue Mesa Reservoir

As of 7/23/2020, reports indicate that Blue Mesa Reservoir fishing was fair to good. One angler noted that there is a lot of action among lake, brown, and rainbow trout on the reservoir. In contrast, very little action among kokanee. Recent measurements recorded surface water temperature at 67 degrees. The reservoir was recently measured to be near 70% of full capacity and has been consistently dropping since.

[Blue Mesa Reservoir](#)

Gunnison River

As of 7/29/2020, the Gunnison River has been running very low, as of 7/22/2020 flows were recorded as low as 370 CSF. Rainstorms in the past couple of days have replenished some water back into the river, however, flows continue to be about 50% of the average for this time of the year. Catch and release anglers need to be mindful of when they hit the water, cooler morning and evening temperatures will reduce the risk of exhausting vulnerable fish in the midday heat.

[Gunnison River](#)

James M. Robb Colorado River

As of 7/26/2020, staff at James M. Robb Colorado River State Park report that "trout fishing has slowed with the warmer summer temperatures. Blue gill will begin to pick up. All types of baits and lures work well. In order to minimize stress on the fish, it is better to fish in the mornings or evenings."

[Corn Lake](#), [Red Rocks Lake](#)

Navajo Lake

As of 7/13/2020, according to park staff at Navajo Lake State Park, "fishing is good. As water temperatures rise fishermen should fish deeper waters. Fishing for northern pike using large crank bait lures can be successful. Fishing bait in deeper water can get an angler into catfish. Smallmouth and largemouth bass fishing with crankbaits along structures will produce good fishing." The boat ramp is currently open 7am-8pm, Su.-Th.; 7am-9pm, Fr.-Sa. The boat ramp gate closes and is locked when the ANS station closes for the day.

[Navajo Lake](#)

Ridgway Reservoir

As of 7/8/2020, the staff at Ridgway State Park report that there have been "4,100 catchable rainbow trout stocked in Ridgway Reservoir. Fishing in the reservoir has been stable with trolling techniques or PowerBait, and worms from shore. Pa-Co-Chu-Puk fishing has been stable with small midges being the best producers, especially on larger fish. A San Juan worm can be productive after a rain and a change in water color. With high fishing pressure small fluorocarbon tippets and small midges are the way to go."

[Ridgway Reservoir](#)

Conditions Report - Statewide

Fishing remains generally good across the state but conditions naturally vary. Anglers should be mindful of how recent weather patterns temporarily impact rivers and fishing across the state. Recent rain storms have increased water levels, reduced water temperatures, and degraded water clarity in many rivers across the state. For some rivers, like the Gunnison, extra flows are welcomed during severe drought conditions throughout the southwest of the state. Anglers should still be aware of the vulnerability of fish in shallow warm water, even when these conditions seem to be improving. Anglers should hit the water in the mornings and evenings to find good dry fly action. We are still seeing a lot of PMD's, BWO's, caddis, green drakes and stonefly hatches throughout the state. Other rivers, such as the South Platte, might experience an influx of water that rises above average flows and create high, fast, and sediment filled flows. Consider strategies used throughout the spring runoff to meet these conditions: find pocket water or slower water along the river edge where fish will likely congregate and use bigger, bolder flies to help draw in their attention. When summer rain storms can create rapid changes to river conditions, anglers can be prepared for what the river will look like by checking [weather forecasts](#) and current [river flows](#).

Tip of the Week - Consistency While Trolling

Small dry flies (#18-20) can be incredibly effective patterns for catching trout, but they can also be incredibly difficult to see. A dark colored Griffith's Gnat can easily get lost amidst riffles. To keep an eye on these tiny flies, try tying a larger caddis (#12-16) about a foot and a half to two feet above the smaller fly on your leader. This will allow you to keep your eyes on a larger fly in the water while still letting you see trout rising about one to two feet away from the caddis. If you see a trout rise in that area, set the hook! Not only does this set up provide a reference to follow the smaller fly it also provides another opportunity to entice a fish on the lead caddis. A larger lead fly may not seem as natural and may tip more sensitive trout off so they will not go after either fly. In other cases, the larger fly will cause them to investigate the area and they may go after the smaller one. If a trout sips your dry fly, be careful not to immediately set the hook. You want to wait until the trout turns its head down, towards the bottom of the river, and then set the hook. Just be sure not to wait too long and miss the fish!

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