

# Fishing Report



April 5, 2024



## News and Information

### **Lake Pueblo State Park installs 'exit only' gates to let boaters leave after hours**

Beginning April 1, boaters who remain on the water at Lake Pueblo State Park past gate closing times on the two boat ramps will not be prevented from leaving.

A new policy – and new gates – will allow after-hour departures, which have not been permitted since the rise of aquatic nuisance species (ANS) forced Colorado Parks and Wildlife to begin inspecting every boat that enters and leaves state-managed waters.

This winter, Lake Pueblo installed new gates on the south boat ramp that resemble large railroad-crossing guards. They are equipped with sensors – and spike strips – to allow the boaters to leave, but not enter the water after hours.



“This is a response to our guests who like to fish and boat late into the night,” said Joe Stadterman, manager of CPW’s busiest park. “We are trying to accommodate them while maintaining the highest defense possible to prevent aquatic nuisance species from entering the lake.”

The new south ramp gates are becoming operational as Lake Pueblo ANS inspection stations shift from winter to springtime operating hours. Beginning April 1, south ramp gates will be open 5 a.m. to 10 p.m. The north ramp operating hours will be 5 a.m. to midnight.

“Our seasonal hours, combined with the new south ramp gate, give boaters more freedom to come and go at Lake Pueblo,” Stadterman said. “But we will not relax our ANS inspections as we continue to keep Lake Pueblo free of invasive zebra and quagga mussels.”

[Learn more](https://cpw.state.co.us/aboutus/Pages/News-Release-Details.aspx?NewsID=4078) (https://cpw.state.co.us/aboutus/Pages/News-Release-Details.aspx?NewsID=4078)

## Events

### [Fly Fishing 101](#)

**Saturday, April 6, 9a-1p**

Ever wanted to give fly fishing a try but didn't know where to start? Are you new to fly fishing and looking for some tips to help you catch more fish? Then this is the class for you! Learn all the basics from rod/reel setups, basic knots, casting, presentations, and types of flies at Lake Lehow from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Click the link to register!

### [Fly Fishing 101](#)

**Sunday, April 7, 9a-1p**

Ever wanted to give fly fishing a try but didn't know where to start? Are you new to fly fishing and looking for some tips to help you catch more fish? Then this is the class for you! Learn all the basics from rod/reel setups, basic knots, casting, presentations, and types of flies at Lake Lehow from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Click the link to register!

### [Ladies Night Out Fly Fishing 101 at Barr Lake State Park](#)

**Wednesday, April 17, 6-8:30p**

Hello, ladies! Have you wanted to learn to fly fish? In this ladies-only workshop, you will learn about fly fishing equipment, basic casting, knots, and fly selection. No fishing license required as we will not be on the water. Workshop is free, but standard park pass fees will apply. Click the link to register!

### [Fly Fishing 101](#)

**Saturday, April 27, 9a-1p**

Ever wanted to give fly fishing a try but didn't know where to start? Are you new to fly fishing and looking for some tips to help you catch more fish? Then this is the class for you! Learn all the basics from rod/reel setups, basic knots, casting, presentations, and types of flies at Lake Lehow from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Click the link to register!

# Stocking Report

Body of Water	Region	Report Date	Link
Quail Lake	southeast	2024-03-29	<a href="#">Atlas</a>
Prospect Lake	southeast	2024-03-29	<a href="#">Atlas</a>
Confluence Lake	southwest	2024-03-29	<a href="#">Atlas</a>
Ordway Reservoir	southeast	2024-03-29	<a href="#">Atlas</a>
Hasty Lake	southeast	2024-03-29	N/A
Sloans Lake	northeast	2024-03-29	<a href="#">Atlas</a>
Centennial Park Lake	northeast	2024-03-29	<a href="#">Atlas</a>
Jacksons Pond	southeast	2024-03-29	<a href="#">Atlas</a>
Pericles Pond	southwest	2024-03-29	<a href="#">Atlas</a>
Ridgway Reservoir	southwest	2024-03-29	<a href="#">Atlas</a>
Standley Lake	northeast	2024-03-29	<a href="#">Atlas</a>
Arvada Reservoir	northeast	2024-03-29	<a href="#">Atlas</a>
McPhee Reservoir	southwest	2024-03-29	<a href="#">Atlas</a>
Prospect Pond #3	northeast	2024-03-29	<a href="#">Atlas</a>
Riverbend Pond #2	northeast	2024-03-29	<a href="#">Atlas</a>
Jayhawker Pond #1	northeast	2024-03-29	<a href="#">Atlas</a>
Jayhawker Pond #2	northeast	2024-03-29	<a href="#">Atlas</a>
Hudson Town Pond	northeast	2024-03-29	<a href="#">Atlas</a>
Boxelder Lake #3	northeast	2024-03-29	<a href="#">Atlas</a>
Milavec Reservoir	northeast	2024-03-29	<a href="#">Atlas</a>
Olathe Kids Pond	southwest	2024-03-19	<a href="#">Atlas</a>
Chipeta Lake	southwest	2024-03-19	<a href="#">Atlas</a>
Georgetown Lake	northeast	2024-03-19	<a href="#">Atlas</a>
Eagle Ranch Children's Pond	northwest	2024-03-19	<a href="#">Atlas</a>
Gypsum Ponds	northwest	2024-03-19	<a href="#">Atlas</a>
West Lake	northwest	2024-03-19	<a href="#">Atlas</a>
Kenney Reservoir	northwest	2024-03-15	<a href="#">Atlas</a>
Lon Hagler Reservoir	northeast	2024-03-13	<a href="#">Atlas</a>
Parachute Pond	northwest	2024-03-13	<a href="#">Atlas</a>
Quincy Reservoir	northeast	2024-03-12	<a href="#">Atlas</a>
Northgate Pond #2	southeast	2024-03-12	<a href="#">Atlas</a>
Northgate Pond #3	southeast	2024-03-12	<a href="#">Atlas</a>
La Junta Kids Pond	southeast	2024-03-12	<a href="#">Atlas</a>
Las Animas Pond	southeast	2024-03-12	<a href="#">Atlas</a>
Ridgway Reservoir	northwest	2024-03-12	<a href="#">Atlas</a>
Pericles Pond	southwest	2024-03-12	<a href="#">Atlas</a>
Shavano Pond	northwest	2024-03-12	<a href="#">Atlas</a>
McMurry Park Lake	northeast	2024-03-11	<a href="#">Atlas</a>
Sheldon Lake	northeast	2024-03-11	<a href="#">Atlas</a>
Webster Lake	northeast	2024-03-11	<a href="#">Atlas</a>
St. Vrain State Park Pelican	northeast	2024-03-11	<a href="#">Atlas</a>
St. Vrain State Park Coot Pond	northeast	2024-03-11	<a href="#">Atlas</a>

St. Vrain State Park Bald Eagle	northeast	2024-03-11	<a href="#">Atlas</a>
St. Vrain State Park Pintail Pond	northeast	2024-03-11	<a href="#">Atlas</a>
Erie Lake	northeast	2024-03-07	<a href="#">Atlas</a>
Poplar Pond - Belly Boat #2	northeast	2024-03-07	<a href="#">Atlas</a>
Milavec Reservoir	northeast	2024-03-07	<a href="#">Atlas</a>
Ordway Reservoir	southeast	2024-03-07	<a href="#">Atlas</a>
Runyon Lake	southeast	2024-03-07	<a href="#">Atlas</a>
Fountain Lake	southeast	2024-03-07	<a href="#">Atlas</a>
Pikeview Reservoir	southeast	2024-03-06	<a href="#">Atlas</a>
Wolf Lake	southeast	2024-03-06	<a href="#">Atlas</a>
Ehrlich Lake	northeast	2024-03-06	<a href="#">Atlas</a>
Mead Pond #3	northeast	2024-03-06	<a href="#">Atlas</a>
Izaak Walton Longmont Pond	northeast	2024-03-06	<a href="#">Atlas</a>
St. Vrain State Park Sandpiper	northeast	2024-03-05	<a href="#">Atlas</a>
Thomas Reservoir	northeast	2024-03-05	<a href="#">Atlas</a>
Golden Gravel Pond #3	northeast	2024-03-05	<a href="#">Atlas</a>
Bittersweet Lake	northeast	2024-03-05	<a href="#">Atlas</a>
Riverside Park Lake	northeast	2024-03-05	<a href="#">Atlas</a>
Union Reservoir	northeast	2024-03-05	<a href="#">Atlas</a>
Black Hole at Two Buttes	southeast	2024-03-04	<a href="#">Atlas</a>
Turks Pond	southeast	2024-03-04	<a href="#">Atlas</a>
Standley Lake	northeast	2024-03-01	<a href="#">Atlas</a>
Pathfinder Park Pond	southeast	2024-02-29	<a href="#">Atlas</a>
Brush Hollow Reservoir	southeast	2024-02-29	<a href="#">Atlas</a>
Berkeley Lake	northeast	2024-02-29	<a href="#">Atlas</a>
Rocky Mountain Lake	northeast	2024-02-29	<a href="#">Atlas</a>
Jim Baker Reservoir	northeast	2024-02-29	<a href="#">Atlas</a>
Bear Creek Reservoir	northeast	2024-02-28	<a href="#">Atlas</a>
Hine Lake	northeast	2024-02-28	<a href="#">Atlas</a>
Barr Lake	northeast	2024-02-28	<a href="#">Atlas</a>
Thornton Gravel Lake #2	northeast	2024-02-27	<a href="#">Atlas</a>
Thornton Gravel Lake #3	northeast	2024-02-27	<a href="#">Atlas</a>
Mann-Nyholt Lake South	northeast	2024-02-27	<a href="#">Atlas</a>
Midwestern Farms Pond	southeast	2024-02-26	<a href="#">Atlas</a>
Northgate Pond #1	southeast	2024-02-26	<a href="#">Atlas</a>
Clay Creek Pond	southeast	2024-02-26	<a href="#">Atlas</a>
Centennial Park Lake	northeast	2024-02-22	<a href="#">Atlas</a>
Sloans Lake	northeast	2024-02-22	<a href="#">Atlas</a>
Trinidad Reservoir	southeast	2024-02-21	<a href="#">Atlas</a>
Trinidad Central Park Lake	southeast	2024-02-21	<a href="#">Atlas</a>

For the most up-to-date stocking information, click [here](#).

## Catch of the Week



The Catch of the Week goes to Tyler Smith!

Tyler reeled in this 25-inch cutbow on a hand-tied hot head leech.

Nice one, Tyler!

*Have a fish you're proud of? Share a photo!  
Send an email to [dnr\\_fish.reporter@state.co.us](mailto:dnr_fish.reporter@state.co.us) with subject line: Catch of the Week*

## Tip of the Week | Spring Tune-Up

Spring fishing is upon us — are you prepared?

While luck may play a role in angling success, preparedness is key. Your tackle and equipment can make or break your fishing expedition. Now is the perfect time to organize and fine-tune your gear. There's nothing more disheartening than arriving at your favorite fishing spot only to discover issues with your equipment — a malfunctioning reel, damaged rods, or tangled lines can quickly turn a promising outing into a frustrating experience.

Paying attention to the condition of your gear not only enhances your chances of success but also ensures a more enjoyable fishing trip.

**Fishing Line:** It's advisable to replace your fishing line at least once a year, especially if it has been exposed to extreme temperatures, such as those found in a vehicle or storage compartments. Opt for high-quality monofilament lines with minimal memory, small diameter, and low visibility. For trout, 4 to 6-pound line is generally sufficient, while larger fish may require heavier lines. Line strength is determined by its break rating, and many sporting outlets offer line replacement services, which can be both cost-effective and environmentally friendly.

**Reels:** Fishing reels don't need to break the bank to be effective, but they do require regular cleaning and lubrication to maintain optimal performance. Excessive dirt or sand can lead to sticking or internal damage, necessitating cleaning. This process, outlined in most owner's manuals, involves removing the line spool and using a soft brush or rinsing to remove debris. A quality reel lubricant containing Teflon and water-displacing properties should be applied sparingly to moving parts. Many bait shops offer reel cleaning services for those who prefer not to tackle this task themselves.

**Rods:** Inspect your fishing rods for any signs of damage, particularly to the tip and line guides. Replacing a broken tip or guide is straightforward and inexpensive, with repair kits readily available. These kits typically include various rod tips for different diameters, along with ferrule cement for easy application. Ensuring proper alignment and securing the tip in place before the adhesive sets are essential steps. While replacing line guides requires more effort, it's a worthwhile investment in the longevity of your rod. Ensure compatibility between the new guides and your rod material to prevent damage, especially when using braided lines.

**Tackle:** Check your tackle box to ensure you have all the necessary gear for your upcoming trip. Moisture can infiltrate tackle boxes, leading to rust and corrosion on hooks and lures. Dull or rusty hooks should be either cleaned and sharpened or replaced altogether. Similarly, expired or improperly stored bait and scents can lose their effectiveness and should be discarded accordingly.

By investing time in preparing and maintaining your equipment, you'll not only increase your chances of success but also enhance your overall fishing experience.

## Comments or Questions?

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