

Fishing Report



April 26, 2024



News and Information

Resident Fishing Licenses Accessible Through myColorado App

As the weather continues to warm and more folks are getting ready to go fishing, we figured a reminder was in order. Resident anglers can purchase their fishing licenses the same way they always have and receive a printed physical license, but now they will also have the option to display it within the myColorado app.

The myColorado app can be downloaded from the [Apple App Store](#) or [Google Play](#). Visit [myColorado.gov](https://mycolorado.gov) to learn more.

Check out the [myColorado FAQ document](#) for more information about how to access your resident fishing license within the app Wallet.

The specific fishing products anglers will see include:

- Resident annual
- Resident youth annual
- Resident senior annual
- Resident 1-day
- Resident additional-day
- Resident senior low-income lifetime
- Resident disability lifetime
- Resident VA lifetime
- Resident first responder lifetime
- Extra rod stamp
- Resident combination small game & fishing **NEW**
- Resident VA combo or lifetime combo **NEW**
- Resident first responder lifetime combo **NEW**

[Learn more](https://cpw.state.co.us/buyapply/pages/fishing.aspx) (https://cpw.state.co.us/buyapply/pages/fishing.aspx)

Events

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
Rifle Pond, South	northwest	4/19/2024	Atlas
Circle Park pond	northwest	4/19/2024	Atlas
Axial Basin	northwest	4/19/2024	Atlas
Sleepycat Ponds	northwest	4/19/2024	Atlas
Slough Pond	northeast	4/19/2024	Atlas
Kriley Pond	northeast	4/19/2024	Atlas
Sylvan Lake	northwest	4/19/2024	Atlas
Sweetwater	northwest	4/19/2024	Atlas
Roaring Judy Ponds	southwest	4/19/2024	Atlas
Prospect Pond #3	northeast	4/19/2024	Atlas
Ehrlich Lake	northeast	4/19/2024	Atlas
Centennial Lake	northeast	4/19/2024	Atlas
North Lake Park Pond	northeast	4/19/2024	Atlas
Flatiron Reservoir	northeast	4/19/2024	Atlas
Loveland Service Center Pond	northeast	4/19/2024	Atlas
Ridgway Reservoir	southwest	4/12/2024	Atlas
Harvey Gap Res	northwest	4/12/2024	Atlas
West Lake	northwest	4/12/2024	Atlas
Parachute Pond	northwest	4/12/2024	Atlas
Mack Mesa	northwest	4/12/2024	Atlas
Gunnison Pond	southwest	4/12/2024	Atlas
Crawford Reservoir	southwest	4/12/2024	Atlas
Pericles Pond	southwest	4/12/2024	Atlas
Shavano Pond	southwest	4/12/2024	Atlas
Ridgway Reservoir	southwest	4/12/2024	Atlas
San Miguel River #3	southwest	4/12/2024	Atlas
Smith Lake	northeast	4/12/2024	Atlas
City Park Lake	northeast	4/12/2024	Atlas
Main Lake	northeast	4/12/2024	Atlas
Trinidad Central Park Lake	southeast	4/12/2024	Atlas
Trinidad Resoutheastrvoir	southeast	4/12/2024	Atlas
Runyon Lake	southeast	4/12/2024	Atlas
Arkansas River #3B	southeast	4/12/2024	Atlas
Pueblo City Park Lake	southeast	4/12/2024	Atlas
ST Vrain State Park Redtail	northeast	4/12/2024	Atlas
Southeastverance City Pond	northeast	4/12/2024	Atlas
Riverside Park Lake	northeast	4/12/2024	Atlas
Boxelder Lake #3	northeast	4/12/2024	Atlas
Johnstown Reservoir	northeast	4/5/2024	Atlas
Sheldon Lake	northeast	4/5/2024	Atlas
Boulder Kids Pond	northeast	4/5/2024	Atlas
KOA Lake - Boulder	northeast	4/5/2024	Atlas
Rifle Pond South	northwest	4/5/2024	Atlas
Rangely Fishing Pond	northwest	4/5/2024	Atlas
Estes Lake	northeast	4/5/2024	Atlas

Crawford Reservoir	southwest	4/5/2024	Atlas
Palmer Lake	southeast	4/5/2024	Atlas
Monument Lake	southeast	4/5/2024	Atlas
Pike View Reservoir	southeast	4/5/2024	Atlas
Rocky Mountain Lake	northeast	4/5/2024	Atlas
Berkeley Lake	northeast	4/5/2024	Atlas
Chatfield Pond #1	northeast	4/5/2024	Atlas
Eaglewatch Lake	northeast	4/5/2024	Atlas

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

Catch of the Week



The Catch of the Week goes to Tony Elliot and this beautiful pike!

Nice one, Tony!

*Have a fish you're proud of? Share a photo!
Send an email to dnr_fish.reporter@state.co.us with subject line: Catch of the Week*

Tip of the Week | Weigh-Ins

Estimating the Weight of Fish

Have you ever forgotten or left the house with a broken scale and wished you knew the weight of the fish that you were about to release? Lucky for you, there are actually a few simple formulas you can use in these situations.

The following formulas will give you a good idea (within 5 to 8 percent of the actual weight) but cannot replace a good accurate scale. Scales can be purchased that are certified yearly and accepted by both World Record Organizations; The National Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame and the International Game fish Association.

To calculate the weight of a fish you will need the following:

- **Measuring tape** – A tailor’s measuring tape that is made of cloth. This type of tape will follow the contours of a fish much more accurately than a steel tape measure; especially when measuring the girth.
- **NOTE** – If you forgot your measuring tape, no problem. You can use a piece of fishing line, or string. Cut one piece of the line or string for length and another for the girth. Be sure to keep track of which one is the length and which is girth. These pieces of line or string can be measured at a later time.

Formulas for Popular Colorado species

- Trout – $(\text{length} \times \text{girth} \times \text{girth}) \div 800$
- Walleye – $(\text{length} \times \text{length} \times \text{length}) \div 2,700$
- Bass – $(\text{length} \times \text{length} \times \text{girth}) \div 1,200$
- Pike – $(\text{length} \times \text{length} \times \text{length}) \div 3,500$

For example, you snag a 36 inch pike. Using the above formula for pike: $(36 \times 36 \times 36) \div 3,500 = 13.3$. Your pike would weigh somewhere in the neighborhood of 13.3 pounds.

Attention: Measurements must be made following these guidelines.

- Measure the length of the fish from the tip of the lower jaw to the inner fork of the tail.
- Measure the girth of the fish at the widest point (usually next to the dorsal fin).

Keep in mind that no formula is 100 percent accurate in these conditions. If the fish is looking skinny to average, it might weigh less. If it’s looking fat and plump, it might weigh more. Regardless of a fish’s final weight, you caught something – and that’s a good day.

Comments or Questions?

Email us at dnr_fish.reporter@state.co.us. We would love to hear back from our subscribers regarding fishing reports, tips and requests of material you would like to start seeing more of. Any useful feedback helps us make our fishing reports a “go-to” resource for anglers fishing Colorado’s waters. Good luck out there!

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