

Fishing Report



May 10, 2024



News and Information

Lake Avery Fish Salvage Ahead of Rehabilitation Project

On Wednesday, May 7, Colorado Parks and Wildlife announced a public fish salvage at Lake Avery in preparation for the lake's rehabilitation project set to begin this summer.

The salvage, in effect until Nov. 24, 2024, is being implemented to mitigate imminent fish loss. During the salvage all bag limits will be lifted allowing anglers to keep all of the fish they catch utilizing the lawful angling methods currently allowed at the lake. Anglers 16 and older must have a valid 2024 fishing license and all fish must be dead prior to transport away from the lake.



CPW staff will begin slowly lowering water levels in the lake July 1, with an anticipated complete emptying of the lake by the end of the year. As the reservoir is drawn down, anglers should be advised that they will experience changing conditions and a muddy approach to the water.

With lower water levels, early freezing of the lake's surface is to be expected. However, due to unsafe conditions, ice fishing will be prohibited. Beginning Nov. 25, 2024, public access to the lake will close until the construction on the dam is complete.

The public salvage was approved by CPW Director Jeff Davis on May 1. This action only pertains to the reservoir property. All existing regulations on surrounding streams above and below the reservoir remain in effect.

Lake Avery is located approximately 14.5 miles southeast of Meeker, CO on the Oak Ridge State Wildlife Area. CPW is draining the lake to facilitate outlet repairs, which include damage to the outlet pipe and a leaky outlet gate.

[Learn more](https://cpw.state.co.us/aboutus/Pages/News-Release-Details.aspx?NewsID=4109) (https://cpw.state.co.us/aboutus/Pages/News-Release-Details.aspx?NewsID=4109)

Events

[Little Lines, Big Fish Youth Fishing Clinic](#)

Saturday, May 11

Learn how to reel in the "big one" at Lathrop's fishing clinic for kids under 16. The first 30 to sign up will receive a free fishing pole! While kids may require supervision, grown-ups, kindly reserve your fishing endeavors for a later occasion. This affair is exclusively for the young enthusiasts! Drop by anytime from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., and lunch is on us! [Click here](#) to register.

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Stocking Report

Body of Water	Region	Report Date	Link
Centennial Lake	northeast	5/3/2024	Atlas
Hudson Town Pond	northeast	5/3/2024	Atlas
Douglas Reservoir	northeast	5/3/2024	Atlas
Glenmere Lake	northeast	5/3/2024	Atlas
Poudre Ponds	northeast	5/3/2024	Atlas
Windsor Lake	northeast	5/3/2024	Atlas
Lon Hagler Reservoir	northeast	5/3/2024	Atlas
Jackson Gulch Reservoir	southwest	5/3/2024	Atlas
Echo Canyon Reservoir	southwest	5/3/2024	Atlas
Brush Hollow Reservoir	southeast	5/3/2024	Atlas
North Lake	southeast	5/3/2024	Atlas
Dragonfly Pond	southeast	5/3/2024	Atlas
Schryver Park Pond	southeast	5/3/2024	Atlas
Manitou Park Lake	southeast	5/3/2024	Atlas
Wahatoya Reservoir	southeast	5/3/2024	Atlas
Daigre Reservoir	southeast	5/3/2024	Atlas
Pathfinder Park Pond	southeast	5/3/2024	Atlas
Monument Reservoir	southeast	5/3/2024	Atlas
O'Haver Lake	southeast	5/3/2024	Atlas
Pine Valley Ranch Lake	northeast	5/3/2024	Atlas
Tarryall Reservoir	northeast	5/3/2024	Atlas
Old Pond	northwest	5/3/2024	Atlas
Breeze Pond	northwest	5/3/2024	Atlas
Fraser Lions Club Pond	northwest	5/3/2024	Atlas
Granby City Pond	northwest	5/3/2024	Atlas
Snooks Bottom Lake	northwest	5/3/2024	Atlas
Lake Estes	northeast	5/3/2024	Atlas
Chatfield Reservoir	northeast	5/3/2024	Atlas
Quail Lake	southeast	5/3/2024	Atlas
Arkansas River	southeast	5/3/2024	Atlas
Anticline Pond	southeast	5/3/2024	Atlas
Pueblo City Park Lake - Lake Joy	southeast	5/3/2024	Atlas
Sloans Lake	northeast	5/3/2024	Atlas
Centennial Park Lake	northeast	5/3/2024	Atlas
Thornton Gravel Lake #2	northeast	5/3/2024	Atlas
Barr Lake	northeast	5/3/2024	Atlas
McCall Lake	northeast	4/26/2024	Atlas
Dome Lake, Upper	southwest	4/26/2024	Atlas
Echo Canyon Reservoir	southwest	4/26/2024	Atlas
Summit Reservoir	southwest	4/26/2024	Atlas
Joe Moore Reservoir	southwest	4/26/2024	Atlas
Dillon Reservoir	northwest	4/26/2024	Atlas
Berry Creek Pond	northwest	4/26/2024	Atlas
Nottingham Lake	northwest	4/26/2024	Atlas
Wilmor Pond	northwest	4/26/2024	Atlas
Palisade Riverbend Park Pond	northwest	4/26/2024	Atlas
Thomas Reservoir	northeast	4/26/2024	Atlas

Golden Gravel Pond #3	northeast	4/26/2024	Atlas
Webster Lake	northeast	4/26/2024	Atlas
Thornton Gravel Lake #3	northeast	4/26/2024	Atlas
Bear Creek Reservoir	northeast	4/26/2024	Atlas
Arvada Reservoir	northeast	4/26/2024	Atlas
Standley Lake	northeast	4/26/2024	Atlas
Harper Lake	northeast	4/26/2024	Atlas
Fountain Lake	southeast	4/26/2024	Atlas
Runyon Lake	southeast	4/26/2024	Atlas
Waneka Lake	northeast	4/26/2024	Atlas
Loveland Service Center Pond	northeast	4/19/2024	Atlas
Flatiron Reservoir	northeast	4/19/2024	Atlas
North Lake Park Pond	northeast	4/19/2024	Atlas
Centennial Lake	northeast	4/19/2024	Atlas
Ehrlich Lake	northeast	4/19/2024	Atlas
Prospect Pond #3 South	northeast	4/19/2024	Atlas
Roaring Judy Ponds	southwest	4/19/2024	Atlas
Sweetwater Lake	northwest	4/19/2024	Atlas
Sylvan Lake	northwest	4/19/2024	Atlas
Kriley Pond	northeast	4/19/2024	Atlas
Slough Pond	northeast	4/19/2024	Atlas
Sleepy Cat Ponds	southwest	4/19/2024	Atlas
Axial Basin Lake	northwest	4/19/2024	Atlas
Rifle Pond, South	northwest	4/19/2024	Atlas
Circle Park pond	northwest	4/19/2024	Atlas
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For the most up-to-date stocking information, click [here](#).

Catch of the Week



The Catch of the Week goes to brothers Lincoln, 6, (left) and Westley, 4, (right)!

Their father, Josh Curry, said he was able to sit back and watch them both reel in their very first catches ever – from cast to shore all by themselves!

Well done, Lincoln and Westley!

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 | Channel Catfish

Channel Catfish are endemic to eastern Colorado and have surged in popularity over the years, becoming one of the top three sought-after game fish in the United States. These formidable fighters inhabit rivers, lakes, reservoirs and ponds, offering anglers thrilling battles and a good challenge. A couple of popular spots along the Front Range include Chatfield and Cherry Creek Reservoirs.

Finding Your Catch:

Lake and Reservoir Fishing: Seek out drop-offs with underwater structures and firm bottoms. Utilize lake bottom maps for strategic advantage.

River Fishing: Look for undercut banks with overhanging brush, deep pools, or logjams for prime catfish spots.

Catfish Traits:

Adaptable Feeders: Catfish aren't picky eaters and will consume a variety of offerings.

Activity: They're most active during warmer months, feeding aggressively and are more likely to bite.

Unique Anatomy: Their smooth, scaleless skin packed with taste buds gives them an acute sense of taste. Their exceptional sense of smell surpasses that of trout and bass, while their hearing is also remarkable.

Electroreception: Catfish employ electroreception, sensing electrical impulses to detect prey and communicate underwater.

Preferred Baits:

- Chicken Liver
- Crayfish
- Cut Bait
- Hamburger
- Hot Dogs
- Minnows
- Mussels
- Nightcrawlers
- Shrimp
- Stink Bait

Essential Equipment:

- Prepackaged, snelled 4/0 bait holder hooks
- Snap Swivels (size 1-3)
- Three-way Swivels (size 4-6)
- Bell Weights, Dropshot Weights, and egg sinkers (3/8 to 1/2 oz)
- Fishing line (8 to 20 lb)
- Medium to heavy action fishing rod and reel

Fishing Rigs:

Three primary setups for bottom fishing:

1. Bottom Weight
2. Three Way Rig
3. Slip Sinker/Weight

Safety Precautions:

Handle catfish carefully due to sharp spines on their dorsal and pectoral fins. In case of injury, clean wounds thoroughly and seek medical attention if necessary. Tetanus shot boosters are recommended every 10 years.

With these tips in mind, embark on your catfishing adventure responsibly and enjoy the thrill of reeling in these remarkable aquatic creatures!

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!

- DNR Fish Reporter



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