

# Fishing Report



June 7, 2024



## News and Information

### **Public invited to Westcliffe and Monte Vista to discuss fisheries management of Rio Grande Cutthroat Trout**

Colorado Parks and Wildlife has scheduled two public meetings to discuss proposed fishing regulation changes that are aimed at advancing conservation goals related to Rio Grande cutthroat trout.

One meeting will be held in Westcliffe and another in Monte Vista. The meeting in Westcliffe will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. June 10 at the West Custer County Library located at 209 Main St. The meeting in Monte Vista is slated for 6 to 8 p.m. June 13 at the conference room at CPW's office located at 722 Henderson Rd.



“We are proposing restricting harvest and tackle in the Sand Creek drainage to allow for the reestablishment of a self-sustaining Rio Grande cutthroat trout population,” said CPW Aquatic Biologist Estevan Vigil. “In addition to changing the regulations at Sand Creek, we are also proposing to restrict harvest and tackle at Rito Hondo Reservoir and the creek above the lake also to restore Rio Grande cutthroats.”

Additionally, another regulation change is also proposed for Kerr Lake within the Rio Grande National Forest south of South Fork. CPW has proposed the removal of special regulations involving fly-and-lure fishing only that has been in place at Kerr Lake since 1955. CPW has also proposed removing the limit of two fish and returning Kerr Lake to statewide regulations on bag and possession limits of four and eight.

CPW has found there is no biological reason to keep the special regulations at Kerr Lake in place.

CPW will discuss these proposed changes and be available to discuss issues related to Rio Grande cutthroat trout conservation at these two meetings. All are welcome to attend.

[Learn more](https://cpw.state.co.us/aboutus/Pages/News-Release-Details.aspx?NewsID=4134) (https://cpw.state.co.us/aboutus/Pages/News-Release-Details.aspx?NewsID=4134)

# Events

## [Get Outdoors Day - Garfield Lake Park](#)

**Saturday, June 8**

This free, family-friendly event is designed to promote access to healthy and safe outdoor spaces, support under-resourced communities, and celebrate nature exploration. Try numerous outdoor activities like; rock climbing, fishing, canoeing, kayaking, mountain biking and more!

## [Learn to fish at Staunton State Park](#)

**Tuesday, June 11**

Learn to fish at Staunton State Park with CPW staff and volunteers. All equipment will be provided if you don't have your own. Clinic will be held at the Davis Ponds, no registration necessary, just drop by and give fishing a try anytime between 10am and 2pm. Park pass fees apply and fishing licenses are required for anyone 16 or older.

## [Fly Fishing Basics at Mueller](#)

**Friday, June 14**

Learn how to fly fish and how it's different from other styles like bait fishing, trolling and spinning. Use your new or seasoned skills to try and catch a fish at one of Mueller's favorite ponds. Meet at Dragonfly Pond. Kids younger than 8 may need help by their guardian to cast safely.

## [14th Annual Spring Fishing Clinic at Barr Lake State Park](#)

**Saturday, June 15**

Join us for a morning of fishing tips and instructional workshops. Free kid-sized rods for the first 100 kids to sign up for a workshop.

## [Fly Fishing 101 - Staunton SP](#)

**Monday, June 17**

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 set up, basic knots, casting, presentations, and types of flies.

## [Intro Adult to Fly Fishing 101 at Barr Lake State Park](#)

**Wednesday, June 19**

Have you wanted to learn to fly fish? In this hands-on workshop, you will learn about fly fishing equipment, basic casting, knots, and fly selection.

## [Fly Fishing Basics at Mueller](#)

**Saturday, June 22**

Learn how to fly fish and how it's different from other styles like bait fishing, trolling and spinning. Use your new or seasoned skills to try and catch a fish at one of Mueller's favorite ponds. Meet at Dragonfly Pond. Kids younger than 8 may need help from their guardian to cast safely.

# Stocking Report

| Body of Water           | Region    | Report Date | Link                  |
|-------------------------|-----------|-------------|-----------------------|
| Cobbett Lake            | southwest | 2024-06-06  | <a href="#">Atlas</a> |
| Carter Lake             | northeast | 2024-06-05  | <a href="#">Atlas</a> |
| Horsetooth Reservoir    | northeast | 2024-06-05  | <a href="#">Atlas</a> |
| Ward Creek Reservoir    | southwest | 2024-06-05  | <a href="#">Atlas</a> |
| Water Dog Reservoir     | northwest | 2024-06-04  | <a href="#">Atlas</a> |
| Taylor Park Reservoir   | southwest | 2024-06-03  | <a href="#">Atlas</a> |
| McDonough Reservoir     | southwest | 2024-05-31  | <a href="#">Atlas</a> |
| Groundhog Reservoir     | southwest | 2024-05-31  | <a href="#">Atlas</a> |
| Pinewood Reservoir      | northeast | 2024-05-31  | <a href="#">Atlas</a> |
| Daigre Reservoir        | southeast | 2024-05-31  | <a href="#">Atlas</a> |
| Wahatoya Reservoir      | southeast | 2024-05-31  | <a href="#">Atlas</a> |
| Monument Reservoir      | southeast | 2024-05-31  | <a href="#">Atlas</a> |
| Pericles Pond           | southwest | 2024-05-30  | <a href="#">Atlas</a> |
| Shavano Pond            | southwest | 2024-05-30  | <a href="#">Atlas</a> |
| Mann-Nyholt Lake South  | northeast | 2024-05-30  | <a href="#">Atlas</a> |
| Brighton Park Lake      | southeast | 2024-05-30  | <a href="#">Atlas</a> |
| Jackson Gulch Reservoir | southwest | 2024-05-30  | <a href="#">Atlas</a> |
| Rosemont Reservoir      | southeast | 2024-05-30  | <a href="#">Atlas</a> |
| Chambers Lake           | northeast | 2024-05-30  | <a href="#">Atlas</a> |
| Parachute Pond          | northwest | 2024-05-30  | <a href="#">Atlas</a> |
| Nofstger Reservoir      | northwest | 2024-05-29  | <a href="#">Atlas</a> |
| Dry Creek Pond          | northwest | 2024-05-29  | <a href="#">Atlas</a> |
| Ligon Reservoir         | northwest | 2024-05-29  | <a href="#">Atlas</a> |
| Hale Ponds              | southeast | 2024-05-29  | <a href="#">Atlas</a> |
| Taylor Park Reservoir   | southwest | 2024-05-29  | <a href="#">Atlas</a> |
| Roaring Judy Ponds      | southwest | 2024-05-29  | <a href="#">Atlas</a> |
| Dome Lake, Upper        | southwest | 2024-05-29  | <a href="#">Atlas</a> |
| Aurora Reservoir        | northeast | 2024-05-29  | <a href="#">Atlas</a> |
| West Lake               | northeast | 2024-05-28  | <a href="#">Atlas</a> |
| West Lake               | northeast | 2024-05-28  | <a href="#">Atlas</a> |
| Buckeye Reservoir       | southwest | 2024-05-28  | <a href="#">Atlas</a> |
| Deer Lakes              | southwest | 2024-05-28  | <a href="#">Atlas</a> |
| Lake San Cristobal      | southwest | 2024-05-28  | <a href="#">Atlas</a> |
| Palmer Lake             | southeast | 2024-05-28  | <a href="#">Atlas</a> |
| Monument Creek          | southeast | 2024-05-28  | <a href="#">Atlas</a> |
| Pothole Lake #1 (lower) | southwest | 2024-05-24  | <a href="#">Atlas</a> |
| Pothole Lake #2 (upper) | southwest | 2024-05-24  | <a href="#">Atlas</a> |
| Twin Spruce Ponds       | southwest | 2024-05-24  | <a href="#">Atlas</a> |
| Haviland Lake           | southwest | 2024-05-24  | <a href="#">Atlas</a> |
| Jackson Gulch Reservoir | southwest | 2024-05-24  | <a href="#">Atlas</a> |
| Horsetooth Reservoir    | northeast | 2024-05-24  | <a href="#">Atlas</a> |

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| Gunnison Pond            | southwest | 2024-05-23 | <a href="#">Atlas</a> |
| Lake San Cristobal       | southwest | 2024-05-23 | <a href="#">Atlas</a> |
| Pac-Man Lake             | southwest | 2024-05-23 | <a href="#">Atlas</a> |
| Riverway Pond            | southwest | 2024-05-23 | <a href="#">Atlas</a> |
| Taylor Park Reservoir    | southwest | 2024-05-23 | <a href="#">Atlas</a> |
| Windsor Lake             | northeast | 2024-05-23 | <a href="#">Atlas</a> |
| Fruita Reservoir #3      | northwest | 2024-05-23 | <a href="#">Atlas</a> |
| Fruita Reservoir #1      | northwest | 2024-05-23 | <a href="#">Atlas</a> |
| Lake Estes               | northeast | 2024-05-23 | <a href="#">Atlas</a> |
| Bear Lake                | southeast | 2024-05-23 | <a href="#">Atlas</a> |
| Monument Reservoir       | southeast | 2024-05-23 | <a href="#">Atlas</a> |
| Manitou Park Lake        | southeast | 2024-05-23 | <a href="#">Atlas</a> |
| Beckwith Reservoir       | southeast | 2024-05-23 | <a href="#">Atlas</a> |
| Quail Lake               | southeast | 2024-05-22 | <a href="#">Atlas</a> |
| Prospect Lake            | southeast | 2024-05-22 | <a href="#">Atlas</a> |
| Carter Lake              | northeast | 2024-05-22 | <a href="#">Atlas</a> |
| Sheldon Lake             | northeast | 2024-05-22 | <a href="#">Atlas</a> |
| Cowdrey Lake             | northeast | 2024-05-22 | <a href="#">Atlas</a> |
| Brush Hollow Reservoir   | southeast | 2024-05-22 | <a href="#">Atlas</a> |
| Arkansas River           | southeast | 2024-05-21 | <a href="#">Atlas</a> |
| Pueblo West Pond         | southeast | 2024-05-21 | <a href="#">Atlas</a> |
| Anticline Pond           | southeast | 2024-05-21 | <a href="#">Atlas</a> |
| Georgetown Lake          | northeast | 2024-05-21 | <a href="#">Atlas</a> |
| Kriley Pond              | northeast | 2024-05-21 | <a href="#">Atlas</a> |
| Slough Pond              | northeast | 2024-05-21 | <a href="#">Atlas</a> |
| Rampart Reservoir        | southeast | 2024-05-21 | <a href="#">Atlas</a> |
| Waneka Lake              | northeast | 2024-05-20 | <a href="#">Atlas</a> |
| Standley Lake            | northeast | 2024-05-20 | <a href="#">Atlas</a> |
| Poudre Ponds             | northeast | 2024-05-20 | <a href="#">Atlas</a> |
| Bittersweet Lake         | northeast | 2024-05-20 | <a href="#">Atlas</a> |
| Haviland Lake            | southwest | 2024-05-17 | <a href="#">Atlas</a> |
| Flatiron Reservoir       | northeast | 2024-05-17 | <a href="#">Atlas</a> |
| Hohnholz Lake #2, Little | northeast | 2024-05-17 | <a href="#">Atlas</a> |
| Bellaire Lake            | northeast | 2024-05-17 | <a href="#">Atlas</a> |
| Cowdrey Lake             | northeast | 2024-05-17 | <a href="#">Atlas</a> |
| Palmer Lake              | southeast | 2024-05-16 | <a href="#">Atlas</a> |
| Monument Lake            | southeast | 2024-05-16 | <a href="#">Atlas</a> |
| Chapman Reservoir        | northwest | 2024-05-16 | <a href="#">Atlas</a> |
| Summit Reservoir         | southwest | 2024-05-16 | <a href="#">Atlas</a> |
| Pueblo Reservoir         | southeast | 2024-05-16 | <a href="#">Atlas</a> |
| DeWeese Reservoir        | southeast | 2024-05-16 | <a href="#">Atlas</a> |
| Pinewood Reservoir       | northeast | 2024-05-16 | <a href="#">Atlas</a> |
| Chipeta Lake             | southwest | 2024-05-16 | <a href="#">Atlas</a> |
| Eaglewatch Lake          | northeast | 2024-05-15 | <a href="#">Atlas</a> |
| South Platte River       | northeast | 2024-05-15 | <a href="#">Atlas</a> |

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| Craig Justice Center Pond  | northwest | 2024-05-15 | <a href="#">Atlas</a> |
| Beaver Lake                | northwest | 2024-05-15 | <a href="#">Atlas</a> |
| McKee Lake                 | northwest | 2024-05-15 | <a href="#">Atlas</a> |
| Jackson Gulch Reservoir    | southwest | 2024-05-15 | <a href="#">Atlas</a> |
| Crystal Creek Reservoir    | southeast | 2024-05-15 | <a href="#">Atlas</a> |
| Huerfano River             | southeast | 2024-05-15 | <a href="#">Atlas</a> |
| Blue Mesa Reservoir        | southwest | 2024-05-15 | <a href="#">Atlas</a> |
| Gunnison Pond              | southwest | 2024-05-15 | <a href="#">Atlas</a> |
| Pac-Man Lake               | southwest | 2024-05-15 | <a href="#">Atlas</a> |
| Taylor Park Reservoir      | southwest | 2024-05-14 | <a href="#">Atlas</a> |
| Quincy Reservoir           | northeast | 2024-05-14 | <a href="#">Atlas</a> |
| Canon City Kids Pond       | southeast | 2024-05-14 | <a href="#">Atlas</a> |
| Allen Park Lake            | northeast | 2024-05-14 | <a href="#">Atlas</a> |
| Johnstown Reservoir        | northeast | 2024-05-14 | <a href="#">Atlas</a> |
| Douglas Reservoir          | northeast | 2024-05-14 | <a href="#">Atlas</a> |
| Boxelder Lake #3           | northeast | 2024-05-14 | <a href="#">Atlas</a> |
| Bear Creek Reservoir       | northeast | 2024-05-13 | <a href="#">Atlas</a> |
| Smith Lake                 | northeast | 2024-05-13 | <a href="#">Atlas</a> |
| Sloans Lake                | northeast | 2024-05-13 | <a href="#">Atlas</a> |
| City Park Lake             | northeast | 2024-05-13 | <a href="#">Atlas</a> |
| Harvey Gap Reservoir       | northwest | 2024-05-13 | <a href="#">Atlas</a> |
| Davis Ponds                | northeast | 2024-05-10 | <a href="#">Atlas</a> |
| Skaguay Reservoir          | southeast | 2024-05-10 | <a href="#">Atlas</a> |
| Mt. Elbert Forebay         | southeast | 2024-05-10 | <a href="#">Atlas</a> |
| Clear Creek Reservoir      | southeast | 2024-05-10 | <a href="#">Atlas</a> |
| Beaver Creek Reservoir     | southwest | 2024-05-10 | <a href="#">Atlas</a> |
| Haviland Lake              | southwest | 2024-05-10 | <a href="#">Atlas</a> |
| Joe Moore Reservoir        | southwest | 2024-05-10 | <a href="#">Atlas</a> |
| Taylor Park Reservoir      | southwest | 2024-05-10 | <a href="#">Atlas</a> |
| Grand Lake                 | northwest | 2024-05-10 | <a href="#">Atlas</a> |
| Ordway Reservoir           | northwest | 2024-05-10 | <a href="#">Atlas</a> |
| Pueblo West Pond           | southeast | 2024-05-10 | <a href="#">Atlas</a> |
| Runyon Lake                | southeast | 2024-05-10 | <a href="#">Atlas</a> |
| Berkeley Lake              | northeast | 2024-05-10 | <a href="#">Atlas</a> |
| Rocky Mountain Lake        | northeast | 2024-05-10 | <a href="#">Atlas</a> |
| Trinidad Central Park Lake | southeast | 2024-05-10 | <a href="#">Atlas</a> |
| Trinidad Reservoir         | southeast | 2024-05-10 | <a href="#">Atlas</a> |
| Walsenburg Kids Pond       | southeast | 2024-05-10 | <a href="#">Atlas</a> |
| Horseshoe Reservoir        | southeast | 2024-05-10 | <a href="#">Atlas</a> |
| Martin Lake                | southeast | 2024-05-10 | <a href="#">Atlas</a> |
| Carter Lake                | northeast | 2024-05-10 | <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 Justin Montoya  
with this 34-inch, 12-pound Lake Trout out of Gross Reservoir!

Well done, Justin!

*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*

# **Fishing Reports**

## **Trinidad Lake**

- The lake is at 744 surface acres with a surface elevation of 6185.90 ft.
- Shore anglers are reporting success on trout, bass, and wipers. Some anglers reporting the yellow perch are starting to bite as well.
- Shrimp and worms have been the bait of choice for shore fishermen.
- Boat fishermen are reporting success with trout using spinnerbait and spoons. Walleye and perch are biting on worm harnesses and bottom bouncers.
- The water temperature is around 58 degrees.

## **Parvin and Dowdy Lakes**

- Anglers reporting success with trout using power bait and black flasher wooly boogers.
- Morning-time angling has been good with many fish biting.

## **Parachute and Brett Jolly Ponds**

- Both waters recently stocked with catchable trout.
- Upcoming stocks planned for the following:
  - o Muddy Pass Lake
  - o Wolford Reservoir
  - o Lost Lake
  - o Clear Lake
  - o Evergreen Reservoir
  - o Echo Lake
  - o Old Pond
  - o Dinkle Lake
  - o Nast Lake

## Tip of the Week – Flat Line Fishing

A flat line rig is simple to set up and is a very effective technique for many species of fish within the top 10 to 15 feet of water. This type of fishing does not require trolling rods or reels, downriggers, planner boards, pop gear, dodgers or lead core line.

Flat lining utilizes standard fishing equipment:

- Light to medium action spinning rods.
- Fly rods and reels.
- Open, closed face or bait casting reels.
- Monofilament or fluorocarbon line (4-8 lbs).
- Small lures, spoons or baitholder hooks.

With flat line trolling the angler will let out 20-30 feet of line behind or to the side of the boat.

Lures or spoons may be tipped with wax worms, meal worms, salmon eggs or corn to further entice fish to take the bait.

Size 6 or 8 baitholder hooks may be tied directly to the line and tipped with worms or salmon eggs. To vary the depth your bait is running at, a small split shot may be added 18-30 inches above the bait.

The best technique for trolling a flat line rig is to maneuver the boat in an “S” pattern.

NOTE: Flat line booms (outriggers) will enable the angler to extend the distance between fishing lines while trolling. They can fit into existing rod holders and are available at sporting goods outlets and online.

## Comments or Questions?

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- DNR Fish Reporter



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