

Fishing Report



June 21, 2024



News and Information

CPW invites anglers to participate in annual Elkhead Reservoir Fishing Classic

Anglers, mark your calendar. Colorado Parks and Wildlife invites you to the annual Elkhead Reservoir Fishing Classic starting on Saturday, June 22, at Elkhead Reservoir State Park. With nearly \$10,000 in prizes, anglers of all ages are encouraged to participate.

Tournament angling will begin at 6:30 a.m. on June 22. Fish caught before the start of the tournament will not qualify. Tournament angling will conclude on Sunday, June 30.

Anglers must have their catch of northern pike and/or smallmouth bass for that day turned into the CPW fish scanning station by 3 p.m. on June 30 to qualify for tournament awards and prizes.

One northern pike and one smallmouth bass will be tagged internally and released prior to the start of the tournament. The angler(s) who catches one or both of the tagged fish will receive \$1,500 per tagged fish caught.

“We are looking forward to another great tournament,” said Area Aquatic Biologist Tory Eyre. “We recently started stocking tiger muskie in the reservoir to provide additional angling opportunities. Tiger muskie are often confused with Northern Pike. We want to remind our anglers to pay close attention to the fish they are catching.”

Participants are not required to register before the event. However, those who wish to compete for awards and prizes must register upon arrival at the park or when turning in their first fish at the CPW fish scanning station located at the Elkhead Reservoir State Park maintenance shop near the park entrance. There is no tournament entry fee, but a State Park pass is required to enter Elkhead State Park. Any individual aged 16 years and older will need a valid Colorado fishing license.



[Learn more](https://cpw.state.co.us/aboutus/Pages/News-Release-Details.aspx?NewsID=4168) (https://cpw.state.co.us/aboutus/Pages/News-Release-Details.aspx?NewsID=4168)

Events

[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.

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[Outdoor Skills Day at Mueller](#)

Saturday, June 29

Enjoy learning new skills or testing honed ones including: archery, target shooting, geocaching, camping, dutch oven cooking and more. All skill levels and abilities are welcome. This year start at the livery parking area to check out the registration and info booth with all you need to know about what to do at the park today!

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Stocking Report

Body of Water	Region	Report Date	Link
Spring Creek Reservoir	southwest	2024-06-21	Atlas
Cochetopa Creek	southwest	2024-06-21	Atlas
Dome Lake, Upper	southwest	2024-06-21	Atlas
Tincup Pond	southwest	2024-06-21	Atlas
Mirror Lake	southwest	2024-06-21	Atlas
Frantz Lake	southeast	2024-06-20	Atlas
Weir & Johnson Reservoir	southwest	2024-06-20	Atlas
Eggleston Lake, Big	southwest	2024-06-20	Atlas
Columbine Ponds	southwest	2024-06-20	Atlas
Fairplay Pond	northeast	2024-06-18	Atlas
Columbia Reservoir	northeast	2024-06-18	Atlas
Turquoise Lake	southeast	2024-06-18	Atlas
Andrews Lake	southwest	2024-06-18	Atlas
Molas Lake, Big	southwest	2024-06-18	Atlas
Rifle Gap Reservoir	northwest	2024-06-18	Atlas
Grand Lake	northwest	2024-06-18	Atlas
Monarch Lake	northwest	2024-06-18	Atlas
Trickle Park Reservoir	southwest	2024-06-18	Atlas
Neversweat Reservoir	northwest	2024-06-18	Atlas
Dome Lake, Lower	southwest	2024-06-18	Atlas
Gunnison Pond	southwest	2024-06-18	Atlas
Hot Springs Reservoir	southwest	2024-06-18	Atlas
Pac-Man Lake	southwest	2024-06-18	Atlas
Riverway Pond	southwest	2024-06-18	Atlas
Sunset Lake	northwest	2024-06-18	Atlas
Pinewood Reservoir	northeast	2024-06-17	Atlas
Horsetooth Reservoir	northeast	2024-06-17	Atlas
Henderson Lake	southwest	2024-06-17	Atlas
Maroon Lake	northwest	2024-06-17	Atlas
Tiago Lake	northeast	2024-06-17	Atlas
Irwin Lake	southwest	2024-06-17	Atlas
Eagle Ranch Children's Pond	northwest	2024-06-14	Atlas
Wilmor Pond	northwest	2024-06-14	Atlas
Nottingham Lake	northwest	2024-06-14	Atlas
Fruita Reservoir #1	northwest	2024-06-14	Atlas
Fruita Reservoir #3	northwest	2024-06-14	Atlas
Craig City Ponds	northwest	2024-06-13	Atlas
Axial Basin Lake	northwest	2024-06-13	Atlas
Sleepy Cat Ponds	northwest	2024-06-13	Atlas
Avery Pond	northwest	2024-06-13	Atlas
Chambers Lake	northeast	2024-06-12	Atlas

Jefferson Lake	northeast	2024-06-12	Atlas
Turquoise Lake	southeast	2024-06-12	Atlas
Slack And Weiss Reservoir	northeast	2024-06-12	Atlas
Camp Hale Pond	northwest	2024-06-12	Atlas
Trent Pond	northwest	2024-06-12	Atlas
Blue Lake	southeast	2024-06-12	Atlas
Crystal Creek Reservoir	southeast	2024-06-12	Atlas
Horsetooth Reservoir	northeast	2024-06-12	Atlas
Carter Lake	northeast	2024-06-12	Atlas
Hotel Twin Lake	southwest	2024-06-11	Atlas
Ward Creek	southwest	2024-06-11	Atlas
Chatfield Reservoir	northeast	2024-06-11	Atlas
Runyon Lake	southeast	2024-06-11	Atlas
Fountain Lake	southeast	2024-06-11	Atlas
Bear Lake	northwest	2024-06-11	Atlas
Cold Springs Pond	northwest	2024-06-11	Atlas
Gardner Park Reservoir	northwest	2024-06-11	Atlas
Ranger Lake, Lower	northeast	2024-06-11	Atlas
Ranger Lake, Upper	northeast	2024-06-11	Atlas
Chalk Lake	southeast	2024-06-11	Atlas
O'Haver Lake	southeast	2024-06-11	Atlas
Montgomery Reservoir	northeast	2024-06-11	Atlas
Twin Lake #1	southeast	2024-06-11	Atlas
Twin Lake #2	southeast	2024-06-11	Atlas
Wrights Lake	southeast	2024-06-11	Atlas
DeWeese Reservoir	southeast	2024-06-11	Atlas
Lake Dorothy	southeast	2024-06-11	Atlas
Flatiron Reservoir	northeast	2024-06-11	Atlas
Horsetooth Reservoir	northeast	2024-06-11	Atlas
Reed Reservoir	southwest	2024-06-10	Atlas
Kiser Slough Reservoir	southwest	2024-06-10	Atlas
Eaglewatch Lake	northeast	2024-06-10	Atlas
South Platte River	northeast	2024-06-10	Atlas
Clear Creek Reservoir	southeast	2024-06-10	Atlas
Cottonwood Lake	southeast	2024-06-10	Atlas
Old Pond	northwest	2024-06-10	Atlas
Dinkle Lake	northwest	2024-06-10	Atlas
McKee Lake	northwest	2024-06-10	Atlas
Rampart Reservoir	southeast	2024-06-10	Atlas
Cobbett Lake	southwest	2024-06-06	Atlas
Carter Lake	northeast	2024-06-05	Atlas
Horsetooth Reservoir	northeast	2024-06-05	Atlas
Ward Creek Reservoir	southwest	2024-06-05	Atlas
Water Dog Reservoir	northwest	2024-06-04	Atlas
Taylor Park Reservoir	southwest	2024-06-03	Atlas

McDonough Reservoir	southwest	2024-05-31	Atlas
Groundhog Reservoir	southwest	2024-05-31	Atlas
Pinewood Reservoir	northeast	2024-05-31	Atlas
Daigre Reservoir	southeast	2024-05-31	Atlas
Wahatoya Reservoir	southeast	2024-05-31	Atlas
Monument Reservoir	southeast	2024-05-31	Atlas
Pericles Pond	southwest	2024-05-30	Atlas
Shavano Pond	southwest	2024-05-30	Atlas
Mann-Nyholt Lake South	northeast	2024-05-30	Atlas
Brighton Park Lake	southeast	2024-05-30	Atlas
Jackson Gulch Reservoir	southwest	2024-05-30	Atlas
Rosemont Reservoir	southeast	2024-05-30	Atlas
Chambers Lake	northeast	2024-05-30	Atlas
Parachute Pond	northwest	2024-05-30	Atlas
Nofstger Reservoir	northwest	2024-05-29	Atlas
Dry Creek Pond	northwest	2024-05-29	Atlas
Ligon Reservoir	northwest	2024-05-29	Atlas
Hale Ponds	southeast	2024-05-29	Atlas
Taylor Park Reservoir	southwest	2024-05-29	Atlas
Roaring Judy Ponds	southwest	2024-05-29	Atlas
Dome Lake, Upper	southwest	2024-05-29	Atlas
Aurora Reservoir	northeast	2024-05-29	Atlas
West Lake	northeast	2024-05-28	Atlas
West Lake	northeast	2024-05-28	Atlas
Buckeye Reservoir	southwest	2024-05-28	Atlas
Deer Lakes	southwest	2024-05-28	Atlas
Lake San Cristobal	southwest	2024-05-28	Atlas
Palmer Lake	southeast	2024-05-28	Atlas
Monument Creek	southeast	2024-05-28	Atlas
Pothole Lake #1 (lower)	southwest	2024-05-24	Atlas
Pothole Lake #2 (upper)	southwest	2024-05-24	Atlas
Twin Spruce Ponds	southwest	2024-05-24	Atlas
Haviland Lake	southwest	2024-05-24	Atlas
Jackson Gulch Reservoir	southwest	2024-05-24	Atlas
Horsetooth Reservoir	northeast	2024-05-24	Atlas

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

Catch of the Week



Submitted by his son, Eric, the Catch of the Week goes to Joe Garcia with this 28-inch Northern Pike at Stagecoach Reservoir that he caught on Father's Day!

Well done, Joe!

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*

Fishing Reports

Flatiron Reservoir

- Anglers reporting great success catching fish with nightcrawlers and green powerbait.

Trinidad Lake

- The lake is at 719 surface acres with a surface elevation of 6183.59 ft. The water level has decreased since the last fishing report.
- Shore fishermen are reporting success on trout using worms and powerbait. Some shore fishermen are also reporting that walleye are hitting on flies.
- Boat fishermen are still reporting success on walleye and bass using spinnerbait and worm harnesses
- The water temperature is around 67 degrees.

Recently stocked with catchable trout

- Eagle Ranch Children's Pond, Area 8
- Wilmor Pond, Area 8
- Nottingham Lake, Area 8
- Tiago Lake, Area 10
- Maroon Lake, Area 8
- Monarch Lake, Area 9
- Grand Lake, Area 9
- Rifle Gap Reservoir, Area 7
- Nine Mile Ranch, Area 6

Tip of the Week - Drop Shot Fishing

Drop shot fishing is a well-established technique used around the world, particularly for deep-water fishing targeting suspended fish. Originating in Japan, it swiftly gained traction in the United States, proving highly effective for various species like bass, trout, crappie, bluegill, perch and walleye.

Also known as "under shot" or "down shot," drop shot fishing employs a straightforward rigging method and is considered a finesse technique due to its use of smaller weights and baits.

Finesse drop shot weights come in sizes ranging from 1/8 oz. to ½ oz., available in standard bullet/ball designs. These weights aren't directly tied to the line; instead, they're secured by being wedged into the wire gripping slot/eyelet, serving dual purposes.

Firstly, if the weight snags on debris, it can dislodge without breaking off the entire rig. Secondly, this design permits quick adjustments in the distance between the hook(s) and the weight without the need for retying.

The rig configuration resembles the traditional setup with the weight at the bottom and the hook(s) tied above it, but with hooks snugly connected to the line and no leader in between. The Palomar Knot is the preferred choice for tying hooks to the line, enabling the hooks to stand out at a 90° angle, presenting a more natural appearance for the bait.

Drop shot fishing hooks are available in various sizes, typically ranging from 001, 002, 004, 1/0 and 2/0, provided by numerous suppliers. These rigs can be jigged from a boat or "twitched" from shore, employing techniques similar to those used in Texas or Carolina rigs.

Note: Retrieving a drop shot rig may cause "line twist" due to the weight's direct attachment to the line. Using a swivel can mitigate this issue, but it sacrifices the ability to swiftly adjust the weight for different conditions.

Comments or Questions?

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