



# Eggleston Lake

## FISH SURVEY AND MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

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**General Information:** Eggleston Lake provides fishing for rainbow trout, brown trout, splake, and cutthroat trout. It covers 164 surface acres, has a maximum depth of 52 feet, and sits at 10,140 ft. elevation. Eggleston Lake and is open year round to angling.

**Location:** From Cedaredge, go north 16 miles east on Hwy 65 to FR 121, go 2.5 miles east to lake

**Primary Management:** Coldwater Intensive Management Category 504 (Put and Grow and Put and Take)

### Amenities

- Gravel Boat Ramp
- Campground
- Parking Areas
- Hiking trails
- USFS visitor center is nearby on Hwy 65

### **WARNING !!!**

#### **Prevent the Spread of Zebra Mussels and other Aquatic Nuisance Species**

- Clean, drain, and dry your boat after each use.
- Adult mussels can attach to any surface and can live several days out of water in moist, shaded areas. Microscopic mussel larvae, known as veligers, can be transferred in water contained in live wells, bilge, ballast tanks or minnow buckets

### Previous Stocking

#### 2019

Rainbow Trout: 4,350  
Brown Trout (3 inch): 2,160  
Splake (3 inch): 3,000  
Snake River Cutthroat: 1,500

#### 2018

Rainbow Trout: 6,000  
Brown Trout (3 inch): 3,000

#### 2017

Rainbow Trout: 6,000  
Snake River Cutthroat: 2,500  
Brown Trout (3 inch): 7,400

#### 2016

Rainbow Trout: 2,000

#### 2015

Rainbow Trout: 7,000  
Snake River Cutthroat: 5,000  
Brown Trout (3 inch): 3,037

### Sportfishing Notes

#### Rainbow and Cutthroat Trout

- Good spots include around the inlets
- Best fishing times are June, September and October
- Good lures/baits include black wooly buggers, small nymphs, spinners, Powerbait, and earth-worms

#### Splake

- Good spots are throughout the lake in 5-30 ft. depths
- Best fishing times include after ice out and ice fishing
- Good lures/baits include streamers on sinking fly lines, marabou jigs, and tube jigs tipped with sucker meat

#### Brown Trout

- Good spots are near the dam and boat ramp
- Best fishing times include after ice out and the fall
- Good lures/baits include large streamers, trolled or cast spoons or spinners, Powerbait and earth worms



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**FISH SURVEY DATA**  
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**Table 1.** Species composition and sizes of fish sampled through a gillnet survey in 2017 and 2019 separated by coma (2017,2019).

Species	% Catch	Mean Length (in)	Length Range (in)
Brown Trout	6, 0	11.6, N/A	8.1-18.0, N/A
Cutthroat Trout	1, 5	12.2, 9.8	12.2, 7.3-11.8
Rainbow Trout	0, 0	N/A	N/A
Splake	6, 0	15, N/A	12.4-15.7, N/A
White Sucker	330, 59	N/A	N/A

## Management Summary

The fishery status of Big Eggleston Lake was evaluated in 2017 and 2019 to determine if the fishery had survived a 2016 drawdown related to necessary dam repairs and the drought of 2018. The sampling indicated that the lake is dominated by white suckers, which may have been better able to survive the low water periods than trout. Several healthy brown trout and splake were also sampled in 2017, but were not present in the 2019 sampling. Both brown trout and splake should utilize the white suckers as a food source, and have the potential to reach much larger sizes in Big Eggleston than were sampled in 2017, but the populations may need to rebuild following the 2018 drought. Despite strong stocking annually, no rainbow trout were sampled. It is likely that the drawdown conditions were too many of the trout species. CPW has continued stocking rainbow trout in 2019 along with splake, brown and Snake River cutthroat trout and fishing should improve in the next few years at Big Eggleston Lake.

