



River's Edge Natural Area Ponds

FISH SURVEY AND MANAGEMENT DATA
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General Information: River's Edge Natural Area offers anglers five ponds to fish for a variety of warmwater species including largemouth bass, channel catfish, bluegill, crappie, and yellow perch.

Location: Larimer County. At I-25 and US 34 (exit 257B) go W to Madison Ave. Go N 1 mile on Madison.

Recreational Management: City of Loveland

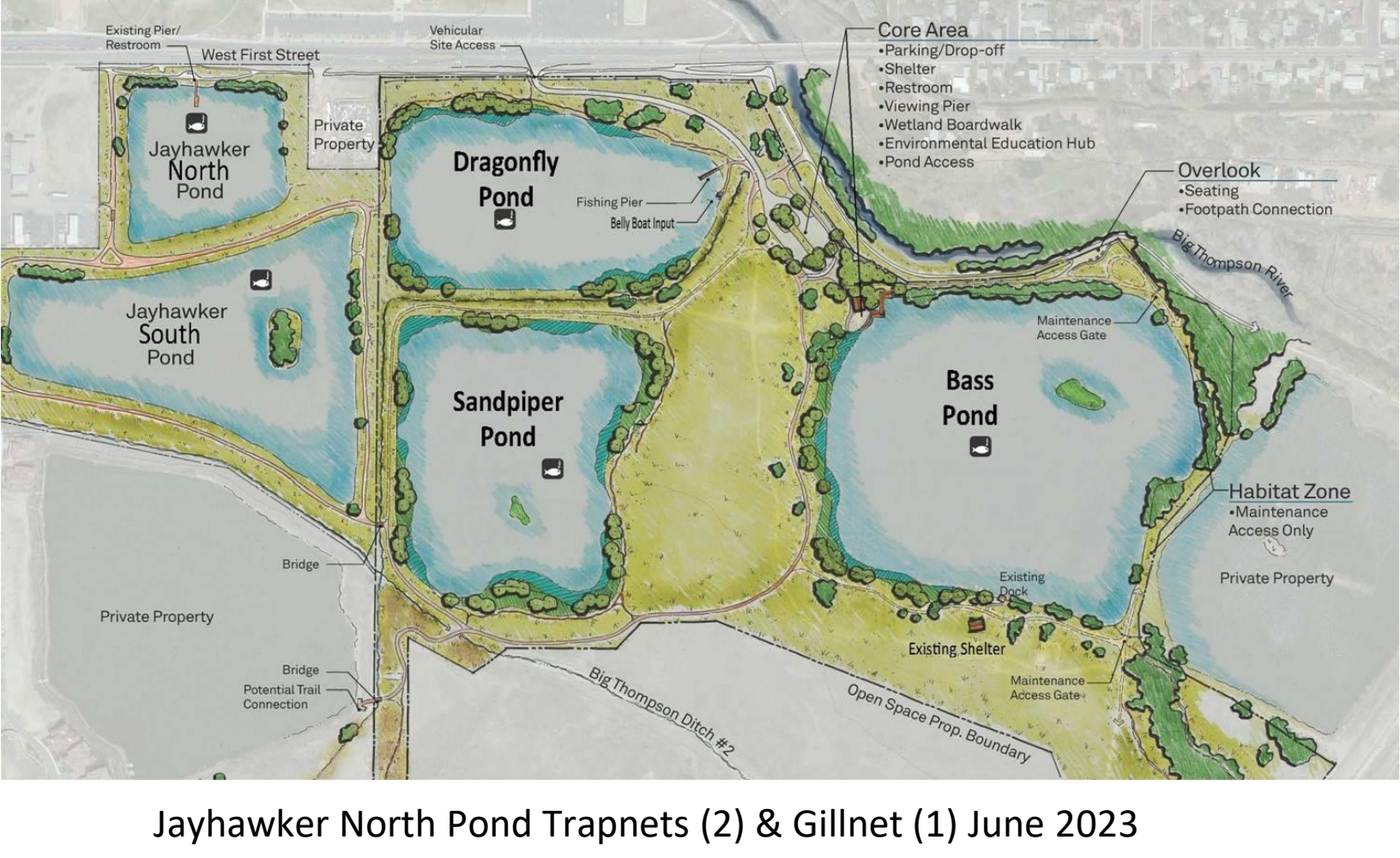
Purchase a Fishing License: <https://cpw.state.co.us/buyapply/Pages/Fishing.aspx>

Fishery Management: CPW - Warmwater angling, seasonal trout

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<u>Amenities (Day Use)</u>	<u>Previous Stocking</u>	<u>Sportfishing Notes</u>
Restrooms Hiking Trails Picnic Areas Fishing	2022/2023 Black Crappie Channel Catfish Largemouth Bass Redear Sunfish Black Crappie Rainbow Trout Sterile Grass Carp Tiger Muskie	Largemouth Bass Each of the 5 River's Edge Ponds has largemouth bass. At present these ponds offer some of the finest bass fishing in NE Colorado, anglers must use caution and follow regulations to maintain these exceptional fisheries. NOTE: boat electrofishing has yet to be completed during 2023, as a result bass numbers are under represented.
Regulations Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass fishing is by catch and release only. All largemouth and smallmouth bass must be returned to the water immediately. This regulation applies to each of the 5 ponds (Jayhawker North, Jayhawker South, Dragonfly Pond, Cormorant Pond, and Bass Pond) within River's Edge Natural Area. Bag and possession limit for yellow perch is 5. Possession of more than 5 yellow perch per individual at any of the ponds is prohibited.		Channel Catfish Best baits are cut shad or chicken liver. Jayhawker North and South and Bass Pond offer the best chance to land the cats. Rainbow Trout Stocked into Jayhawker South and Dragonfly Ponds only. Some trout stocked at 16-20".

RIVER'S EDGE NATURAL AREA



Jayhawker North Pond Trapnets (2) & Gillnet (1) June 2023

SPECIES	Total Catch	Mean	Length (inches) Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Weight (lb) Minimum	Maximum
BLACK CRAPPIE	4	8.75	8.07	9.37	0.31	0.26	0.35
BLUEGILL	255	4.44	2.76	6.42	0.03	0.00	0.22
GIZZARD SHAD	36	6.68	5.12	10.24	0.09	0.04	0.35
REDEAR SUNFISH	1	5.47	5.47	5.47	0.11	0.11	0.11
GREEN SUNFISH	18	4.37	3.07	8.15	0.07	0.02	0.37
WHITE CRAPPIE	1	8.94	8.94	8.94	0.33	0.33	0.33

Jayhawker South Pond Trapnets (2) & Gillnet (1) 2023

SPECIES	Total Catch	Mean	Length (inches) Minimum	Maximum
BLUEGILL	3	5.47	2.83	7.05
CHANNEL CATFISH	8	14.45	9.33	25.16
LARGEMOUTH BASS	3	5.00	4.76	5.28
RAINBOW TROUT	6	13.12	12.20	14.49
REDEAR SUNFISH	27	4.11	2.60	4.61
GREEN SUNFISH	33	4.49	3.31	7.40

Jayhawker South Pond will offer anglers decent fishing for catfish this season. Quality catfish were found with some cats exceeding 20 inches. Seasonal stocking of 10 inch rainbow trout will continue.



Jayhawker South Pond Boat Electrofishing 2023

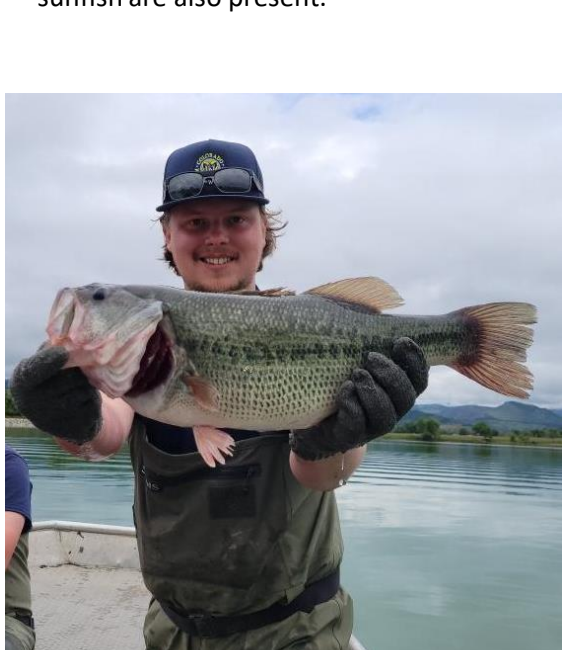
SPECIES	Total Catch	Mean	Length (inches) Minimum	Maximum
CHANNEL CATFISH	2	21.34	19.84	22.83
COMMON CARP	37	23.82	21.65	25.43
LARGEMOUTH BASS	2	5.24	4.96	5.51
REDEAR SUNFISH	1	2.44	2.44	2.44



Dragonfly Pond Trapnets (2) & Gillnet (1) 2023

SPECIES	Total Catch	Mean	Length (inches) Minimum	Maximum
BLACK CRAPPIE	44	7.67	4.92	10.79
BLUEGILL	177	5.83	3.62	8.58
COMMON CARP	4	26.48	24.02	28.94
GIZZARD SHAD	86	11.60	11.34	11.89
LARGEMOUTH BASS	1	12.83	12.83	12.83
RAINBOW TROUT	2	10.81	10.08	11.54
REDEAR SUNFISH	16	8.36	6.93	10.55

Dragonfly Ponds (12 acres) offer good fishing for largemouth bass and seasonal rainbow trout. Along with Jayhawker South these are the only ponds that are typically stocked with trout. Belly boat access on this water is great and often results in better catch rates. Redear sunfish are also present.



Sandpiper Pond Boat E-fishing (15 min.) 2023

SPECIES	Total Catch	Mean	Length (inches) Minimum	Maximum
BLUEGILL	4	6.29	5.91	6.81
COMMON CARP	12	24.91	22.20	30.63
GIZZARD SHAD	2	13.88	13.62	14.13
LARGEMOUTH BASS	7	15.91	11.50	18.58
GREEN SUNFISH	1	3.39	3.39	3.39

Sandpiper pond, 14 acres, offer quality fishing for panfish and bass.

Sandpiper Pond Trapnets (2) & Gillnets (1) 2023

SPECIES	Total Catch	Mean	Length (inches) Minimum	Maximum
BLACK CRAPPIE	6	12.02	10.43	13.58
BLUEGILL	38	5.03	3.15	7.24
COMMON CARP	13	20.20	20.20	20.20
GIZZARD SHAD	13	14.54	13.46	16.61
LARGEMOUTH BASS	9	12.34	11.54	13.15
REDEAR SUNFISH	1	11.10	11.10	11.10
GREEN SUNFISH	59	4.25	2.56	8.03
WHITE SUCKER	1	18.15	18.15	18.15



Bass Pond Trapnets (2) & Gillnet (1) 2023

SPECIES	Total Catch	Mean	Length (inches) Minimum	Maximum
BLACK CRAPPIE	5	7.82	5.31	10.28
BLUEGILL	346	6.00	4.65	7.28
CHANNEL CATFISH	1	21.50	21.50	21.50
GIZZARD SHAD	1	20.31	20.31	20.31
LARGEMOUTH BASS	4	10.64	9.45	12.05
RAINBOW TROUT	3	12.43	11.26	13.39
GREEN SUNFISH	3	6.05	5.87	6.38
WALLEYE	2	22.56	20.47	24.65

Bass Pond, 23 acres, is the largest pond within the River's Edge complex. This pond offers exceptional fishing for largemouth bass and bluegill. Bluegill also serve as a major component to the bass diet. All largemouth and smallmouth bass must be returned to the waters immediately. Bass Pond can become heavily vegetated during the summer. To limit some of the aquatic vegetation sterile grass carp have been stocked and will eventually reach giant sizes. If you see a 3 foot fish in Bass Pond its most likely a grasser.

Bass Pond Boat E-fishing (20 min) 2023

SPECIES	Total Catch	Mean	Length (inches) Minimum	Maximum
BLACK CRAPPIE	5	9.52	7.87	11.34
BLUEGILL	12	5.49	3.15	6.61
CHANNEL CATFISH	1	15.91	15.91	15.91
COMMON CARP	6	28.07	24.96	31.18
LARGEMOUTH BASS	28	13.22	6.26	21.02
YELLOW PERCH	1	8.03	8.03	8.03

Approximately \$90,000 from Colorado Park's and Wildlife Fishing is Fun Program was used to assist Loveland with the implementation and opening of the River's Edge Natural Area. The City of Loveland provided the lion's share of the funding responsible for opening this recreational area. Please enjoy your visit!



Christmas Tree project - Bass Pond with Loveland Fishing Club

