



Ruedi Reservoir

Fish Management and Survey Information

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General Information: Ruedi Reservoir is a 1,000 acre storage reservoir. Ruedi offers good fishing for rainbow trout, lake trout, and occasionally kokanee. Recreation facilities consist of 4 campgrounds accommodating 81 campsites and 2 boat-launching ramps. Visit the U.S. Forest Service website for more information: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r2/whiteriver/recreation/campgrounds/sopriscg/ruedicomplexcg/index.shtml> or call 970.945.2521

Location: Eagle and Pitkin counties. Ruedi is located 15 miles east of Basalt on the Fryingpan Road.

Fishery Management: Cold water fish species

Annual Survey Data: See page 2.

AMENITIES

- Boat Ramp
- Hot and Cold Water
- Picnic Areas
- Camping
- RV Parking
- Restrooms
- Hiking trails
- Long-term Boat Storage

REGULATIONS

- Statewide bag and possession limits apply: 4 trout daily bag, 8 trout possession; 10 kokanee bag and possession.
- Use or possession of live fish as bait is prohibited west of the continental divide except in Navajo Reservoir.

Ice fishing is allowed.

BOAT CARE

Prevent the spread of Aquatic Nuisance Species!

CLEAN

DRAIN

DRY

BOAT INSPECTION & DECONTAMINATION

- Weekends and some weekdays from Memorial Day to Labor Day
- Boat ramp on west end of reservoir.
- Requirements: The boat ramp will be open for use outside of inspection hours, boaters are required to have valid green seal and receipt from another certified state location prior to launch.

CURRENT STOCKING

Rainbow Trout
Kokanee

SPORTFISHING NOTES

Lake Trout

- Lake trout are naturally reproducing in the lake and are available for harvest.
- They are often found in deep waters near the dam during the summer.

Rainbow Trout

- Rainbow trout fishing is good year round using traditional baits.

Kokanee Salmon

- Fishing for kokanee is rebounding after a short period of not stocking.
- The inlet is a good fishing location for kokanee during the fall.

Yellow Perch

- Illegally introduced into Ruedi, we encourage removal of any perch caught. There is no bag or possession limit on the western slope.

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Map and Access Information



2014 Spring Gill Net Surveys

Fish Species	% Catch	Average Length (Range) in inches
Rainbow Trout	11	10.4 (6.5 – 12.0)
Lake Trout	17	18.4 (10.2 – 32.4)
Kokanee	12	8.6 (8.3 – 10.0)
Brown Trout	25	11.9 (3.7 – 17.9)
Yellow Perch	5	6.5 (4.3 – 8.3)
White Sucker	12	14.7 (6.4 – 22.4)

Management Notes – Ruedi is stocked with thousands of catchable rainbow trout each year. There is a naturally reproducing population of lake trout. Kokanee are also annually stocked in Ruedi. In 2007, an illegally introduced population of yellow perch was first sampled in Ruedi. Yellow perch compete for plankton that serve as a food source for kokanee and young trout. Furthermore, larger perch will directly predate on other young fish that may be desirable to anglers as adult fish. They also have high productivity and the young perch can provide a good forage for small lake trout – increasing growth, and thus larger lake trout. While this can be desirable for some anglers, large lake trout are voracious consumers of catchable rainbow trout and kokanee, so we often see a decline in other desirable sportfish fish when large lake trout become more numerous. We encourage anglers to remove any perch that they catch while fishing at Ruedi.