



Runyon Lake

FISH SURVEY AND MANAGEMENT DATA

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General Information: Runyon Lake, which is approximately thirty-five acres in size, offers good fishing for rainbow trout, saugeye and walleye, channel catfish, and black crappie. Additional species present include bluegill and bass. Limited boating is allowed for fishing only, and includes float tubes or carry-on craft propelled by hand. Fountain Lake, approximately 6.8 acres in size, is located east of Runyon in the Runyon/Fountain Lakes SWA (see pages 5-6).

Location: East Pueblo, Pueblo county. From I-25, take exit 98-A and go south on Santa Fe Road and east on Runyon Field Road to the Runyon/Fountain Lakes SWA.

Recreational Management: Colorado Parks and Wildlife (719-561-5300)

Fishery Management: warmwater and coldwater species. **Annual Survey Data:** See following pages

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Amenities

- Wheelchair-accessible parking and fishing pier
- Fishing docks (2)
- Picnic Areas
- Restrooms
- Nature trail

Regulations

- Ice fishing is prohibited.
- Boating allowed with float tubes or carry-on craft propelled by hand (for fishing only).
- Daily bag and possession limits for saugeye/walleye are 10 fish in aggregate.
- Catfish daily bag and possession limits are 10 fish in aggregate.
- Trout daily bag limit is 4 fish in aggregate and the possession limit is 8 fish in aggregate.
- See the regulations brochure for bag and possession limits of other fish species: <http://cpw.state.co.us/Documents/RulesRegs/Brochure/fishing.pdf>

Previous Stocking

2017

Black crappie
Channel catfish
Cutbow
Rainbow trout
Saugeye

2016

Black crappie
Channel catfish
Cutbow
Rainbow trout
Snake River Cutthroat
Saugeye

2015

Black crappie
Channel catfish
Greenback Cutthroat
Rainbow trout
Saugeye

2014

Black crappie
Channel catfish
Rainbow trout
Saugeye

Sportfishing Notes

Saugeye / Walleye

Saugeye and walleye are sometimes difficult to catch, particularly when shad are abundant. However, anglers can be successful fishing with night crawlers and plastic grub jigs fished near the bottom.

Channel catfish

Supplemental feeding in previous years has increased the growth and condition of channel catfish. Catfish are well above average weight and will be a great catch, however, the feeding program has been discontinued.

Rainbow trout

Catchable trout typically are stocked monthly, and some 19" fish are stocked on occasion. In the spring, fishing with night crawlers or salmon eggs in shallow water is a good bet. Traditional baits are effective.

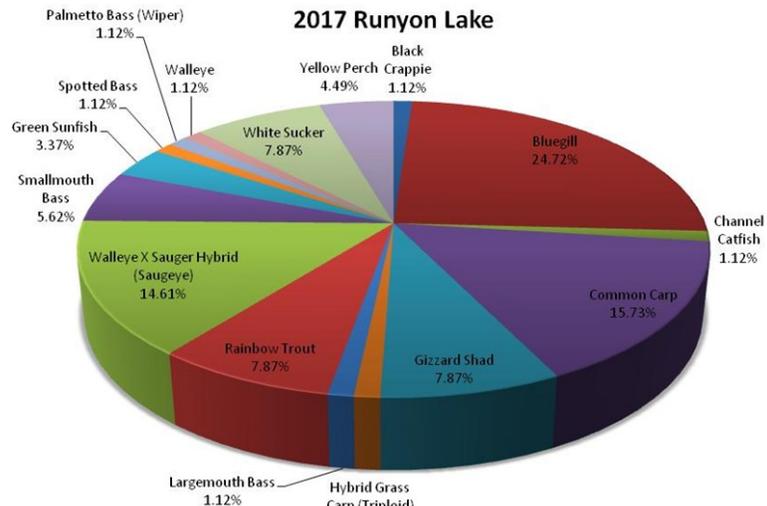


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FISH SAMPLING DATA



2017 ELECTROFISHING SAMPLING



	# Caught	CPUE Fish/hr	Length (in)		Weight (lb)		PSD	Relative weight
			Average	(Range)	Average	(Range)		
Black crappie (BCR)	1	1.8	2.0	(2.0-2.0)	0.00	(0.0-0.0)	-	-
Bluegill (BGL)	24	42.9	4.2	(2.7-7.6)	0.07	(0.0-0.37)	13.64	109.01
Channel catfish (CCF)	1	1.8	13.0	(13.0-13.0)	0.75	(0.75-0.75)	-	108.07
Common carp (CPP)	15	26.8	20.5	(2.0-27.1)	4.84	(0.0-8.25)	100	96.71
Gizzard shad (GSD)	7	12.5	12.6	(7.5-17.0)	0.94	(0.22-1.84)	95.71	107.01
Hybrid grass carp (HGC)	1	1.8	37.0	(37.0-37.0)	28.66	(28.66-28.66)	-	-
Largemouth bass (LMB)	10	17.9	3.5	(2.2-9.6)	0.06	(0.0-0.45)	-	101.73
Rainbow trout (RBT)	7	12.5	11.8	(11.0-13.1)	0.57	(0.43-0.75)	-	78.92
Saugeye (SAG)	13	23.2	13.3	(8.1-24.5)	1.37	(0.15-6.24)	41.67	94.52
Smallmouth bass (SMB)	9	16.1	8.4	(1.7-13.8)	0.56	(0.0-1.34)	60	98.77
Green sunfish (SNF)	5	8.9	4.4	(2.4-6.8)	0.10	(0.01-0.24)	66.67	96.05
Spotted bass (SPB)	1	1.8	16.2	(16.2-16.2)	2.42	(2.42-2.42)	100	103.59
Wiper (SXW)	1	1.8	9.5	(9.5-9.5)	0.45	(0.45-0.45)	-	106.95
Walleye (WAL)	1	1.8	22.0	(22.0-22.0)	3.58	(3.58-3.58)	100	85.08
White sucker (WHS)	8	14.3	13.8	(2.3-18.1)	1.37	(0.01-2.27)	100	91.83
Yellow perch (YPE)	4	7.1	5.6	(5.1-6.5)	0.10	(0.06-0.13)	-	119.79
Totals	108	192.9						



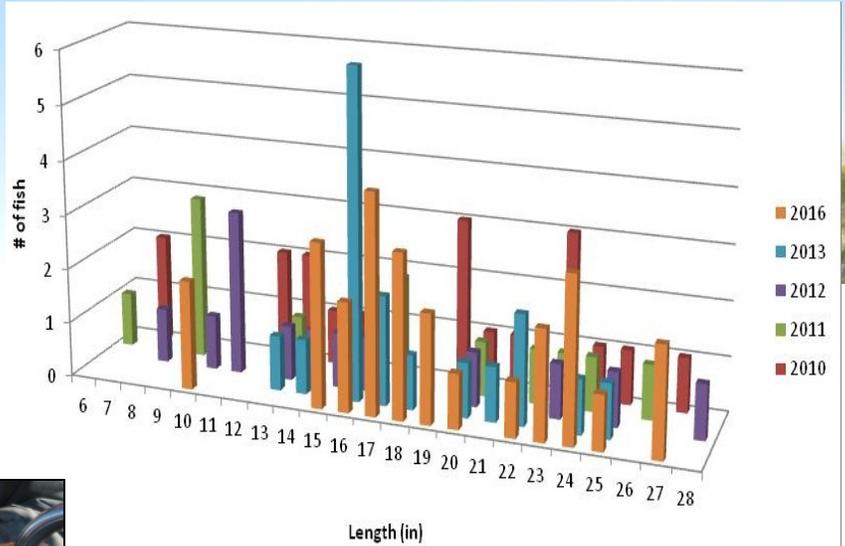
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WALLEYE/SAUGEYE

Walleye and saugeye survive well in Runyon Lake, and are predicted to be moderately abundant in 2018. The walleye and saugeye caught in 2017 were between 8 and 24.5 inches. Although they may require some additional effort, a significant amount of the population is comprised of high quality fish that will be fun to catch in 2018.

The condition of these fish was also good in 2017, indicating that they are eating and growing well. Their good weight, combined with a high population size of large fish, should produce some excellent fishing opportunities in 2018.



CRAPPIE AND BLUEGILL

Runyon Lake also has a substantial pan fishery, and crappie and bluegill are often overlooked. Crappie are readily caught at Runyon, and fish ranging from 6-10" are common. Some fish are caught at even larger sizes. Anglers willing to target these fish could see some great catches in 2018.

Although only one crappie was caught during sampling in 2017, electrofishing efforts may not have been efficient enough to catch a significant number of crappie in 2017. Twenty-four bluegill were sampled with an average length of 4.2".

Since 2011, Colorado Parks and Wildlife hatcheries were able to produce a good number of black crappies. Bluegill are stocked also; 2018 should be a good year for pan fishing at Runyon Lake.





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RAINBOW TROUT

Most of the fishing recreation at Runyon Lake comes from stocked trout. These fish are planted monthly, with the exception of July, August, and sometimes September when temperatures are too high. Most of the rainbow trout are what we call “catchable” size, which is approximately 10 inches in length. Occasionally, broodfish measuring up to 19 inches in length are available and stocked into Runyon Lake, which occurred in 2017.

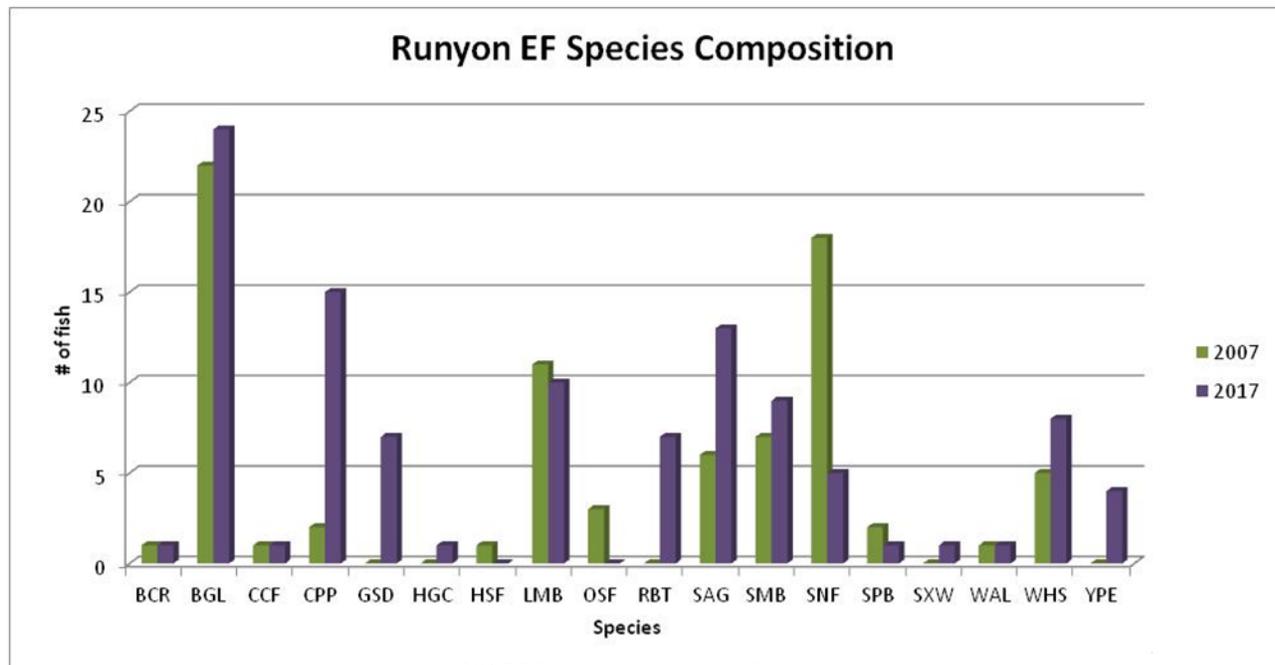
Anglers fishing for trout should be aware of the statewide bag and possession limits for trout (daily bag of 4 and possession limit of 8 fish). Fishing from shore is productive throughout most of the year.



CHANNEL CATFISH

Only one channel catfish was sampled in 2017 and was 13” in length, but several larger catfish in the 24 to 28” range are present. With the supplemental feeding program that was previously in place, there should continue to be some very nice fish caught in 2018. Supplemental feeding has greatly increased the condition of catfish in Runyon. The average weight of catfish in previous sampling efforts was almost 3.47 pounds, with the largest caught weighing 10.29 pounds.

The number of catfish at Runyon Lake is likely only moderate, but the large size of the fish should make 2018 catfishing continue to be very good at Runyon Lake for those who have persistence.



2017 Master Angler Awards

Name	Species	Length	Location	Month	Year	Status
Hector Uribe Jr.	largemouth bass	18"	Runyon Lake	June	2017	Kept

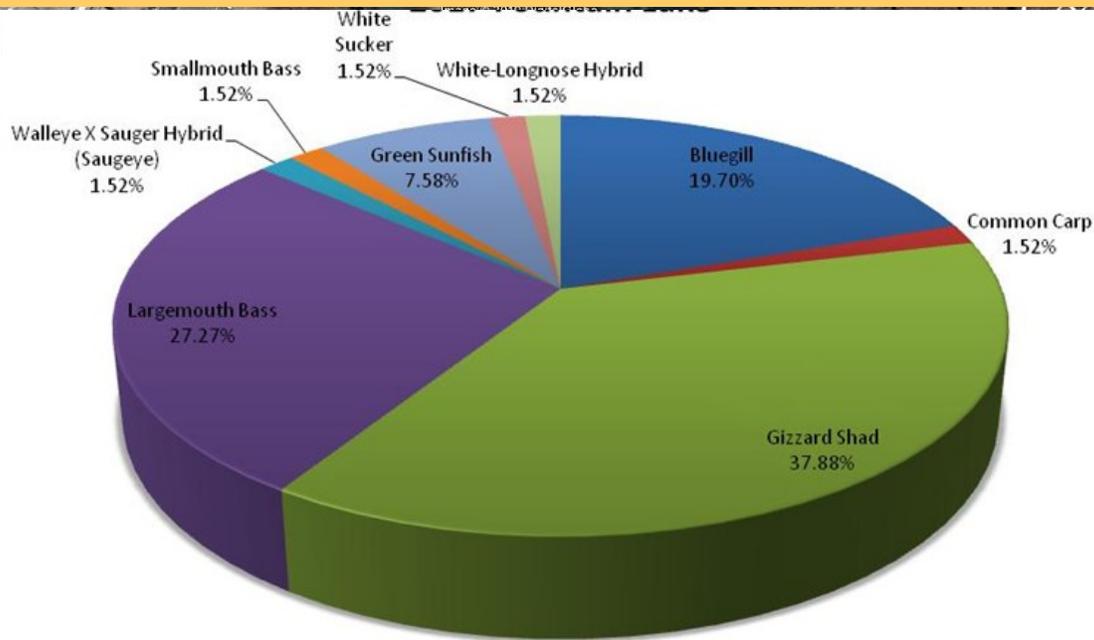


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	# Caught	Fish/hr	Length (in)		Weight (lb)		PSD	Relative weight
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Bluegill (BGL)	23	92	3.3	(2.7-4.4)	0.02	(0-0.05)	-	68.97
Common carp (CPP)	1	4	21.4	(21.4-21.4)	4.35	(4.35-4.35)	100	88.3
Gizzard shad (GSD)	26	104	12.6	(2.3-17.1)	0.85	(0-2.05)	64	87.51
Largemouth bass (LMB)	42	168	6.6	(2.0-19.8)	0.51	(0-4.3)	53.85	103.73
Saugeye (SAG)	1	4	11.2	(11.2-11.2)	0.28	(0.28-0.28)	-	61.19
Smallmouth bass (SMB)	1	4	15.2	(15.2-15.2)	1.94	(1.94-1.94)	100	99.77
Green sunfish (SNF)	5	20	6.0	(4.7-6.9)	0.13	(0.07-0.18)	60	85.9
White sucker (WHS)	1	4	8.5	(8.5-8.5)	0.19	(0.19-0.19)	-	67.02
White-long hybrid (WXL)	1	4	8.3	(8.3-8.3)	0.20	(0.2-0.2)	-	-
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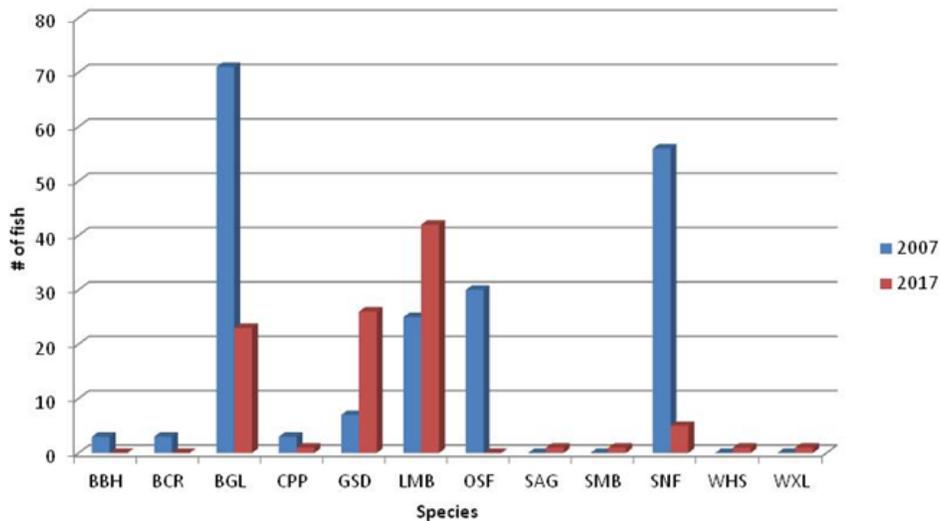


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OVERALL ABUNDANCE

Electrofishing Relative Abundance



Relative Abundance w/o GSD - EF & GN

