



Spinney Reservoir

FISH SURVEY AND MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

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General Information: Spinney Reservoir provides quality fishing for rainbow trout and northern pike. Occasionally brown trout can be caught here as well. Spinney's primary management goal is to produce quality rainbow trout fishing. Anglers are encouraged to harvest all northern pike caught at Spinney Reservoir.

Visit CPW's website at: <http://parks.state.co.us/Parks/SpinneyMountain/>

Location: Park County. South of US Hwy 24 east of Hartsel.

Size: 2,450 surface acres, 46 feet max depth

Management: City of Aurora (owner), Colorado Parks and Wildlife (recreation manager)

Purchase A Fishing License: <http://cpw.state.co.us/buyapply/Pages/Fishing.aspx>

Amenities

- Boat Ramps (2)
- Picnic Areas
- Outhouses
- Handicap accessible facilities
- Information Kiosks
- All trailered boats must go through an Aquatic Nuisance Species inspection prior to launching

Regulations

- Fishing by artificial flies and lures only.
- Bag and possession and minimum size for trout is 1, 20 inches long.
- Bag and possession limit for northern pike and yellow perch is unlimited. No minimum size restriction.
- Fishing prohibited 1/2 hour after sunset to 1/2 hour before sunrise.
- The Homestake Canal is closed to fishing at all times.
- Park closes for winter once ice starts to form on the reservoir. Park reopens around April 15 each year depending on ice cover.

Previous Stocking

2016

Rainbow trout
Rainbow x Cutthroat trout

2015

Rainbow x Cutthroat trout

2014

Rainbow x Cutthroat trout

2013

Rainbow x Cutthroat trout

2012

Rainbow trout
Rainbow x Cutthroat trout

2011

Rainbow trout
Rainbow x Cutthroat trout

2010

Rainbow trout

2009

Rainbow trout

2008

Sport fishing Notes

Trout

- The annual opening day at Spinney can be the best fishing of the season. Trolling with spinners and spoons or fly fishing with egg or scud patterns typically work the best. As summer progresses turn to callibaetis, damselfly, and tube jigs. Fall can also be a productive time for catching trout at Spinney Reservoir. Fish tend to move into shallow water as temperatures fall. Spinners and wooley buggers are a good bet during this time of year.

Pike

- The best times to fish for pike at Spinney are spring and fall. After the pike spawn and before they retreat into deeper, cooler water rainbow pattern stick baits and bunny flies can be productive. In the fall try trolling weed edges with stick baits or large spinners.



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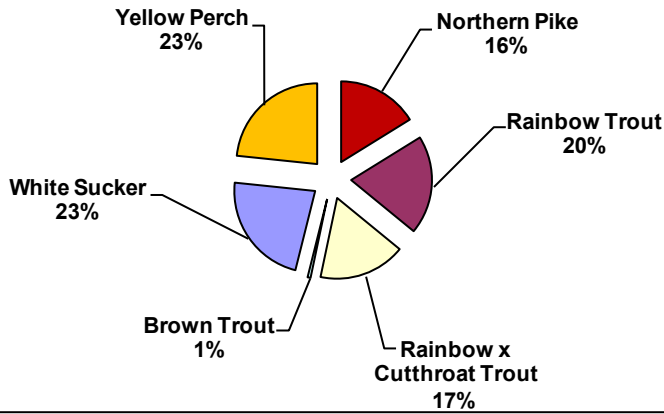
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2016 % of Total Catch



Left: This graph shows the percentage of fish by species caught in our gill nets.

Below: Length-frequency is the number of fish by species at a certain length. As you can see there are quite a few rainbow trout at or near the 20" minimum length limit.

2016 Spinney Mountain Reservoir Length-Frequency Data

