

COLORADO DIVISION OF WILDLIFE'S WEEKLY FISHING REPORT

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Seasonal Report

On Colder Ponds

The leaves have changed, the days are shorter and frost has returned to greet us in the mornings. Big changes are on the way as Colorado begins its yearly transformation into a winter wonderland. As temperature plummet, the high-country's lakes, ponds and streams will soon make way for different types of fishing experiences. One of the best things about fishing in Colorado is the year-round opportunities and challenges that it presents. The spring; its caddis and mayfly hatches can both exhilarate an angler and test their skills. Summer brings alpine fishing possibilities, full reservoirs and the barbequed catch of the day. The majestic mountain colors of autumn signal cooler waters, a surge in fish aggressiveness and the inevitability of winter.

Winter doesn't mean that fishing has to come to an end. On the contrary; winter brings with it the promise of hard water, and ice fishing. Ice fishing presents anglers with an opportunity to fish parts of lakes and reservoirs that may have been unavailable to them during any other time of the year. It also brings with it different fishing conditions and settings, as well as the ability to try other ways of experiencing the outdoors, such as snowmobiling and cross-country skiing. You don't necessarily have to travel to the high-country to enjoy ice fishing. Aurora, Chatfield, Cherry Creek, Evergreen & Gross Reservoirs, to name a few, are all places to try your hand at ice fishing within the Front Range and Denver metro areas. Always keep in mind, whether you're on 3ft of ice or 1ft of ice, your safety and the safety of those with you is paramount. Ice conditions change frequently, even from day to day. Be sure you know what the conditions are for the body of water you're planning on fishing prior to setting foot on the ice. Also be sure that you are properly equipped. For more information on ice fishing and equipment, see this week's "Fishing Tip of the Week" listed below.

So, if you haven't fished this year, now is the time. Many anglers' favorite time of year to fish is just around the corner when the ice sets in. If you haven't tried ice fishing, you will discover that fishing in Colorado can be enjoyed all year long.

This will be the final report of the year. The weekly fishing report is projected to return on April 13th, 2010.

TELL US WHAT YOU THINK!

In June, the Communication Center in Denver took over the responsibility of putting together and publishing the weekly fishing report. In an effort to bring you the highest level of service, we would like to hear your feedback on the product we have been providing for you.

Please take a moment to email us at <http://wildlife.state.co.us/about/faq/> (go to the bottom of the page and click on the “Ask a question” box) and tell us what you think. Your input is appreciated and will assist us in meeting your needs in the future. Thank you!

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The DOW is constantly looking to improve the fishing report. If you're an angler or a business owner (bait shop, marina, etc.) and would like to contribute to the fishing report for **next year**, please contact us at 303.297.1192 or by email: fish.reporter@state.co.us

Fishing Tip of the Week

Ice Fishing

Although this is our final fishing report for the year, this is not a sign that the fishing season is over, in fact some of Colorado's most productive fishing, is ice fishing aka “hard water fishing”. Once you try ice fishing you will discover another dimension of fishing enjoyment.

Many of you are probably thinking, “You have to be kidding, that sounds miserable!” Yet ice fishing can be very enjoyable and rewarding, if you go prepared. Here is some information that will explain in detail what equipment is needed, and proven techniques for success.

Equipment: You will probably be surprised to learn that you already have the majority of equipment needed for ice fishing.

- **Snow Sled** – A sled will make transporting your equipment to the lake and to your favorite spot much easier. There are dozens of sleds on the market to choose from. A children's plastic snow sled will work great. They are lightweight and pull easily. Wooden sleds or toboggans work equally as well. Some manufactured sleds serve as “Double Duty”. Not only can they haul your equipment, but they can also provide

shelter from the elements. For those who wish to build their own snow sled, a light weight wooden box with a rope attached, and a pair of used snow skies, will work well.

- 5 Gallon plastic buckets – For ice fishing, 5 gallon buckets have become a standard piece of equipment. They hold virtually all of your tackle and are easily transported. Many ice anglers only use buckets to transport their gear instead of a sled. They will fit on most sleds, and are secured in place with “Bungee Cords®” or rope. Padded seat lids are commercially available for 5 gallon buckets, turning your bucket into a seat.
- Fishing Rods – Most fishing rods can be used for ice fishing, although standard ice fishing rods are preferred. Ice fishing rods are typically between 2 feet and 3 feet in length and provide more control when bringing in a fish “through the ice”. Shorter rods are also more practical when fishing in a shelter.
- Reels – Open face reels are preferred for ice fishing, but closed face will also work. The only potential problem with closed face reels is they may “ice up” internally if subjected to extreme wind or blowing snow.
- Ice Fishing Cleats – Ice cleats are recommended for lakes with little or no snow cover. They will make walking easier and safer.
- Pick-of- Life® – The Pick-of-Life® is a life saving tool for anyone venturing out onto the ice. The Pick-Of-Life provides solid hand holds enabling a victim to climb out of a hole in the ice. The Pick-of-Life is a registered Trademark and is patented. ***Don't leave home without it.**
- Tackle – Standard fishing lures, spoons, and conventional bait will all work for ice fishing. There is also a wide variety of jigs and spoons specifically designed for ice fishing.
 1. Ice Auger – An ice auger is used to bore or cut a hole thru the ice. There is a wide variety of ice augers on the market. Ice augers are available in 4, 6, 8, and 10, and 12 inch diameters. Recommended are 8 or 10 inch diameter, with 10 inch being the most popular. (Ice fishing holes cannot exceed 10 inches in diameter or 10 inches on any side.)
 2. Manual – these augers are powered by hand, (much the same as a “Hand Drill”). They are light weight and most can be dismantled to conserve space.

3. Electric – electric augers require a 12 volt car battery for power. They have several inherent problems, one of which is the need to carry a heavy battery with you. Electric augers are not recommended.
 4. Gas – gas augers are generally 2 cycle engines which require a mixture of gas and oil as fuel. They are very efficient, reliable and should be serviced much like a weed eater or lawnmower.
 5. Chipping Bar – a chipping bar is a 5 to 6 foot section of $\frac{1}{2}$ or $\frac{3}{4}$ inch diameter Pipe with a steel plate $\frac{1}{4}$ inch thick, 2" wide, and 3 to 4 inches long that is welded to the end of the pipe. This plate is sharpened at an angle to produce a cutting Edge. A rope should be attached to prevent the "Chipping Bar" from falling thru the ice.
- Ice Fishing Shelters – The popularity of ice Fishing has brought about state of the art Ice Fishing Shelters. Some shelters incorporate a sled into their design and will also haul your equipment. Portable shelters range from tents to elaborate huts which are pulled behind a snowmobile. A simple but effective shelter is a camping tent that is tall enough to stand in. Remove the floor or cut out sections for fishing holes. Stake the tent to the ice using existing loops and 12 inch landscaping spikes. Drive spikes into the ice at a sharp angle so that the head of the spike is pointed away from the tent. All snow must be removed in the area of the stakes to insure a solid surface.
 - Heat Source – there are a variety of portable heaters on the market that use propane as fuel. Some of which are heaters /cookers.

NOTE: Always have adequate ventilation when using any heater. Propane fumes may cause carbon monoxide poisoning, resulting in death.

- Ice Fishing Techniques - there are as many techniques for ice fishing as there are anglers. All anglers who ice fish have their own strategy, and preferred methods. One method which has proven effective is as follows.
 1. Once at the desired location drill 2 holes approximately 3 feet apart. Lower the line from one fishing rod to the desired depth and secure rod in a pole holder. Lower line from the second rod to the desired depth, and begin "Jigging" this line. Jigging should be done by lifting the rod tip approximately 3 to 6 inches and briefly pausing, repeat jigging technique until you are 2 feet above the desired depth. Begin jigging downward hesitating at 3 to 6 inch intervals. Keep an eye on the stationary pole while jigging; many times fish will hit your offering on this pole.

NOTE: You can use a second rod, handline or tip up if you buy a second rod stamp. You can buy only 1 second rod stamp per calendar year, "Second Rod Stamp" ...\$5.00.

A second rod stamp is available to licensed residents, licensed nonresidents and people under 16 years, licensed or unlicensed.

- **Lures and Jigs-**
Kastmaster lures® in Silver and Blue or Gold 1/8 to 3/8 oz. Rat Finkee Glow Brite jigs®, size # 6 and Rapala® jigging lures are a few choices available.

ICE FISHING: Some waters may be restricted by local laws. Unless otherwise stated, waters

Open to ice fishing have these restrictions:

(a) Ice fishing holes cannot exceed 10 inches in diameter or 10 inches on any side.

(b) Fires on ice must be enclosed.

(c) No littering allowed on ice.

(d) Portable ice shelters (where permitted) must be removed at end of day.

Looking for a Great Bargain?

Within the State of Colorado there are over 4000 lakes reservoirs and ponds, along with 8,984 stream segments which total over 54,459 miles of streams. These numbers only reflect "Public Water" not private.

This year the Colorado Division of Wildlife will stock 3.2 million catchable trout statewide. In addition we will stock 388 "High Mountain Lakes" by aircraft and packhorse, with 500,000 cutthroats.

When you consider the cost of a resident annual fishing license \$26.00 a Habitat stamp \$5.00 (if required) and a second Rod Stamp (if desired) \$5.00 the total is \$36.00 a year, that's less than 10¢ a day.

Quote of the Week

"It is not how abundant nor how considerable our catch be, but rather to the sport, and manner in which our quarry, the noble trout is angled."-J.B. Martin

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Recent Stocking October 20, 2009

Body of Water	Location
Akron City Lake	Akron
Black Hole Pond at Two Buttes	South of Lamar
Boyd Lake	Loveland
Clay Creek Pond	East of Lamar
Doty Park Pond	Brush
Fort Morgan Ponds	Fort Morgan
Hasty Lake	East of Las Animas
Haxtun City Lake	Haxtun
Holyoke City Lake	Holyoke
Jackson's Pond	Town of Eads
Midwestern Farms Pond	East of Lamar
Monument Lake	Monument

Monument Lake	West of Trinidad
Palmer Lake	Palmer Lake
Pike View Reservoir	Colorado Springs
Pioneer Lake	Yuma
Prospect Lake	Colorado Springs
Quail Lake	Colorado Springs
Shalberg Pond	Northeast of Lamar
Sheridan Lake	Northeast of Lamar
St Vrain State Park (Mallard Pond)	Longmont
St Vrain State Park (Redtail Pond)	Longmont
Thornton Gravel Lake #2	City of Thornton
Turks Pond	East of Springfield
Twin Lake #2	Grand Mesa
West Wacker Pond	Snyder
Willow Creek Pond #1	Fountain
Willow Creek Pond #2	Fountain

Denver Metro

Arvada Reservoir -- The Stockers of 9/3 and 9/28 are starting to hit, but there is only 12 more days to fish until the reservoir closes. The weather has been beautiful this week and as my old friend, Mick Bolen, used to tell me, "When the winds from the West, fishing is best". And

we've had some winds from the west this week. Since this is the last fishing report this year, thanks for joining in and hope to see all you fisher people on April 1st, 2010. Remember, if you want to fish a lot, it's cheaper to get an annual pass. Directions: go west on 64th Ave past the Arvada Dog Park and the dam. Past the dam is the entrance to the reservoir. The daily fee remains \$5.00 per car and an additional \$5.00 per boat. Hours remain 7 AM til 7 PM.

Aurora Reservoir -- Open to boating and the water temperature is 56 degrees. All vessels must be inspected prior to launch. A watercraft access permit is required for all vehicles bringing in watercraft. Trout fishing is fair to good using nightcrawlers off the Dam and East shoreline. Boat action for trout is slow to fair trolling spoons and crawlers. Walleye fishing is fair from the dam using crawlers, jerkbaits and crankbaits from boats on the flats. We are also starting to see Smallmouth Bass move into shallower water. All other species are slow. We expect to see fishing improve over the next few weeks with cooler temps setting in. The limit for trout is two fish. Boating is restricted to electric motors. For more information, call 303-690-1286.

Barr Lake -- The water level is going down (12 feet below full). The water temperature is approximately 50 degrees. Trout from the shore is picking up on Power Bait, and wipers are slow. Perch are slow. Fishing from boats is good for trout. Walleye are slow. The Lake will close for boating on Oct. 31st. Contact Ranger office for info on winter ice fishing conditions (303)655-1495.

Bear Creek -- The stream between Evergreen Lake and Bear Creek Reservoir offers an opportunity to enjoy fishing, great scenery, areas to have family picnics, and free access to a giant stone Bar-B- Q.(on a first come basis). With daytime highs dropping and cooler nights, fishing has picked up. (All rainbows must be returned to the water immediately), brown trout and occasional brookies are also on tap. Trout will take a variety of dry flies and small spinners. Mepps Aglia # 0 or #00 and Mepps Black Fury with a black blade and yellow spots in the same size are good choices. These lures have been producing well over the last several weeks. Bag and possession limit for trout is two. (Artificial flies and lures only). Updated the week of 9/14/09

Bear Creek Reservoir -- Fishing for trout has picked up with cooler weather. Fishing during the early morning and evenings has been the most productive. Good numbers of catchable trout are being taken on a variety of baits and lures. Tiger Muskies are on the prowl and have been hitting Jointed Rapalas in Fire Tiger colors. Saugeye fishing has been slow. The minimum size for walleyes and Saugeye is 15 inches, and only one exceeding 21 inches may be taken daily.

Berkeley Lake -- Fishing has finally begun to pick up with cooler temperatures Catchable sized rainbows are being caught on salmon eggs. Chartreuse Power eggs have also been working well. Berkeley has largemouth bass, bluegills, crappie and channel catfish. Channel

Catfish 8 inches in length are typically stocked late summer to early fall. Boats are not permitted. A recreation center, playground, dog park and other amenities are available on the south side of the lake.

Centennial Park Lake -- Fishing has improved this last week as water temperatures have cooled... 600 Channel Catfish 8 inches in length were stocked in early September. There have been reports of catfish being taken on Stink Bait, nightcrawlers, and mussels fished off the bottom using a Nightcrawler Harness. The lake also has warm-water fish including bass, crappie, and perch, which become more active later in the season. No boats are allowed on the 15-acre lake, maximum depth 27 feet. A playground, restrooms and handicapped-accessible fishing pier on the west and south sides are available. Park opens at dawn until 11p.m.

Cherry Creek Reservoir -- The Cherry Creek Reservoir is turning over. This happens when lower temperatures cool the water's surface temperature, and in turn causes it to sink to the bottom. This displaces the lower water level in the reservoir, allowing the bottom layer to be exposed to air, and causes plentiful amounts of nutrients and natural fish food to be present. Those who are up to the challenge have found that worms seem to be the most sought-after bait by our fish population. The current water temperature is 60 degrees and the water levels are normal. The lake is open to boating through November 30. Inspections are conducted daily from 6 am to 6 pm at the East Boat Ramp. The West Boat Ramp is open Fridays - Sundays, 6 am to 6 pm. No launching is permitted outside those hours without previous inspection.

Clear Creek -- The spawn is on for browns. So please avoid wading on redds (cleaned areas of gravel where trout lay their eggs) and don't fish to spawning trout. Instead fish the deeper, slow pools and pockets. Purple para-wulff BWOs in #14 and 16 are drawing strikes on top. Other effective top-water flies are royal wulffs and caddis patterns. Underneath, you can trail psycho princes (#16 or 18), egg patterns, small golden stones, RS-2s or red midges (#18 or 20). This should continue for at least several more weeks. After that, try casting black or olive woolly buggers to post-spawn browns. Cast directly across to within a foot or two of the far bank and strip the fly as it swings down and back across, and be ready for aggressive strikes!

Clear Lake -- This lake lies south of Georgetown, off Guanella Pass road. This road is now open from Georgetown to Clear Lake. Beyond this point, the road narrows to one lane to the town of Grant. Parking may be a problem depending on how many vehicles there are. The road construction starts just past the lake. Rainbows mostly in the 10 to 12 inch range have been taken on salmon eggs fished off the bottom. Fishing can be good on a variety of baits and lures. Natural baits like grasshoppers can work very well when fished with a fly and bubble. No boats are permitted on the lake.

Georgetown Lake -- The Lake is stocked with catchable-sized rainbow trout and is home for some brown, cutthroat and brook trout. Salmon eggs and worm combinations are still working on both sides of the bridge in deeper water. Chartreuse Power Eggs have been producing the best. The south side of the lake offers good fishing along with natural windbreaks, which can come in handy in this typically windy canyon.

Gross Reservoir -- A few Tiger Muskies have been reported in the shallows. Trout fishing has started to pick back up. Try the typical baits along with Power Eggs in chartreuse and orange. Rapalas are also showing results. Gross Reservoir is open to boating beginning Memorial Day thru September 30. Only hand carried watercraft are permitted, no motors allowed (hand powered only). Gross requirement: A wearable floatation device (PFD) a whistle or air horn, your name, address, and phone number must be written inside the craft. Gross is still full to capacity which is a treat for this late date

Jim Baker Reservoir -- Fishing for Rainbow Trout has picked up. Eight hundred Channel Catfish, eight inches in length, were stocked in mid September. It also has smallmouth bass, walleyes, panfish, and tiger muskies. A few bass have been caught using spinnerbaits and Jig-and-Pig setups. Boats are not allowed. Fishing hours are sunrise to sunset.

Ketring Park Lake -- Fishing has been fair for Bluegill and Crappie. An occasional Bass has been taken in the weedy areas of the lake or with top water baits and worms fished on a Texas rig. Worms and small shrimp fished off the bottom for catfish has produced well. Boats are not allowed.

Main Lake -- This urban reservoir has a surface area of 45-acres. This is an ideal lake for "Close to Home" fishing located in the Lakewood area. Bass fishing has started to pick up. Catchable size trout are hitting salmon eggs, and Power Bait. Remember to use bright colors on bright days and dark colors on dark or overcast days. Crappie, bluegills, channel catfish, rainbow trout, smallmouth bass, suckers and yellow perch are all on tap. No boats are allowed on the lake. Park opens at dawn and closes at 10.30 p.m.

Quincy Reservoir -- Quincy is open to boating and will close for the season November 1st. The water temperature is 56 degrees. All watercraft must be inspected before launching. All vehicles bringing in watercraft are required to have a Watercraft Access Pass. Trout fishing is slow. Fly casters have reported little success with a variety of flies. Bass fishing has been slow, but some reports recommend using soft plastics and jigs. Anglers are finding shoreline access becoming more difficult due to dropping water levels. Quincy is restricted to fishing with artificial flies and lures. The limit for trout is two fish. Bass must be 18 inches or longer to possess. All boats must be hand-launched. Only electric motors are permitted. For more information, call 303-693-5463.

Rocky Mountain Lake -- The lake will be stocked again this year with rainbow trout in early October. Channel catfish and blue gill are typically stocked the middle of September (weather and water conditions permitting). Fishing for catfish has picked up this last week. A variety of warm-water fish including largemouth bass, panfish and catfish provide fairly good fishing throughout the summer, with improved fishing beginning in early fall. Boats are not allowed. The minimum size for largemouth bass is 15 inches. A playground and restrooms are on site.

Sloans Lake -- This urban lake has a good population of Rainbow trout and channel catfish. Trout fishing has been slow. The crappies are fewer in numbers but can be taken off the south shoreline using a bobber with a minnow suspended 24-36 inches below the surface. The carp are big and strong, and have a growing following among anglers. Dough balls flavored with anis or garlic fished off the bottom with a loose line has been working well. Corn flakes mixed with grape soda and molded onto a treble hook (with the bait holder spring) is a good bet for carp and catfish.

Smith Reservoir -- Smith Reservoir may have extreme water level fluctuation. Largemouth and smallmouth bass action has been sporadic. Blue gills have become more active, hitting jigs suspended from a bobber with a minnow. This 45-acre lake also has bluegills, channel catfish, crappie, bluegill, yellow perch, pumpkinseed, carp and sucker. No boats are allowed on the lake. Open dawn to 10:30 p.m.

South Platte River (Waterton Canyon) -- The cooler temperatures have helped to stimulate the bite. Rainbows to 14 inches have been taken on a variety of small spinners and dry flies. Mepps Aquila is working well. The section from Strontia Springs Dam downstream to 300 yards above the Marston diversion structure is restricted to artificial flies and lures. There is a two-trout limit for this section of river. Night crawlers and garden worms usually are the most effective bait for browns in the unrestricted lower stretch, this section of river has somewhat larger trout.

Standley Lake -- Fishing times are sunrise to sunset and will be strictly enforced. Boat season ended September 30th. Trout fishing from shore has been good using worms, Power Bait and salmon eggs off the bottom. No ice fishing is allowed. Aquatic bait is no longer allowed at Standley Lake; this includes salamanders, leeches, crayfish, frogs and minnows. Aquatic Nuisance Species (ANS) regulations are in effect. All boats in 2010 must be sprayed off and quarantined for 11-15 days to be allowed onto the lake. A \$6 fee is charged for all drive-in traffic. Drive in access is available from 7am to sunset. For more information, contact the Standley Lake Nature Center at (303) 425-1097.

Northeast

Carter Reservoir -- The water level is about 44 feet below maximum. The level has increased by about two feet. There have been no new reports on walleye fishing. The season is winding down. DOW stocked the reservoir on September 9th with 6000 10" rainbows. No new reports on bass or trout fishing. The best types of bait still are worms, salmon eggs, power bait and various kinds of spinners. The boat-inspection times for October will be: 7 am to 5 pm on Fri., Sat., & Sun. The ramps will be closed Mon. thru Thur. and you WILL NOT be allowed to launch a boat. From Nov. 1st thru Feb. 28th the ramps will only be open Sat. and Sun. for 1 hr/morning and 1hr/afternoon. Information is available online at <http://www.larimer.org/parks/boating/inspections.htm>

Flatiron Reservoir -- The fishing has been very good this past week and weekend. The warm weather must have made the trout hungry. Most anglers contacted over the weekend have been catching cuttbows and rainbows on spinners, nightcrawlers, salmon eggs, and power bait. A recently contacted angler caught a 17.5-inch rainbow using orange GULP power bait. The reservoir was stocked with 2800 10 to 12" rainbows from the DOW's hatchery system on September 9th. The water level has been fluctuating rapidly and currently is 88.8% full. No boats, belly boats, or wading are allowed in the reservoir.

Jackson Reservoir -- The lake begins refilling early November resulting in a nearly full reservoir by the time ice starts to form in December. (Fishing by boat is allowed on the south half of the reservoir until November 1st.) Waterfowl hunting closes most parts of the lake to fishing on November 1st, with the exception of designated fishing areas near the boat ramp, inlet, outlet and dam. Ice fishing usually is good for trout, wipers and catfish. Ice-out occurs as early as March. Call the park office at 970.645.2551 or check the website for updates at <http://parks.state.co.us/parks/jacksonlake>.

Jumbo Reservoir -- Water levels at Jumbo are still high with several feet of sandy beach exposed. Boat fishing is slower but anglers are still catching walleye, with some 15" keepers. Boat inspections are conducted at the east ramp daily from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. Other ramps are closed to trailered craft, and all are closed at night.

North Sterling Reservoir -- The lake is closed to boating and the outlet is off. The Ski Beach, South Boat Ramp, and Dam are closed to all vehicle and foot traffic due to construction. This closure is expected to last until mid December. Wiper fishing is still very good with fish up to 17 inches. Full stringers of fish are being caught on green mussels. Sunset Point and West Trail Head are the best locations for wiper.

Pinewood Reservoir -- The fishing seems to be slowing down for the season. The water is getting colder. DOW stocked the reservoir on October 17th with an unknown number of trout. Rainbows are biting on worms, salmon eggs, power bait and spinners. Tiger Muskies are seen frequently off the shoreline but few are being caught as they have a

good food supply. The water level has been changing frequently and rapidly, and currently is at 52% of capacity. All trailer-launched boats have to go through a state ANS inspection before being launched.

Poudre River -- The flow at the mouth is 73cfs (as of Sun Oct 4, 2009). The Poudre is clear and fishing well. Try blue-winged-olive (in #16-#22) patterns.

Prewitt Reservoir -- The reservoir water level has dropped about 2 feet, but water is coming in at the inlet for the time being. Fishing is slow for all classes of fish. A few small wipers are being caught. The boat dock is in place and being used. Boat inspections are conducted daily from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. The ramp is closed at night.

Simpson Ponds -- Water temperatures are on the rise. Fishing for bass and crappie has been only fair. Catfish activity remains slow. The water is developing an algae odor.

Union Reservoir (Calkins) -- The reservoir is currently full. Anglers have been catching wiper ranging from 15 to 24 inches. The most productive baits have been mussels, crayfish and shad minnows. Wipers are starting to boil in the mornings and evenings. The reservoir was recently stocked with trout and fishermen are having very good success on typical baits. Boat inspections are mandatory before launching. The current hours of operation for inspections are 6am to 6pm, boats may not launch after these hours. Current park hours are 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. Camping is closed for the season.

Northwest

Colorado River (Glenwood to Rifle) -- Fishing has been as good as it ever gets along the river especially as the weather has begun to cool down. The float fishing is nothing short of exceptional and the walk/wade is equally as good as the water flows continue to drop. Deeper water that has some current and structure to it are holding the majority of the fish. Smaller Baetis, Midge, and Egg patterns are the hot flies. The Streamer fishing is on, especially during periods of overcast or when shade is present. It won't matter what streamer you are fishing as long as it's a Sacrilege, though Splendors and Stingin' Sculpins are great as well. Crowds are nonexistent with only the masses of fish being caught interrupting the silence. Enjoy the rest of your fall!

Colorado River (near Granby) -- Fall fishing is great and the river below Parshall remains open most of the winter. Copper Johns, RS-2s, Prince nymphs and other emerger patterns are doing well. San Juan worms and egg patterns are increasingly effective. Lure fishing is good. In the immediate Granby area and downstream to the bridge at the lower end of Byers Canyon, bait fishing is permitted and two fish may be kept. From the east side of the bridge abutments (the west end of Byers Canyon) down to Troublesome Creek, including the Williams Fork River from the reservoir, catch-and-release rules apply and fishing

is by artificial flies and lures only. Inquire in Granby for the latest conditions.

Crystal River -- The Crystal River has been flowing at 45 cfs in Carbondale. Fishing has picked back up again as the entire river has been fishing well due to the cooler weather. The aspens and surrounding foliage are in peak colors and makes for drop dead gorgeous scenery. The whitefish and brown trout are beginning their spawning rituals thus the fish are feeding extremely hard. Top flies include Tungsten Princes, Tungsten PT's, STD's, BLM's, Tungsten Bead Baetis, Zebra Midges and Flashtail Hot Eggs. The cutthroat and brookie fishing is exceptional above the town of Marble, while rainbows, browns and whitefish inhabit the river below Redstone. Fishing pressure is virtually nonexistent as an added bonus!

Dillon Reservoir -- The reservoir is at low pool and the water is clear. Shore fishing at the inlets and Giberson Bay has been productive for rainbows using salmon eggs, Power Bait & worms. For those anglers who are looking for bait fish for Lake Trout during ice fishing season, suckers are also being caught with salmon eggs & worms. Shore fishing starts to pick up around mid-morning. Boat fishing has been slow and boaters need to be aware of low water obstacles. The boat ramps at Frisco and Dillon are still open. Frisco Marina will close October 15th and Dillon Marina closes October 18th, depending on water levels and weather. Fishing the inlets has been successful using nymph flies in the early morning and evening.

Elkhead Reservoir -- Elkhead is open to fishing daily and boating weekends 8am to 5pm. We have seen the Crappie and Small Mouth activity pick up as water temps drop. More trout are also being caught. There are still a lot of pike being caught, so don't hesitate to take a few home and try some of those recipes you read about. Good luck, and watch for those nasty afternoon storms. Please do your part to help this lake build a sustainable Crappie population, turn a few back for another day.

Frying Pan River -- Fall fishing is on fire! Current river flows have dropped to an easily wadeable and fishable flow of 111 cfs. The fishing is almost too easy out there! Quit your job, call in sick, but just make sure you go fish the Frying Pan right now. Thick hatches of BWO are being seen daily along with lesser hatches of PMD's, Drakes and Caddis. The heaviest hatches are being seen from noon to 4pm between mile markers 6-12. Light fluorocarbon tippetts of 6x and 7x and mandatory given the gin clear water and smaller flies being fished. Hot fly patterns include BWO Sparkle Stackers, CDC Wing Baetis, Melon Quills, BDE Drakes, Poxback Baetis, Sparklewing RS2's, Barr Emerger BWO's, Johnny Flashes, Epoxy Mysis, and Tim's Mysis.

Granby Reservoir -- Worms, Power Bait, eggs, lures and frozen baits are being used. Lake trout are being caught in shallower water; all the dike areas and A Bay are prime locations. Fall is one of the best times

to fish this reservoir. From Twin Creeks up to Shadow Mountain Dam is closed to fishing until January 1st when fishing will be allowed from the dam downstream for 500 yards; the rest of this area will reopen on March 15th. We are looking forward to a great ice fishing season. On January 29th, 30th, and 31st, the Three Lakes ice fishing contest will be held. Inquire in Granby for the latest conditions.

Grand Lake -- Fall fishing is good and we are looking forward to a great ice fishing season. Rainbows, browns, kokanee salmon, and lake trout are available. The water level of this lake remains constant. Trolling, jigging, bait, lure and fly fishing all are productive methods of catching fish on Grand Lake. Since pumping through the canal continues, fish activity in the channel and around the West Portal is good; these areas remain open most of the winter season. On January 29th, 30th, and 31st, the Three Lakes ice fishing contest will be held. Inquire in Granby for updates.

North Delaney Lake -- Fishing after sundown with a crayfish imitation streamer fly on a 10 ft-dropper- bubble rig has proven good results when wading out to waist deep water and slowly retrieving the fly. Rainbows up to 22 inches have been striping line. All the Delaney Buttes Lakes have reduced limits, flies-and-lures restrictions and other special regulations. Check the Colorado Division of Wildlife's regulations booklet before fishing.

Pearl Lake -- 10/8/09- The water level has dropped as far as it's going to be dropped; they are still working on the headgate, so the trail across the dam is still closed. The boat dock is now out of the water; Fishing has been reported to be very good with the low water level. For current conditions, call the visitors center at (970) 879-3922.

Ranger Lakes -- Fishing pressure at Ranger Lakes has been moderate with fishermen having good success. Worms have been most successful, with other successful bait including Power Bait and salmon eggs. Successful flies have included wooly buggers and fly ticks as well as beaded and colored flies. Float tubes only are permitted on the water. Ranger has been recently stocked. (Bag limit 4; possession, 8.)

Roaring Fork River -- The Roaring Fork River has been flowing at 37 cfs in Aspen, 354 cfs in Basalt and 6768 cfs in Glenwood Springs. Without a doubt, the Roaring Fork is the most consistent freestone fishery in the entire state with autumn offering some of the best fishing of the year. The brown trout and whitefish are spawning now thus plenty of big fish (20+ inches) are being caught. Egg, baetis and midge patterns are best. The float fishing has been dynamite with streamers from Carbondale down to Glenwood Springs. The whole river has been fishing well, but is highlighted with spectacular fishing from Basalt to Glenwood. Hot flies include Flashtail Hot Eggs, STD's, BLM's, PT's, CJ's, RS2's, Freestone Emergers, Princes, Autumn Splendors, Stingin' Sculpins, Sacrilleges, and Zivi's.

Shadow Mountain Reservoir -- The canal pumps are being run (the canal and an area out into the reservoir remain open most of the winter season) and fish activity is very good. Browns, Kokanee and rainbows are being caught. Various fly patterns (sow bugs, RS-2s, Mysis shrimp) lures and baits are productive. Slip-bobber fishing with small jigs is very effective. From October 1st through December 31st, the river below the dam and the section of Granby Reservoir above Twin Creeks is closed to fishing. On January 1st, fishing from below the dam downstream for 500 yards, will be permitted; the rest will reopen to fishing on March 15th. As we look forward to a great ice fishing season, the dates of the Three Lakes ice fishing contest are January 29th, 30th, and 31st. Inquire in Granby for the latest conditions.

Stagecoach Reservoir -- Fishing has been good around Stagecoach Reservoir. Both boat and shore anglers have been catching several 4-6 lb Rainbows using worms and fishing off the bottom. Tailwaters fishing has been good using small RS-2s scuds, or egg pattern flies. Anglers have also been reporting catches of large Brown or Brooke trout that have come up to spawn in the Tailwaters. Please check the Stagecoach State Park boating conditions for updates on aquatic nuisance species prevention. Have a great season, fish responsibly and have fun.

Steamboat Lake -- 10/8/09 Fishing has been getting better the last couple of weeks. Most of the action has been around the dam area and Meadow Point towards Mill Creek on eggs and power bait. Boaters have been doing well on the south shore this weekend. Many 19 to 23 inchers have been reported. The marina is closed for the season so come stocked up. For current conditions, please call the visitors center at 970-879-3922.

Vega Reservoir -- The fishing at Vega is still good. Rainbows are being caught on worms and Power Bait. The reservoir is no longer being drawn down for irrigation. Please continue to be cautious of sand bars throughout the lake. The Island Area boat ramp is open for access to the lake and will close at 5 p.m. on November 1st for the season. Early Settlers boat ramp and Oak Point boat ramps are closed for the season. Before launching boats on the reservoir, please come to the visitor's center for a mandatory boat inspection. The visitor's center is open daily from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Williams Fork Reservoir -- Fall fishing is very good. Rainbow and brown trout, lake trout, northern pike and Kokanee are available. Kokanee are being caught around the east boat ramp. We are looking forward to a great ice fishing season. Kokanee are especially fun to catch through the ice. Inquire in Granby for the latest conditions. From buoy line at Williams Fork River inlet upstream to first CR bridge. Fishing and snagging prohibited Sept. 15-Nov. 30.

Willow Creek Reservoir -- Fall fishing is good. Rainbow, brown trout and Kokanee salmon are available. We look forward to a great ice

fishing season. Many people like to chase kokanee through the ice. This is a beautiful area with easy fishing access around the boat ramp area and the next bay. This reservoir is a good place to take kids, and gets less fishing pressure than other area lakes. Worms, Powerbait, salmon eggs and many different lures are commonly used. Inquire in Granby for updates.

Yampa River (Hayden through Craig) -- The Yampa has dropped as flows reach fall levels which are too low to float. The walk/wade fishing should be very productive. Fishing is good on the upper stretches of the Yampa. Small hatches in the afternoon like nymphs, stone flies and small beads are getting good action. Out west, you will find some fair to good Small Mouth activity in the deeper pools below riffles. Working spinner baits and minnow imitations has been effective. Access and egress only from public areas and remember you cannot get out of your boat on private property. We should start to see good Brown trout activity as Fall sets in.

Yampa River (Stagecoach through Steamboat) -- In the tailwaters below the Dam try olive RS2, mercury midge, tailwater tinys and dry flypool on BWO size 16s. Sarvis Creek is fishing much like in the town. Yampa thru the town in Steamboat Springs, the Tricos are done, the morning is a BWO on cool days, large pheasant tails and hairsears are producing the best results in the afternoon. Steamers are coming on and the results are big fish. The first snow of the year fell on Monday 9/21, as the weather warms this week the dry fly should be good.

Southeast

Adobe Creek Res. (Blue Lake) -- As the 2009 fishing season comes to a close at Blue Lake, anglers can look forward to continued good cat fishing, as well as growing populations of saugeye, crappie, and wiper. Fall fishing should remain good for catfish. Winter water storage should replenish the lake and provide good access and fishing when spring arrives.

Arkansas River (Buena Vista to Salida) -- Flows have risen a bit more and we now have close to 400 cfs flowing through Browns Canyon. Many fish in this reach have already spawned - if the weather remains warm, they will resume feeding, if it gets cold, they will migrate into deep water and hole up for the winter. Nymphing deep slow/mid speed holes is the best approach at this time.

Arkansas River (Leadville to Buena Vista) -- The upper river is low, clear and cold - about 221 cfs at Granite and hovering in the upper 30s to low 40s. Nymphing in deeper, slower winter holding water is the most productive approach. Warm afternoons may still draw some fish into riffly water to feed on mayfly nymphs but that phenomenon is winding up. All told, fishing downstream is more consistent at this time of year.

Arkansas River (Salida to Canon City) -- The Arkansas River through Bighorn Sheep Canyon is still fishing well with the best activity being from 1:00 to 4:00. Look for fish to move into edge-water seams and riffles to feed on mayfly nymph/emergers at that time. Mornings we are going deep in slow water with midge patterns. The spawn is underway - if it stays warm, fish will resume feeding.

Bonny Reservoir -- Due to budget cuts, the boat ramps have closed and will re-open in the spring as water levels permit. Not much shore fishing this last week with the unchanging weather. Catfish should still be biting on the north shore. For the most current conditions on what is open or closed at the lake, please visit the Colorado State Parks-Bonny website and click on the conditions page.

DeWeese Reservoir -- DeWeese is still good for trout, but is flashy from day to day. Most fish are in the 12-inch class but we are seeing some occasional 16-18 inch fish. It too will be good until ice up and then will have good ice fishing all winter.

Doug Kissel Pond -- Trout have been recently stocked. Water temperature is about 50 degrees.

Eleven Mile Reservoir -- The action at Eleven Mile Reservoir remains Excellent! The north shore boat ramp is currently the only boat ramp open, with mandatory inspections for aquatic nuisance species. Shoreline and boat anglers are catching lots of very large Rainbow and Brown trout on tube jigs, salmon peach power bait, and streamer patterns. Anglers looking to snag Kokanee should be pleased to know that marginal limits of fish (4-6) have been reported along the North Shore and Coyote Ridge coves. Angler success for Northern pike has been fair for those willing to focus along corral and Witcher's coves. The limit for trout is four fish, of which only two can be 16 inches or longer. The possession limit is the same as the daily bag. No live minnows may be used.

Fountain Lake -- Like other urban lakes in Pueblo, this one is stocked with catchable trout through much of the year except during the heat of summer. Most standard baits and lures are effective. Fishing has been good for catchable trout. They are all still being stocked on a regular basis and fishing will remain good throughout the fall. The lake also has some catfish that can grow quite large.

Horseshoe Reservoir -- Fishing activity on Horseshoe has been very slow over the past week due to the cold weather. There have been a few people fishing from the north side and there have not been any boats to speak of. Expect to see the dock pulled within the week. Boat inspections will continue to be conducted until October 31, when the lake will be closed completely to all trailered watercraft. Hunting season has begun. Pay special attention when you are recreating on the west side of the park near Horseshoe, as this area is currently open to waterfowl hunting.

Hugo Pond -- North pond on Hugo State Wildlife Area has been

stocked w/trout. Catch rate for stocked trout is good at the north pond using all baits.

John Martin Reservoir -- Fishing is generally slow. There are reports of saugeye being caught from boats. The East boat ramp is usable, trailer launched boats are required to be launched from boat ramps.

Karval and Kinney lakes -- Rainbow trout have been recently stocked in Karval and Kinney Lakes. Fishing is good for stocked trout on all baits at Kinney Lake.

Lake Henry -- Lake Henry water levels are currently low. Fishing for all species is currently slow. Water levels should improve as irrigating season concludes. Henry lake has good populations of catfish and crappie. Saugeye and wiper are also available.

Lake Meredith -- Meredith Lake closes to public access from November 1, 2009 until the last day of the regular waterfowl hunting season. Meredith will reopen next spring to provide good opportunity for saugeye, wiper, crappie, and catfish. Fall reservoir sampling revealed good populations of these species exist in the lake.

Martin Lake -- Trout fishing has picked up quite a bit. Power bait and worms are bringing people the most luck. There were several reports of trout being caught from the south side of the lake as well as the west side. Boat traffic has been minimal. The lake will be completely closed to all trailered watercraft beginning November 1st, because it has an invasive plant, Eurasian Watermilfoil. Remember to discard of any plant material found on your boat, boat trailer, and fishing hooks away from the water before you leave the park to avoid spreading this plant.

Monument Reservoir -- The reclamation at Monument Reservoir is now completed. There is no fishing at this time. We expect to restock by mid to late October.

Nee Gronda Reservoir -- As the 2009 fishing season comes to a close, anglers are reminded that public access is restricted from Nov. 1, 2009 until April 1, 2010 (area may reopen early if goose numbers are low). The remaining weeks in October provide good opportunity to catch white bass, wipers and an occasional saugeye. Spring 2010 promises to be good for saugeye, white bass, wiper, crappie, and catfish. Water levels will be lower, but boat access should remain available from the east boat ramp.

Nee Noshe Reservoir -- Public access is restricted from November 1, 2009 until April 1, 2010 (Area may reopen early if goose numbers are low). Catfish and wiper are the main species available at Nee Noshe, although other species are stocked as well. Fishing conditions may deteriorate at Nee Noshe as water levels decline. Boat access may be difficult when the lake reopens in spring.

North Lake -- North Lake is still being stocked and fishing for catchable trout should be good at this time. Fishermen may use only artificial flies and lures at North Lake.

Pueblo Reservoir -- The reservoir is good for bass, catfish, and

wipers. Fish should be on top water for another 30 days or so and then guys will start spooning deeper schools of fish. Boaters should be aware of aquatic nuisance species inspection at the reservoir. Check with the state-parks office for complete information.

Queens Reservoirs -- Upper and Lower Queens reservoirs are dry.

Runyon Lake -- This is one of several Pueblo-area lakes stocked with catchable-size trout through much of the year. Try night crawlers, Power Bait, salmon eggs and a variety of small spinning lures. The lake also has some channel catfish that can grow to impressive size.

San Isabel Lake -- Fishing is fair to good at this time for catchable trout. The lake also has some brown trout and splake, but those populations are low and fish growth is poor. The lake also has some European Rudd, which are goldfish-looking fish, of unknown origin. Fishermen are asked to remove all of those they catch from the lake. San Isabel will get good ice likely by mid December and then be good ice fishing throughout the winter.

South Platte River (btwn Spinney and Eleven Mile) -- The "Dream Stream" is fishing great for large fish with different colored egg patterns, mercury rs2 emergers, black beauties, and blood midges in sizes 18-24! Anglers can expect peak fishing times to vary as resident fish move up the stream. Generally, most anglers have reported mid morning and early afternoon as the best times to fish. Anglers should also try throwing brown and black egg sucking leeches in sizes 8-10. When planning a trip to this section of gold medal water, don't forget the gore-tex, and warm fishing gloves due to fall weather patterns. The stream is Gold Medal Water. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only, and catch-and-release rules apply. The current flow as of 10/13/09 is 75.8 CFS.

Spinney Mountain Reservoir -- Mandatory boat inspections for aquatic nuisance species are required for all trailered vessels. Boaters can be prepared by cleaning, draining and drying all compartments and tanks before arriving. With the onset of fall, trout fishing has been nothing short of excellent! Anglers have been catching large Rainbows, cuttbows and Browns throughout the day with peak times consisting of mid-morning and afternoon. Anglers have been doing very well with egg patterns, tube jigs, and Kastmasters. Fishing for pike remains fair with tube jigs, and suspending swim baits. Boating is allowed from 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset. The park is locked one hour after sunset. The bag and possession limit is one trout at least 20 inches long.

Trinidad Reservoir -- Historically, Trinidad Lake's fishing remains good during the winter. Fishing for Trout, Walleye, and Yellow Perch seems to get better as the water cools. The boat dock will be removed in November or December and will not return until next spring. Ice may form on the lake. However, this usually does not occur until about Christmas or New Year's. The lake does not ice over every year. Give

your boats a good cleaning this winter so they are ready for ANS inspections next season. Remember to check the DOW regs for size restrictions and limits at Trinidad Lake. Camping is available year round with limited facilities. Contact the Visitor's Center for information on ice and fishing conditions as well as camping availability at Trinidad Lake State Park at 719-846-6951.

Turks Pond -- Turks Pond is closed to public access until spring.

Water levels should be higher when the pond reopens in the spring.

Two Buttes Reservoir -- Two Buttes Reservoir currently has very low water levels. Conditions will be re-evaluated in the spring to determine if fish stocking will resume.

Southwest

Animas River -- The river is running low and clear. Because of the warm, dry weather, water is warmer than usual and fish are favoring holes. Cast near undercut banks for brown trout, rainbows prefer faster water. Anglers should be ready to try a variety of flies - caddis, nymphs, hopper-droppers, and stimulators. If the water goes off-color due to rain, try a woolly bugger. Try small spinners for spin casters.

Crawford Reservoir -- It has been an unusual season! There has not been a single week the whole summer, when we haven't had all six species in the lake being reported as having been caught. Anglers are still catching their limit of crappie. There have been more bass and catfish reported this year than ever. Pike, trout and perch are also still biting. Water temperature is around 65-68 degrees. The lake level is dropping, but that doesn't stop anglers from launching at the Peninsula boat ramp.

Dolores River (upper) -- Fish the river high in the drainage, above and below Rico, where public access is available and the fish habitat is good. The river is running low, so look for pocket water in the morning and evening. Try small dry flies, nymphs and spinners. Much of the lower part of the river is private. Because the lower section of the river has been channeled over the years, habitat is poor and the river holds few fish.

Echo Canyon Reservoir -- Fishing for trout has been good for anglers using worms, garlic-flavored power bait and light-colored lures. Cast beyond weeds that grow near the shore at this time of year. This is a great place to take kids to give them fish-catching experience. Put on a worm and a bobber.

Gunnison River (below Crystal Dam) -- Flows are up a 100cfs today Friday to 829cfs for the next week while the DOW does a river survey. BWOs on top, BWO emerges, RS2s, San Juan worms, #6 Woolly Buggers, egg patterns, #14 orange and green scuds, #10 GB Pox Back Biot Stones, #12-16 GB Prince Nymphs, #16-20 Copper Johns, Pheasant Tails and Flashback PTs, and #10 20-Inchers and Halfbacks.

Midge fans jump in, it's all good!

Gunnison River (through the canyon) -- The flow in the Gunnison Gorge has remained about 524 cfs. Fishing conditions are good and water is low and clear. Fishermen are using Red Copper John's and Autumn Splendors as well as Hoppers, Caddis, and Mayflies, especially RS2's. Large Hoppers in Orange and Yellow have been good. Zebras, Flashy Wooly Buggers, are still being used along with Chernobyl Ants, and emergers. Red San Juan worms have been the hottest fly recently. The North Fork is now low enough to wade.

Los Pinos River -- The river above Vallecito Reservoir is accessible only on foot and requires a hike of more than a mile from the trailhead. Anglers who hike farther will see more rewards. A stealthy approach is recommended. Be prepared to try a variety of flies - caddis, Mayflies, and small hopper patterns. Below the reservoir, the river runs through private property.

McPhee Reservoir -- Fishing for trout has been good for kokanee, trout and walleye. Anglers also have been enjoying some good activity for smallmouth bass. Remember that all smallmouth and largemouth bass 10-15 inches long must be returned to the lake immediately. However, anglers should keep fish that are less than 10 inches. They are tasty, and by taking out the smaller fish, more food is left for the others to grow to trophy size. Boat inspections are conducted from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Sagehen ramp.

Navajo Reservoir -- Fishing improved slightly this week, with water temps at 68 degrees. Bass fishing is fair on plastic worms, spinners and crank baits. Crappie are hitting on jigs and grubs in 10-20 feet of water. Pike action is still good on large swim baits and large broke back lures. Fishing should continue to improve daily with the water cooling. Bring your catch by for a free picture. See you soon.

Pastorius Reservoir -- The reservoir south of Durango has been stocked with catchable-sized trout. Fishing has been fair to good fishing with the standard array of baits and lures.

Piedra River -- The Piedra is running low and fish are gathering in holes. The river, however, receives a lot of pressure. Anglers who are willing to hike a couple of miles off the road will be rewarded. Be prepared to try a variety of wet- and dry-fly patterns, small spinners.

Ridgway Reservoir -- The lake is going down (a lot!). The water temperature is in the upper 60s and the fishing is still good. Some 45,000 catchable-sized trout have been stocked over the past few months. A 12-pound brown trout was caught the end of July on Power bait. Several 3-6 pound Browns have been caught this past three weeks on night crawlers. Boaters are starting to pick up some Kokanee on pink needlefish. Bank anglers have been doing well using night crawlers, red salmon eggs and silver or gold Kastmasters.

San Juan River -- The San Juan is running very low and clear. Fish are bunching up in holes. Hopper-droppers, caddis emergers, small

attractors and nymphs are safe bets. Fishing is only fair.

Summit Reservoir -- Population sampling by the Colorado Division of Wildlife has shown the sucker-eradication effort in 2007 to have been successful. The reservoir now has a good population of 10- to 14-inch rainbow trout, and has been fishing fairly well.

Taylor Reservoir -- Fishing for Rainbows with cowbells and nightcrawlers is still the best way to go. Lake Trout are starting to rise slowly, in 74 feet of water. There hasn't been very much pressure. Pike action has slowed this past week, best Trolling with spoons and spinners.

Vallecito Reservoir -- The reservoir is fishing well for northern pike and smallmouth bass. Some anglers are reporting catching walleye. Use spinners and Rapalas. Trout fishing is slow. A Mercury advisory has been issued for consumption of northern pike from the lake.

Williams Creek Reservoir -- Fishing is best in the early morning and at dusk. The best fishing is at the inlet and near the dam. Fishing is good for trout. Use worms, power bait and small spinners in the reservoir. Small flies and nymphs are best for the creek below the lake.