

Granite, Crystal and North Crow reservoirs ★★★

The buzz: Anglers report good action at both Crystal and Granite reservoirs. Bait and wet flies seem to be the preferred mode, rather than casting with spinners and lures.

Suggested bait, lures and flies:

Night crawlers
Salmon eggs
Powerbait
Nitrobait
Bead head woolly buggers
Bead head prince nymphs
Bead head pheasant tails
Woolly worms
Hot head leeches

Pole Mountain ★★★½

The buzz: The fishing is still hot across Pole Mountain. Typically access is iffy this time of year, but that's not the case this year thanks to the lack of any significant snow or other precipitation.

Suggested bait, lures and flies:

Night crawlers
Salmon eggs
Bead head prince nymphs
Orange scuds
Bead head prince nymphs
Hot head leeches
Woolly worms

Laramie Plains lakes

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The buzz: The fishing is good at Lake Hattie, Twin Buttes and Meeboer as well as most of the lakes and reservoirs across the basin. The trick is to get out before the wind kicks up too much.

Suggested bait, lures and flies:

Night crawlers
Powerbait
Marshmallows
Leeches
Olive squirrel leeches
Prince nymphs
Olive hare's ears
Vanilla buggers

Laramie River ★★★

The buzz: The river is fishing very well, especially at Woods Landing and Jelm. Water levels are low as the river reaches Laramie.

Suggested bait, lures and flies:

Rubber legged buggers
Crystal buggers
Yuck bugs
Double bunnies
Stalcup crawdads

Snowy Range ★★★½

The buzz: Snowy Range Pass is still open and, given the forecast, is unlikely to close any time real soon. That's great news for still getting up to the high country. Chilly overnight temperatures could result in some ice formation at the highest elevations. According to the U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service snow measuring station, the only station reporting snow in the Medicine Bow Mountains is Sand Lake with a depth of 8 inches.

Suggested bait, lures and flies:

Night crawlers
Royal wulff
Bead head pheasant tails
Zug bugs
Parachute Adams
Parachute scuds



FISHING REPORT

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Regional Overview – The calendar says it's late fall with Thanksgiving a mere two weeks away, but the weather feels a lot more like early fall. Temperatures are forecast to drop slightly the next couple days but will remain above normal. Saturday and Sunday should be mild and dry but with breezy westerly winds that could turn strong by Sunday night. Colder weather is certainly on its way but until it arrives, the mild weather is beckoning for those wanting to enjoy a wide range of non-snow activities. On the snow front, the Snowy Range Ski area started up the snowmaking guns last week thanks to chilly nighttime temperatures. The white stuff will arrive soon enough – but not for another week at least.

Ranking Categories

- ★ To ensure fish dinner, go to the local grocery store
- ★★★★ Toss a line and get a fish; the fish aren't picky

North Platte River and Encampment River – Saratoga Valley ★★★

The buzz: Conditions remain good on the North Platte River from the state line north through the Upper Platte River Valley. The fishing action is a bit on the slow side until

temperatures rise near mid-morning, but water levels are good for this time of year.

Suggested bait, lures and flies:

Blue-winged olive nymphs
Bead head olive hare's ears
Lightning bugs
Black woolly buggers
Conehead buggers
Hare's ears
Bead head prince nymphs

North Platte River – Gray Reef ★★★½

The buzz: Fishing is very good to excellent. There's even some dry fly action thanks to continuing insect hatches even this late in the season. Big streamers are working well along with nymphing.

Suggested bait, lures and flies:

Virus midges
Orange scuds
Red San Juan worms
Black and red barbed wires
Lightning bugs
Copper Johns
Flash back pheasant tails
Black woolly buggers
Hot head leeches

North Platte River – Miracle Mile ★★★

The buzz: The action at the Miracle Mile is very good with some large brown trout being caught as they move up from Pathfinder Reservoir.

Suggested bait, lures and flies:

Red San Juan worms
Red barbed wires
Red hots
Amber scuds
Orange blossom specials
Vanilla buggers
Bighorn buggers

Glendo ★★½

The buzz: The walleye fishing remains a bit hit or miss but not bad for this time of year.

Suggest bait, lures and flies:

Bottom bouncers with night crawlers
Crank baits

Jigging minnows
Spoons

Other Locations

If you've been fishing at any of the area waters and would like to submit a fishing report, please email: atravsky@wyoming.com.

Reservoir active conservation pool levels

Alcova – 85.1 percent full
Boysen – 88.3 percent full
Guernsey – 0 percent full
Glendo – 38.3 percent full
Gray Reef – 90.3 percent full
Keyhole – 76.3 percent full
Pathfinder – 83.8 percent full
Seminole – 76.8 percent full

River flows (in cubic feet per second)

North Platte River near Colorado state line – 151 cubic feet per second
North Platte River above Seminole Reservoir – 444 cfs
North Platte River near Miracle Mile – 535 cfs
North Platte River at Gray Reef – 504 cfs
Encampment River near town of Encampment – 96 cfs
Encampment River above Hog Park – 26 cfs

Boat ramp openings

Glendo Reservoir: The marina, Reno Cove and Whiskey Gulch ramps are open.
Guernsey Reservoir: Guernsey Marina ramp is closed.
Boysen Reservoir: All ramps are open.
Seminole Reservoir: All ramps are open.