

Granite, Crystal and North Crow reservoirs ★★★

The buzz: The fishing is good to very good at all three reservoirs. Those planning for some late season camping are reminded that sites are first come, first served. Since there is no rifle hunting at Curt Gowdy State Park, it's a nice option this time of year for those wanting to get away from hunting activity.

Suggested bait, lures and flies:
Night crawlers
Salmon eggs
Powerbait
Panther martins (gold or silver blades)
Bead head prince nymphs
Woolly worms and buggers (brown, black or olive)
Scuds
Black and brown nymphs

Pole Mountain ★★★½

The buzz: The beaver ponds on Pole Mountain continue to offer outstanding fishing. Access could be a bit muddy, though, so hiking to some of the more out of the way ponds may be required. Big game rifle season is open, so be sure to wear bright clothing, so others know you're around.

Suggested bait, lures and flies:
Night crawlers
Small rebel crawdads
Salmon eggs
Bead head prince nymphs
Chironomid patterns
Bead head buggers
Nilla buggers
Crawfish patterns
Parachute Adams

Laramie Plains lakes ★★★

The buzz: The fishing is good across the basin. Some of the best

action is at Lake Hattie for those casting from boats as well as on the bank. One angler reported catching a couple nice rainbow trout near the dam while casting from the shore. The fishing has also really turned on at Twin Buttes, while it's good to very good at Sodergreen and Meebour.

Suggested bait, lures and flies:
Night crawlers
Powerbait
Marshmallows
Rapalas
Woolly buggers
Bite me buggers
Crayfish patterns
Scuds
Hot head leeches
Olive hare's ears

Laramie River ★★

The buzz: The fishing remains on the slow side with the river running low. The best action is near Wood's Landing and Jelm.

Suggested bait, lures and flies:
Worms
Small spinners
Night crawlers
Woolly buggers
Bead head prince nymphs
Stonefly nymphs
Caddis patterns

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

The buzz: Conditions are good on the North Platte River from the state line north through the Upper Platte River Valley. Angler numbers are down, so there's the added bonus of getting plenty of elbowroom.

Suggested bait, lures and flies:
Flash back pheasant tails
Bead head prince nymphs
Bead head buggers



FISHING REPORT

Regional Overview – The mild fall weather looks to continue into the weekend making this an excellent time to get out and enjoy some lovely conditions before the snow starts to fly in earnest. One real sign that winter is around the corner is the opening of the first ski area in Colorado. Arapahoe Basin started spinning its lifts Oct. 13 and, no doubt, Loveland Ski Area, which is down the road from Arapahoe Basin, will open soon. For now, though, there is no forecast at least this weekend that includes snow coming from the sky. There may be a bit of precipitation Saturday, but it should stay as rain at the lower elevations. It could get a bit breezy, though, so getting out early or a bit later in the day can help avoid some of the more significant winds.

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

Parachute blue-winged olives
Orange blossom specials
Halfbacks
Copper Johns
Stimulators
Lightning bugs
Platte River spiders
Cripple blue-winged olives
Platte River spiders

North Platte River – Gray Reef ★★★½

The buzz: Gray Reef is fishing quite well but the key is getting there when the winds are relatively calm. The river has been running clear with the flow steady at 500 cubic feet per second..

Suggested bait, lures and flies:

San Juan worms
Red rock worms
Scuds
Zebra midges
Vanilla buggers
Hot head leeches
Bead head pheasant tails
Various streamers

North Platte River – Miracle Mile ★★★

The buzz: The river is fishing very well with steady flows. The Mile gets popular this time of year as the brown trout increase their activity and head up the river for spawning season. Still, expect plenty of elbowroom compared to the summer months.

Suggested bait, lures and flies:

Red San Juan worms
Red rock worms
Orange scuds
Half backs
Vanilla buggers
Various streamers

Snowy Range ★★★

The buzz: Conditions continue to be sloppy, but snow levels have decreased since last week across most of the Medicine Bow Mountains. The fishing should be good at Lake Owen and Rob Roy Reservoir, but be sure to wear some bright clothing with hunting season in full swing. The U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service snow measuring station reports a snow depth of 14 inches at Sand Lake on the northern end of the Medicine Bow Mountains, a 5-inch decrease from last week. There is no snow reported at the station for Cinnabar Park and there's 1 inch reported at Brooklyn Lake, a decrease of 7 inches from last week.

Suggested bait, lures and flies:
Night crawlers
Panther martins
Mepps
Bead head hare's ears
Bead head copper Johns
Woolly buggers
Parachute Adams
Orange scuds

Wheatland Reservoir No. 3 ★★½

The buzz: The fishing is good to very good at the reservoir with the best fishing out on boats when the wind is down. There's a wide range of fish in this reservoir including brown, rainbow and cutthroat trout.

Suggested bait, lures and flies:
Little cleos
Night crawlers
Marshmallows
Scuds

Bead head nymphs
Orange blossom specials
Chironomids

Glendo ★★

The buzz: The walleye fishing is fair with water levels gradually rising. Reports are skimpy, though, indicating angler numbers are pretty low, giving those who venture out a good bit of elbowroom.

Suggested bait, lures and flies:
Bottom bouncers with night crawlers
Crank baits
Jigging minnows
Spoons

Reservoir active conservation pool levels

Alcova – 91.4 percent full
Boysen – 97.6 percent full
Guernsey – 23.4 percent full
Glendo – 25.2 percent full
Gray Reef – 65.4 percent full
Keyhole – 64.0 percent full
Pathfinder – 75.2 percent full
Seminole – 80.1 percent full

River flows (in cubic feet per second)

North Platte River near Colorado state line – 163 cubic feet per second
North Platte River above Seminole Reservoir – 610 cfs
North Platte River near Miracle Mile – 537 cfs
North Platte River at Gray Reef – 500 cfs
Encampment River near town of Encampment – 136 cfs
Encampment River above Hog Park – 23 cfs

Boat ramp openings

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