

Granite, Crystal and North Crow reservoirs ★★★

The buzz: Anglers report good action in the early morning and into the late afternoon and evening. With all the mountain bike and hiking trails, there's plenty to do with fishing in the morning and evening and hiking or biking in the middle of the day when the fishing gets slow. There are even canoe and paddleboard rentals Friday through Sunday. This weekend, the Cheyenne Field Archers will be hosting their Annual Archery Tournament. Trail access around the Aspen Grove area will be limited during the competition.

Suggested bait, lures and flies:
Night crawlers
Small spinners such as Panther Martins
Powerbait
Renegades
Prince nymphs
Copper Johns
Gold ribbed hare's ears
Elk hair caddis
Royal coachman
Woolly buggers
Grasshoppers

Sloans and Absarraca lakes ★★½

The buzz: The town lakes are fair to good in the mornings and evenings, but it gets pretty slow in the middle of the day, especially when the temperature rises.

Worms
Powerbait
Salmon eggs
Adams
Copper Johns
Renegades

Pole Mountain ★★★

The buzz: It's that time of year when the smaller beaver ponds tend to slow down and moss buildup makes conditions a little frustrating for those casting from the bank. Still, the brook trout are active and hungry with the best action in the mornings and evenings. Those ponds with deeper water are the best bet.

Night crawlers

Prince nymphs
Hare's ears
Pheasant tails
Copper Johns
Elk hair caddis
Adams
Beetles
Ants

Laramie Plains lakes ★★★

The buzz: The fishing is good to very good across the basin. The best action is at Gelatt, Leasenby and Meebour, but it's also good at Twin Buttes and Sodergreen. It's on the slow side at Alsop. The fishing is best from boats at Lake Hattie with anglers bringing in trout as well as kokanee salmon.

Suggested bait, lures and flies:
Rapalas
Thomas buoyants
Nightcrawlers
Salmon eggs
Hornbergs
Woolly buggers
Olive scuds
Hothead leeches
Renegades

Laramie River ★★★

The buzz: The river is in good shape with the best action at the upper reaches near Woods Landing and Jelm. It's running a bit low and a little off color as it nears Laramie.

Suggested bait, lures and flies:
Night crawlers
Salmon eggs
Panther martins
Grey drakes
Mosquitoes
Bead head prince nymphs
Vanilla buggers
Halfbacks

Snowy Range ★★★½

The buzz: Head to the high country for the best fishing. With the cooler weather, expect good action throughout the day. Anglers are able to get into Rob Roy Reservoir, but reports are skimpy on the catching end of things. The action is good to excellent at Lake Owen. Douglas Creek is also offering some excellent action as are the Gap Lakes for those willing to hike.



FISHING REPORT

Regional Overview – Expect cooler temperatures the next couple days after a cold front passes through the area. Some precipitation is likely as well, especially in the high country of the Snowy, Sierra Madre and Laramie ranges. Conditions will become more stable by Friday with only a chance for a few scattered showers. The warming trend kicks in Saturday, but will remain a bit on the cool side on through the start of next week. The bulk of the road closures associated with the Keystone Fire in the Medicine Bow Mountains have been lifted. This lightning-caused fire is now 100 percent contained, but firefighters continue to work the area and visitors to the National Forest can expect to see smoke coming from the interior of the fire as unburned pockets of fuel ignite. Rob Roy Campground is now open and anglers have returned to the reservoir. Fire restrictions are lifted for the Sierra Madre Mountains and Snowy Range, as well as Pole Mountain. The Laramie Peak unit remains in Stage 1 fire restrictions..

Ranking Categories

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

Suggested bait, lures and flies:
Nightcrawlers
Hothead leeches
Royal wulff
Bead head prince nymphs
Ants
Beetles
Zug bugs
Hare's ears

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

The buzz: The upper reaches of the North Platte River are fishing well and water levels are down to 400 cubic feet per second now. The river is a bit off-color but seems to be clearing. Expect the best fishing early or late unless there's some good cloud cover.

Suggested bait, lures and flies:

Panther martins
Rapalas
Green drakes
Bead head prince nymphs
Stonefully nymphs
Midge patterns
Ants
Beetles
Copper Johns
Hare's ears

North Platte River – Grey Reef ★★★½

The buzz: The fishing is good with some great dry fly action for those willing to get started early. Moss is a problem in the upper reaches, making casting tricky. The water level remains steady around 2,500 cubic feet per second. The river is crowded, especially on weekends, with anglers as well as those floating the river by innertube.

Suggested bait, lures and flies:

Rapalas
Tasmanian devils
Scuds
Brown BMBs
San Juan worms
Rock worms
Trico split foam back
Blue-winged olive patterns

North Platte River – Miracle Mile ★★★

The buzz: The Mile is flowing clear and the fishing is excellent. Water flow is fairly low, around 1,000 cubic feet per second, which is typical for this time of year.

Suggested bait, lures and flies:
Midges
Sparkle worms
Scuds
Hothead leeches
Pale morning dun nymphs
Halfbacks
Pat's rubber legs
Copper Johns
Parachute Adams
Orange blossom specials

Wheatland Reservoir No. 3 ★★★

The buzz: The fishing is a bit hit or miss, but the best action is late in the afternoon to evening. Those fishing from boats are having a bit more luck than those casting from the bank.

Suggested bait, lures and flies:
Worms
Powerbait
Cyclones
Slender spoons
Bead head prince nymphs
Black or olive woolly buggers
Squirrel leeches
San Juan worms

Glendo ★★½

The buzz: The walleye fishing continues to be hit and miss. The annual silt run with the lowering of Guernsey Reservoir is over for this year and water recreation activities are back in action at Guernsey. That also means the water level at Glendo should stabilize now that Guernsey has been re-filled. Open fires are banned at Glendo State Park until further notice. All campfires and charcoal fires are

prohibited, but propane grills and propane stoves are allowed.

Suggested bait, lures and flies:
Bottom bouncers
Leeches (jigging)
Night crawlers on worm harnesses
Crankbaits

Grayrocks Reservoir ★★★

The buzz: The action is pretty slow in the middle of the day, but is not bad in the cool of the morning and evening.

Suggested bait, lures and flies:
Rapalas
Leeches
Night crawlers with worm harnesses

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 – 97.9 percent full
Boysen – 98.7 percent full
Guernsey – 59.2 percent full
Glendo – 62.1 percent full
Gray Reef – 76.6 percent full
Keyhole – 75.9 percent full
Pathfinder – 86.6 percent full
Seminole – 86.0 percent full

River flows (in cubic feet per second)

North Platte River near Colorado state line – 361 cubic feet per second
North Platte River above Seminole Reservoir – 677 cfs
North Platte River near Miracle Mile – 1,008 cfs
North Platte River at Gray Reef – 2,502 cfs
Encampment River near town of Encampment – 58 cfs
Encampment River above Hog Park – 51 cfs

Boat ramp openings

Glendo Reservoir: All ramps are open except Elk Horn.
Guernsey Reservoir: The marina ramp is open.
Boysen Reservoir: All ramps are open.
Seminole Reservoir: All ramps are open.