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- REGULATIONS
- A current Colorado State fishing license is required for any angler over 15 years old. Children 15 and younger may fish without a license.
- No swimming, sailboards, or sailboats permitted.
 - All bass under 15" must be returned to the water.
- FISHING EVENTS
- Senior Fish-off
- Most years Boulder County and Broomfield County seniors, 65 years and older, are invited to participate in Boulder County's fish-off for seniors in spring. Awards and a fish fry picnic are part of the festivities.
- Junior & Senior Fishing Derby
- Invite a kid to go fishing at the annual Boulder County senior and junior fishing derby. This autumn event is open to seniors, 65 and older, with a valid Colorado fishing license and kids 15 and younger, but everyone is welcome to watch and enjoy.
- KEEP UP TO DATE
- For information about these programs, visit boco.org/hikes.
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Gone Fishing

"Anyone can be a fisherman in May."
-- Ernest Hemingway

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Site	Location	Boating	Fish & Bag Limits	Bait Permitted	Notes
Boulder County Fairgrounds Cattail Pond (Fairgrounds Lake is managed by the City of Longmont.)	Boston Ave at Boulder County Fairgrounds in Longmont (east of Hover Road)	No boats or float tubes allowed at Cattail Pond.	Bluegill - 20 Channel catfish - 10 Largemouth Bass - 5 (over 15")	Artificial and live	3 water acres Children under 15 years only; no license required. Some shoreline closed seasonally.
Carolyn Holmberg Preserve at Rock Creek Farm Stearns Lake	South 104th Street (southeast of Louisville) off Dillon Road	No boats or float tubes	Bluegill - 20 Channel catfish - 10 Largemouth bass - 5 (over 15") Tiger Muskie 1 (36" or larger)	Artificial and live	24 water acres. Critical wildlife habitat. Some shorelines closed to fishing
Lagerman Agricultural Preserve Lagerman Reservoir Currently no fish due to fish die-off. The department is looking for ways to restore fishing to the reservoir.	Southwest of Longmont; on Pike Road between 75th and 63rd	Motorized boats up to 8 hp wakeless speed and float tubes permitted	Currently no fish.	Artificial and live	74 water acres. Critical wildlife habitat. Some shoreline closed seasonally.
Pella Crossing Heron Lake Sunset Pond Poplar Pond Dragonfly Pond Clearwater Pond	South of Hygiene; on 75th St.	Portable boats and float tubes permitted while fishing only (no recreational boating) Webster Pond No fishing, boating, or wading	Black crappie - 20 Bluegill - 20 Channel Catfish - 10 Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass - catch & release Yellow Perch - 20 Rainbow Trout - 4	Artificial flies and lures only	92 water acres total Some shorelines closed to fishing. Webster Pond is closed to fishing.
Walden Ponds Wildlife Habitat Wally Toevs Pond Seniors 65 and older and people with disabilities and their companions 15 years or younger. Other Ponds Bass Pond Duck Pond Ricky Weiser Wetland	Northeast of Boulder; on North 75th Street; between Valmont Road & Jay Road	No boats or float tubes	Wally Toevs Pond Bluegill - 20 Largemouth bass - 5 (over 15") Rainbow trout - 4 Other ponds Bluegill - 20 Channel catfish -10 Largemouth bass - catch & release	Wally Toevs Pond Artificial and live Other Ponds Artificial flies and lures only	53 water acres total Cottonwood Marsh is closed to fishing.
Walker Ranch S. Boulder Creek	West of Boulder; up Flagstaff Road and Gross Dam Road		Rainbow Trout - 4	Artificial and live	Stream fishing

FISH FOR TOMORROW

Whether you are a fish or a human, stress has negative impacts. A stressed fish has a smaller chance of survival if returned to the water. If you plan to release fish back to the water, follow these tips to ensure a fish has a greater chance of surviving.



- Don't play a fish to exhaustion. Reel it in quickly.
- Use artificial lures. Fish tend to swallow live bait and the hook becomes embedded in the fish's throat. Hooks used with artificial tackle are often smaller and cause less injury to a fish.
- Live bait is considered anything organic, moldable, or scented. Power bait, doughballs, salmon eggs, fireballs, worms, corn and stink bait are considered live bait.
- Artificial tackle consists of hard plastic lures, metal lures and artificial flies.
- If a fish has swallowed a hook, cut the hook with needle nose pliers/cutters, removing both ends. You can also cut the line as close to the fish's mouth as possible, leaving the hook in the fish.
- When removing a hook, don't squeeze the fish or put your fingers in its gills.
- Handle a fish as little as possible. If you need to handle a fish, do it in the water. The longer a fish is out of water, the more damage occurs to its protective slimy covering.
- To release a fish, hold it gently in the water. You may need to move it gently back and forth so it can gain its equilibrium.

More and more anglers are choosing to practice catch and release. By fishing smart, we can ensure there will be enough fish for tomorrow.