



# Arvada Blunn Reservoir

## FISH SURVEY AND MANAGEMENT DATA

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**General Information:** Arvada Blunn Reservoir, a 180 acre storage reservoir, offers good fishing for smallmouth bass, walleye, channel catfish, yellow perch, and stocked rainbow trout. For park hours, fees, and other information: <http://arvada.org/parks-and-recreation/arvada-blunn-reservoir>

**Location:** Between Highway 93 and Indiana on W. 64th Parkway, north of Golden.

**Recreational Management:** City of Arvada (720-898-7400)

**Fishery Management:** Warm and Coldwater species

**Annual Survey Data:** ([see page 2](#))

### Amenities and General Info.

- Arvada Reservoir open April 1-May 31 from 6:30 AM to 7:30 PM, June 1-Oct. 31 from 5:30 AM to 8:30 PM
- Boat ramp
- Electric motors allowed
- Trailer-mounted boats subject to 14-day quarantine (zebra/quagga mussel concerns)
- Picnic table
- Restrooms

### Fishing Regulations

- General statewide regulations apply

### Previous Stocking

#### 2009

Rainbow Trout  
Walleye  
Channel Catfish

#### 2008

Rainbow Trout  
Walleye  
Smallmouth Bass  
Channel Catfish

#### 2007

Rainbow Trout  
Snake River Cutthroat Trout  
Brown Trout  
Walleye

#### 2006

Rainbow Trout  
Snake River Cutthroat Trout  
Brown Trout  
Smallmouth Bass

#### 2005

Rainbow Trout  
Brown Trout  
Walleye  
Smallmouth Bass

### Sportfishing Notes

#### Smallmouth Bass

- Arvada has a good population of smallmouth bass.
- Traditional lures work well, especially during the pre-spawn period during mid to late April.

#### Rainbow Trout

- Trout fishing is generally good during the cooler months using traditional baits.
- Rainbow trout are stocked monthly March through September.

#### Walleye

- Arvada has a good population of walleye, some up to 25" in length (5 lbs).
- Fish early and late in the day for walleye.

#### Channel Catfish

- Arvada has a population of channel catfish approaching Master Angler size.
- Fish early and late in the day for catfish.

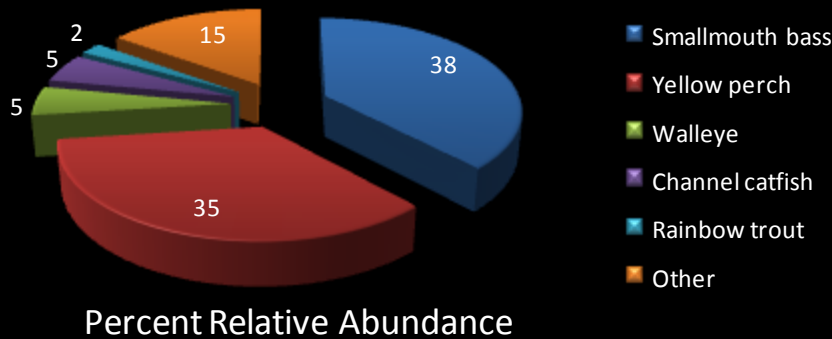


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### Arvada Blunn Reservoir 2006 Fish Survey



The figure to the left shows the percent relative abundance of the most abundant species in Arvada Blunn Reservoir. Surveys here include the use of boat electrofishing and gill nets. The 2006 results show that smallmouth bass comprised the largest percentage (38%) of the species present, followed by yellow perch (35%), walleye (5%), channel catfish (5%), and rainbow trout (2%). Other species collected included spottail shiner (a good forage species) and white sucker. The abundance of forage species such as yellow perch and spottail shiner helps support healthy populations of predators.

The figure below shows the length frequencies of channel catfish, smallmouth bass, and walleye at Arvada Blunn Reservoir. The vertical bars represent the number of fish at a particular length. Channel catfish are typically difficult to collect with electrofishing and gillnets, so their relatively good showing in the collections indicates a robust population. Catfish up to 29" were collected (Master Angler length is 30"). Smallmouth showed a good range of sizes, with fish up to 18" collected.

### Arvada Blunn 2006 Length Frequencies

