



# Aurora Reservoir

## FISH SURVEY AND MANAGEMENT DATA

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**General Information:** Aurora Reservoir, an 820 acre storage reservoir, offers good fishing for wiper, yellow perch, smallmouth bass, rainbow trout, and walleye. For park hours, fees, and other information: <https://www.auroragov.org/ThingsToDo/Reservoirs/AuroraReservoir/index.htm>

**Location:** East on Quincy Avenue, one mile east of Gun Club Road. Turn south onto the access road to the reservoir.

**Recreational Management:** City of Aurora (303-690-1286)

**Fishery Management:** Warm and Coldwater species

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

### Amenities and General Info.

- Boat Ramps (1)
- Picnic Areas
- Restrooms
- Swim Beach
- SCUBA Area
- Archery Range
- Windsurfing

### Fishing Regulations

- Minimum size for walleyes is 18" long. Only 1 walleye longer than 21" can be taken per day. No saugeye are present in this lake.
- Minimum size for large-mouth and smallmouth bass is 15".

### Previous Stocking

#### 2011

Rainbow Trout  
 Channel Catfish  
 Walleye

#### 2010

Rainbow Trout  
 Channel Catfish  
 Walleye  
 Wiper

#### 2009

Rainbow Trout  
 Channel Catfish  
 Walleye

#### 2008

Rainbow Trout  
 Snake River Cutthroat Trout  
 Channel Catfish  
 Wiper

#### 2007

Rainbow Trout  
 Brown Trout  
 Channel Catfish  
 Walleye

### Sportfishing Notes

#### Walleye

- Big walleye are present in good numbers because the regulations protect large fish. These regulations give anglers an opportunity to catch trophy size walleye.
- Anglers are successful using live bait rigs and jigging spoons.

#### Yellow Perch

- Large yellow perch can be caught ice fishing using small jigs tipped with waxworms or mealworms.

#### Rainbow Trout

- Trout fishing is generally good during the cooler months using traditional baits.

#### Wiper

- Anglers are successful off the dam using jerkbaits.

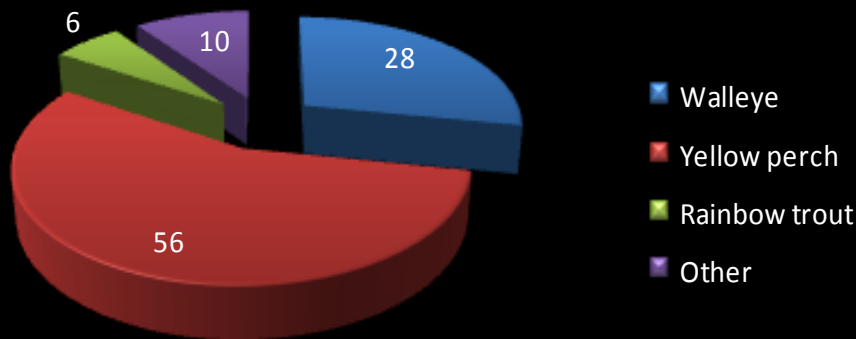


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### Aurora Reservoir 2008 Fish Surveys



Percent Relative Abundance

The figure to the left shows the percent relative abundance of the most abundant species in Aurora Reservoir. Annual surveys here include the use of gill nets and boat electrofishing. The 2008 results show that yellow perch comprised the majority (56%) of the sample, followed by walleye (28%), and then rainbow trout (6%). Species in the “other” category included largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, wiper, and gizzard shad.

The figure below shows the length frequencies of walleye, rainbow trout, and yellow perch at Aurora Reservoir. The vertical bars represent the number of fish at a particular length. Walleye up to 27” and rainbow trout up to almost 20” were collected in 2008. The walleye grow well on a diet of yellow perch and crayfish. Rainbow trout are typically stocked at an average length of 10”. The presence of trout up to 20” shows that they have survived at least on winter to grow to the larger size. Trout do well in this deep lake, where they can find cooler water during the summer months. Although most of the yellow perch collected were in the 3” to 6” range, larger fish are present, probably schooling in open water and therefore not susceptible to sampling gear.

### 2008 Length Frequencies

