



# Barr Lake

## FISH SURVEY AND MANAGEMENT DATA

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**General Information:** Barr Lake, a 1725 acre storage reservoir, offers fishing for rainbow trout, walleye, wiper, black crappie, and yellow perch. For park hours, fees, and other information: <http://parks.state.co.us/Parks/BarrLake/>

**Location:** Barr Lake State Park. Take I-76 northeast, exit at Bromley Lane. Go east to Picadilly Road, then south to the park entrance.

**Recreational Management:** Colorado State Parks (303-655-1495).

**Fishery Management:** Warm and Cold water species

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

### Amenities and General Info.

- Boat Ramp opens March 1
- Picnic Areas
- Camping
- Restrooms
- Hiking trails
- Nature center
- Bird watching

### Fishing Regulations

- Minimum size for walleye and saugeye is **15"** long. Only one walleye or saugeye longer than **21"** can be taken per day.

### Previous Stocking

#### 2011

Rainbow Trout  
 Walleye  
 Channel Catfish  
 Wiper

#### 2010

Rainbow trout  
 Walleye  
 Channel catfish  
 Wiper

#### 2009

Rainbow trout  
 Walleye  
 Channel catfish

#### 2008

Rainbow trout  
 Walleye  
 Channel catfish  
 Wiper

### Sportfishing Notes

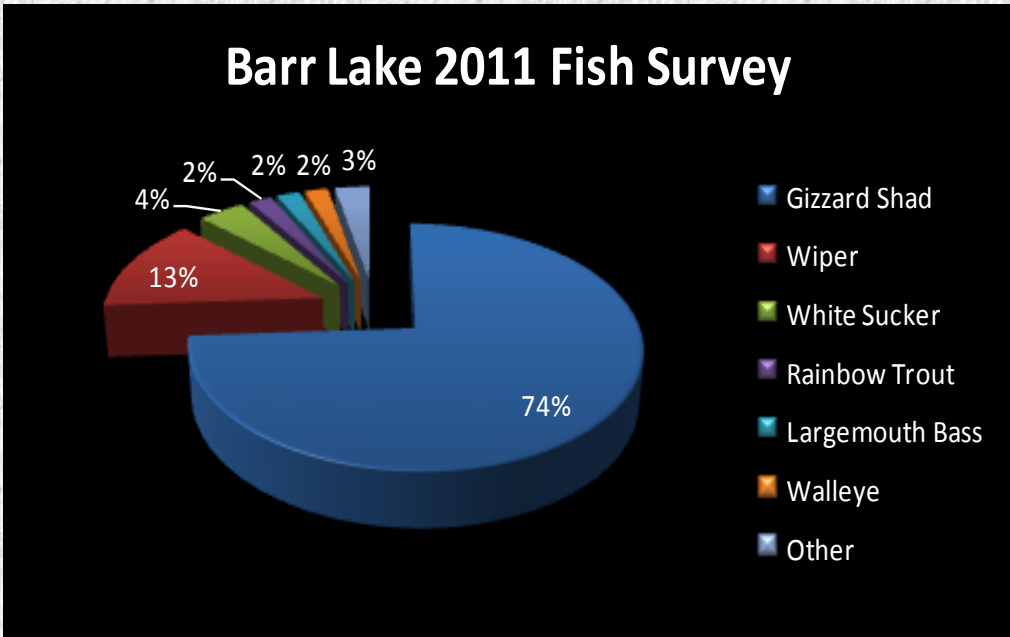
- Barr Lake experienced extreme water level fluctuations in the early 2000's due to the drought years. This lack of water negatively affected fish in the lake, and curtailed stocking by CDOW.
- Better water levels starting in the mid-2000's once again allowed more aggressive stocking of species such as walleye and wiper.
  - Walleye
  - Walleye are not as abundant and do not grow as large as other lakes like Chatfield or Cherry Creek, but fish up to 18" are present.
  - Rainbow Trout
  - Trout fishing is generally good during the cooler months using traditional baits.
  - Rainbows are stocked annually in March and April.
  - Wiper
  - Sampling in 2011 showed fish up to 26" and almost nine pounds.
  - Yellow Perch
  - Very abundant in 2010, up to 10" in length.



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The figure to the left shows the percent relative abundance of the most abundant species in the 2011 fish survey at Barr Lake, which included electrofishing and gill-netting. The 2011 catch of walleye and yellow perch was reduced compared to 2010 because of the dense growth of aquatic vegetation. The results show that gizzard shad comprised the majority (74%) of the sample, followed by wiper (13%), white sucker (4%), and then rainbow trout, largemouth bass and walleye. The abundance of gizzard shad in Barr Lake provides a good food source for the wipers and walleyes.

The figure below shows the length frequencies of wiper, walleye and rainbow trout collected in 2011. The vertical bars represent the number of fish at a particular length. Wiper from 11" to 26" were collected in 2011; the 26" wiper was slightly over 8 pounds. Walleye from 11" up to 19" were collected in 2011. In addition, rainbow trout up to 16" were collected in 2011. These trout survived at least one year in the lake, since they are stocked at 10" in length.

