



# 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
- Birdwatching

### 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

#### 2010

Rainbow trout  
 Walleye  
 Channel catfish  
 Wiper

#### 2009

Rainbow trout  
 Walleye  
 Channel catfish

#### 2008

Rainbow trout  
 Walleye  
 Channel catfish  
 Wiper

#### 2007

Rainbow trout  
 Walleye  
 Channel catfish  
 Wiper

#### 2006

Rainbow trout  
 Walleye

### 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 2010 showed fish up to 26" and almost nine pounds.
- Yellow Perch
  - Very abundant in 2010, up to 10" in length.

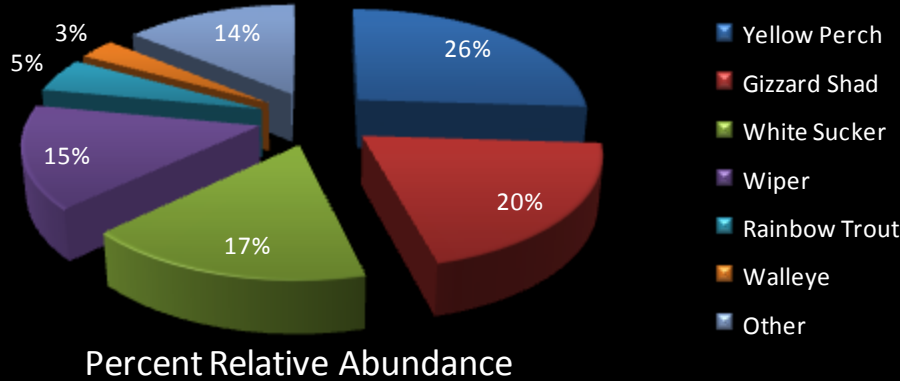


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### Barr Lake 2010 Fish Survey



The figure to the left shows the percent relative abundance of the most abundant species in the 2010 fish collections (gillnetting, no electrofishing due to low water levels) at Barr Lake. The results show that yellow perch comprised the majority (26%) of the sample, followed by gizzard shad (20%), white sucker (17%), and wiper (15%). Yellow perch have become more abundant since the last survey in 2007. 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, rainbow trout, and yellow perch collected in 2010. The vertical bars represent the number of fish at a particular length. There was a good size class of 10"-12" wiper in 2007 which have now grown up to 26" and near nine pounds. Yellow perch were the most abundant species collected in 2010, with fish up to 10 inches. Yellow perch make outstanding table fare. Most of the perch collected were in the 7" size range, which still provides an edible fillet. In addition, rainbow trout up to 19" were collected in 2010.

### Barr Lake 2010 Length Frequencies

