



# Chambers Lake

## FISH SURVEY AND MANAGEMENT DATA

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**General Information:** Chambers Lake (255 acres) is a coldwater reservoir on USFS property with a campground and boat ramp available. Fishing for rainbow trout, lake trout, and kokanee is available.

**Location:** Larimer County. From Fort Collins, go N 6.1 mi. on US Hwy 287 to CO Hwy 14. Turn left and proceed 51 mi. up Poudre canyon to lake.

**Recreational Management:** US Forest Service

**Fishery Management:** Coldwater angling

**Purchase a Fishing License:** <http://wildlife.state.co.us/ShopDOW/AppsAndLicenses/>

<u>Amenities</u>	<u>Previous Stocking</u>	<u>Sportfishing Notes</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Boat Ramp</li> <li>• Campground</li> <li>• Water</li> <li>• Restrooms</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>2010</u> Rainbow Trout Kokanee Salmon</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>2009</u> Rainbow Trout Kokanee Salmon</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>2008</u> Rainbow Trout Kokanee Salmon</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Lake Trout</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jig near steep dropoffs</li> <li>• Target cruising fish early and late in the day</li> <li>• Steep slopes make for good shore fishing on the east side of the lake</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Regulations</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wakeless speed boating only</li> <li>• Day use fee at campground for vehicles</li> <li>• Ice Fishing Allowed</li> <li>• No Snagging for Kokanee</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>2007</u> Rainbow Trout Kokanee Salmon</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>2006</u> Rainbow Trout Cutthroat Trout Kokanee Salmon Lake Trout</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>2005</u> Rainbow Trout Lake Trout</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Rainbow Trout</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The inlet bay is particularly good for catching trout</li> <li>• Typical bait presentations and medium sized spoons and spinners are usually effective</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Kokanee Salmon</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Try small jigs through the ice</li> <li>• Trolling from a boat is the most effective summertime method</li> </ul>



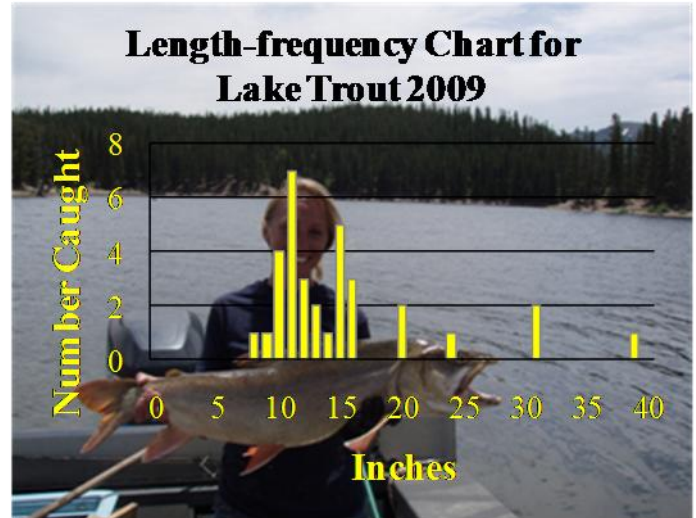
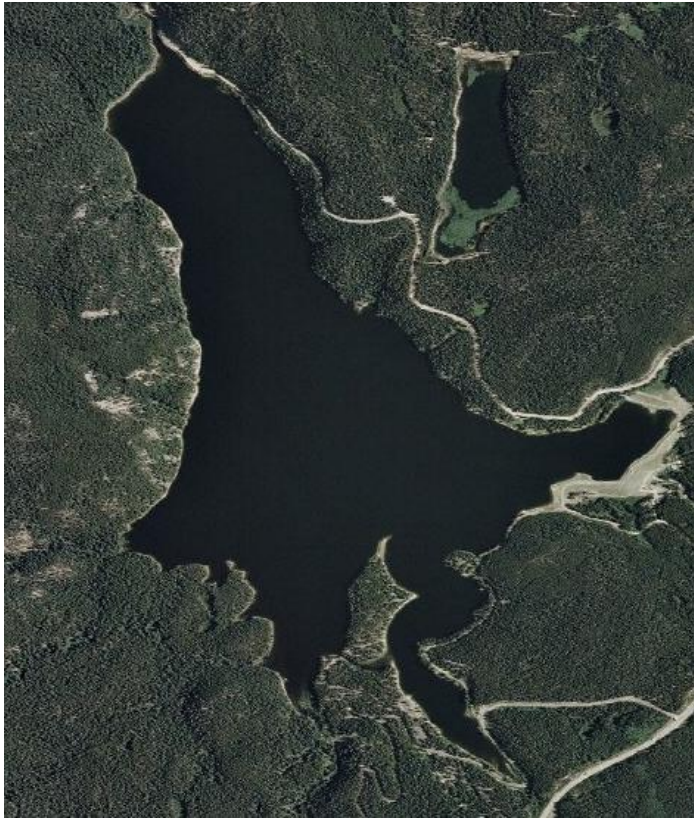
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### Management Notes



Chambers is managed as a mackinaw (lake trout) and kokanee salmon fishery. We also stock catchable-sized rainbow trout to provide better recreation for shore anglers.

The graph above shows the size distribution of lake trout for the thirty-six fish captured in the 2009 sampling. There is a healthy

distribution demonstrating good recruitment for future years as well as a number of trophy sized fish available.

The chart below shows all species sampled in the 2009 gillnetting. Kokanee salmon are not effectively sampled with gill nets and the number is not representative of the population that exists in the lake. Lake chubs are an uncommon fish resembling a creek chub with strong populations in Chambers and Barnes Meadow.

Gillnetting 2009			
Species	# Caught	Ave. Length (range) in inches	Ave. Weight (range) in pounds
Lake Chub	3	4.9 (4.7 - 5.2)	0.05
Longnose Sucker	16	14.1 (11.3 - 17.2)	1.01 (0.6 - 1.7)
Kokanee Salmon	1	6.0 (6.0 - 6.0)	0.05
Rainbow Trout	13	9.9 (5.7 - 12.7)	0.38 (0.1 - 0.7)
Lake Trout	36	14.7 (7.5 - 38.6)	2.44 ( 0.1 - 30.4)