



Cherry Creek Reservoir

FISH SURVEY AND MANAGEMENT DATA

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General Information: Cherry Creek Reservoir, an 880 acre flood protection reservoir, offers good fishing for wiper, largemouth bass, rainbow trout, and trophy walleye. For park hours, fees, and other information: <http://parks.state.co.us/Parks/CherryCreek/>

Location: Cherry Creek State Park. I-225 to Parker Road, south on Parker Road to the east entrance. West entrance is off of S. Yosemite Street.

Recreational Management: Colorado State Parks (303-690-1166) and Army Corps of Engineers.

Fishery Management: Warm and Cold water species

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

Amenities and General Info.

- Boat Ramps (2)
- Picnic Areas
- Camping
- Restrooms
- Swim Beach
- Marina
- Hiking trails
- Horseback Riding
- Model Airplane Field
- Birding

Fishing Regulations

- Minimum size for walleyes is 18" long. The daily bag limit for walleye is 3 fish. Only 1 walleye longer than 21" can be taken per day. No saugeye are present in this lake.
- Minimum size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15".
- Fishing is prohibited from the dam and within 100 feet of the dam **or walleye spawning operation nets** March 15-April 15, 4 p.m. to 9 a.m.

Previous Stocking

2010

Rainbow Trout
 Snake River Cutthroat Trout
 Channel Catfish
 Wiper
 Walleye

2009

Rainbow Trout
 Channel Catfish
 Walleye
 Black Crappie

2008

Rainbow Trout
 Cuttbow
 Channel Catfish
 Walleye
 Wiper
 Black Crappie

2007

Rainbow Trout
 Cuttbow
 Channel Catfish
 Walleye
 Wiper

Sportfishing Notes

Walleye

- Big walleye are present in good number because the regulations protect large fish. These regulations give anglers an opportunity to catch trophy size walleye, while still allowing the DOW to run an egg take operation that supplies other Colorado waters with young walleye.
- Fish can be difficult to catch due to the large population of gizzard shad, their primary forage food.
- Anglers are successful using live bait rigs and jigging spoons.

Rainbow Trout

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

Wiper

- Fishing for wipers can be good during April, when they are chasing spawning gizzard shad.
- Anglers are successful using jerkbaits.

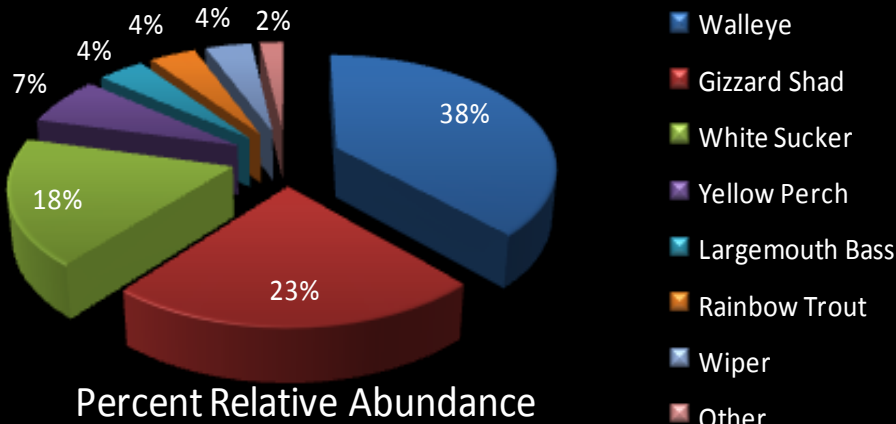


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Cherry Creek 2010 Fish Survey



The figure to the left shows the percent relative abundance of the most abundant species in the 2010 fish collections at Cherry Creek Reservoir. Annual surveys here include the use of gill nets and boat electrofishing. The 2010 results show that walleye comprised the majority (38%) of the sample, followed by gizzard shad (23%), and then white sucker (18%). The high abundance of gizzard shad provides a good source of food for predators such as walleye, wiper, and largemouth bass in Cherry Creek Reservoir.

The figure below shows the length frequencies of largemouth bass, walleye, and rainbow trout collected in 2010. These are three of the more popular gamefish at Cherry Creek Reservoir. The vertical bars represent the number of fish at a particular length. Although the sampling in 2010 collected bass up to 14", previous surveys show there are bass up to 20" in the lake. Walleye up to 29" were collected in 2010, with that fish particular fish weighing over nine pounds. The large gizzard shad population allows walleyes to grow to large sizes in Cherry Creek Reservoir. The majority of the rainbow trout collected in 2010 were about 11 inches in length, which reflects the fact that rainbow trout stocked annually arrive to the lake at about 10 inches in size. Rainbows up to 16 inches were collected in 2010.

Cherry Creek 2010 Length Frequencies

