



# West Prospect Lake

## FISH SURVEY AND MANAGEMENT DATA

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**General Information:** West Prospect Lake, a 20 acre reservoir, offers fishing for largemouth bass, bluegill, yellow perch, and pumpkinseed.

**Location:** Parking lot on Youngfield St. just south of W. 44th Avenue. The Clear Creek bike path is located on the north shore of the lake, which is located just behind Camping World.

**Recreational Management:** Wheat Ridge Parks and Recreation [www.ci.wheatridge.co.us](http://www.ci.wheatridge.co.us)

**Fishery Management:** Warmwater species.

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

### Amenities and General Info.

- Bike path
- Open dawn to dusk
- Non-motorized boats allowed

### Fishing Regulations

- Artificial flies and lures only, scented lures over 1.5 inches in length are allowed
- Minimum size for bass is 15 inches.

### Previous Stocking

#### 2008

Largemouth bass

#### 2006

Largemouth bass

#### 2005

Largemouth bass

#### 2004

Largemouth bass

### Sportfishing Notes

#### Largemouth Bass

- Good lures for largemouths are rubber worms, spinner-baits, and topwater lures.

#### Panfish

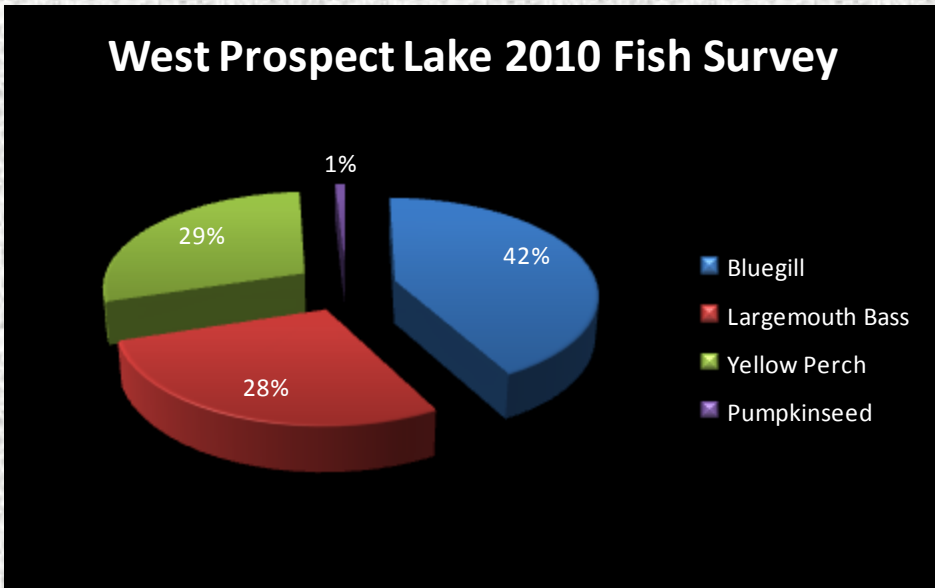
- Try small twister tail jigs 2-3 feet below a bobber



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The figure to the left shows the percent relative abundance of the most abundant species in the 2010 collections at West Prospect Lake. Surveys here included the use of boat electrofishing. The 2010 results show that bluegill comprised the largest percentage (42%) followed by yellow perch (29%) and largemouth bass (28%). Other species collected included pumpkinseed and grass carp. The abundance of yellow perch and bluegill provide a good forage base for largemouth bass.

The figure below shows the length frequencies of largemouth bass, bluegill, and yellow perch collected in 2010 at West Prospect Lake. The vertical bars represent the number of fish at a particular length. There was a large number of small bass (4-6") collected, which is good, as they represent a strong year-class. Few bass in the next size class (9-14") were collected, but bass up to 18" swim in the lake. The minimum size limit of 15" on bass in this lake is in place to protect sufficient numbers of adult bass ( $\geq$  about 10") so they can spawn at least once and sustain their population before being harvested. Bluegill and yellow perch were plentiful, with bluegill up to 6" and yellow perch up to 9" in the collection.

