



# PROSPECT LAKE

## FISH SURVEY AND MANAGEMENT DATA

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**General Information:** Prospect Lake, a 58 acre lake, which offers good fishing for rainbow as well as an assortment of warmwater species including channel catfish, crappie, bluegill, saugeye as well as wipers. Prospect lake is a local favorite for many of the youth in Colorado Springs. Limited boating is allowed. Please see: [www.springsgov.com](http://www.springsgov.com) for more information including boating restrictions, hours of operation and events.

**Location:** South End of Memorial Park (West of S. Union and Airport Rd.)

**Recreational Management:** Colorado Springs Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department

**Fishery Management:** Warmwater as well as seasonal coldwater . **Annual Survey Data:** (see page 2)

### Amenities and General Info.

- Boat Ramp
- Picnic Areas
- Restrooms
- Walking path
- Handicap access

### Regulations

- Statewide bag and possession limits apply

### Previous Stocking

#### 2008

Rainbow Trout  
Wiper  
Saugeye  
Channel Catfish  
Hybrid Grass Carp  
Black Crappie  
Bluegill

#### 2007

Rainbow Trout  
Walleye  
Snake River Cutthroat  
Striped Bass  
Channel Catfish  
Black Crappie

#### 2006

Rainbow Trout  
Saugeye  
Snake River Cutthroat  
Channel Catfish  
Bluegill  
Wiper

### Sportfishing Notes

#### Rainbow Trout

Rainbow trout account for the majority of the angler recreation at Prospect Lake. Rainbows are heavily stocked both in the spring as well as the fall. This lake is generally ice free in March and subsequently gets stocked prior to other waters.

#### Saugeye

Management surveys indicate a very robust population of smaller saugeyes. Anglers targeting these fish generally have better success during May and June fishing in the later afternoon.

#### Black Crappie

Crappie anglers were rewarded last year with some very nice crappie. Most action was early in the season on the N. end of the lake.



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## 2008 Gillnetting Survey

Fall 2007 Survey Species	#Caught	Average Length and (Range) in Inches	Average Weight (lbs.)
Black Bullhead	2	6.9 (3.9-9.8)	.28
Black Crappie	7	6.3 (5.5-7.2)	.12
Bluegill	15	4.4 (3.8-5.2)	.05
Channel Catfish	11	10.1 (8.7-14.4)	.22
Gizzard Shad	7	15.2 (13.1-16.3)	1.20
Golden Shiner	1	6.5 (6.5-6.5)	.07
Rainbow Trout	8	9.9 (8.6-11.1)	.34
Walleye/Saugeye	88	14.3 (12.6-17.2)	.79
Wiper	6	12.9 (11.9-14.4)	.70
White Amur	1	27.2 (27.2-27.2)	8.17

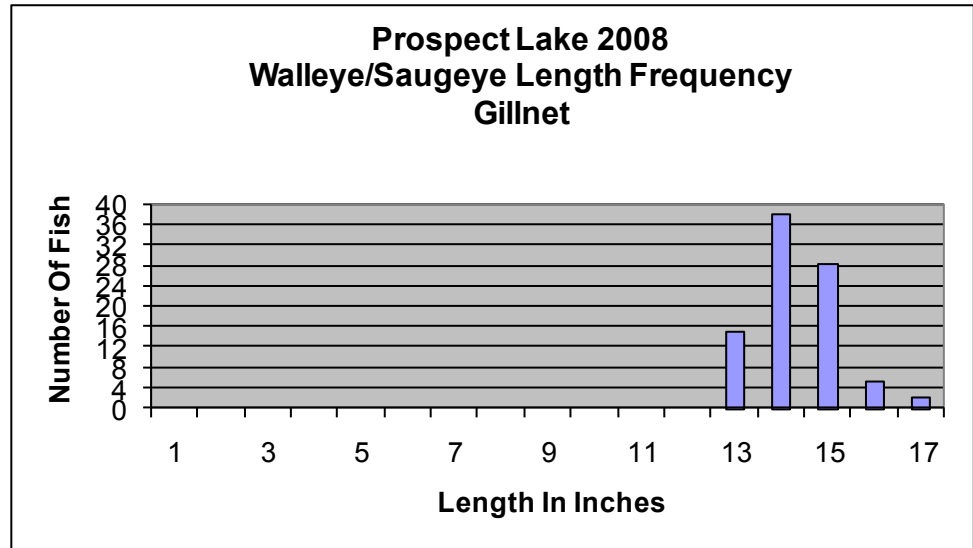


# 2009 Fishing Forecast

## Walleye/Saugeye 2009

Anglers targeting walleye and saugeye should have excellent success with smaller size fish given the strength of the 14-16 inch year class. These fish should be 17-19 inches by late summer and early fall.

Key to catchability will be the strength of the shad spawn. If the shad have better than average spawning success, catch rates will most likely decrease.



## Wiper 2009

Anglers targeting wipers should have a fair year provided large fish are not their primary objective. Due to inconsistent stocking and subsequent gaps in year classes, large wipers are most likely 3-5 years away. The 12-14 inch wipers sampled in 2008 should be 15-18 inches by late fall 2009. Angler success will most likely be directly related to forage levels.

