



Rampart Reservoir

FISH SURVEY AND MANAGEMENT DATA

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General Information: Rampart Reservoir, a 500 acre reservoir, offers good fishing for rainbow trout, brown trout and lake trout. The reservoir is utilized as a domestic water supply reservoir for the city of Colorado Springs and anglers are **strongly encouraged** to stay abreast of current land use regulations including restrictions on access across the dam as well as prohibitions on oversize trailers and vehicles, hours of operation, boater access as well as ANS inspections. Please clean, drain and dry your watercraft.

See: <http://www.csu.org/> or <http://www.fs.fed.us/r2/psicc/index.shtml> for more information.

Location: 4.2 miles east of Woodland Park on Rampart Range road, FDR 300

Recreational Management: U.S. Forest Service (719) 636-1602

Fishery Management: Cold water species. **Annual Survey Data:** (see page 2)

Amenities and General Info.

- ANS Inspections may be ongoing at this water.
- Boat Ramp
- Picnic Areas
- Camping
- Restrooms
- Hiking trails
- Wildlife viewing
- Walk in access allowed from the Rainbow Gulch trail.

Regulations

- Daily bag for trout is 4 fish, no more than two can be lake trout
- Ice fishing prohibited

Previous Stocking

2008

Rainbow Trout
Brown Trout
Lake Trout

2007

Rainbow Trout
Cutbow Trout
(Rainbow X Cutthroat)
Lake Trout
Brown Trout

2006

Rainbow Trout
Cutbow Trout
Lake Trout
Brown Trout

2005

Rainbow Trout
Cutbow Trout
Lake Trout
Brown Trout

Sportfishing Notes

Rainbow Trout

Rainbow trout account for the majority of the angler recreation at Rampart Reservoir. Rainbows are heavily stocked both in the spring as well as the fall.

Lake Trout

Rampart reservoir has a loyal contingent of anglers who target lake trout and generally do fairly well. The majority of successful anglers target lake trout in the early spring or late fall.



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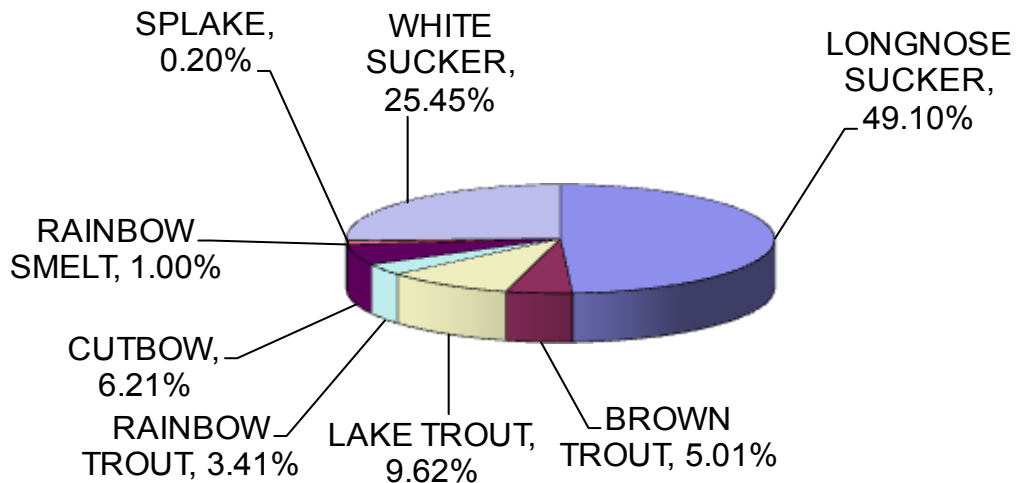
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2007 Gillnetting Survey

Fall 2007 Survey Species	#Caught	Average Length and (Range) in Inches	Average Weight (lbs.)
Brown Trout	25	11.8 (7.7-15.4)	0.65
Lake Trout	48	15.0 (8.0-24.4)	1.04
Rainbow Trout	17	12.5 (9.3-15.0)	0.80
Cutbow Trout	31	14.1 (12.2-16.3)	1.12

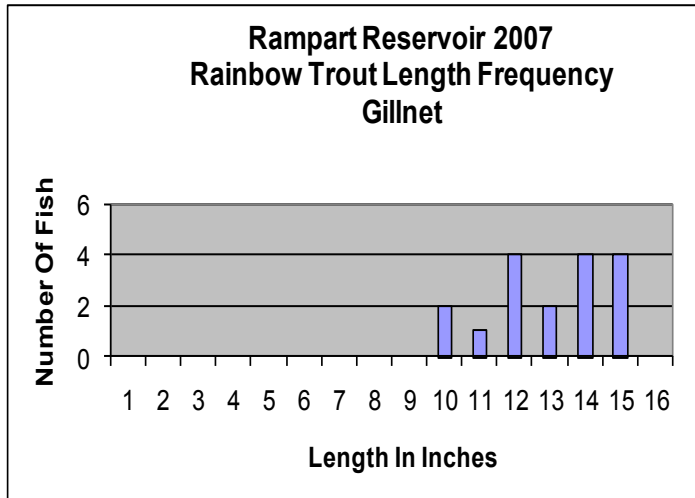
Rampart Reservoir Relative Abundance 2007 Gillnet



2009 Fishing Forecast

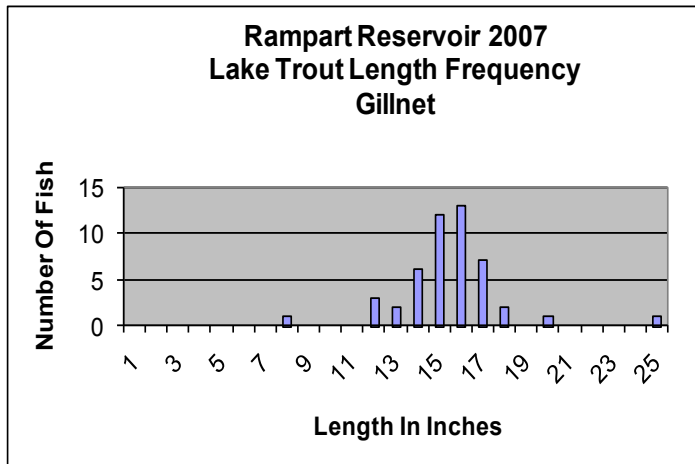
Rainbow Trout 2009

Rainbow trout fishing in Rampart should remain very good provided adequate fish are stocked. Current stocking requests include the stocking of 21,000, 10 inch rainbows in 2009. Given this stocking rate, angler catch rates should remain between 0.4 and 1.0 fish per hour with a higher catch rate anticipated for anglers in boats (see page 4 creel survey data). Better angling success for rainbows, while fishing from shore, generally occurs in May, June and September. Boaters have had success throughout the summer season. Anglers are encouraged to harvest rainbows as this lake is very limited in primary production and fish tend to grow very, slowly with a minimal number of fish overwintering.



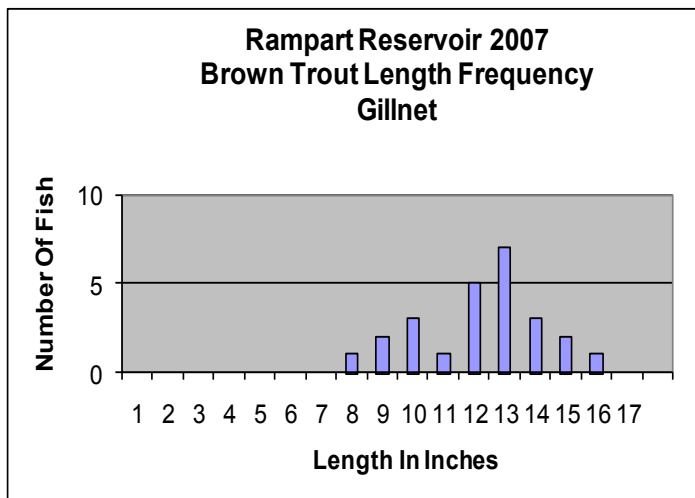
Lake Trout 2009

Lake trout fishing in Rampart will most likely be fair at best in 2009. Inconsistent stocking over the past 12 years has left multiple gaps in year class structure. Lake trout are stocked as smaller 5 inch fish in the fall. These fish tend to grow very slowly given the productivity of Rampart reservoir. It generally takes between 7-9 years for these fish to reach 18-20 inches in length. Angler success from shore is generally much better in the early spring and late fall. Boaters generally have better success in the late fall. Current regulations allow for the harvest of 2 lake trout as part of the 4 fish daily bag limit.



Brown Trout 2009

Brown trout were first introduced in 2001 in an effort to diversify the fishery in Rampart Reservoir. Although a minor component of the overall management objectives, with a total of 5,000, 5 inch fish being stocked annually, anglers now have the opportunity to diversify their catch with the occasional brown trout.



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Rampart Creel Survey 2008

Management efforts in 2008 included the completion of an angler creel survey at Rampart reservoir. A summary of those results is included in the charts below. Caution should be exercised in the interpretation of the results as motorized boats were not allowed on the reservoir for the duration of the creel survey due to ANS concerns. Additionally, the creel survey was a 6 month survey and did not include angling pressure outside the 6 month period. The biologist appreciates anglers taking the time to participate in the survey and thanks all of them.

Report	Estimates			
	Shore	Boat	Other	All
FISHERMAN-HOURS	37,642	4,668	0	42,317
FISHERMAN	11,474	1,513	0	12,078
TOTAL CATCH	15,268	4,267	0	19,535
KEPT CATCH	8,282	1,746	0	10,028
RETURNED CATCH	6,985	2,521	0	9,507
TOTAL CATCH/HR	0.4	1	0	0.49
KEPT CATCH/HR	0.23	0.41	0	0.26
RETURN CATCH/HR	0.17	0.59	0	0.23
AVERAGE COMPLETED TRIP LENGTH (Hrs)	3.29	4.43	0	3.6
AVERAGE FISH LENGTH (INCH)	12.15	12.31	0	12.18

Rainbow Trout Report	Estimates			
	Shore	Boat	Other	All
TOTAL CATCH	13,411	3,608	0	17,019
KEPT CATCH	7,493	1,455	0	8,948
RETURNED CATCH	5,916	2,153	0	8,069

Lake Trout Report	Estimates			
	Shore	Boat	Other	All
TOTAL CATCH	1,338	432	0	1,770
KEPT CATCH	616	203	0	819
RETURNED CATCH	721	228	0	950