



# Eggleston Lake

## FISH SURVEY AND MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

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**General Information:** Eggleston Lake provides fishing for rainbow trout, brown trout, splake, and cutthroat trout. It covers 164 surface acres, has a maximum depth of 52 feet, and sits at 10,140 ft. elevation. Eggleston Lake and is open year round to angling.

**Location:** From Cedaredge, go north 16 miles east on Hwy 65 to FR 121, go 2.5 miles east to lake

**Primary Management:** Coldwater Intensive Management Category 504 (Put and Grow and Put and Take)

### Amenities

- Gravel Boat Ramp
- Campground
- Parking Areas
- Hiking trails
- USFS visitor center is nearby on Hwy 65

### **WARNING !!!**

### **Prevent the Spread of Zebra Mussels and other Aquatic Nuisance Species**

- Clean, drain, and dry your boat after each use.
- Adult mussels can attach to any surface and can live several days out of water in moist, shaded areas. Microscopic mussel larvae, known as veligers, can be transferred in water contained in live wells, bilge, ballast tanks or minnow buckets

### Previous Stocking

#### 2009

Rainbow Trout: 5,000

#### 2008

Rainbow Trout: 7,235

Splake: 8,304

Brown Trout: 9,801

#### 2007

Rainbow Trout: 12,008

Splake: 10,944

Brown Trout: 10,001

#### 2006

Rainbow Trout: 13,501

Splake: 3,001

Brown Trout: 10,000

#### 2005

Rainbow Trout: 12,000

Splake: 3,003

### Sportfishing Notes

#### Rainbow Trout

- Good spots include around the boat ramp and the inlets
- Best fishing times are June and July
- Good lures/baits include black wooly buggers, spinners, Powerbait, and earthworms

#### Splake

- Good spots are throughout the lake in 5-30 ft. depths
- Best fishing times include after ice out and early in the ice fishing season
- Good lures/baits include streamers on sinking fly lines, marabou jigs, and tube jigs tipped with sucker meat



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**FISH SURVEY DATA**  
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**Table 1.** Species composition and sizes of fish sampled through a gillnet survey in 2008.

Species	% Catch	Mean Length (in)	Length Range (in)
Brown Trout	1	6.9	4.2-8.7
Cutthroat Trout	<1	9.8	9.7-9.8
Rainbow Trout	2	10.7	9.2-12.2
Splake	14	9.3	5.7-15.5
White Sucker	83	10.0	6.1-13.1

## Management Summary

Trout populations in Eggleston Lake are low but stable. The lake is unfortunately dominated by white suckers and most of the fishing opportunity is for stocked rainbow trout. Efforts to establish more predatory fish like brown trout and splake have only been moderately successful. New management strategies are necessary and chemical reclamation of the reservoir is being considered to remove white suckers.

