



Popular Fishing Destinations in Rocky Mountain National Park

Species

Fishing Water	Trail/TH	Comments	BKT	BRN	RBT	CRC	GBC	YCT	CUT
East of The Continental Divide									
Big Thompson River	Fern Lake	Meandering through Moraine Park and upwards halfway up Fern Lake trail, this water fishes well amid plenty of summertime pressure.	•	•	•		•		
Black Canyon Creek	Twin Owls	A fun brookie stream just far enough off the trail to provide some secluded fishing opportunities.	•						
Black Lake	Glacier Gorge	A classic fly fishing lake, but the 5 mile hike past Mills and Glacier Creek may keep you too busy fishing to get here.	•						
Boulder Brook	Sprague Lake	Some steep sections scare off most fishers, leaving plenty of dry fly fishing for Brookies to the ones who venture further.	•	•					
Copeland Lake	Sandbeach Lake	Located at the trailhead, it can be busy at times.	•		•				
Cow Creek	Cow Creek	A small and tight stream with a heavy canopy. You'd be surprised by the size of brookies in this stream.	•	•					
Cub Creek	Moraine Park	Cub Creek braids throughout the Park. It receives significant pressure, but is good for kids during the summer months.	•	•					
Dream Lake	Bear Lake	Located at the junction of two trails, it receives plenty of day traffic.					•		
Fern Creek	Fern Lake	A beautiful stream mostly far enough from the trail to provide some seclusion despite moderate traffic.					•		
Fern Lake	Fern Lake	A popular destination despite its 4 mile trek with some significant altitude gain.					•		
Glacier Creek	Glacier Gorge	This is a creek of many faces and one of the rare creeks in the Park that can offer a grand slam.	•	•	•				•
Glass Lake	Glacier Gorge	A beautiful ½ day hike brings you to this small lake with nice Greenbacks	•				•		
Hiyaha, Lake	Bear Lake	A hot-n-cold lake which doesn't fish as well when its windy, primarily because it makes casting tough on this lake flanked by HUGE boulders.						•	
Lawn Lake	Lawn Lake	A long day hike (6+ miles) brings you to one of the best Greenback lakes in the Park.					•		
Lily Lake	Lily Lake	Another lake which caters to handicapped access. Fishes well for Greenbacks with scuds and damsels.					•		
Loch, The	Glacier Gorge	A mighty fun lake to fish with a dry fly in the many wind-protected coves.	•				•		
Loomis Lake	Fern Lake	A steep hike not for the unprepared, but the reward is less pressured fish.					•		
Mill Creek	Follows Bear Lake Road	Close to the road fishing brings plenty of anglers, where your A-game is required to catch these fish who see it all everyday.	•	•	•				
Mills Lake	Glacier Gorge	A stunningly beautiful lake which attracts more photographers than fishers.			•				
North Saint Vrain Creek	Wild Basin	An easy, moderate-length hike takes you by hungry browns and brookies	•	•					•
Odessa Lake	Fern Lake	A half-hour higher than Fern Lake, fishing is just as spectacular as in Fern Lake.					•		
Roaring River	Lawn Lake	A classic wet wading stream where dappling is the best method. The wind blows eight days a week down this river corridor.	•	•	•		•		
Sandbeach Lake	Sandbeach Lake	A popular family hike and just as popular fly fishing destination.					•		
Sky Pond	Glacier Gorge	A lengthy day hike at the end of Sky Pond Trail. Your reward are some of the most colorful Brookies in the Park.	•						
Sprague Lake	Sprague Lake	One of the lowest altitude lakes in the Park. Caters to handicap access.	•	•	•				
Spruce Lake	Fern Lake	Most fish Fern and Odessa, but don't forget this lake while you are up there.					•		
Thunder Lake	Wild Basin	A long hike best suited for an overnight trip. The lake and many small streams along the way are loaded with Brookies.	•						•
Ypsilon Lake	Lawn Lake	An overnight hike is best so you can spend time fishing the influent to Ypsilon Lake.				•			
West of The Continental Divide									
Baker Creek	Bowen/Baker	Follow Baker Gulch trail for easy fishing along the creek	•	•					
Colorado River	Route 34	The meager genesis of this world famous river; easy walk-in fishing all along Route 34 from Grand Lake to Timber Lake TH	•	•					
East Inlet Creek	East Inlet Trail	Fun brooktrout fishing only minutes from the TH. Follow the creek off-trail in the meadow as long as you want	•	•		•			
Haynatch Lakes drainage	Tonahutu Creek Trail	A multi-day hike or aggressive 1-day adventure; not suited for flat landers						•	
Lone Pine Lake	East Inlet Trail	A moderate day hike for eager brookies	•						
Onahu Creek	Onahu Creek Trail	Easy access and fishing west of Route 34 in open meadows	•	•		•			
Spirit Lake	East Inlet Trail	An aggressive day hike better suited as an overnight trip	•			•			
Timber Creek	Timber Lake	Fish the creek on the way to the lake for fun Brookies; a beautiful hike	•						•
Timber Lake	Timber Lake	An aggressive day hike for large Colorado River cutthroat; better suited as an overnight trip							•
Tonahutu Creek	Tonahutu Creek Trail	An easy day hike to a fun small dry fly creek	•	•					
Verna, Lake	East Inlet Trail	A moderate day hike for plentiful & colorful brookies	•						

BKT: Brook Trout RBT: Rainbow Trout BRN: Brown Trout CRC: Colorado River Cutthroat GBC: Greenback Cutthroat YCT: Yellowstone Cutthroat CUT: Generic Hybridized Cutthroat