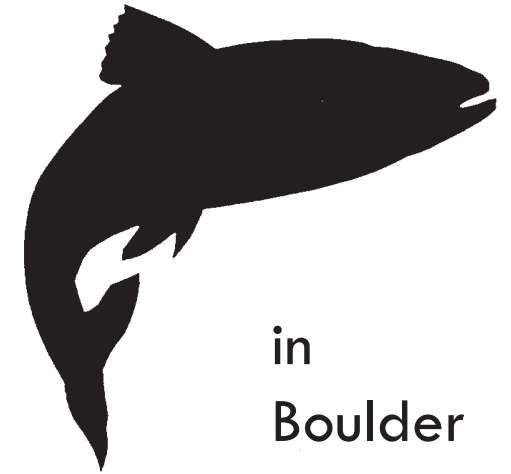


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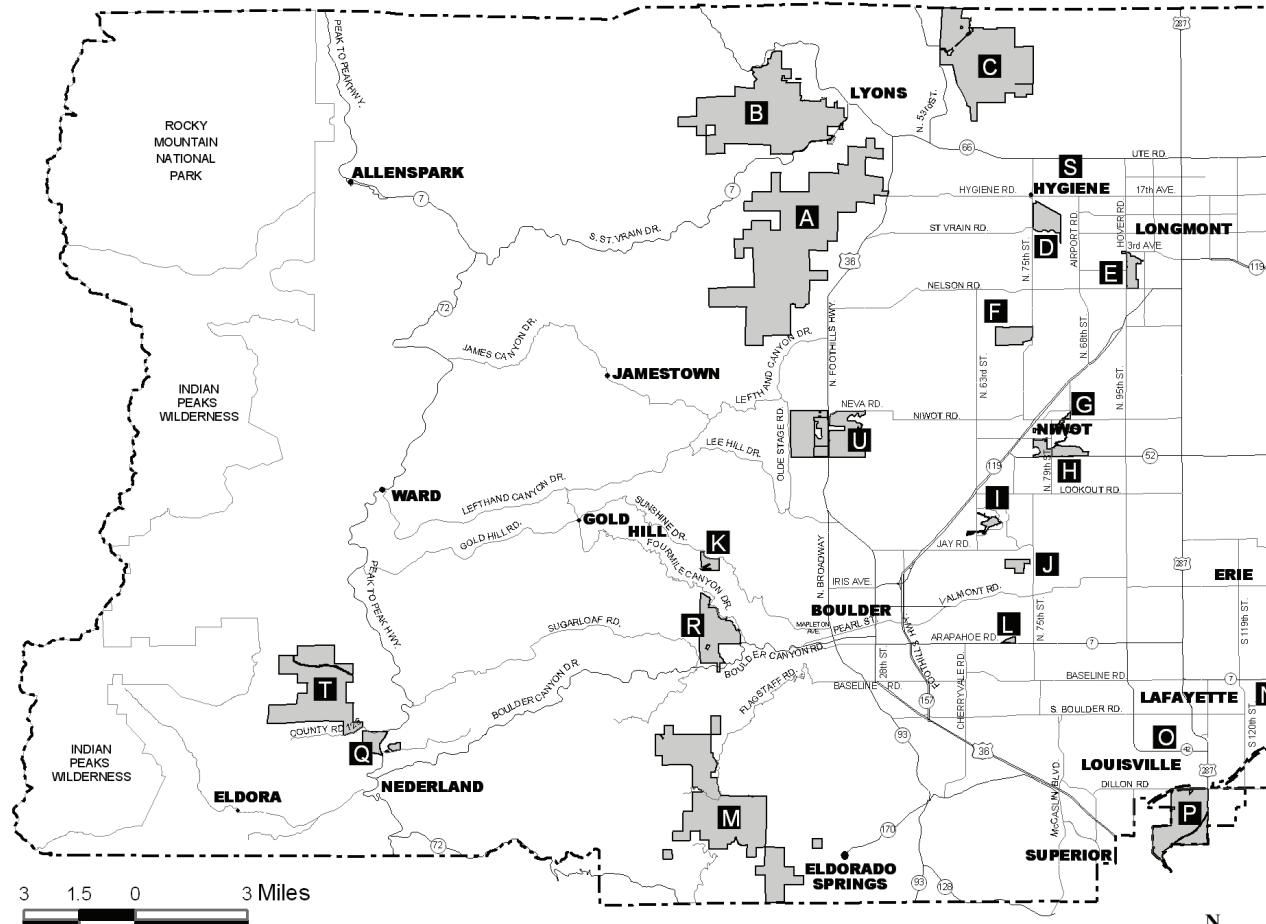
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| A. Heil Valley Ranch | L. Legion Park |
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| J. Walden Ponds Wildlife Habitat | U. Beech Open Space |
| K. Bald Mountain Scenic Area | |

Additional Notes:

- No swimming, sailboards, or sailboats permitted.
- All bass under 15" must be returned to the water.
- A current Colorado State fishing license is required for any angler over 15 years old. Children 15 and younger may fish without a license, but then can only keep half the bag limits.
- Each summer, Boulder County Parks and Open Space sponsors Catfish Nights at Fairgrounds Lake. This is a great opportunity for families to enjoy an evening on the lake. Call 303-678-6204 for the current schedule and more information or visit www.BoulderCountyOpenSpace.org.





Fish for Tomorrow

Whether you are a fish or a human, stress can have negative impacts. A stressed fish has a smaller chance of survival if returned to the water. The regulations in place help preserve fish for tomorrow's anglers. Follow these tips to ensure a fish has a greater chance of surviving and getting caught another day:

- Don't play a fish to exhaustion. Reel it in quickly.
- If you plan to release fish, use artificial lures. Fish tend to swallow live bait and the hook becomes embedded in the fish's throat. Hooks used with artificial tackle are often smaller and cause less injury to a fish.
 - *Live bait is considered anything that is organic, moldable, or scented. Power bait, doughballs, salmon eggs, fireballs, worms, corn and stink bait are considered live bait.*
 - *Artificial tackle consists of hard plastic lures, metal lures and artificial flies.*
- If a fish has swallowed the hook, don't pull it out. Either cut the hook with needlenose pliers/cutters removing both ends, or cut the line as close to the fish's mouth as possible, leaving the hook in the fish.
- When removing a hook, don't squeeze the fish or put your fingers in its gills.
- Handle a fish as little as possible. If you need to handle a fish, do it in the water. The longer a fish is out of water, the more damage occurs to its protective slimy covering.
- To release the fish hold it gently in the water. You may need to move it back and forth gently so it can gain its equilibrium.

More and more anglers are choosing to practice catch and release. By fishing smart, we can ensure there will be enough fish for tomorrow.

Site	Location	Boating	Fish & Bag Limits	Bait Permitted	Notes
Pella Crossing Heron Pond Sunset Lake Webster Pond Poplar Pond Dragonfly Pond Clearwater Pond	South of Hygiene; on 75th Street	Portable boats & belly boats permitted while fishing only (no recreational boating)	Bluegill (20) Black crappie (20) Channel Catfish (10) Yellow Perch (20) Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass (catch & release)	Artificial Flies & Lures only	92 water acres No boats or wading on Webster Pond; critical wildlife habitat. Some shorelines closed to fishing.
Boulder County Fairgrounds (1) Fairgrounds Lake (2) Cattail Pond	Boston Ave at Boulder County Fairgrounds in Longmont (east of Hover Road)	Belly boats permitted	(1) Channel Catfish (10) Largemouth Bass (catch & release) (2) Channel Catfish (5) Bluegill (10)	(1) Artificial Flies & Lures only (2) Artificial and Live	15 water acres (2) Children under 16 years only; no license required
Lagerman Reservoir	Southwest of Longmont; on Pike Road	Motorized boats up to 7.5 hp and belly boats permitted	Black crappie (20) Bluegill (20) Channel Catfish (10) Tiger Muskie (1 - 36" or larger) Walleye (5) Largemouth Bass (5 over 15")	Artificial and Live	74 water acres Wakeless speed
Carolyn Holmberg Preserve at Rock Creek Farm Open Space Stearns Lake	South 104th Street (southeast of Louisville)	No	Bluegill (20) Channel Catfish (10) Tiger Muskie (1 - 36" or larger) Largemouth Bass (5 over 15")	Artificial and Live	24 water acres No boats or wading; critical wildlife habitat. Some shorelines closed to fishing.
Walden Ponds Wildlife Habitat (1) Wally Toevs Pond (Seniors and disabled Boulder County residents only) (2) Bass Pond Duck Pond Ricky Weiser Wetland Cottonwood Marsh	Northeast of Boulder; on North 75th Street; between Valmont Road & Jay Road.	No	(1) Bluegill (20) Rainbow Trout (4) Largemouth Bass (5 over 15") (2) Bluegill (20) Channel Catfish (10) Largemouth Bass (catch & release)	(1) Artificial and Live (2) Artificial Flies & Lures only	53 water acres Boulder County residents only; seniors and people with disabilities. \$5 permit must be purchased at the Parks & Open Space office, 5201 St. Vrain Road, Longmont. No boats or wading; critical wildlife habitat. Some shorelines closed to fishing.
Walker Ranch S. Boulder Creek	West of Boulder; up Flagstaff Road and Gross Dam Road		Rainbow Trout (4)	Artificial and Live	Stream Fishing