



A Fly Fishing Guide To

Colorado's Indian Peaks Wilderness Area

Popular Destinations - West of the Continental Divide

Fishing Water	Comments	Elev	BKT	BRN	RBT	CRC	GBC	SPL	LKT	CUT
Arapaho Creek	Walk up stream from the lake for awhile to get into better fishing.	10593	•	•		•				
Buchanan Creek	Small streams fishing; the creek drains land, not from a lake.	11579				•				
Caribou Lake	A long hike from either side of the Divide, make it an overnight trip to get in plenty of fishing time.	11147				•				
Cascade Creek	Pockets, pools, runs and riffles - this creek has it all and then some.	10941	•	•	•	•				
Columbine Lake	The lake benefits from annual stocking of fish.	11060				•				
Crater Lake, (aka Hyslop Lake)	Never stocked with splake but they are there.	10320	•			•		•	•	
Crawford Lake	Not always a productive lake.	10100				•				
Gourd Lake	A steep hike for larger than average cutthroat.	10820				•				
Island Lake	If you go to Gourd Lake, build in time to fish this lake too.	11425				•				
Long Lake, Hell Canyon	No easy way in, but worth the fishing. Overnight is a must.	9956				•				
Meadow Creek Reservoir	Outside of IPWA; benefits from rainbow trout stocking each year.	9958			•	•				
Mirror Lake	Crater Lake fishes better- easier to see the cruising fish in Mirror.	10308	•							
Stone Lake	Plenty of stockers to go around, but a long difficult hike to get there.	10649				•				
Twin Creek	Feeds NE point of Grand Bay, benefits from migratory 'bows in the spring and browns in the fall.	11592	•	•	•					
Upper Lake	Good vantage points around lake help spot the cruisers.	10730				•				
Watanga Lake	A shallow and marsh-lined lake holds plenty of cutts, but a serious hike to get there.	10790				•				

BKT = Brook trout BRN = Brown trout RBT = Rainbow trout CRC = Colorado River cutthroat GBC = Greenback cutthroat SPL = Splake LKT = Lake trout CUT = native cutthroat