

FISHING BOULDER MOUNTAIN

A Utah Blue Ribbon fishing destination



UTAH'S BLUE RIBBON FISHERIES



Blue Ribbon waters, like those on Boulder Mountain, provide Utah's 400,000-plus anglers with quality fishing experiences in exquisite settings. These environmentally productive waters sustain healthy fish populations, preserve a wonderful part of fishing culture and provide an economic boost to local communities.

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INTRODUCTION

BOULDER MOUNTAIN has long been known for trophy brook trout. However, the trophy-sized brook trout that anglers have come to expect from Boulder Mountain lakes have declined.

In 2014 a public committee made up of anglers, local residents and agency representatives assisted the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources in the development of a management plan to deal with these issues. A total of 82 lakes, ponds and reservoirs were discussed by the committee. Management recommendations were made for each water body.

This booklet provides a brief overview of management goals set forth by the committee in an attempt to improve and maintain not only brook trout fishing, but the quality, diversity and uniqueness of the fisheries on Boulder Mountain.

The Public Involvement Committee recognized the uniqueness of fisheries on Boulder Mountain. The committee focused its attention on improving the quality and diversity of opportunities available to anglers.

Committee members recognized the history and long-standing tradition of trophy brook trout fishing on the mountain, then made recommendations to improve many of those opportunities.

Based on this plan, 35 percent of the lakes on Boulder Mountain are managed for trophy brook trout, and 83 percent have a trophy fish component in the fishery.



RAFT LAKE ▲

The Sport Fish Management Plan for Boulder Mountain is designed to maintain and, when needed, improve the quality, diversity and uniqueness of Boulder Mountain lakes.

A GUIDE TO WATERS ON BOULDER MOUNTAIN

DESPITE YEARLY fluctuations in conditions on Boulder Mountain, the Division of Wildlife Resources consistently strives to achieve the management objectives listed in this booklet.

Before you fish Boulder Mountain be sure to check the current *Utah Fishing GuideBook* for the latest information on fish possession limits, seasons, fishing methods and the use of boats. You can find it online at wildlife.utah.gov/guidebooks.

Please check with the Dixie National Forest for motorized vehicle access and camping restrictions.





SPORT FISH MANAGEMENT PLAN GOALS

Boulder Mountain Lakes are managed under one of four categories. Multiple species in a lake are sometimes managed under separate categories.

- **TROPHY** — Characterized by very large fish present in relatively low numbers
- **QUALITY** — Characterized by a high number of moderately large fish
- **OPPORTUNITY** — Characterized by a very high number of small fish
- **CONSERVATION** — Characterized by the presence of native cutthroat trout
- **EVALUATION** — Not enough current information to assign a goal

The maximum potential size of fish is determined by genetics, but growth and actual size have more to do with the environment in which the fish live.

Brook trout, for example are one of the smallest trout species. In a crowded environment with too much competition for food, their maximum size might be only a quarter of a pound. On Boulder Mountain, with the right management, brook trout can grow to about six pounds.

To reach this size, fish populations must be smaller. Fewer fish gives each fish a larger share of the available food. By carefully managing and adjusting the numbers of fish in a lake we can effectively manage the lake to achieve specific fish sizes.

NORTH CREEK LAKES

| | | |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|
| Barker Reservoir | ● Brook trout | ● Rainbow trout |
| Lower Barker Reservoir | ● ● Tiger trout | ● ● Splake |
| Long Willow Bottom Reservoir | ● ● Colorado River cutthroat | ● Tiger trout |
| Round Willow Bottom Reservoir | ● ● Colorado River cutthroat | ● Tiger trout |
| Dougherty Basin Lake | ● Colorado River cutthroat | |
| Johnny Lake | ● Colorado River cutthroat | |
| Tall Four Reservoir | ● Colorado River cutthroat | |
| Flat Lake | ● Brook trout | |
| Joe Lay Reservoir | ● Brook trout | |
| Yellow Lake | ● Tiger trout | ● Brook trout |
| Blue Lake NCL | ● ● Colorado River cutthroat | ● Tiger trout |
| North Creek Reservoir | ● Colorado River cutthroat | |
| Unnamed pond below Tall Four | ● Brook trout | |

● TROPHY ● QUALITY ● OPPORTUNITY ● CONSERVATION ● EVALUATION

NORTH SLOPE LAKES

Blind Lake

● Splake

● Brook trout

● Grayling

● Rainbow trout

● Colorado River cutthroat

Fish Creek Lake

● Splake

● Tiger trout

● Colorado River cutthroat

Honeymoon Lake

● Brook trout

● Tiger trout

Beaver Dam Reservoir

● Brook trout

Green Lakes NBS

● Brook trout

● Grayling

Pear Lake

● Brook trout

● Grayling

Coleman Reservoir

● Brook trout

● Rainbow trout

Solitaire Lake

● ● Colorado River cutthroat

● Tiger trout

Bulberry Lake #1 (South)

● Brook trout

● Tiger trout

Bulberry Lake #2 (Moss)

● Tiger trout

Bulberry Lake #3 (Clear)

● Tiger trout

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NORTH SLOPE LAKES

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|--------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Bulberry Lake #4 (North) | ● Tiger trout | |
| Heart Lake North | ● Tiger trout | ● Brook trout |
| Heart Lake South | ● Tiger trout | |
| Bob's Hole | ● Tiger trout | ● ● Brook trout |
| Donkey Pond | ● Brook trout | |
| Left Hand Reservoir | ● ● Brook trout | |
| Lost Lake | ● ● Brook trout | |
| Donkey Lake | ● ● Brook trout | |
| Lava Lake | ● Brook trout | |
| Round Lake | ● Brook trout | |



SOUTH SLOPE LAKES

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| Posey Lake | ● Tiger trout ● Brook trout | ● Rainbow trout ● Splake |
| Tule Lake | ● Brook trout | |
| McGath Lake | ● Brook trout | |
| Garkane Main Impoundment | ● Rainbow trout | |
| Garkane East (<i>King's Pasture</i>) | ● Colorado River cutthroat | ● Tiger trout |
| Short Lake | ● ● Colorado River cutthroat | |
| Garkane West Impoundment | ● Colorado River cutthroat | |
| Grass Lake | ● ● Colorado River cutthroat | ● ● Brook trout |
| Green Lake SB | ● Colorado River cutthroat | ● Tiger trout |
| Deer Creek Lake | ● ● Colorado River cutthroat ● Brook trout | ● Tiger trout |
| Chriss Lake | ● Brook trout | |
| Moosman Lake | ● Colorado River cutthroat ● Brook trout | ● Tiger trout |

EAST SLOPE

Lower Bowns Reservoir

● ● Tiger trout

● Rainbow trout

Scout Lake

● Brook trout

Oak Creek Reservoir

● Tiger trout

● Brook trout

WEST SLOPE

Cook Lake

● Tiger trout

● Rainbow trout

● Brook trout

Miller Lake

● Tiger trout

● Rainbow trout

Pine Creek Reservoir

● ● Colorado River cutthroat

Pine Creek Lower Pond

● Colorado River cutthroat

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BOULDER TOP

| | | |
|-----------------|----------------------------|---------------|
| Chuck Lake | ● Brook trout | |
| Crescent Lake | ● Colorado River cutthroat | ● Tiger trout |
| Bess Lake | ● Brook trout | ● Grayling |
| Big Lake | ● Brook trout | ● Grayling |
| Crater Lake | ● Brook trout | ● Grayling |
| Dead Lake | ● Brook trout | ● Grayling |
| Pleasant Lake | ● Brook trout | ● Grayling |
| Raft Lake | ● Brook trout | ● Grayling |
| Circle Lake | ● Grayling | |
| Dead Horse Lake | ● Brook trout | ● Grayling |
| Cub Lake | ● Brook trout | |
| East Lake | ● Brook trout | |
| Halfmoon Lake | ● Brook trout | |

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Horseshoe Lake

● Brook trout

● Tiger trout

Ledge Lake

● Brook trout

Ridge Lake

● Brook trout

Rim Lake

● Brook trout

● Grayling

Spectacle Lake

● Brook trout

● Tiger trout

Surveyor Lake

● Brook trout

● Tiger trout



ROW LAKE ▲ BROOK TROUT ►



ESCALANTE MOUNTAIN

| | | |
|----------------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| Antimony Lake | ● Brook trout | ● Rainbow trout |
| Little Antimony Lake | ● Tiger trout | |
| Otter Lake | ● Brook trout | ● Grayling |
| Pacer Lake | ● Tiger trout | ● Brook trout |
| Rob's Reservoir | ● Bonneville cutthroat | |

GRIFFIN TOP

| | | |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Row Lake #7 (<i>Banana</i>) | ● Brook trout | ● Grayling |
| | ● Rainbow trout | |
| Row Lake #3 | ● Rainbow trout | ● Tiger trout |
| Blue Lake GT | ● Grayling | |
| Purple Lake | ● Brook trout | |
| Row Lake #8 | ● Brook trout | ● Grayling |

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