





Southwest

Southwest Region
 Nampa Sub-region
 MAPS FOR GENERAL
 REFERENCE ONLY

SOUTHWEST REGION

General Fishing Season for the Southwest Region

All Waters Open All Year

Except as modified in Southwest Region Special Rule Waters on Pages 19-20.

Fishing is not allowed within the posted upstream and downstream boundary of any fish weir or trap.

Daily Bag Limits for the Southwest Region

The following daily bag limits apply to all waters of the Southwest Region except as modified in Southwest Region Special Rule Waters on Pages 19-20. The possession limit is 3-times the daily bag limit after the second day of the season.

Bass (*largemouth and smallmouth*)

- Bass limit is 6, both species combined
- None under 12 inches

Brook Trout

- Brook trout limit is 25
- Harvest allowed during any open season unless otherwise noted under Special Rules – if gear or bait restrictions are listed, they must be followed when fishing for brook trout

Bull Trout

- Bull trout limit is 0, catch-and-release
- **No bull trout harvest is allowed**

Kokanee

- Kokanee limit is 6

Salmon (*ocean-going*)

- Salmon seasons and limits are set annually by the Idaho Fish and Game Commission and rules are issued in a separate brochure
- Fishing for or targeting salmon is prohibited unless a salmon season is specifically opened for that water

Steelhead (*ocean-going*)

- Defined as rainbow trout longer than twenty (20) inches in length in the Salmon River drainage (excluding lakes). Between Hells Canyon Dam and Oxbow Dam and the Boise River from its mouth upstream to Barber Dam during steelhead seasons, steelhead are rainbow trout over twenty (20) inches in length with the adipose fin clipped (as evidenced by a healed scar)

- Fishing for or targeting steelhead is prohibited unless a steelhead season is specifically opened for that water (see pages 39-43)

Sturgeon

- Sturgeon limit is 0, catch-and-release
- Sturgeon must not be removed from the water and must be released upon landing
- Barbless hooks and sliding sinkers are required, see Page 52 for details

Tiger Muskie

- Tiger Muskie limit is 2, none under 40 inches

Trout includes brown trout, lake trout, golden trout, Arctic grayling, cutthroat trout, rainbow trout, trout hybrids, land-locked Chinook and coho salmon

- Trout limit is 6, all species combined
- **Does not include bull trout and brook trout which are listed separately**

Whitefish

- Whitefish limit is 25
- Harvest allowed during any open season unless otherwise noted under Special Rules – if gear or bait restrictions are listed, they must be followed when fishing for whitefish

Protected Nongame Fish includes Pacific lamprey & sand roller

- May not be harvested or possessed

All Other Fish Species includes bullfrogs and crayfish

- No bag, size or possession limit

Check for potential fish consumption advisories. See Page 53.

Special Rule Waters for the Southwest Region (See Pages 19-20 for details)

Ben Ross Reservoir	Crystal Lake	M.K. Nature Center	Salmon River, Middle Fork and tributaries
Big Creek	Deadwood Reservoir	Owyhee River and tributaries	Salmon River, South Fork and tributaries
Boise River	Deadwood Reservoir tributaries	Oxbow Reservoir	Serene Lake
Boise River, Middle Fork	Duck Valley Indian Reservation	Parkcenter Pond	Squaw Creek and tributaries
Boise River, South Fork	Indian Creek Reservoir	Payette River, North Fork	Stibnite Pond (Glory Hole)
Brundage Reservoir and tributaries	Lake Lowell	Payette River, South Fork and tributaries	Tule Lake
Brush Lake	Lake Rock Lake	Rapid River and tributaries	Warren Creek
Cascade Aquarium Pond	Little Payette Lake	Roosevelt Lake	Weiser Community Pond
Chamberlain Creek and tributaries	Long Lake	Sage Hen Reservoir tributaries	Wilson Springs Ponds
Crane Falls Lake	Louie Lake	Salmon River	
	McDevitt Pond	Salmon River tributaries	
	Middle Fork Salmon River		

Special Rule Waters for the Southwest Region

See Page 18 for fishing seasons, bag and possession limits, and rules that apply to all waters within the Southwest Region except as listed below.

Ben Ross Reservoir

- Bass limit is 2, none between 12 and 16 inches

Big Creek

- Trout limit is 0, catch-and-release
- No bait allowed, barbless hooks required

Boise River

(lower) from the mouth upstream to Lucky Peak Dam

Section: From the downstream side of the East Parkcenter Bridge to the upstream side of the West Parkcenter Bridge

- Trout limit is 2, none under 14 inches

All other sections of the lower Boise River - Southwest Region general rules apply

Boise River, Middle Fork

Section: From the confluence of the North Fork upstream to Atlanta Dam

- Trout limit is 2, none under 14 inches
- No bait allowed, barbless hooks required

All other sections of the Boise River, Middle Fork - Southwest Region general rules apply

Boise River, South Fork

Section: From Neal Bridge (Forest Road 189) upstream to Anderson Ranch Dam

- No bait allowed, one barbless hook per fly or lure
- December 1 through March 31 – trout limit is 0, catch-and-release
- April 1 through Friday before Memorial Day weekend – closed to fishing
- Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through November 30 – trout limit 2, none under 20 inches

Section: Boise River, South Fork above Anderson Ranch Dam; see Magic Valley Region rules (Page 23)

Brundage Reservoir and tributaries

- Trout limit is 2, none over 14 inches
- No bait allowed

Brush Lake

(an alpine lake in North Fork Payette drainage)

- Trout limit is 2, none under 20 inches
- No bait allowed, barbless hooks required

Cascade Aquarium Pond

- Closed to fishing

Chamberlain Creek and tributaries

- Trout limit is 2

Crane Falls Lake - Electric motors only

- Bass limit is 2, none under 20 inches

Crystal Lake

(an alpine lake in the Lake Fork drainage)

- Trout limit is 2, none under 20 inches
- No bait allowed, barbless hooks required

Deadwood Reservoir

- Kokanee limit is 25 per day

Deadwood Reservoir tributaries

- Trout limit is 2
- Kokanee limit is 25 per day

Duck Valley Indian Reservation

contact the Duck Valley Indian Tribal Office

Indian Creek Reservoir

- January 1 to June 30 - bass limit is 0, catch-and-release
- July 1 to December 31 - bass limit is 2, none between 12 and 16 inches

Lake Lowell

- January 1 to June 30 - bass limit is 0, catch-and-release
- July 1 to December 31 - bass limit is 2, none between 12 and 16 inches

Lake Rock Lake

(an alpine lake in the Secesh River drainage)

- Trout limit is 2, none under 20 inches
- No bait allowed, barbless hooks required

Little Payette Lake

- Bass limit is 2, none under 20 inches
- Kokanee limit is 25 per day

Long Lake *(an alpine lake south of Warm Lake)*

- Trout limit is 2, none under 20 inches
- No bait allowed, barbless hooks required

Louie Lake *(an alpine lake in the Boulder Creek drainage)*

- Trout limit is 2, none under 20 inches
- No bait allowed, barbless hooks required

McDevitt Pond

- Trout limit is 2

Middle Fork Salmon River

(see Salmon River, Middle Fork and tributaries)

M.K. Nature Center

- Closed to fishing

Owyhee River and tributaries

- Bass limit is 6, any size may be kept

Oxbow Reservoir

(between Brownlee Dam and Oxbow Dam)

- Bass limit is 2, none between 12 and 16 inches

Parkcenter Pond

- Trout limit is 2

Payette River, North Fork

Section: From Payette Lake upstream, including tributaries

- Kokanee limit is 0, catch-and-release

Section: From Smylie Bridge (Hartsell) to Payette Lake

- December 1 to Friday of Memorial Day weekend - trout limit is 0; catch-and-release, only

All other sections of the Payette River, North Fork - Southwest Region general rules apply

Payette River, South Fork and tributaries

(except the Middle Fork Payette drainage)

- Trout limit is 2

Rapid River and tributaries (tributary to the Little Salmon River)

- Trout limit is 2

Roosevelt Lake

- Trout limit is 0, catch-and-release
- No bait allowed, barbless hooks required

Sage Hen Reservoir tributaries

- December 1 through June 15 - closed to fishing
- June 16 through November 30 - trout limit is 2

Salmon River

- Trout limit is 6; only trout with a clipped adipose fin, as evidenced by a healed scar, may be kept
- Bass limit is 6, any size may be kept

Salmon River tributaries

Section: Those tributaries from the mouth of the Salmon River upstream to the mouth of the Middle Fork Salmon River (except Crooked Creek, Little Salmon River, and South Fork Salmon River)

- Trout limit is 2

Section: Those tributaries from the mouth of the Middle Fork Salmon River upstream (except: North Fork Salmon River, Lemhi, Pahsimeroi, East Fork Salmon River, and Yankee Fork Salmon River)

- December 1 through Friday before Memorial Day weekend – trout limit is 0, catch-and-release
- Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through November 30 - Salmon Region general rules apply

Salmon River, Middle Fork and tributaries

- Trout limit is 0, catch-and-release
- No bait allowed, barbless hooks required

Salmon River, South Fork and tributaries (includes: Johnson Creek, East Fork South Fork Salmon River, Secesh River, Lake Creek, Summit Creek and tributaries)

- Trout limit is 0, catch-and-release
- No bait allowed, barbless hooks required

Serene Lake

(an alpine lake in the Hazard Creek drainage)

- Trout limit is 2, none under 20 inches
- No bait allowed, barbless hooks required

Squaw Creek and tributaries

- Trout limit is 2

Stibnite Pond (Glory Hole)

- Trout limit is 0, catch-and-release
- No bait allowed, barbless hooks required

Tule Lake (an alpine lake near Warm Lake)

- Trout limit is 2, none under 20 inches
- No bait allowed, barbless hooks required

Warren Creek

- Trout limit is 2

Weiser Community Pond

- Trout limit is 2

Wilson Springs Ponds

Section: The Trophy Pond

- All species limit is 0, catch-and-release
- No bait allowed, barbless hooks required

Section: North and South Pond

- Trout limit is 2

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