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Magic Valley

Maps for general reference only.

MAGIC VALLEY REGION

General Fishing Season for the Magic Valley Region

All Waters Open All Year

Except as modified in the Magic Valley Region Special Rule Waters on Pages 25- 27.

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

Daily Bag Limits for the Magic Valley Region

The following daily bag limits apply to all waters of the Magic Valley Region except as modified in Magic Valley Region Special Rule Waters on Pages 25-28. 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

Kokanee

- Kokanee limit is 6

Sturgeon

- Sturgeon limit is 0, catch-and-release
- Sturgeon must not be removed from the water and must be released upon landing
- Barbless hooks are required,
- Use of a sliding swivel device to secure a weight, and a lighter test line to secure weight to sliding swivel device, see Page 54 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, land-locked Chinook and Coho Salmon, trout hybrids (e.g. Tiger Trout)*

- Trout limit is 6, all species combined
- In rivers and streams, only 2 of the 6 trout may be Cutthroat Trout

Does not include Bull Trout and Brook Trout which are listed separately

Walleye

- Walleye limit is 6

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 *Northern Leatherside Chub, Shoshone Sculpin, Wood River Sculpin, and Bluehead Sucker (also know as Green Sucker)*

- 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 67.

Special Rule Waters for the Magic Valley Region (See Pages 25-28 for details)

Anderson Ranch Reservoir

Baker Lake

Bell Rapids (See Snake River)

Big Wood River

Big Wood River tributaries (upstream of Magic Reservoir)

Billingsley Creek

Boise River, South Fork (upstream of Anderson Ranch Dam)

Box Canyon Creek

Bruneau Dunes State Park

Carey Lake

Devils Corral Creek

Empire Rapids Ponds

(Clear Lakes Grade-Niagra Springs WMA)

Sixmile Reservoir (Gunnel)

Hagerman Wildlife Management Area

Jarbidge River and tributaries

Little Wood River

Magic Reservoir

Malad River

Niagara Springs Creek

Niagara Springs Wildlife Management Area

Riley Creek (see Hagerman Wildlife Management Area)

Salmon Falls Creek Reservoir

Silver Creek

Silver Creek tributaries

Snake River

South Fork Boise River (see Boise River, South Fork)

Sublett Reservoir

Sublett Reservoir tributaries

Trinity Lakes

Vineyard Creek

Willow Creek (tributary to Camas Creek)

Special Rule Waters for the Magic Valley Region

For waters not listed below, see Page 24 for fishing seasons, bag and possession limits, and rules that apply to all waters within the Magic Valley Region.

Anderson Ranch Reservoir

- Kokanee limit is 25 per day

Baker Lake *(an alpine lake in Blaine County)*

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

Bell Rapids *(See Snake River)*

Big Wood River

Section: From the Richfield Canal Diversion upstream to Magic Dam

- Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through March 31 – trout limit is 6
- April 1 through Friday before Memorial Day weekend – closed to fishing
- Bass limit is 6, any size

Section: From the posted boundary about 700 yards east of Hot Springs Landing upstream to Glendale Road Bridge

- 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 is 6

Section: From Glendale Road Bridge upstream to the Highway 75 Bridge near milepost 122.2

- 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 is 2, none between 12 and 16 inches

Section: From Highway 75 Bridge near milepost 122.2 upstream to Highway 75 Bridge near milepost 136.2

- Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through March 31 – trout limit is 0, catch-and-release, no bait allowed, one barbless hook per fly or lure
- April 1 through Friday before Memorial Day weekend – closed to fishing

Section: From the Highway 75 Bridge near milepost 136.2 upstream to the headwaters of the Big Wood River

- 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 is 6

All other sections of the Big Wood River - Magic Valley Region general rules apply

Big Wood River Tributaries

(upstream of Magic Reservoir)

- 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 is 6

Billingsley Creek

Section: From Tupper Grade upstream to Vader Grade

- December 1 through Friday before Memorial Day weekend - closed to fishing
- Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through November 30 - trout limit is 6, fly-fishing only, no bait allowed

All other sections of Billingsley Creek - Magic Valley Region general rules apply

Boise River, South Fork *(upstream of Anderson Ranch Reservoir, see Southwest Region for information downstream from Anderson Ranch Dam)*

Section: From the mouth of Beaver Creek upstream to the mouth of Big Smoky Creek

- Trout limit is 2, none under 14 inches
- No bait allowed, one barbless hook per fly or lure

All other sections of the Boise River, South Fork above Anderson Ranch Dam - Magic Valley Region general rules apply

Box Canyon Creek

- Trout limit is 2

Bruneau Dunes State Park - Electric motors only

- Bass limit is 2, none under 20 inches

Carey Lake - Electric motors only

Devils Corral Creek

- Trout limit is 2

Empire Rapids Ponds

(Clear Lakes Grade-Niagra Springs WMA)

- Trout limit is 2

Sixmile Reservoir *(Gunnel)*

- December 1 through Friday before Memorial Day weekend - closed to fishing
- Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through November 30 – trout limit is 2

Hagerman Wildlife Management Area - No motors

Section: The four Anderson Ponds, the Bass Ponds, Goose Pond, and the West Highway Pond (Highway 30)

- November 1 through June 30 – closed to fishing

Section: Oster Lakes, Riley Pond, and the Settling Pond

- November 1 through the last day of February – closed to fishing

Section: Riley Creek from the Falls upstream to the State Fish Hatchery Diversion

- November 1 through the last day of February – closed to fishing

All other sections of Riley Creek - Magic Valley Region general rules apply

Jarbidge River and tributaries

- Trout limit is 2

Little Wood River

Section: From the downstream end of the Taylor “Bear Tracks” Williams State Recreation Area near Highway 93 milepost 190, to the upstream end of the Recreation Area near Highway 93 milepost 192.5, as posted

- Trout limit is 0, catch-and-release
- Fly-fishing only, barbless hooks required

Section: From Baugh Creek upstream (including tributaries)

- Trout limit is 2

All other sections of the Little Wood River - Magic Valley Region general rules apply

Magic Reservoir (from Magic Dam to the posted boundary about 700 yards east of Hot Springs Landing)

- Bass limit is 6, any size

Malad River

Section: From its mouth upstream to the Interstate 84 bridge at Malad Gorge

- December 1 through Friday before Memorial Day weekend – trout limit is 0, catch-and-release

Niagara Springs Creek

Section: From the Niagara Springs Steelhead Hatchery intake pool (above the lowest fall) upstream to the spring sources as posted

- Closed to fishing

All other sections of Niagara Springs Creek - Magic Valley Region general rules apply

Niagara Springs Wildlife Management Area – except Snake River

- Trout limit is 2

Salmon Falls Creek Reservoir

- Walleye limit is 6, only one over 20 inches

Silver Creek - No motors. All diversion ponds have the same rules as the connected stream.

Section: From its mouth upstream to Highway 93 - Magic Valley Region general rules apply

Section: From Highway 93 upstream to the North Picabo Road bridge (See Page 28, Section 1)

- 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 is 6

Section: From the North Picabo Road bridge upstream to the bridge near milepost 187.2 on Highway 20 west of Picabo (See Page 28, Section 2)

- 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 is 2, none between 12 and 16 inches

Section: From the bridge near milepost 187.2 on Highway 20 west of Picabo upstream to the road right-of-way fence on the west side of Kilpatrick Bridge (See Page 28, Section 3)

- No fishing from rafts or boats; float tubes are allowed
- Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through March 31 – trout limit is 0, catch-and-release, no bait allowed, one barbless hook per fly or lure
- April 1 through Friday before Memorial Day weekend – closed to fishing

Section: From the road right-of-way on the west side of Kilpatrick Bridge upstream to the confluence of Grove Creek and Stalker Creek (See Page 26, Section 4).

- No fishing from rafts or boats; float tubes are allowed
- December 1 through the Friday before Memorial Day weekend – closed to fishing
- Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through November 30 – trout limit is 0, catch-and-release, fly-fishing only, no bait allowed, one barbless hook per fly



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Silver Creek tributaries - No motors. All diversion ponds have the same rules as the connected stream.

Section: All tributaries within the Nature Conservancy Silver Creek Preserve property (See Page 26, Section 5).

- No fishing from rafts or boats; float tubes are allowed
- December 1 through the Friday before Memorial Day weekend—closed to fishing
- Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through November 30—trout limit is 0, catch-and-release, fly-fishing only, no bait allowed, one barbless hook per fly

Section: All tributaries except those within the Nature Conservancy Silver Creek Preserve and posted Hayspur Fish Hatchery waters (See Page 26, Section 6).

- December 1 through the Friday before Memorial Day weekend – closed to fishing
- Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through November 30 – trout limit is 2

Section: The posted sections of Loving and Butte creeks on Hayspur Fish Hatchery property (See Page 26, Section 7).

- December 1 through the Friday before Memorial Day weekend - closed to fishing.
- Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through November 30—trout limit is 2, none under 20 inches

Snake River

Section: From Lower Salmon Falls Dam (Bell Rapids area) upstream to Upper Salmon Falls Dam (0.3 miles below Owsley Bridge)

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

All other sections of the Snake River including reservoirs within the Magic Valley Region - Magic Valley Region general rules apply

Sublett Reservoir (see also Sublett Reservoir tributaries)

- December 1 through Friday before Memorial Day weekend - closed to fishing
- Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through November 30 - trout limit is 6

Sublett Reservoir tributaries

- December 1 through Friday before Memorial Day weekend - closed to fishing
- Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through November 30 - trout limit is 2

Trinity Lakes - No motors

Vineyard Creek

- November 1 through Friday before Memorial Day weekend - trout limit is 0, catch-and-release
- Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through October 31 - trout limit is 2

Willow Creek (tributary to Camas Creek)

- Trout limit is 2



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ATTENTION ANGLERS

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SILVER CREEK FISHING MAP

