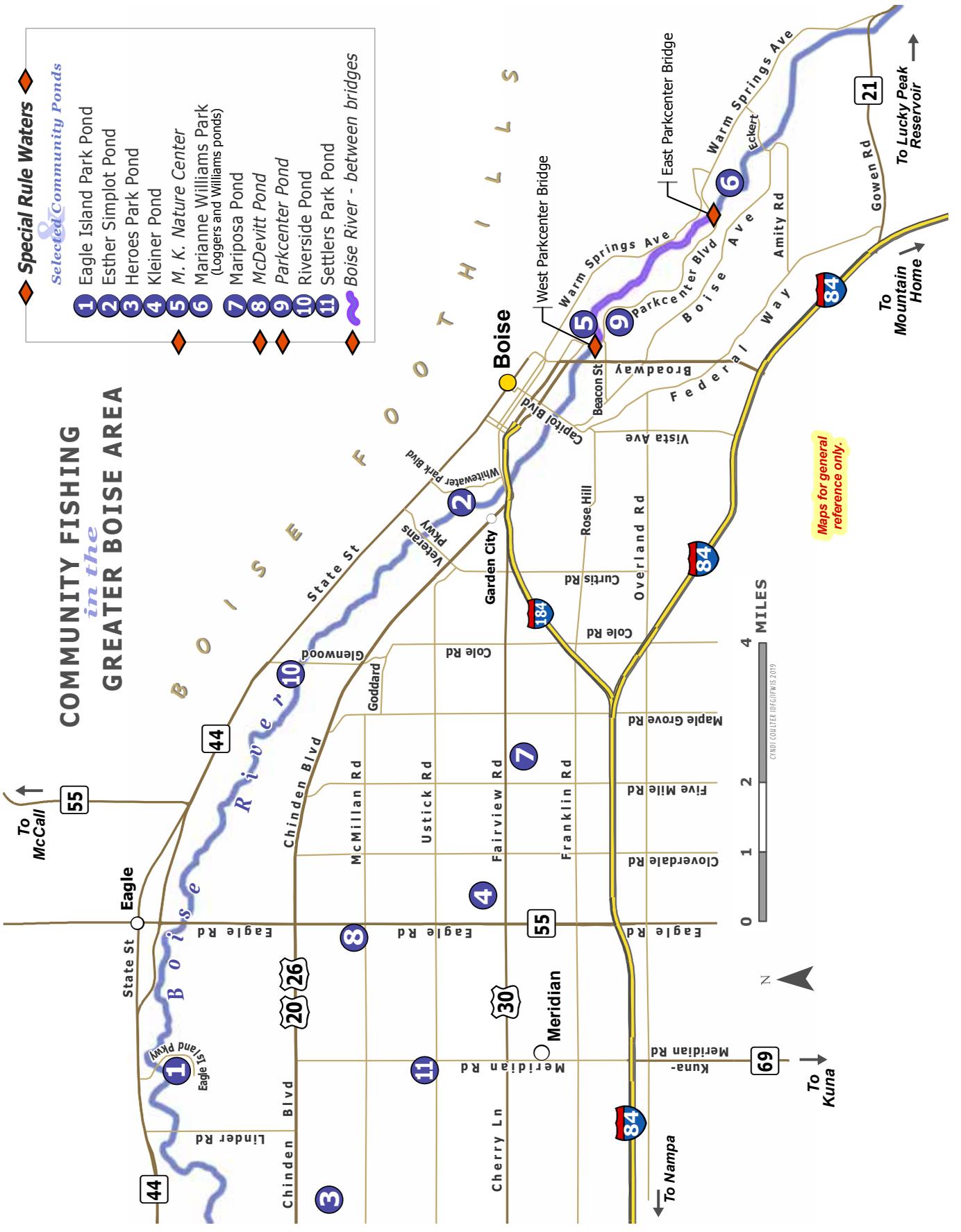


**Southwest**

# COMMUNITY FISHING *in the* GREATER BOISE AREA

B O I S E F O O T H I L L S

- Special Rule Waters**
- Selected Community Ponds*
- 1 Eagle Island Park Pond
  - 2 Esther Simplot Pond
  - 3 Heroes Park Pond
  - 4 Kleiner Pond
  - 5 M. K. Nature Center
  - 6 Marianne Williams Park (Loggers and Williams ponds)
  - 7 Mariposa Pond
  - 8 McDevitt Pond
  - 9 Parkcenter Pond
  - 10 Riverside Pond
  - 11 Settlers Park Pond
- Boise River - between bridges



## General Fishing Season for the Southwest Region

### All Waters Open All Year

Except as modified in Southwest Region Special Rule Waters on Pages 20-21.

**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 20-21. 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

#### **Salmon** (*ocean-going*)

- Salmon seasons and limits are set by the Idaho Fish and Game Commission and 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 and reservoirs). 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 41-45)

#### **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

**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*

- 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 Southwest Region (See Pages 20-21 for details)

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

# Special Rule Waters for the Southwest Region

For waters not listed below, see Page 19 for fishing seasons, bag and possession limits, and rules that apply to all waters within the Southwest Region.

## 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

*from the mouth upstream to Lucky Peak Dam (lower Boise River)*

**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 25)

## 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 15

## Deadwood Reservoir tributaries

- Trout limit is 2
- Kokanee limit is 15

## Duck Valley Indian Reservation

*contact the Duck Valley Indian Tribal Office*

## 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

## 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

## 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

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; no harvest of Cutthroat Trout
- No bag, size or possession limits on bass

## Salmon River tributaries

- No bag, size or possession limits on bass

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

- Trout limit is 2

## Salmon River, Middle Fork and tributaries

- Trout limit is 0, catch-and-release
- No bait allowed, barbless hooks required
- No bag, size or possession limits on bass

## 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
- No bag, size or possession limits on bass

## 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 (all waters within the Wilson Springs access area including Wilson Drain)

- Trout limit is 2

# Fishing Tournaments

Did you know that Idaho Fish and Game regulates organized fishing tournaments to help ensure fish populations are protected and impacts to public access are minimized?



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If you are holding an event that has:  
**A LIVE FISH WEIGH-IN  
OR AWARDS OF \$1,000  
OR MORE IN CASH OR PRIZES  
OR IS EXPECTED TO DRAW 20  
OR MORE PARTICIPANTS**

Then you are required to apply for a Fishing Tournament permit.

For the application and information on fees, go to:  
**[idfg.idaho.gov/fish/tournaments](http://idfg.idaho.gov/fish/tournaments)**