



UPPER SNAKE REGION

General Fishing Season for the Upper Snake Region

All Waters Open All Year

Except as modified in Upper Snake Region Special Rule Waters on Pages 35-36.

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

Daily Bag Limits for the Upper Snake Region

The following daily bag limits apply to all waters of the Upper Snake Region except as modified in Upper Snake Region Special Rule Waters on Pages 35-36. The possession limit is 3-times the daily bag limit.

Bass (*Largemouth and Smallmouth*)

- Bass limit is 6, both species combined

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 15

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 are required, see Page 54 for details

Tiger Muskie

- Tiger Muskie limit is 2, none under 40 inches

Trout includes *Brown Trout, Golden Trout, Lake Trout, Splake, Arctic Grayling, Cutthroat Trout, Rainbow Trout, and 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 – see Big Lost River exception
- 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 including *Northern Leatherside Chub and Bluehead Sucker (also known 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 68.

Special Rule Waters for the Upper Snake Region (see Pages 35-36 for details)

Beaver Creek and tributaries	Henrys Lake tributaries	Sellars Creek (see Willow Creek tributaries)
Becker Pond (Ryder Park Pond)	Horseshoe Lake (Fremont County)	Silver Lake (Harriman State Park)
Big Lost River and tributaries	Jim Moore Pond	Snake River
Burns Creek (see South Fork Snake River tributaries)	Lava Creek (see Willow Creek tributaries)	South Fork Snake River
Dry Beds (Snake River)	Little Lost River and tributaries	South Fork Snake River tributaries
Fall River and tributaries	Long Lake (Custer County)	Teardrop Lake (Snow Creek Pond)
Fish Creek (Harriman State Park)	Market Lake Wildlife Management Area	Teton Creek (see Teton River tributaries)
Fox Creek (see Teton River tributaries)	McCoy Creek and tributaries	Teton River
Golden Lake (Harriman State Park)	Medicine Lodge Creek and tributaries	Teton River tributaries
Hell Creek (see Willow Creek tributaries)	Mud Lake	Thurmon Creek (Harriman State Park)
Henrys Fork (Snake River, North Fork)	Palisades Creek (see South Fork Snake River tributaries)	Trail Creek (see Teton River tributaries)
Henrys Fork tributaries (excluding Thurmon Creek, Warm River and the Fall River)	Palisades Reservoir tributaries	Warm River and tributaries
Henrys Lake	Pine Creek (see South Fork Snake River tributaries)	Willow Creek
Henrys Lake Outlet	Rainey Creek (see South Fork Snake River tributaries)	Willow Creek tributaries
	Sand Creek Wildlife Management Area	

Special Rule Waters for the Upper Snake Region

For waters not listed below, see page 34 for fishing seasons, bag and possession limits, and rules that apply to all waters within the Upper Snake Region.

Beaver Creek and tributaries

- Trout limit is 6, no harvest of Cutthroat Trout

Becker Pond (Ryder Park Pond)

- 2 fish any species

Big Lost River and tributaries

- December 1 through Friday before Memorial Day weekend – trout limit is 0, catch-and-release; whitefish limit is 0, catch-and-release
- Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through November 30 – trout limit is 6; whitefish limit is 0, catch-and-release

Dry Beds (Snake River)

Section: From the Highway 48 bridge upstream to the Great Feeder irrigation diversion headgate

- May 1 through March 31 – Upper Snake Region general rules apply
- April 1 through April 30 – it is legal to take fish with dip nets, by snagging or by hand – Upper Snake Region bag limits apply

Fall River and tributaries

- Limit is 2 trout, no harvest of Cutthroat Trout

Fish Creek (Harriman State Park)

- Trout limit is 6, no harvest of Cutthroat Trout
- Fly-fishing only

Golden Lake (Harriman State Park)

- Closed to fishing

Henrys Fork (Snake River, North Fork) (see map on page 37)

Section: South Fork Snake River/Henrys Fork confluence upstream to Vernon Bridge

- Trout limit is 2, no harvest of Cutthroat Trout

Section: From Vernon Bridge upstream to Ashton Dam

- December 1 through Friday before Memorial Day weekend – trout limit is 0; catch-and-release only
- Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through November 30 – trout limit is 2, no harvest of Cutthroat Trout

Section: From Highway 20 bridge upstream to the posted boundary upstream of Riverside Campground

- Trout limit is 2, no harvest of Cutthroat Trout

Section: From the posted boundary upstream of the Riverside Campground upstream to the lower Harriman State Park boundary

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

Section: From the lower Harriman State Park boundary upstream to the upper Harriman State Park boundary (Harriman Ranch)

- December 1 through June 14 – closed to fishing
- June 15 through November 30 – trout limit is 0, catch-and-release, fly fishing only, barbless hooks required

Section: From the upper Harriman State Park boundary to Island Park Dam

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

Section: From McCrea Bridge upstream to the Henrys Lake Outlet

- December 1 through Friday before Memorial Day weekend – trout limit is 0, catch-and-release
- Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through November 30 – trout limit is 6, only 2 may be Cutthroat Trout, no Cutthroat Trout under 16 inches

Section: From Henrys Lake Outlet upstream to the head of Big Springs

- Closed to fishing

All other sections of Henrys Fork including Ashton and Island Park Reservoirs - Upper Snake Region general rules apply

Henrys Fork tributaries (except Warm River, Fall River, and Thurmon Creek)

- December 1 through Friday before Memorial Day weekend – trout limit is 0, catch-and-release
- Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through November 30 – trout limit is 6, no harvest of Cutthroat Trout

Henrys Lake

Section: Those portions of the lake within the posted boundaries of Staley Springs and within 100 yards of Hatchery Creek

- Closed to fishing

Remainder of Henrys Lake

- February 15 through Friday before Memorial Day Weekend - trout limit is 0, catch-and-release
- Saturday of Memorial Day Weekend through February 14 - trout limit is 2, Brook Trout counted in the trout limit
- Fishing must cease after the 2-trout daily bag limit has been retained

Henrys Lake Outlet

- December 1 through Friday before Memorial Day weekend – trout limit is 0, catch-and-release
- Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through November 30 – trout limit is 6, only 2 may be Cutthroat Trout, no Cutthroat Trout under 16 inches

Henrys Lake tributaries

- July 1 through March 31 – no harvest of Cutthroat Trout; Brook Trout limit is 25, only 2 Brook Trout over 16 inches
- April 1 through June 30 – closed to fishing
- Hatchery Creek – closed to fishing

Horseshoe Lake (*Fremont County*) - no motors

- Trout limit is 2

Jim Moore Pond

- Trout limit is 2

Little Lost River and tributaries

- Trout limit is 2

Long Lake (*an alpine lake in Custer County*)

- Trout limit is 2, none under 20 inches

Market Lake Wildlife Management Area

- March 1 through July 15 – no boats, rafts or float tubes

McCoy Creek and tributaries

- Trout limit is 6, no harvest of Cutthroat Trout

Medicine Lodge Creek and tributaries

- Trout limit is 2, no harvest of Cutthroat Trout

Mud Lake (*west of the posted boundary which runs north and south from McKenzie Point*)

- March 1 through July 15 – no boats, rafts or float tubes

Palisades Reservoir tributaries

- Trout limit is 6, no harvest of Cutthroat Trout
- No harvest of kokanee

Sand Creek Wildlife Management Area

- December 1 through Friday before Memorial Day weekend – closed to fishing
- Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through July 15 – no boats, rafts or float tubes
- Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through November 30 – motorized watercraft prohibited

Additional closures to protect wildlife may be in effect. Call the Upper Snake Regional Office at 208-525-7290 for the latest information.

Silver Lake (*Harriman State Park*)

- Closed to fishing

Snake River

Section: Gem Lake Dam to Osgood Diversion Dam

- Trout limit is 6, only 2 may be Cutthroat Trout

Section: Osgood Diversion Dam upstream to the confluence of Henrys Fork (North and South Fork)

- Trout limit is 2, no harvest of Cutthroat Trout

South Fork Snake River

- No harvest of Cutthroat Trout
- Brown Trout limit is 2
- No limit on Rainbow Trout or trout hybrids

South Fork Snake River tributaries

- No harvest of Cutthroat Trout
- No limit on Rainbow Trout or trout hybrids
- June 1 through June 30 – closed to fishing

Teardrop Lake (Snow Creek Pond)

- Trout limit is 2

Teton River

- No limit on Rainbow Trout or hybrids
- No harvest of Cutthroat Trout

Teton River tributaries

- No harvest of Cutthroat Trout
- No limit on Rainbow Trout or hybrids
- June 1 through June 30 – closed to fishing

Thurmon Creek (*Harriman State Park*)

- Closed to fishing

Warm River and tributaries

Section: Within the posted boundaries from the state highway 47 bridge downstream (approx. 350 yards) to the next bridge near the mouth of Robinson Creek

- Closed to fishing

All other sections of the Warm River

- December 1 through Friday before Memorial Day weekend, trout limit is 0, catch-and-release
- Memorial Day weekend through November 30 – trout limit is 6, no harvest of Cutthroat Trout

Willow Creek

- December 1 through Friday before Memorial Day weekend – trout limit is 0, catch-and-release
- Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through November 30 – trout limit is 6, no harvest of Cutthroat Trout

Willow Creek tributaries

- No harvest of Cutthroat Trout
- No limit on Rainbow Trout or hybrids
- June 1 through June 30 – closed to fishing



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Prevent the transport of nuisance species.
Clean all recreational equipment.

Henry's Fork Fishing Map

See Page 35-36 for specific boundaries



Cutthroat Trout need your help in the South Fork Snake and Teton rivers!

<https://idfg.idaho.gov/south-fork-snake>

- ▶ Non-native Rainbow Trout are a serious threat to native Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout in the South Fork Snake and Teton rivers
- ▶ Over time, Rainbow Trout replace Cutthroat Trout through competition for space and food, and by interbreeding, creating hybrids
- ▶ Hybrid trout are fertile and readily spawn with Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout, creating more hybrids
- ▶ Fish and Game uses traps on SF Snake tributaries to help block Rainbow Trout from spawning in Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout streams
- ▶ You can help protect Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout by harvesting non-native Rainbow Trout and hybrids from the SF Snake River and Teton River
- ▶ Win prizes when you harvest Rainbow Trout! Turn in the heads of Rainbow Trout harvested from the SF Snake River for a chance to win between \$50 - \$1,000!
- ▶ Heads can be deposited in freezers at Conant and Byington boat ramps, and the Fish and Game office in Idaho Falls
- ▶ Learn about the South Fork Snake River and Angler Incentive Program at: <https://idfg.idaho.gov/south-fork-snake>

- ▶ Rainbow/Cutthroat hybrid trout can have a wide arrange of colors and markings of both parent species. Hybrids are most easily identified by their white fin tips.



white fin tip

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