

# Recreation Resources

Angling –  
Hell Hole Reservoir and Rubicon River

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  - Fishing is allowed on the reservoir year round but primarily occurs between May and November, when the area is accessible.
  - Stocked extensively in the past with rainbow trout, brown trout, brook trout, cutthroat trout, lake trout, kokanee, and coho salmon.
  - Recent management includes brown trout and rainbow trout stocking.

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  - 39.9% of visitors surveyed in the Hell Hole Reservoir area identified “reservoir fishing” as their primary activity
  - 101 angler surveys completed at Hell Hole Reservoir
    - Angler survey participants reported catching a total of 451 fish:
      - Kokanee (52%)
      - Brown trout (22%)
      - Rainbow trout (16%)
      - Lake trout/Mackinaw (10%)
    - Catch rate based on angler surveys: 0.6 fish/hour

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- Angling: Rubicon River – Ellicott Bridge to Ralston Afterbay
  - Focus Group Comments
    - Target species are rainbow and brown trout
    - Primarily catch rainbow trout
    - Spin and fly fishing
    - Bank fishing and wading
    - Flows usually decrease to fishable levels by the time the area is accessible
    - Typical summer flows are easy to fish
    - Limited access – large area in middle of reach that is virtually inaccessible

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### ■ Foothills Water Network Comments (samples)

- “Some of the best fishing in the... Rubicon watershed occurs when the flows are higher than the typical summer flows in the bypass reaches and when there is some color to the water which provides some cover for larger fish to feed.”
- “Higher flows are a limitation to wet wading and fording but not fishing from the banks or eddies.”
- “Encroaching vegetation due to a lack of spring flushing flows can hinder angling from the bank.”
- Full text of FWN comments are available from PCWA upon request.

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### ■ Bill Carnazzo Comments (samples)

- "Some of the best fishing occurs in situations where the flows are higher than normal summer flows, when there is some color to the water and the larger fish are most inclined to feed."
- "The three essential ingredients for increased success [food, oxygen, and cover] are present during higher flows."
- "During the summer months...the three essential ingredients for angling success...are either lacking or significantly attenuated."
- "Despite low water conditions, fall fishing can be excellent."
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