FISHING AROUND SOUTHEAST WYOMING

Regional fishing opportunities near Laramie, Cheyenne and Wheatland

You can work toward the following youth fishing challenges on these trips:

- Wild One
- Pan Pair
- Cool Catch
- Percid Prize
- Trout Trio
- Bass Battle
- Habitat Counts

WYOMING GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT
If you have one day to fish in Southeast Wyoming, Sloans and Lake Absaraca have the variety you are looking for. With channel catfish, largemouth bass, pumpkinseed, yellow perch, black crappie, and rainbow trout, you can work towards your “Wyoming’s Wild One”, “Bass Battle”, “Pan Pair” and “Percid Prize” fishing challenges. Head up to Curt Gowdy State Park to catch brown trout, cutthroat trout, rainbow trout, or yellow perch in Granite and Crystal reservoirs. Stream fish the Middle Crow Creek between the two reservoirs to catch rainbow and brown trout or fish the beaver ponds on the South Fork of Middle Crow Creek to catch brook trout and earn your “Habitat Counts” challenge.

If you have two days to fish, the Laramie or Saratoga areas are some great places to target. Rob Roy Reservoir is located in the Medicine Bow National Forest and roughly 45 miles west of Laramie and about 60 miles east of Saratoga. At Rob Roy you may catch brook, brown and rainbow trout, kokanee salmon, or splake to earn a “Trout Trio” or “Cool Catch” certificate. After fishing Rob Roy, stay in the mountains and head north to Brooklyn Lake off Highway 130 in the Snowy Range to fish for brook trout or splake. When headed home to Laramie stop at the Plains Lakes west of Laramie to catch a variety of species, including rainbow, cutthroat, brown trout, kokanee salmon, and yellow perch. Lakes Alsop, Gelatt, Hattie, Leazenby, Meeboer, and Twin Buttes Reservoirs are all home to a variety of species. So the more waters you fish, the greater chances you’ll have at filling your creel. If you’re heading home to the Platte Valley from Rob Roy, stop by Saratoga Lake, just north of Saratoga to catch a brown, rainbow or even a tiger trout!

Have a long weekend available to dedicate to fishing? Look no further than the Wheatland and Torrington area to cast your line. Just east of Torrington is Packers Lake, where you might land yourself a largemouth bass, black crappie, channel catfish, walleye, or tiger muskie. Talk about a “Cool Catch”! Thirty miles south of Torrington on Highway 85 is the Hawk Springs State Recreation Area, which has camping spots, outhouse, playground, and boat ramp. Hawk Springs has black crappie, channel catfish, largemouth bass, and walleye, which can be caught from the bank or by boat. Also 15 miles south of Torrington is the Springer/Bump Sullivan WHMA, and Bump Sullivan and Springer reservoirs. Springer has camping available and a boat ramp for you to launch a boat and catch black crappie, green sunfish and perch. Bump Sullivan has black crappie, largemouth bass, green sunfish, and channel catfish for you to earn the “Bass Battle” or “Wyoming’s Wild One” challenges. Both reservoirs are closed to fishing from November 1 through February 15. Grayrocks Reservoir is about 20 miles east of Wheatland and is one of the best walleye fisheries in the state! West of Wheatland are Festo and Rock lakes where you can catch a variety of fish towards the youth fishing challenges. Wheatland Reservoir #1 is another lake near town where you can catch channel catfish, black crappie, smallmouth bass, walleye, and perch! To catch that elusive trout travel west from either Torrington or Wheatland to the Laramie Range, where you can find trout in most streams and lakes with great angler access.

Want to get more information about the youth fishing challenges or their adult equivalents? Visit the Wyoming Game and Fish Department fishing challenge website at wgfd.wyo.gov/Fishing-and-Boating/Fishing-Challenges

Or do you have questions about other fishing opportunities in southeast Wyoming, fishing locations or what the rules for fishing are? Visit the Wyoming Game and Fish Department website at wgfd.wyo.gov or call the Laramie office at 307-745-4046.