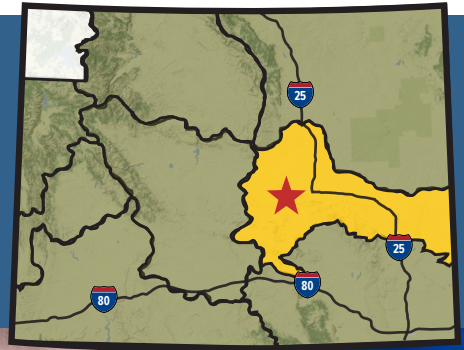


FISHING AROUND EAST CENTRAL WYOMING

Regional fishing opportunities near Casper, Glenrock and Alcova.



You can complete the following youth fishing challenges on these trips:

- Wild One
- Hatchery Hop
- Cool Catch
- Trout Trio
- Percid Prize
- Pan Pair
- Habitat Counts
- Bass Battle
- X-Stream Angler



WYOMING GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT



How many days do you have to fish in east central Wyoming?

1 Day

Local anglers have great success at any of the big North Platte River Reservoirs. **Seminole, Pathfinder and Alcova** are great trout fisheries and it's not uncommon to catch 18 inch or greater rainbow trout. Rainbow, brown and cutthroat trout can be caught from shore to complete the "Trout Trio" challenge. Walleye, catfish, perch and crappie can be caught at **Glendo Reservoir**. Is fly fishing more your thing? Then test your skills along one of the world's renowned blue ribbon fisheries at **Gray Reef or Miracle Mile** on the **North Platte River**. The rainbow trout populations are very high to help you have a successful day trip in the Casper Region. If you want to stay close to town, try **Lake McKenzie**, a City of Casper park where you can catch bass, catfish, bluegill, green sunfish and trout.

2 Days

When visiting east central Wyoming, it's easy to get caught up with the great fishing in one reservoir. If you have two days to fish, why not get "X-Stream"? **Deer Creek** is one of the select streams across the state where the WGFD protects the in-stream flow. This "X-Stream" fishing challenge will have you hiking into some of the most beautiful places the Casper region has for brown and rainbow trout. From Casper, head east on the Old Glenrock Highway and try fishing for bass and bluegill at **Big Muddy Pond**. This road parallels the North Platte River and this lower section of the river is becoming increasingly popular for rainbow and brown trout fishing. On day two, launch a boat on **Alcova Reservoir**. The views are breathtaking and fishing is excellent. Rainbow trout fishing is very good with fish ranging in size from 15 to 22 inches. Kokanee salmon have been stocked in Alcova by the WGFD since 2012 and are becoming a popular sport fish in Alcova, plus a kokanee counts towards your "Cool Catch" in the youth fishing challenge! Fish deep and slow for the monster brown trout that lurk in the depths of the lake. If you're all fished out but still want to learn more about the region, check out the **Dan Speas Fish Hatchery**, 15 miles west of Casper, to complete the "Hatchery Hop".

3 Days

Think east central Wyoming doesn't have any extreme fishing opportunities? Think again! Pack up the truck with food and camping gear and head northwest of Casper to the **33 mile ponds area**. There are a dozen different lakes scattered around in the rolling hills that have cutthroat, rainbow, bluegill, green sunfish/bluegill hybrids, bass and catfish. Get "X-Stream" by driving a little farther to the northwest to the **MiddleFork of the Powder River**. There are 10 miles of public access thanks to securing the in-stream flow water rights. On day two, enjoy your morning coffee along the Powder River before driving the gravel roads south on Arminto road, to Gas Hills road, to CR321. This 100 mile stretch of gravel will have you dreaming of the original western settlers in the 1840's and appreciating the speed you can travel today. When you get to **Pathfinder**, drop a worm in the lake while you set up camp and wait for your dinner to take the bait. Just below Pathfinder dam is the **Cardwell fishing access**. It has some excellent rainbow and brown trout fishing opportunities. Fremont Canyon is breathtaking and if you're adventurous, you can scramble down the canyon walls to access some rarely fished spots where the big fish hang out. On day three, drive another 30 miles to the **Miracle Mile**. This blue ribbon trout fishery is known around the world for its amazing fishing. It has a healthy population of brown trout but rainbow trout are more common and walleye are frequently caught as well. From the Miracle Mile, head south on the gravel if you are interested in taking in some more scenery or wanting to fish **Seminole Reservoir**, or head back to **Alcova or Gray Reef** for some more variety.

Find out more

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 just have questions about other fishing opportunities in east central 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 Casper office at 307-473-3400.