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## Popular Lakes

**Lake:** Aldrich Lake

**Access:** Aldrich Lake is located 21 miles north of Meeker. Take State Highway 13 for 4 miles to the Thornburg Road (CR #15). Go 15 miles to CR 51 and turn south. Continue for 2 miles to the lake.

**Surface acres:** 51

**Elevation:** 7,400 feet

**Fish Species:** Mackinaw, Brook and Rainbow Trout

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**Lake:** Anderson Reservoir

**Access:** Anderson Reservoir is located 45.1 miles east of Meeker. Take State Highway 13 east out of Meeker for 1 mile; turn right on County Road 8 for 39 miles to the Trappers Lake Road. Turn right for 4 miles to the Anderson Reservoir Trail at Picket Pin Creek. Take the Anderson Reservoir Trail # 2260 for 1.1 miles.

**Surface acres:** 4

**Elevation:** 9,400 feet

**Fish Species:** Cutthroat and Brook Trout

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**Lake:** Bailey Lake

**Access:** Bailey Lake is located 27 miles east of Meeker. Take State Highway 13 east out of Meeker for 1 mile; turn right on County Road 8 for 20 miles to the Buford-New Castle Road (County Road 17). Turn right 1 mile to the Oyster Lake Trail. Limited parking is available. Bailey Lake is 5 miles up the Oyster Lake Trail.

**Surface acres:**

**Elevation:** 8,800 feet

**Fish Species:** Brook Trout

**Lake: Big Fish Lake**

**Access:** Big Fish Lake is located 49 miles east of Meeker. Take State Highway 13 east out of Meeker for 1 mile. Turn right on CR #8 for 39 miles to the Trappers Lake Road. Turn right for 6 miles to the Himes Peak Campground. The Big Fish Trail-head is on the left before you enter the campground. Big Fish Lake is 3 miles up Big Fish Trail.

**Surface acres:** 20

**Elevation:** 9,388 feet

**Fish Species:** Cutthroat and Rainbow Trout

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**Lake: Boulder Lake**

**Access:** Same as Big Fish Lake, but take the Big Fish Trail for 1 ½ miles to the Boulder Lake Trail #2262. Follow the Boulder Lake Trail 2 ¼ miles to the lake.

**Surface acres:** 2

**Elevation:** 9,780 feet

**Fish Species:** Cutthroat and Rainbow Trout

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**Lake: Deer Lake**

**Access:** Deer Lake is 59 miles east of Meeker. Take State Highway 13 for 1 mile, turn right onto County Road 8 for 39 miles. Turn right on the Trappers Lake Road for 10 miles to Trappers Lake Trail #1816. Take Trappers Lake Trail for 5 miles to the Island Lakes Trail #1842. Follow it for 2 miles to the junction of Deer Lake Trail #1802 and follow this for 2 miles to the lake.

**Surface acres:** 7.5

**Elevation:** 11,130 feet

**Fish Species:** Cutthroat Trout

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**Lake:** Guthrie Lake

**Access:** Guthrie Lake is 38 miles east of Meeker. Take State Highway 13 for 1 mile and turn right onto County Road 8 for 28 miles. Turn right, cross the bridge and turn left on Marvine Creek Road ( County Road 12 ) for 6 miles to the Marvine Trailhead parking area. The lake is 3 miles up the East Marvine Trail# 1822.

**Surface acres:** 5

**Elevation:** 9,260

**Fish Species:** Rainbow and Brook Trout

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**Lake:** Island Lakes

**Access:** Same as Deer Lake; follow the Trappers Lake Trail #1816 for 5 miles to the Island Lakes Trail #1842. Follow the Island Lakes Trail for 2 miles to Island Lakes.

**Surface acres:** 64

**Elevation:** 11,000

**Fish Species:** Rainbow and Cutthroat Trout

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**Lake:** Johnson Lake

**Access:** Same as Guthrie Lake but only 2 1/2 miles up East Marvine Trail #1822.

**Surface acres:** 2.5

**Elevation:** 9,020

**Fish Species:** Rainbow Trout

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**Lake:** Lake Avery

**Access:** Lake Avery is 20 miles east of Meeker. Take State Highway 13 for 1.5 miles, turn right on to County Road 8 for 19 miles. Turn left at the dam to access the outlet of the lake or proceed up County Road 8 for another mile to reach the inlet. Because Lake Avery is located within the Oak Ridge State Wildlife Area, it is managed by the Colorado Division of Wildlife.

**Surface acres:**

**Elevation:** 6,995 feet

**Fish Species:** Rainbow and Cutthroat Trout

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**Lake:** Lake of the Woods

**Access:** Lake of the Woods Trail is located 47.35 miles east of Meeker. Take Highway 13 east out of Meeker for 1 mile, turn right on County Road 8 for 39 miles to the Trappers Lake road. Turn right for 7 miles to the Lake of the Woods Trail. The trail is one half mile below Skinny Fish Creek. Please obey all wilderness regulations.

**Surface acres:** 8

**Elevation:** 9,010 feet

**Fish Species:** Rainbow, Brook Trout, and Longnose Sucker

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**Lake:** Little Trappers

**Access:** Take Highway 13 east of Meeker for 1 mile and turn right onto County Road 8 for 39 miles. Turn right on Trappers Lake Road for 10 miles to the Trappers Lake Outlet parking area. From the parking area head south on the Carhart Trail #1815 around the east side of Trappers Lake for 3/4 of a mile to the junction of Stillwater Trail #1814. Take the Stillwater Trail 1 mile to Little Trappers Lake.

**Surface acres:** 20

**Elevation:** 9,926 feet

**Fish Species:** Cutthroat Trout

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**Lake:** Marvine Lakes

**Access:** Heading east out of Meeker take State Highway 13 for 1 mile, and turn right onto County Road 8 for 28 miles. Turn right, cross the bridge and turn left on the Marvine Creek Road (County Road 12) for 6 miles to the Marvine Trailhead parking area.

The lakes are 6 miles via the Marvine Trail # 1823 into the Flat Tops Wilderness.

**Surface acres:** 135

**Elevation:** 9,300

**Fish Species:** Rainbow, Brook and Cutthroat Trout

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**Lake:** **McGinnis Lake**

**Access:** Take State Highway 13 east of Meeker for 1 mile, turn right onto County Road 8 for 39 miles, then turn right on the Trappers Lake Road for 8 miles to the Skinny Fish - McGinnis Trailhead parking area. Three miles via the Skinny Fish - McGinnis Trail #1813. Please obey all wilderness regulations.

**Surface acres:** 22.5

**Elevation:** 10,192 feet

**Fish Species:** Cutthroat and Rainbow Trout

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**Lake:** **Mirror Lake**

**Access:** Take State Highway 13 east out of Meeker for 1 mile, and turn right onto County Road 8 for 39 miles. Turn right on the Trappers Lake Road for 1/2 mile to Mirror Lake Trailhead access road. Follow the road for 1/4 mile to the trailhead. Three and one-half miles via the Mirror Lake Trail #1821. Please obey all wilderness regulations.

**Surface acres:** 17

**Elevation:** 10,010 feet

**Fish Species:** Brook Trout

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**Lake:** **Pagoda Lake**

**Access:** Take State Highway 13 east out of Meeker for 1 mile and turn right onto County Road 8 for 44 miles. The trail parking is on the west side of the road, 1/4 of a mile from the summit of Ripple Creek Pass. The trail begins at the west end of the parking area. Four miles via the Pagoda Trail # 1804 is Pagoda Lake.

**Surface acres:** 5

**Elevation:** 10,313 feet

**Fish Species:** Brook Trout

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**Lake:** Peltier Lake

**Access:** Take State Highway east for 1 mile, turn right onto County Road 8 for 18 miles to the South Fork Road (County Road 10). Turn right for 8 miles to the Peltier Lake Trail. Parking is available 100 yards up the road past the cattle guard. The lake is 6 1/2 miles up the trail.

**Surface acres:** 13

**Elevation:** 8,900 feet

**Fish Species:** Brook Trout

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**Lake:** Pine Isle Lake

**Access:** Same as Marvine Lakes but from the Lower Marvine Lake go 1 mile north. No maintained trail.

**Surface acres:** 7

**Elevation:** 9,230 feet

**Fish Species:** Rainbow and Brook Trout

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**Lake:** Rainbow Lake

**Access:** Same as Guthrie Lake, but 4 miles via the East Marvine Trail #1822

**Surface acres:** 2

**Elevation:** 8,660 feet

**Fish Species:** Rainbow, Brook and Cutthroat Trout

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**Lake:** Rio Blanco Lake

**Access:** Rio Blanco Lake is 20 miles west of Meeker on Highway 64. Power boating, waterskiing, wildlife observation, and camping in designated areas. Rest rooms, boat ramp, and camping areas available. Field trails prohibited except Feb. 1 thru March 31 & Aug. 1 thru Sept. 30. Water-skiing prohibited March 1 thru June 15. Water fowl and rabbit hunting available. Rio Blanco Lake is managed by Colorado Division of Wildlife.

**Surface acres:** 383

**Elevation:**

**Fish Species:** Catfish, Northern Pike, Smallmouth and Largemouth Bass (must be 15 inches or longer), Crappie, Bluegill.

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**Lake:** Sable Lake

**Access:** Sable Lake is located 39 miles east of Meeker. Take State Highway 13 for 1 mile east of Meeker and turn right on County Road 8 for 28 miles. Turn right, cross the bridge and turn left on the Marvine Creek Road (County Road 12) for 1 mile to the Big Ridge Trailhead. Sable Lake is located 9 miles via the Big Ridge Trail.

**Surface acres:** 7

**Elevation:** 9,882 feet

**Fish Species:** Cutthroat Trout

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**Lake:** Shamrock Lake

**Access:** Same as Mirror Lake but 3 miles via the Mirror Lake Trail #1821 into the Flat Tops Wilderness. Please obey all wilderness regulations.

**Surface acres:** 4

**Elevation:** 9,820 feet

**Fish Species:** Brook Trout

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**Lake:** Skinny Fish Lake

**Access:** Same as McGinnis Lake.

**Surface acres:** 29

**Elevation:** 10,192 feet

**Fish Species:** Cutthroat, Brook and Rainbow Trout

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**Lake:** Slide Lake

**Access:** Same as Marvine Lakes but only 4 miles via the Marvine Trail.

**Surface acres:** 5

**Elevation:** 8,660 feet

**Fish Species:** Rainbow and Brook Trout

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**Lake:** Swede Lake

**Access:** Same as Bailey Lake, but go 1/4 mile further up the Oyster Lake Trail to Swede Lake.

**Surface acres:** 4

**Elevation:** 8,800 feet

**Fish Species:** Brook and Rainbow Trout

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**Lake:** Surprise Lake

**Access:** Same as Trappers Lake, but go to the Trappers Lake Outlet parking area and take the Stillwater Trail #1814 for 3 miles. Then head south for 3 more miles on a trail that is not maintained.

**Surface acres:** 9

**Elevation:** 11,128 feet

**Fish Species:** Cutthroat Trout

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**Lake:** Trappers Lake

**Access:** Take State Highway 13 east for 1 mile, turn right onto County Road 8 for 39 miles. Turn right on Trappers Lake Road for 10 miles to any of the 3 parking lots accessing Trappers Lake.

**Surface acres:** 302

**Elevation:** 9,627 feet

**Fish Species:** Cutthroat and Brook Trout. All fish greater than 11" must be returned to the water immediately. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only. Fishing is prohibited in all inlets and upstream for 1/2 mile, and in the outlet and down stream to the first falls. Fishing is also prohibited within 100 feet of the inlets and outlet streams. The Colorado Division of Wildlife operates a spawn taking station on Cabin Creek during May and June as Trappers Lake contains an almost pure strain of Cutthroat Trout. Bag and possession limit for Cutthroat is 2 fish. No bag limit or possession limit on Brook Trout.

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**Lake:** Wall Lake

**Access:** Take State Highway 13 for 1 mile, turn right onto County Road 8 for 39 miles. Turn right on the Trappers Lake Road for 10 miles, and through the campgrounds to the Wall Lake Trailhead. Proceed 5 miles up the Wall Lake Trail #1818 to the lake.

**Surface acres:** 40

**Elevation:** 10,986 feet

**Fish Species:** Brook and Cutthroat Trout

**PACK IT IN - PACK IT OUT!! LEAVE NO  
TRACE!!**

\*Species last updated by our Fisheries Biologist on 12-29-2006.\*

