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Aurora Parks, Recreation and Open Space Department



Heart-Pumping Winter Recreation

Just when the weather starts to cool, Aurora Reservoir offers a whole new variety of work-out opportunities and recreational pursuits. Ice fishing, cross country skiing and snowshoeing will keep you fit and enjoying nature this winter. Bundle up and join the frigid fun! Beginning Dec. 1, visitors can buy a season pass at the reservoir main office, 303.690.1286 or online at www.auroragov.org/reservoirs.

Fishing Within Your Limits

A Note From Your Aurora Park Rangers

Winter at the Reservoir offers a different allure to visitors who don't mind getting a little chilly. Ice fishing lets those normally fishing shore banks or docks a chance to drop a line in more remote areas. Reservoir staff often see families and fishing buddies congregated in "hot spots," in search of perch, trout and walleye. While on patrol, Aurora Park Rangers are commonly asked about sharing bag and possession limits.

The Colorado Division of Wildlife (DOW) defines a bag limit as the maximum number of fish you can take in a day, regardless of what you do with them that day. Possession limit is defined as the maximum number of fish allowed at any time *including in the field, while transporting, at home or other places of storage.*

You can share or give away what you catch, but the fish you share must be to a person with a fishing license who has not caught and kept their limit. The fish counts towards the bag and possession limit of the person who caught the fish AND to the person it is shared with. A person who catches and keeps a bag and possession limit one day, and then continues to stock their freezer by catching and keeping additional daily bag limits is in violation of the law. A fisherman is able to keep one bag and possession limit in their freezer until consumed.

Help keep your Aurora Reservoir fishery healthy by obeying bag and possession limits.



Reservoir Reminders

Thanksgiving Day (Closed)

Christmas Day (Closed)

New Year's Day (Closed)

2010 Reservoir Annual Passes on sale Dec 1, 2009

DOW Fishing Licences expire March 31, 2010

AWQUA Lounge classes can be scheduled year-round, 303-739-2428 for info



Winter Animal Spotlight: Bald Eagle

Some of the most thrilling wildlife sightings at Aurora Reservoir are the dark feathers and white heads of bald eagles. From November-March, look for these majestic birds as they overwinter in Aurora.

Bald eagles are raptors, meaning they use their feet to kill prey. As their diet is primarily made up of fish, their presence at local reservoirs is not uncommon. When lakes are frozen, they adjust their diet to include prairie dogs, and they are not above stealing from other animals! Look for them perched in cottonwood trees or circling overhead as they ride warm pockets of air. Learn more about Aurora's True Nature; log onto www.auroragov.org/nature

