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Fishing Guide for Pinetop and Show Low Lakes and Streams



FOOL HOLLOW LAKE

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Fish present: rainbow trout, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, black crappie, bluegill, green sunfish, channel catfish, northern pike and walleye

With a variety of fish species, Fool Hollow Lake offers something for everyone, from first-time anglers to seasoned veterans. Even though the lake has first-rate visitor amenities and is minutes from Show Low, its craggy banks and beautiful vistas give visitors a feeling of seclusion.

Fool Hollow Lake is located fewer than 2 miles from downtown Show Low, off of Old Linden Road. Access Old Linden Road either from Highway 60 in town or at its western end from Highway 260.

Fool Hollow Lake provides a great opportunity for novices and kids to catch anything that bites. For these folks, night crawlers on the bottom or under a bobber are a good way to go. More experienced anglers can try spinner baits, jigs and night crawler rigs around underwater rocky structure, where large bass and walleye lurk. This is a great lake to catch trophy-sized walleye. Catch catfish in summer and early fall with night crawlers or chicken livers on

the bottom. The lake is open year-round, rarely icing over and never for long.

The daily bag limit is 4 trout in any combination, 6 bass in any combination, 10 catfish, 6 walleye and unlimited crappie, sunfish and pike. Boat motors are restricted to single electric motors or 10 hp or less gas motors.

SILVER CREEK

Fish present: Apache trout and rainbow trout

Silver Creek Hatchery was purchased by the Arizona Game and Fish Commission in 1978. Improvements have been made to the property by adding staff housing and office space.

Silver Creek Hatchery is located east of Show Low about 5 miles on Highway 60. Turn north off 60 onto Bourdon Ranch Road for five miles to Hatchery Way Road. Turn east on Hatchery Way Road for 1/2 mile to the facility.

The facility includes an 840-acre wildlife area that is open to the public for fishing and hunting. This is a popular destination and has opportunities for viewing all forms of wildlife. There is an established trail along the creek, but during wet weather the area is extremely muddy. Use caution while traversing the hatchery property. Fish here during the winter; the creek is fed from an underground stream and doesn't freeze.

During the catch-and-keep season nightcrawlers and PowerBait work well. Try hiking upstream,



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where fewer people fish, or around some shade or cover. During the catch-and-release season, try a variety of flies including white bunny leeches, bug-gers, simi-seals, San Juan worms, egg patters, shami leeches or zebra midges.

Fishing opportunities on the hatchery property are split into two seasons.

1. Catch-and-release only for trout from Oct. 1 through March 31. Trout must be immediately released unharmed; no trout may be kept; artificial fly and lure only; single barbless hook only.
2. From April 1 through Sept. 30 bait and barbed hooks may also be used and the limit is 4 trout.



WOODLAND LAKE

Fish present: rainbow trout, largemouth bass, bluegill and channel catfish

Located in the heart of Pinetop-Lakeside, Woodland Lake and the park surrounding it have been called the town's "Crown Jewel." In addition to trout fishing, the lake provides a host of other outdoor recreation opportunities and is heavily used by residents and visitors alike.

Woodland Lake lies on town of Pinetop-Lakeside property, just west of White Mountain Boulevard in Pinetop. To get there, turn south on



Woodland Lake Road at the Chevron gas station. Drive ¼ mile to one of two park entrances. The park is closed daily after 8 p.m.

Because the lake is part of the local irrigation district, at drawdown it averages 10 surface acres. It is shallow and nutrient rich, making it subject to water quality problems in the summer. For this reason, the lake is stocked primarily with catchable-sized rainbow trout in the spring and early summer.

Cast a spinning lure from the dam, fishing pier or the shoreline to try your luck. Also try fishing with a night crawler off the bottom or with a bobber. Trolling can be productive, but only early in the season before the lake weeds begin growing.

The daily bag limit is 4 trout, 6 bass, 10 catfish, and unlimited sunfish. Boat motors are restricted to single electric motor.

SHOW LOW LAKE

Fish present: walleye, channel catfish, rainbow trout, largemouth and smallmouth bass, bluegill and green sunfish

Show Low Lake is the best place in Arizona to catch lunker walleye! Show Low Lake is adjacent to the

Show Low Lake Road, about 1 mile from Highway 260. Access Show Low Lake Road from the traffic light between Wal-Mart and the hospital in Show Low.

Trout fishing from the shore is always possible because the lake doesn't get weedy. Many trout survive the winter here and can get quite large. Try trolling spinners in early spring to catch one of these fat trout. For stocked trout, try PowerBait or night crawlers.

Walleye fishing is best in spring and fall. Try fishing rocky bottom structures or by the dam with crank baits or jigs. Stay in the shallows and fish at dawn or dusk to improve catching odds. For the lunkers, try large crank baits in the shallows or along the shoreline, or bounce a night crawler rig slowly on the bottom.

Catfishing can be exciting here. A 32-pound channel catfish was recently caught that threatened the State Record. Fish for catfish on summer or fall nights, use chicken liver, night crawlers or waterdogs as bait. In the spring, channel catfish and walleye congregate at the upper end, where Show Low Creek flows into the lake.

Small bass and sunfish can be caught with night crawlers in the rocks along the dam.

Show Low Lake is open year-round.

The daily bag limit is 4 trout, 6 bass in any combination, 10 catfish, 6 walleye and unlimited sunfish. Boat motors are restricted to single electric motor or 10 hp or less gas motors.

RAINBOW LAKE

Fish present: rainbow trout, largemouth bass, channel catfish, black bullhead, bluegill and green sunfish. The lake also contains illegally introduced northern pike.

By damming Walnut Creek in 1903, Mormon settlers created Rainbow Lake. Eventually, the settlement grew into the town of Lakeside. Despite now being surrounded by homes, Rainbow Lake remains open to the public for fishing, boating, bird watching or just enjoying the outdoors.

The lake is located near the heart of Lakeside at 6,760 feet. The land surrounding the lake is privately owned and inaccessible to the public; however, the Arizona Game and Fish Department owns a small parcel of land adjacent to the dam and maintains it for public fishing and recreational boating. This parcel includes a parking area with a boat ramp and dock. To reach this parcel, turn south on Rainbow Lake Road or Lakeview Lane from Highway 260.

Because it is shallow and weedy, Rainbow Lake is subject to water quality problems.

Rainbow Lake is best fished from a boat because so much shoreline is privately owned. Spring and early summer are the best times to fish for trout because water quality is good, weeds are down and Arizona Game and Fish is stocking fish.

Troll for trout with Panther Martin and Rooster Tail spinners, small Kastmasters or woolly bugger flies. You may also have some luck fishing from shore with worms or PowerBait. Casting near structure with spinner baits works well for largemouth bass and northern pike. Fish on the bottom with night crawlers or stink baits to catch black bullheads and channel catfish.

The daily bag limit is 4 trout, 6 bass, 10 catfish in any combination, and unlimited sunfish and pike. Boat motors are restricted to single electric motor or 10 hp or less gas motors.