# Trout Fishing Guide to NE Oregon

## Grande Ronde Watershed

**Grand Ronde Lake:** Near Elkhorn summit on Anthony Lk Hwy; 1 mile past Anthony Lake. Stocked several times each summer with catchable Rainbow Trout, beginning in late June. Brook trout also available. A popular fly fishing/float tube waterbody. Some primitive campsites available.

**Morgan Lake:** Three miles SW of La Grande on Morgan Lake Road. A 60 acre lake stocked annually with Rainbow & Brook fingerling. A highly productive lake. Rainbows tend to “soften” in late summer. Also numerous crappie available. **No motorboats allowed.**

**Ladd Marsh Pond:** Located halfway between La Grande & Union, near Hot Lake Hotel, 1 mi. N. on Peach Road; a newly constructed half acre pond; pond banks are still a little “raw”; stocked 2-3 times in April & May with catchable Rainbow.

**Roulet Pond:** Located three miles NE of Elgin on Hwy 82; a small half acre pond; stocked 2-3 times in April & May with catchable Rainbow.

**Victor Pond:** Located along Hwy 82 two miles NW of the town of Wallowa; a small irrigation diversion pond; stocked 2-3 times April - May with catchable Rainbow.

**Willowa Wildlife Pond:** Located 2 ½ miles NW of the town of Willowa, along side the Willowa River; a larger pond of 3-4 acres; stocked 2-3 times in April - May with catchable Rainbow.

**Marr Pond:** Located within the city limits of Enterprise; SW corner, near RR tracks; a small half acre pond; stocked 2-3 times in April - May with catchable Rainbow.

## Wallow County Forest Ponds

**Honeymoon Pond:** N. of Enterprise on Hwy 3 to USFS Rd (~ 14 mi). NE on FS Rd 46 to the Cold Springs Ridge Rd, Rd 4680 (~ 38 mi). Pond is located .25 miles SW on the spur road across Rd. 46 from the Cold Springs Ridge Rd. jct.


**Teepee Pond:** N. of Enterprise on Hwy 3 to FS Rd 46 (~ 14 mi). NE on Rd 46 to the Teepee Butte Rd, Rd 595 (~ 32 mi). N. on Rd 595 for .25 miles to pond.

**Salt Cr. Summit Pond:** E. from Joseph on L. Sheep Creek Highway to USFS Rd 39 (~ 8 mi). S. on Rd 39 to Salt Creek Summitt (~ 10 mi). NE on Rd 3915 to spur 100 (.5 mi). SE Rd. 100, .25 miles to the pond.
**Wallowa Lake:** NE Oregon’s premier scenic and recreational treasure. Located at the end of Hwy 82, one mi. S of Joseph. This clear, alpine lake is 1500 acres in size. The lake is stocked regularly with catchable Rainbow Trout from May through August; naturally reproducing kokanee are available all summer, but with greater angler success generally experienced in late May through June; Lake Trout are occasionally taken as well; full service camping and marina available.

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**Powder & Burnt River Watershed**

**N. Powder Pond #1:** A 7 ½ acre pond located 1 mile S. of the town of N. Powder along old Hwy. 30. Stocked 2-3 times in April-May with catchable Rainbow Trout. Good bank access.

**N. Powder Pond #2:** A 5 acre pond located 4 ½ miles W of the town of N. Powder on the Anthony Lakes Hwy and adjacent to the N. Powder River; stocked once in April with catchable Rainbow Trout; bank access is somewhat limited due to heavy vegetation; aquatic plant growth also limits some angling methods.

**Haines Pond:** A small 2 acre pond located ½ mile N. of Haines, adjacent to Hwy 30; stocked 2 times in April-May with catchable Rainbow trout.

**Hwy 203 Pond:** An 11 acre pond located at the intersection of Hwy 203 and I-84, 5 miles N. of Baker City; stocked 2-3 times in April-May with catchable Rainbow trout.

**Thief Valley Res.** A popular desert reservoir, 900 acres (full pool), located 16 miles SE of the town of Union via Hwy 207 and Telocaset; stocked annually with 100 thousand Rainbow finerling; trout in excess of 17” not uncommon; periodic, late summer total drawdowns seem to occur every few years followed by a year limited availability of catchable trout; crappie, largemouth bass, and bullheads are also available; popular ice fishing waterbody; some primitive campsites available. The Powder River immediately below Thief Valley Res is usually worth the effort for catching good sized Rainbows.

**Wolf Cr. Res:** A 200 acre reservoir, located between La Grande and North Powder, 4 ½ miles W of I-84 at the Wolf Cr exit; stocked annually with Rainbow finerling; creels include trout up to 15”; picnic area and boat ramp available; popular ice fishing.

**Pilcher Cr. Res:** A 140 acre reservoir, located approximately 10 miles W of North Powder via Anthony Lakes Hwy, Elkhorn Wildlife Area Road, and Tucker Flat Road; stocked annually with Rainbow fingerling; creels include trout up to 17” when reservoir sustains above minimum pool for several years; crappie available; primitive campsites available; 5 mph maximum boat speed.

**Balm Cr. Res:** A 75 acre reservoir in a forested setting, located 10 miles SE of Medical Springs via USFS Rd. 70; stocked annually with Rainbow finerling; catchable trout creels of up to 15” available providing no major drawdown the proceeding year; some Smallmouth Bass available.
(illegal stocking) some boat motor restrictions (see angling synopsis or Marine Board regulations); USFS camping nearby.

**Eagle Cr.:** Public access areas directly downstream from Boulder Park for 5 miles and the W. Fk. Meadows, both areas stocked 2-3 times in July-August with catchable Rainbow Trout; wild Brook Trout available; several USFS primitive campsites available.

**Pine Cr & N. Fk Pine Cr** (near Halfway); Public access area generally stocked with catchable Rainbow Trout, 1-3 times, in late June-July; stocking highly dependent on suitable flows. USFS campgrounds available in the N. Fk area.

**Twin Lake** (Halfway area): A five acre, woodland setting lake, located 33 miles from Halfway via Halfway-Wallowa Mtn Loop Rd and USFS Rd 66; stocked twice with catchable Rainbow Trout in June-July (when accessible); Brook trout available; USFS campground at lake.

**Brownlee, Oxbow, and Hells Canyon Reservoirs:** Generally excellent angling reservoirs for Rainbow trout, crappie, bas, catfish, bullheads, and perch. Brownlee Reservoir is annually supplemented with 100 thousand Rainbow fingerling. Warmwater fishery highly variable with reservoir drawdowns.

**Hells Canyon Dam:** A good Rainbow Trout fishery exists for the 1 mile+/- of foot access below Hells Canyon Dam; trout in 15” - 17” range are not uncommon.

**Powder R (below Phillips Res.):** Approximately 4 miles of public access stream beginning immediately below Mason Dam; stocked several times with catchable trout, June – August depending on flow release from Dam; handicap accessible picnic area at upstream end.

**Phillips Res:** One of NE Oregon’s largest reservoir, 1500 acres at full pool; located 17 miles SW of Baker City along Hwy 7; stocked annually with Rainbow fingerling and catchable trout; trout production has been somewhat limited in recent years due to abundant populations of yellow perch; ice fishing is popular; USFS camp sites available during summer recreation season.

**Unity Reservoir:** A large, 974 acre reservoir (full pool) located 3 miles N of the town of Unity along Hwy 7; a popular trout/bass/crappie angling waterbody; stocked annually with over 100 thousand Rainbow fingerling; a nice State Park and boat ramp available.

**Murray Reservoir:** A 45 acre reservoir, located 9 miles S of the town of Unity along Hwy 26, immediately adjacent to highway; stocked twice in late April-May with catchable Rainbow Trout; bank fishing only, **no floating devices**; private property with public access; courteous use encouraged.

**Long Cr Reservoir:** A seven acre reservoir in an aspen draw, 10 miles S of the town of Unity. Stocked annually with Rainbow fingerling; conducive to float tube angling; some primitive campsites available.
Higgins Reservoir: A 100 acre waterbody (full pool) located 5 miles NE of the town of Unity or 5 miles directly E of Unity Res; via a very primitive road; stocked with Rainbow fingerling, large trout (14”+) not uncommon during non-drought years; consider camping at State Park at Unity Reservoir; majority of access is on private property with public access so courteous usage is strongly encouraged.

Burnt River, S. Fk.: Approximaterly 3 miles of public land access, beginning 6 miles SW of the town of Unity; stocked twice, late April-May, with catchable Rainbow Trout; several primitive USFS Campgrounds available.

Anthony Lake: Near Elkhorn summit on Anthony Lk Hwy; adjacent to ski resort; stocked several times each summer with catchable Rainbow Trout, beginning in late June. Brook trout also available. A fairly new multi-use USFS campground is present a the lake.

Umatilla River Watershed

McNary Channel Ponds: A series of Corps of Engineer constructed stream and ponds, built within a day use area accenting native vegetation; located just below McNary Dam, near the town of Umatilla; a popular site for the locals; stocked 3-4 times with catchable Rainbow Trout, late March – early June; largemouth bass, Bluegill, and Catfish also available; nice picnic areas and one of the best handicap accessible ponds in NE Oregon.

Hatrock Pond: A six acre pond located within Hatrock State Park, located 10 miles from Hermiston via Hwy 207; stocked 2-3 times with catchable Rainbow Trout late March – early June.

Weston Pond: A small half acre pond, located 10 miles east of Weston along the Tollgate Hwy 204, adjacent to ODOT gravel yard; stocked twice in late April – early May with catchable Rainbow Trout.

Willow Cr. & Willow Cr. Res. (Heppner): The 110 acre reservoir located adjacent to the town of Heppner and is stocked annually with Rainbow catchables and fingerlings; lake has abundant populations of warm water species e.g. bass, crappie, pumpkinseed; boat ramp and camping available; creek is stocked 1-2 times, with catchable Rainbows, in the late spring; in the town of Heppner and downstream when flows allow.

Cutsforth Pond: A small half acre pond, located 20 miles SE of Heppner along USFS Rd 53; stocked twice Apr-May with catchable Rainbow Trout; camping and handicap accessible.

Penland Lk: A privately developed 60 acre lake with public acces, located 25 miles SE of Heppner off USFS Rd 53; stocked annually with Rainbow fingerling; a productive lake given successive years without winterkill, a shallow lake; a nice lake for canoeing and row boats.
**Umatilla Forest Ponds** (Umatilla drainage): A half dozen small ponds scattered in the S. Starkey-Ukiah area, generally located along USFS Rds 21, 5412 and 52. Ponds are stocked twice annually with catchable Rainbow Trout, late May – early June. Maps are available at the Ukiah USFS Ranger Station Office and ODFW District office in Pendleton.

**Tatone Pond**: A one-acre pond, located 5 miles west of Boardman, from I-84 take Exit 159 (Tower Road), head north across railroad track turn east onto dirt road, continue about ¼ mile to parking lot. Pond is located aprox. 1/8 mile to the north. Pond is stocked with catchable rainbow trout in March and April.

**Jubilee Lake**: Located approximately 10 miles N. of Tollgate (Hwy 204), look for Jubilee Lake sign; a 90 acre lake; typically inaccessible due to snow drifts prior to mid-June; stocked with fingerling and catchable Rainbow trout; Multi-use camping available; boat ramp available, electric motors only.

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**Walla Walla Forest Ponds**

**Walk-in Pond - 0.75 acres**: Take forest Road 21 north from Interstate-84, and then left on road 3102 (Mt. Emily Snopark) about one mile to a locked gate. Park at the gate and walk about 1.5 miles to the pond. The pond, not visible from the road, is located 100 yards off the 3102 road to the right, near the 160 spur.

**Boundary Pond - 0.7 acres**: Take Forest Road 31 north from Interstate-84 about 3.7 miles to the National Forest boundary sign. The pond is located approximately 100 yards to the left of the road, and is not visible from the road.

**Owlsley Pond – 0.2 acres**: Take Forest Road 31 north from Interstate-84 about 9 miles to Forest Road 3109. Travel Forest Road 3109 approximately 0.3 miles and turn left on the 010 spur for about 0.3 miles to the pond. Stay to the left.

**Keyhole Pond – 0.4 acres**: Take Forest Road 31 north from Interstate-84 about 9.9 miles to spur road 090. Take spur 090 about 0.8 miles to 094. Pond is located to the right of 094.

**Skyline Pond – 0.1 acres**: Take Forest Road 31 north from Interstate-84 about 16.9 miles to spur road on right (about 0.9 miles south of the jct. of Forest Road 3120). Proceed about 200 yards on this spur road. Pond is on the left.

**Black Mountain Pond – 0.34 acres**: From Oregon Hwy. 204, take Forest Road 31 south to Forest Road 3128, then Forest Road 3135 to spur road 030. The pond (not visible from the road) is 0.25 miles down the spur 030 on the left.

**Nine Mile Pond - .45 acres** (formerly Horse Camp Pond.) From Oregon State Hwy 204, travel 3 miles south on Forest Road 31 to spur road 287. The pond is located just off Forest Road 31 at spur 287.

**Shimmiehorn Pond – 0.3 acres**: From Oregon Hwy 204, take Forest Road 31 South to Forest Road 3128, then Forest Road 3130 to spur road 013. This pond, not visible from the road, is located 0.25 miles down spur road 013 on the left.
Anson Wright Pond: A small half acre pond located within Anson Wright County Park, 25 miles SW of Heppner on Hwy 207; stocked 2-3 times, March – May with catchable trout.


Cavendar Pond: A 5 acre reservoir, located ½ mile NW of the town of Monument; stocked 1-2 times, April – May with catchable trout.

Long Cr. Pond: A small ½ acre gravel pit pond, located 2 miles W of the town of Long Creek; stocked twice March-April with catchable Rainbow Trout.

Seventh Street Pond: A small ½ acre pond located on the N side of the town of John Day. Stocked 2-3 times April – May with catchable Rainbow Trout.

Trout Farm Pond: A small half acre pond, located 15 miles SE of Prairie City on the Logan Valley – John Day River Road; stocked twice annually, May – early June with catchable Rainbow Trout; USFS campground.

Bull Prairie Res: A scenic 25 acre lake located 35 miles S of Heppner or 18 miles from Spray, E then N via Hwy 19 to 207 & USFS Rd 2039; stocked annually with Rainbow and Brook Trout fingerling; motors on boats prohibited; camping and boat ramp available.

Aldrich Ponds: Two ponds 5-8 acres in size, located 8 miles E of Dayville via Hwy 26, S on 4WD road for 5 miles, foot trail for one mile; stocked annually with Rainbow Trout fingerling; thunderstorm activity can make already difficult vehicle access impossible; special regulations in effect, see angling synopsis.

Brandon Pond: A small one acre pond recently developed adjacent to the ODFW Screen shop in John Day; turn N at the Pacific Pride fuel station (W. side of town on Hwy 26); stocked 1-2 times April – May with catchable trout.

Magone Lake: A 36 acre lake in a wooded setting, located NE of John Day via Hwy 26 for approx. 10 miles, N on Rd 18 for approx. 13 miles; road is nearly all paved; stocked annually with Rainbow and Brook Trout fingerling; motor boats allowed with restrictions (see angling synopsis or Marine Board Regulations); campground; ice fishing.

Umatilla Forest Ponds (John Day drainage): A dozen small ponds scattered in the Ukiah-Heppner area, generally S of the Heppner-Ukiah Hwy (USFS Rd 53), and S of Ukiah on the 52 Rd. Ponds are stocked once annually with catchable Rainbow Trout in early June. Maps are available at the Ukiah USFS Ranger Station Office and the ODFW District office in Pendleton and John Day.