

**Raising funds to
restore the aquatic
environment of the
Denver S. PLATTE
RIVER**



Denver Trout Unlimited

Press Kit

**Carp Slam 9
Saturday TBD
Tournament - 9-12AM, 3-5PM
After Party - 7PM
at Battery 621 - Kalamath St**

Coverage Suggestions

Event Overview:

Carp Slam?

It's a fly fishing tournament where the finest professional and amateur anglers in the region (and beyond) match wits with the wily and elusive common carp. Carp are one of the most difficult freshwater fish to pursue on fly – meanwhile the urban South Platte River running through downtown Denver is one of the finest carp fisheries in North America. The purpose of the tournament is to raise money for the reconstruction / rehabilitation of the Urban South Platte River below Chatfield Reservoir and through Denver.

You're raising money for what!? Who cooked up this wild scheme?

Actually, the Denver Chapter of Trout Unlimited has been working with the South Suburban Parks and Recreation District for several years studying how the Carson Nature Center's reach of the South Platte can be enhanced to support a better native fish population, recreational fishery and riparian habitat.

Carson Nature Center - Completed May 2013.

In 2011 the city of Littleton and the board of South Suburban Parks and Recreation approved the design and funded the first phase of restoration. Denver Trout Unlimited contributed \$10,000, raised through the Carp Slam, to the project and has leveraged that money into a Fishing is Fun grant of \$80,000. Construction started April 2013 and finished the end of May 2013. Immediately, within hours, trout inhabited the new runs, pools, and glides.

Jackass Gulch silting abatement - DTU is an interested party with City of Littleton and Urban Drainage and Flood Control in this project just upstream of Carson. It has been funded and will get underway in 2015.

Overland Park Pond - Completed July 2013. We contributed \$15,000 toward reconstruction of Overland Park pond and river front to serve as a gateway for young anglers. These funds were used as matching funds to complete the deepening, shaping, and reconstruction of the pond and river front.

Overland-Grant-Frontier Parks -DTU has worked with the City and County of Denver and the Greenway Foundation on a River Vision South Platte Restoration plan, contributing \$25,000 to the project. Construction began in October 2015. Ultimately, at least \$4 million will be spent to improve several miles of the Urban South Platte.

PURE Trash Study.- Working with the Greenway Foundation we were founding members of PURE, Protect Our Urban River Environment, which has a 2 year grant to develop strategies to keep trash out of the S.Platte.

Denver South Platte - Minimum Flow Study. DTU commissioned a \$4,000 study of the flows in the Denver South Platte to pinpoint when dangerous low flows occur and what minimum flows are necessary to protect the aquatic habitats we are restoring.

Sheridan River Front Park - DTU has pledged \$10,000 in support of a follow-on project downstream from the Carson project. Engineering and studies started in the fall of 2014.

Calls & Release Coalition - DTU has pledged \$6,000 to work with Greenway Foundation in setting up a coalition of municipal, state and government agencies, water rights holders, and other major water shareholders to coordinate releases for the delivery of water to ensure optimal aquatic habit flows in the Denver South Platte.

Coverage Angles

- Official Carp Slam Brochure
- Fund Raising for Aquatic Habitat
- Human Interest - Bring back the bugs.
- Historical References - Pollution of the South Platte in the 1880's
- Ironic - Iconic- Iconoclastic
- Slamateurs and Pros - Past Winners
- Low Flows- Challenge for organizers
- 10 Things you didn't know about the Colorado Dorado
- After Party - Evening on the South Platte
- Coverage- Where to be, how to watch, how to cover, who to watch- Cell phone coverage and twitter alerts -
- Maps - In every format imaginable-
- Fashion - Sadly, last year's best dressed is not entered, but the worst dressed is.
- Official Rules and Contacts

A separate page has been provided for each coverage angle. For additional information please do not hesitate to call, email, or text the sources on each page.

Photos from prior years Carp Slam can be found on [Carp Slam Photo Galleries](http://www.denvertu.org/carp-slam-2013/)
www.denvertu.org/carp-slam-2013/

Please give credit for photos for:
2011 to Joe Kingry Photography
2012 to Randall Paetzold Photography

Videos celebrating the Denver Trout Unlimited Carp Slam

- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7JxYje_g76M 2013 Carpslam 7
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D8y30pDAHml> 2012 Carpslam "Luna Landings"
- http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vyz_Ohu8lcQ 2011 Carpslam Trailer
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OzfbiffCzQU> 2010 Carpslam "Restoration of the South Platte"
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sYOPuDXOFWI> 2011 Will Rice – The South Platte Needs Your Help

Fundraising for aquatic habitat.

Professional Fly Fishers are recruited but Slamateurs must win a spot, pay an entry fee, and the compete in fund raising before they fish.

The Carp Slam has raised almost \$80,000 over its first eight years to improve the 26 miles of aquatic habitat in the Denver South Platte.

Slamateurs wishing to enter this iconic contest must hover over their keyboards at the moment registration is open. It is harder to secure a spot in this tournament than to get into the "A" seating on Southwest. A practice site is available for prospective Slamateurs to practice making the paypal donation required to secure a spot. DTU keeps the practice donations for the cause.

Once the Slamateur is registered, they supply a photo usually holding a large fish, and some bio material for their fund raising page.

In the months, weeks, and days leading up to the Carp Slam, these Slamateurs spam their contact lists, christmas lists, LinkedIn connections, Facebook friends, family members, business associates, fishing buddies, and total strangers with the opportunity to donate to the aquatic habitat restoration of the Denver South Platte. Many are glad to do it.

Donations are accepted on-line through Paypal up until the winner of the Fund Raising contest is announced at the Carp Slam Afterparty.

In 2014 Alan Rivoir and Sam Doyle engaged in a brutal fund-raising battle for top prize of an Orvis Helios fly rod. Alan and Sam both set new fund raising records of \$8,000 and \$5,300 respectively. Truly a spectacular result from an intense contest.

Official Carp Slam Brochure

A high quality brochure can be downloaded from:

<http://goo.gl/8ZUOI>



Human Interest - Bringing back the bugs

Bringing back the bugs

During the rapid growth of the American West in the 1870's, Denver like other places had managed to badly pollute their river with tannery, mining, and other industrial and residential wastes. Fish were killed directly by poisons and lack of oxygen and indirectly when the high quality food sources of the fish, aquatic insects like mayflies, caddis flies, and caddis flies, were killed off as the South Platte River died.

The Carp Slam raises funds through entry fees, generous sponsors like Wells Fargo and Trout's Fly Fishing, a social media Fund Raising Contest, a silent auction, tickets to an after party, and the Rainbow Release. These funds, in the neighborhood of \$15,000, are used to help bring back the bug life and health of the Denver South Platte.

Denver Trout Unlimited brings focuses on what is going on below the waterline to ensure that the river will be healthy and provide a habitat for trout, as well as bass and carp during both low flows, higher temperatures, and runoff conditions. With strong participation of Denver Trout Unlimited and matching money provided from previous Carp Slams, the current River South Implementation Plan includes in-stream work to provide below the surface habitat and food sources to sustain a healthy fish population.

The Carp Slam is probably the only fund raiser in the Denver Area intent on helping bugs.

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Historical Reference:

How the Carp wound up in the Denver South Platte.

In 1879 the German common carp was brought from the reflecting pool of the Washington Monument in a railroad "fish" car by the U.S. Commission on Fish and Fisheries and dumped from the railroad bridge just below the confluence of Cherry Creek and the South Platte. The purpose was to provide fresh fish to Denver since the South Platte had been overfished and polluted. Like many grand plans, the food fish idea didn't catch on in Denver or anywhere else in America. We have all been raised to despise the Carp as ugly and a nuisance.

But in 2006, Barry Reynolds, Denver resident and author of "Carp on a Fly", convinced his other Denver Trout Unlimited Board Members, that the carp in the South Platte were actually an extremely exciting and difficult to catch game fish which could be used as a basis for a fund raising fly fishing contest. The first Carp Slam was held that year and began the rehabilitation of the reputation of the carp, as the Denver Chapter of Trout Unlimited dedicated itself to the rehabilitation of the Urban South Platte.

The Denver South Platte is now recognized world wide as an excellent carp fishing destination. It has a chapter in Chris Santella's book "50 More Places to Fly Fish Before You Die". And The New York Times, February 13, 2012 further enhance our fishery with an article entitled, "Carp gain as fly-fishing favorite."

<http://www.nytimes.com/2012/02/13/sports/carp-now-a-worthy-fly-rod-target-in-united-states.html>

"Freedom for the River Queen" by John Davenport - editor Trout Unlimited eNews - Reviewed by the [Denver Post NextGen](#)
<http://nextgen.yourhub.com/article/ipad-fun-all-ages>
http://www.loghouse.com/books/Freedom_for_the_River_Queen.html

Ironic - Iconic- Iconoclastic

Ironic

The more successful the Carp Slam, the less inviting the Denver South Platte will be to carp, which will mean there could be few carp to slam. Although we appear to be a long way from crystal clear and cold South Platte River, each year of the contest has yielded a surprising steady increase in the catch of both trout and bass. The river is improving and nothing would please the organizers more than to change the rules of the contest. The carp however will probably always be present in the South Platte as its close relative, the native but now absent pike minnow was.

Iconic

The Carp Slam gives the non-fishing public a chance to witness first hand the iconic ballet of fly-fishers as they battle a wily and incredibly strong fish on light weight tackle. The brute force of the carp is more than enough to break the 6 pound test strength of the angler's tippet, shatter the delicate carbon fiber rod, or runout the 100 yards of backing on the reel. The chase of the angler and partner up and down hundreds of yards or so of the South Platte can last up to 45 minutes. They must carefully guide the carp to shallow and unobstructed water where the carp will be netted, unhooked from the barbless hook, measured by a Carp Slam official, revived if necessary and gently released. Photographic opportunities abound from the bridges and banks for the both the public and the press to catch this amazing athletic performance of fish and fisher.

Iconoclastic

The perception of the carp as a nuisance fish is shattered on closer observation. Their golden color, strength, social organization and behavior prove that the status of the "Colorado Dorado" is as it should be "prized catch & release game fish."

Slamateurs and Professionals

The Amateurs compete on two levels-

The Carp Slam Amateurs, called Slamateurs, are a very important part of the fund raising effort. They must pony up a \$400 entrance fee and then, true South Platte lovers all, they compete against each other in raising money for the cause from their facebook friends, Twitter followers, family, and fishing buddies.

The second level is competing with their team mate against the 14 other fierce fly-fishers. The pressure on the professional guides to out-fish other guides from competing fly-shops is intense. Rob Kolanda, Team US Fly-Fishing member, has won the contest twice and no one wants him to three-peat. Barry Reynolds, the father of fly-fishing for Carp on the South Platte and inventor of the Carp Slam, has been second so many times that just having him on the river intimidates both the carp and the carpers. Until 2011, the unaccustomed pressure on the amateurs has generally kept their catch small. But Tanner Trevor, Hero of the South Platte for discovering the Suncor Sand Creek Oil Spill in November 2011, changed all that by his incredible performance at Confluence Park to win the 2011 Carp Slam. Clint Packo his professional partner said, "This guy is an amateur? Maybe we need a new definition." In 2011 the teams caught 16 carp and 15 trout, bass, and walleye. In 2012 with flows down to only 55 CFS 15 carp were caught but no trout or walleye. Clint Packo repeated his 2011 victory, with Will Rice as his amateur partner, in an astounding battle against a 28.5 inch carp in and around a series of bridge piers. Will's exciting recount of this battle is published here: <http://troutsflyfishing.com/news/carp-slam-6-recap-aka-diary-of-a-net-caddy/>

In 2013 flows returned to a good 177 cfs. Thirteen carp were landed by 9 teams. Scott Demoss was again a standout slamateur landing 3 fish and carrying along his professional Dave Luna. Frank Smethurst landed the largest carp at 33 1/2 inches. More teams than ever before caught these elusive denizens of the Denver South Platte verifying the increasing sophistication of our competitors as they figure out how to get trick these fish with a fly.

Beats and fishing partners are drawn from a fishing hat the night before the event. Every year, like every day on the stream, presents a different challenge. The contest has weathered extreme changes in flow from treatment plant releases, Chatfield Reservoir releases, full moons, and droughts.

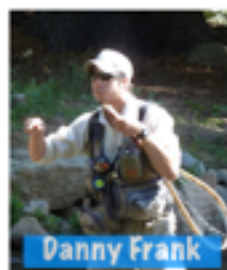
| 2014 177 cfs | Place | Amateur | Pro | Inches of Carp |
|---------------------|--------------|---|------------------|-----------------------|
| 188 5PM | | 1 Brett Graham | Frank Smethurst | 52.375 |
| 9/6/2014 | | 2 Alan Rivoir | Luke Bever | 49.25 |
| | | 3 Matt Esson | Scott Wells | 46.75 |
| | | Frank Smethurst | Biggest Carp | 30.375 148.375 |
| | | Barry Reynolds - Walleye | Biggest Exotic | 21 |
| | | Emery 15 in Rainbow @ Milehigh, Packo- Dead Beaver not counted. | | |
| | | Numerous small mouth bass 10-15in. | | |
| | | Alan Rivoir win Orvis Helios Rod fund raising contest w/ \$8,000 !!! total. | | |
| | | Sam Boyle comes in a close second with \$5,150 | | |
| | | The Slamateurs raised a total of over \$23,000 for the Denver S. Platte aquatic habitat. | | |
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| 2013 177 cfs | Place | Amateur | Pro | Inches of Carp |
| 204 5PM | | 1 Scott Demoss | Dave Luna | 87.5 |
| 9/7/2014 | | 2 Barry Howsden | Dave Maynard | 51.75 |
| | | 3 Will Rice | Frank Smethurst | 33.5 172.75 |
| | | Frank Smethurst | Biggest Carp Pro | 33.5 |
| | | Scott Demoss | Biggest Carp Am | 33.5 |
| | | No alternate species caught | | |
| | | Doug Long Fund Raising Winner with \$1,720 | | |
| | | The Slamateurs raised a total of \$9,219.21 with Stoney the homeless | | |
| | | South Platte Stonefly raising \$302. | | |
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| 2012 55 cfs | Place | Amateur | Pro | Inches of Carp |
| 8/25/2012 | | 1 Will Rice | Clint Packo | 83 |
| | | 2 Scott Demoss | Luke Bever | 71.25 |
| | | 3 Tyler Stuart | Cody Muchow | 54 208.25 |
| | | Clint Packo | Biggest Pro Carp | 30 |
| | | Scott Demoss | Biggest Am Carp | 24.75 |
| | Non-carp | many small mouth but no trout | | |
| | | Doug Long Fund Raising WINNER \$2,068 !!! | | |
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| 2011 168cfs | Place | Amateur | Pro | |
| | | 1 Trevor Tanner | Clint Packo | 111.75 |
| | | 2 Michael Gracie | Barry Reynolds | 81 |
| | | 3 Nathan Davis | Luke Bever | 72.75 265.5 |
| | Non-carp | | Ty Clifton | 22 Rainbow |
| 2010 280cfs | | 1 Phil Beranto | David Luna | 29 |
| | | 2 Justin Clark | Barry Reynolds | 29 |
| | | 3 Tony Kay | Chris Galvin | |
| | | Open-Fish Anywhere | | |
| | | 1 Tyler Kendricks | David Luna | |
| | | 2 Matt Nery | Kevin Nichols | |
| | | 3 Jake McKittrick | Barry Reynolds | |
| 2009 220cfs | | 1 Tyler Steward | Rob Kolanda | 131 |
| | | 2 Michael Gracie | Barry Reynolds | 55 |
| | | 3 Paul Gaeke | Matt Snider | |
| | Non-carp | Chris Crosby | | 17 Walleye |
| | Largest carp | | Luke Bever | 30 |
| 2008 | | | Rob Kolanda | |
| 2007 | | Jeff Byrd | Clem Rinehart | |



Sam Doyle



Matt Esson



Danny Frank



Brett Graham



Steve Hall



Barry Howsden



Dan Kagey



Doug Long



Shane Michael



Marshall Putzier



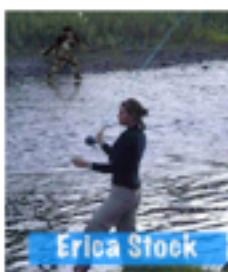
Alan Rivoir



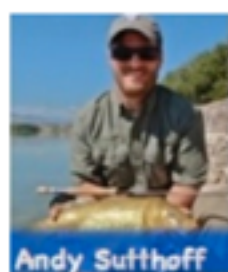
Jay Shoemaker



Stephen Sparks



Erica Stock



Andy Sutthoff

Slamateurs 2014



Luke Bever



Tom Ble



Nate Bronson



Ty Clifton



Chris Galvin



Cody Hoeckelberg



Dave Maynard



Gifford Maytham



Jake McKittrick



Cody Muchow



Clint Paeko



Barry Reynolds



Frank

Smethurst



Click to name

Trevor Tanner



Scott Wells

The Pros - Carp Slam 8

Low Flows- Challenge for organizers

Stream flows on the Denver South Platte are approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ of normal. While the carp in particular are adaptable to this low flow and higher temperature, they are acting cranky.

“Anyone who can catch one of the plentiful carp with a fly at the confluence with Cherry Creek, can catch a fish anywhere in the world,” said Clem Rinehart, Carp Slam event organizer and fishing guide. “Last year, Trevor Tanner, scored big on this beat. This year will be a completely different game.”

The Carp Slam pro/am fly fishing tournament, matches 15 professional guides with 15 amateurs (called Slamateurs) by random draw the night before the event. Each team fishes for 3 hours in the morning on one of the 15 beats (sections of the South Platte from 200 to 800 yards long). After lunch, they fish for three more hours on another randomly selected beat. During their fishing period they must alternate fishing for 30 minute periods each and during the last 30 minutes they may both fish at the same time. Controllers with tape measures record catches and species and for the first time this year, will text in results and fish-on signals to a central point for tweeting and facebook updates. Follow twitter @denvertu

For complete maps check the Maps insert included in this press kit. Last years beat maps are posted here <http://goo.gl/maps/UtDz> but check www.carpสลam.org , or www.denvertu.org for this years beats and best places to watch the action. Venues may have to be changed to account for the low flows.



Charly Stansbury looks for water:

<https://picasaweb.google.com/115495250551985075767/YouSentThemIn#5701995476649319458>

10 Things you didn't know about the Colorado Dorado (carp).

- 1. Most people find the carp among the **ugliest of fish** and the goldfish and the koi the prettiest. **These are exactly the same species, cyprinus carpio.** Various color varieties were developed using selective breeding in Japan and China long ago while Europe was busy with feudalism. The most beautiful and expensive show fish in the world are now called koi.
- 2. In 1879 the German common carp was brought from the reflecting pool of the Washington Monument in a railroad "fish" car by the U.S. Commission on Fish and Fisheries and dumped from the railroad bridge just below the confluence of Cherry Creek and the South Platte. The purpose was to provide fresh fish to Denver since the South Platte had been overfished and polluted. Like many grand plans, the food fish idea didn't catch on in Denver or anywhere else in America. We have all been raised to despise the Carp as ugly and **a nuisance.**
- 3. One of the **accidental side-effects** of the Carp Slam has been the rehabilitation of the **reputation** of the Carp. The Carp Slam Fly Fishing contest has given the carp a new status in the South Platte as a difficult to catch, ferocious fighting, gigantic fresh water game fish. There are over 20 recent videos on YouTube with over 17,000 views of fly fishing for carp on the South Platte in Denver. It was no problem finding 15 Professional Guides in the Denver area specializing in catching Metro South Platte carp.
- 4. There were **native carp** (the Colorado Pikeminnow or Squawfish) already in the South Platte when the German (common) carp were introduced.
- 5. The carp is **more highly evolved** than the trout. The carp has better hearing, a better sense of smell, a wider range of foods, and can actually breathe oxygen by gulping air on the surface.
- 6. The largest carp ever caught was **94 pounds.** Those caught in previous Carp Slams are more trim and agile usually in the 20 to 36 inch range. Carp can live to be 40 or 50 years old, **making them older and wiser** than most of the Carp Slam competitors.
- 7. A carp can spawn 4 or more times per year and can lay over **a million eggs.** The eggs and fry are an important food source for herons, otters, and largemouth bass.
- 8. Whether Carp are **good to eat or not is irrelevant** to the Carp Slam since we release them all. Millions of pounds of Mississippi River carp become gefilte fish each year. The Carp Slam, in recognition of the cooperation given by our partners, the South Platte carp, catch and then release in good health, all carp caught during the contest.
- 9. In **1653**, Isaac Walton the first fly fishing author, call the Common Carp the "Queen of the Rivers."
- 10. When a fish, a fruit, or a fashion falls out of favor, the only solution to social acceptance is a **name change.** War bonnets have come back, to every fly tier's disgust, as feather hair extensions. The Chinese gooseberry as everyone knows was renamed the kiwi. The slimefish was renamed Orange Roughy and the Patagonia Toothfish was renamed the Chilean Sea Bass. Grass carp were recently renamed the White Amur. But the much maligned common carp in the South Platte is still the carp after 130 years. Maybe "Colorado Dorado" would work. They are in Colorado and they are a golden color.

Denver Trout Unlimited
presents

EVENING FOR THE SOUTH PLATTE

featuring live music by
Ethyl and the Regulars

carp slam awards, food and drink,
photobooth, silent auction

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| Doors Open | Date | Price |
| 7:00 pm | September 7, 2013 | \$25.00 |

@Battery621
PROCEEDS BENEFIT
URBAN SOUTH PLATTE
RESTORATION

CARP SLAM

Barcode: EOTSP

The After Party:

Battery 621 - at Kalamath St & 6th Ave, Denver

Battery 621 is a happening event space not far from the South Platte. This culmination of the Carp Slam will include live music (Ethyl and the Regulars were a hit in 2013), food from 262 Creations, wine and beer from providers that are as dedicated to the Denver South Platte restoration as you are, a silent auction of incredible items, a photo booth and of course crowning of the winners of this years Annual Carp Slam.

Coverage

Where to be, how to watch and cover, who to watch- Cell phone coverage and twitter alerts -

Where to be and who to watch - Since all actions takes place along the South Platte River Trail, parking, camera viewpoints, and easy access make this the perfect event to cover. Here is the link to the possible parking places and beats from 2012. <http://goo.gl/maps/rT3gM> Check the Carp Slam, carpslam.org, and Denver TU, denvertu.org, websites the day of the event for possible low flow changes. Bicycles can be rented on the trail at REI next to Starbucks.

If you want to photograph catches as they happen, follow @denvertu on twitter. If you want to use photographs posted to our facebook page, feel free at <https://www.facebook.com/denver.troutunlimited>

If you want to see the most action, the beats between Speer Avenue and Mile High Stadium as well as 6th Avenue yielded 22 fish in 2011.

If you want to follow a favorite, send a message to @denvertu and we'll tell you where your favorite is fishing.

How to watch and cover - You have to be extremely careful to remain motionless and noiseless if the competitor is stalking a carp. They have highly evolved senses of sight and hearing. Their swim bladder is used as a reverberation chamber to amplify voices and footsteps far up the banks and they can detect flashes reflecting from your lenses while you are on the bridges. Once a fish is on, all bets are off and you'll see the angler thrashing the bushes and stumbling over rocks to try and land the fish. This is when you'll be able to maneuver to get you best shot. The fight could take 15 to 30 minutes.

Cell phone and twitter alerts - You can text John Davenport -717-648-3352 or tweet @denvertu with questions or to get updates.

Beat Maps for 2012,2013 and tentative 2014 - Check carpslam.org

Details -<http://goo.gl/maps/1kATY>

- I -70 - The Fuel Cafe**
Just park here or Gloveville Landing Park for this beat.
- G- Sand Creek - Metro Wastewater Plant**
This beat includes the river as well as about 1/4 mile of sand creek. This beat is unlimited downstream of the parking area. There are lots of fish around the pedestrian bridge 1/4 mile below the park...
- Sand Creek - 64th & York Street**
6300 York Street. Parking near the Platte River Bike Trail.
- F- Steele Street**
F (Steele) this is a huge beat encompassing about 1.5 miles of the river and a short section of clear creek. The beats extends from observation platform (~ 1 mile downstream of rail bridge) upstream
- Steele Street Parking Lot**
- E- 88th Ave**
Beat extends from ~1/2 mile downstream of 88th bridge upstream 1 observation platform. Scout deep hole, flat below bridge and deep water on river left from high bank on west side. Lots of hoppers ...
- Thornton Gravel Ponds**
88th Avenue and Colorado Blvd
- D- 104th Street High**
The beat extends from the 104th bridge upstream approx. 1 mile to mckay. It is tough going upstream of the dam. Most access to the river around the bridge is on the west side. Check out deep water ...
- 104th St. Valente Park**
Plenty of Parking
- C- 104th Ave LOW**
This beat includes the ponds in the park as well as the river unlimb downstream of the 104th ave. Bridge. Look for fish in deep water below the creek confluence (500 yds downstream of bridge) on w...
- B- 120th Pkwy High**
No marking except on jersey barrier at parking area. Free range upstream of the 120th bridge. Some big fish approx. 1/4 mile upstrea of bridge below small riffle. Look for them in deep slough on r...
- 120th Pkwy -**
Parking area in front of jersey barriers.
- A- 120th Pkwy Low**
No marking except on jersey barrier at parking area. Free range down stream from 120th bridge. It is a 5-10 minute walk to the river 1 mile of fish in the best holes. Take Rivinsky Ct north then



- O-Oxford**
O (oxford) Beat extends from Oxford upstream ~1.2 miles to the second drop structure. There is a narrow pond west of the 2nd drop This pond is in play. Take Rivinsky Ct north, then Washington St n.
- Oxford - 2501 W Oxford Ave**
Just on the west of where the South Platte crosses W Oxford then appears to be a public trail parking spot for the Mary Center Greenway Trail.
- N-Hampden**
Beat extends from Hampden ave upstream ~ 1.1 miles to Oxford Take Rivinsky Ct north, then Washington St north to I-70 west ramp Go west on I-70 then take I-25 south ramp. Take I-25 south and be R...
- N- Hampden**
Beat extends from Hampden ave upstream ~ 1.1 miles to Oxford Take Rivinsky Ct north, then Washington St north to I-70 west ramp Go west on I-70 then take I-25 south ramp. Take I-25 south and be R...
- M- Overland Park**
Beat extends downstream of Florida bridge ~1/2 mile and upstream from bridge ~ 0.4 miles. The pond at Overland is in play. Look for B around the culvert on W. side of river. Take Rivinsky Ct north...
- M-Overland Park - W. Florida Ave.**
Unlimb parking in a small lot at the park. More parking is across the river and south on S. Platte River Drive.
- L-Alameda**
This beat begins below the Alameda bridge at bypass and goes upstream approx. 1.5 miles to mckay. Fish are in deeper water below drops/bridges and near banks. Suggest you fish around alameda
- L- Alameda - S. Huron St Vanderbilt Park**
Vanderbilt Park is at the intersection of S. Platte River Drive and S. Huron St.
- K- 6th Avenue**
Beat extends from 13th ave. Bridge up stream to the drop above the railroad bridge. Lots of fish around 6th and 8th ave bridges. Some of the drops near top and bottom of beat. Take Rivinsky Ct north...
- K- 6th Avenue - 8th Avenue End**
Parking at Frog Hollow Park, the north end of this beat. Not much other parking in this industrial area.
- J- Sports Authority Field at MileHigh Stadium**
- Mile High or 23rd alternate parking - Park at Aquarium L**
This costs \$6 a day but you are in the city river.
- I- 23rd Street**
Beat extends from 31st st. Upstream to 19th street bridge ~ 1 mile river. Exit fuel parking lot, turn right on Rivinsky Ct, go to 31st ave, turn left over bridge and right on arkins ct. Arkins fol...
- 23rd Street - City of Cuernavaca Park**
Parking for Park Users, 3661 Rockmont Dr. Denver
- 23rd Street - Arkins Ct**
Lots of no parking signs along Arkins Ct. Park in the gravel lot also the midpoint of the beat.
- H- I-70**
Beat is from 31st downstream to ~1/2 mile below I-70 bridge. Total ~1.2 miles. You can walk to this beat from fuel cafe or go north on Rivinsky Ct, right on Washington St then immediate left on A...
- I-70 - Gloveville Landing Park**
3694 Arkins Ct, Commerce City. Parking for the Platte River Bike Trail.
- I -70 - The Fuel Cafe**
Just park here or Gloveville Landing Park for this beat.



Fashion

Best dressed:

In days of old, the 1780s, 1880's, and 1980's, fly fishing enthusiasts were attacked as being elitists and of trying to separate themselves from the riff-raft of anglers using bait, spinners, or dynamite. Fortunately, this is no longer true and most anglers chose the method of fishing they enjoy the most. (Hopefully, not dynamite.) Trout Unlimited would like to see everyone on the river fishing.

Anglers of today also pick their outfits on a highly individual basis depending on conditions and the need for stealth. As a result, some look good on the river and some, well not so much. Sabrina Stratford was by far our best dressed competitor 2011.

She also nearly won the non-carp species award with a 17.5 inch rainbow near mile-high stadium. But in the final 30 minutes of the contest, Ty Clifton, pulled a 22 inch rainbow trout from the same water. Speculation was that it was the same trout that grew 4 and ½ inches over lunch. This year we are delighted to have Erica Stock representing the fastest growing segment of the fly fishing community. As competitive as she is, she'll be shooting for largest amateur carp, overall team winner, and fund raising winner. She'll have to put in a special effort to also win best dressed because Jay Shoemaker apparently fly fishes in a suit.

Worst dressed:

Some may recognize this angler but he will go nameless. He is proof positive that this is not an elitist sport and that your catch will have nothing to do with the size of your credit card debt. You will notice however, that he is about to score a nice South Platte carp. He picked a blue theme to blend in with the blue Colorado skies and he is wearing a "buff" over his head and bill cap to further mask his appearance. This angler placed third last year and consistently brings in big fish who apparently are not slaves to fashion.



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