



Colorado Department
of Public Health
and Environment

WILLOW SPRINGS PONDS

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ATTENTION ANGLERS

Routine sampling has shown that some fish from this water exceed the tetrachloroethylene (PCE) site-specific screening level for recreational anglers established by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. Eating fish in amounts that exceed the levels recommended below may cause health problems.

Not all fish species present in the Willow Springs Ponds have been tested for PCE, and some fish species have been tested but there is insufficient data available to make a fish consumption recommendation. Species not tested include trout, and wiper. Species with limited data include channel catfish, bluegill and sunfish.

For those species which it has sufficient data, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment has categorized the fish according to PCE levels. To determine recommended amounts of these fish that may be safely consumed, find the fish you caught and follow the recommendations described below, in terms of the number of meals per week.

<u>FISH</u>	<u>SKINLESS FILLET GENERAL POPULATION</u>	<u>WHOLE (NOT GUTTED) FISH GENERAL POPULATION</u>
Largemouth Bass	2 Meals per Week	No Consumption Recommended
Western White Sucker	4 Meals per Week	1 Meal per Week
European Rudd	2 Meals per Week	2 Meals per Week

PLEASE REFER TO COLORADO DIVISION OF WILDLIFE FISHING REGULATIONS FOR LEGAL SIZES AND BAG LIMITS

Meal size for adults weighing 150 pounds = 8 ounces

Meal size for children weighing greater than 40 pounds = 4 ounces

Meal size for children weighing 20-40 pounds = 2 ounces

The report "Exposure and Health Effects Evaluation of PCE Contamination in Willow Springs Ponds" can be found <http://www.cdphe.state.co.us/dc/ehs/SchlageLockCo-WillowSpringsPondHC083006.pdf>. For questions regarding PCE in fish call the Water Quality Control Division (303 692-3500). For general information about fish and nutrition, consult: <http://www.epa.gov/waterscience/fish/>. For questions about human health and PCE call the Disease Control and Environmental Epidemiology Division (303 692-2700). For general information about Willow Springs Ponds, contact El Paso County Parks Department at 719 520-6375.