

# SOUTHERN UTAH FISHERIES

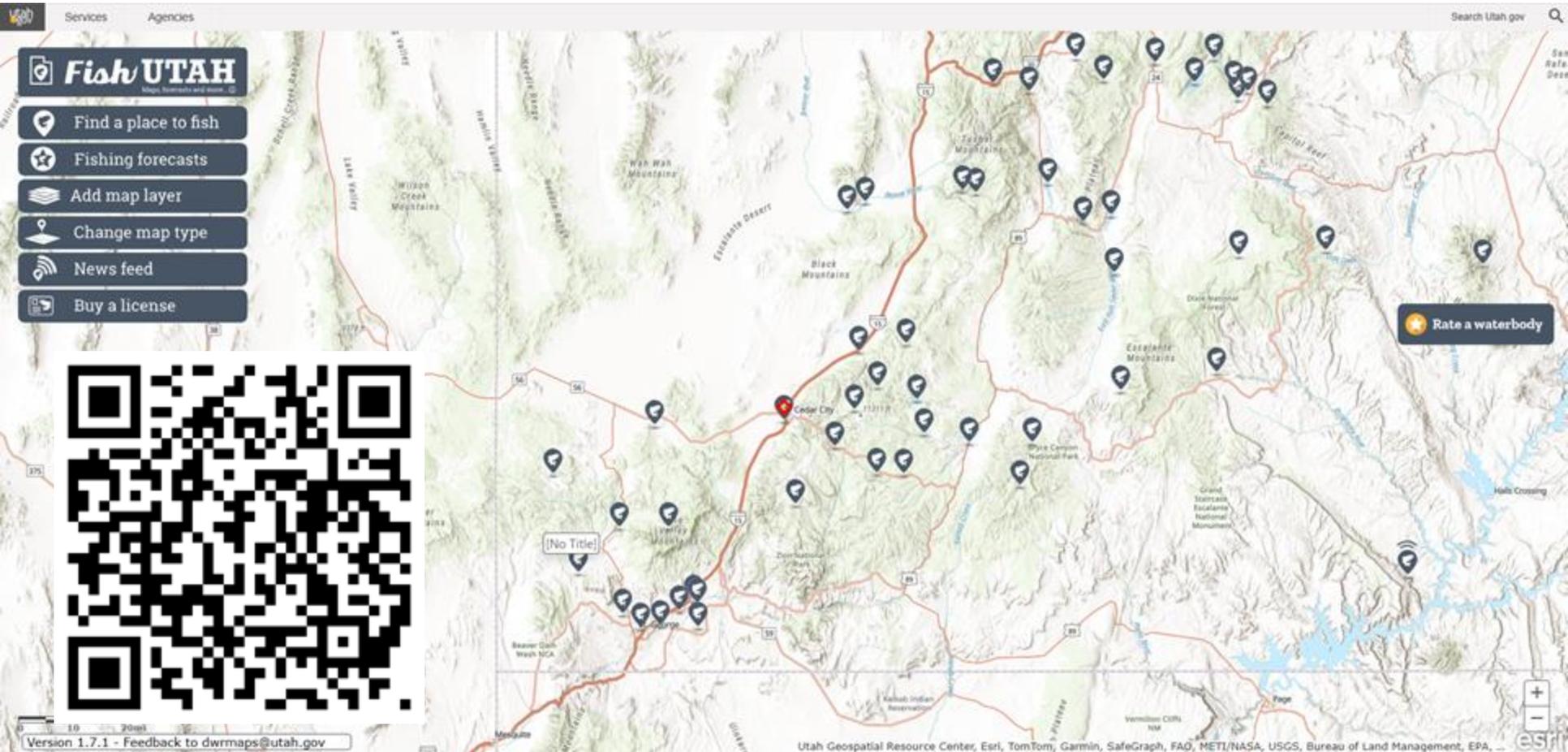


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## Otter Creek Reservoir (Blue Ribbon)

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**Description:** Otter Creek Reservoir is an impoundment of Otter Creek located about 50 miles south of Richfield, near the town of Antimony, at an elevation of 6,372 ft. At 2,500 acres, this is one of the primary irrigation storage reservoirs in the Sevier River basin and is one of the oldest dam projects in Utah. Although there is no conservation pool, water users generally leave enough water in the reservoir to maintain the fishery, except in years of extreme drought. Mean depth is 20 feet and maximum depth is 37 feet. [Otter Creek State Park](#) and the [Otter Creek RV Park and Marina](#) are located at the south end of the lake, providing camping, food, launch ramps, boat rentals, and gas. Numerous gravel county roads provide shore access to most of the reservoir as well, especially on the west shore. Primitive camping is allowed on BLM land accessed by these roads. Some access points also have restrooms.

**Otter Creek Reservoir is Utah's premier rainbow trout fishery.** It is one of the most productive lakes around, with stocked rainbow trout gaining over an inch of growth a month at times. The reservoir is one of our most popular fisheries and literally pumps out thousands of pounds of rainbow trout each year. (In fact, we know it's almost 117,000 lbs because we measured.) A 2016 angler survey found that anglers come from all over Utah (as well as a few other states) to fish at Otter Creek and they get to enjoy almost unprecedented catch rates, even during the "slow" periods in the heat of the summer. The average rainbow trout harvested measures 16 inches and weighs **two pounds!**

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# OTTER CREEK RESERVOIR

- Piute County (3.5 hrs from Park City)
- Elevation: 6,300 ft.
- Area: 2,500 Acres
- Mean depth: 20 ft. Max depth: 37 ft.
- Irrigation owns water rights (no C Pool)
- Sevier River Water Users
- Fed by Otter Cr, EF Sevier R
- State Park
- BLM access
- Blue Ribbon Fishery
- Challenges: water fluctuation, Utah chubs



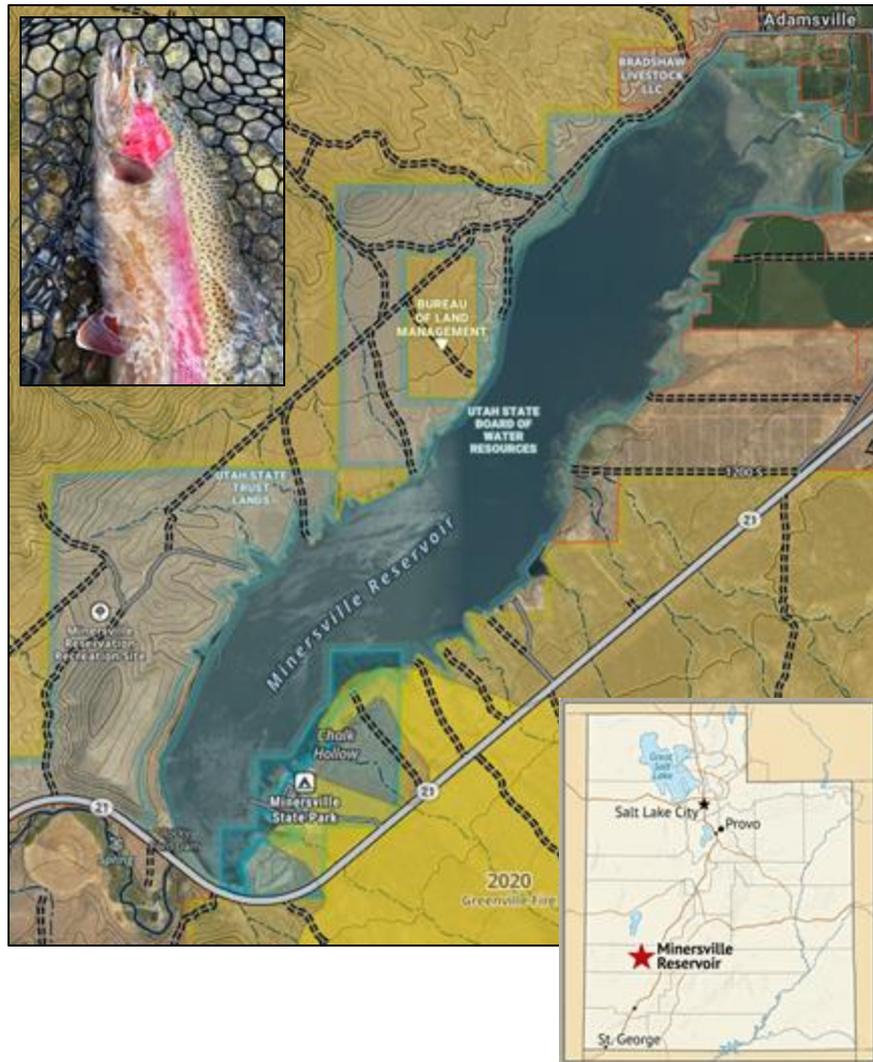
# OTTER CREEK RESERVOIR

- Utah's Premier Rainbow Trout Fishery!
  - Rapid growth: 7" → 19" in 2 yrs
  - High angler catch rate (best month - April)
  - Harvest opportunity & trophy fish
- Brown Trout: up to 11 lbs
- Wipers
  - Control chubs
  - Up to 18 lbs (state record)
- Smallmouth Bass
- Cuttbow experiment
  - Disease resistance
  - Longer lifespan?
  - Catchability?



# MINERSVILLE RESERVOIR

- Beaver County (3.5 hrs from Park City)
- Elevation: 5,500 ft.
- Area: 900 Acres
- Mean depth: 18 ft. Max depth: 45 ft.
- Small C pool (2000 ac-ft)
- Fed by Beaver R
- County Park
- BLM/state land access
- Blue Ribbon Fishery
- Challenges: water fluctuation, Utah chubs, bird predation



# MINERSVILLE RESERVOIR

- Trophy Rainbow Trout Fishery
  - Stock fewer, bigger fish
  - Special regs to limit harvest
  - Lower catch rate, high average size
- Wipers
  - Control chubs
  - Up to 16 lbs
- Smallmouth Bass
- Largemouth Bass



# PANGUITCH LAKE

- Garfield County (4.5 hrs from Park City)
- Elevation: 8,200 ft.
- Area: 1,200 Acres
- Mean depth: 19 ft. Max: 66 ft.
- Natural lake w/ dam
- Head of Panguitch Cr
- 2 campgrounds, resorts
- National Forest access
- Blue Ribbon Fishery
- Challenges:
  - Utah chubs: treatment
  - Water quality: algae blooms, fish kills



# PANGUITCH LAKE

Management Plan: Family and trophy fishery

- Rainbow Trout: 12-18"
- Bear Lake Cutthroat Trout: 12-22"
- Tiger Trout: up to 15 lbs

New predators: chubs return in 2020

- Wipers
- Tiger muskies

New dam  
Siphon



# KOLOB RESERVOIR

- Washington County (5 hrs from Park City)
- Elevation: 8,100 ft.
- Area: 250 Acres
- Kolob Cr
- Access by Water District
- Blue Ribbon Fishery
- Challenges:
  - Timing of water releases
  - Fish density



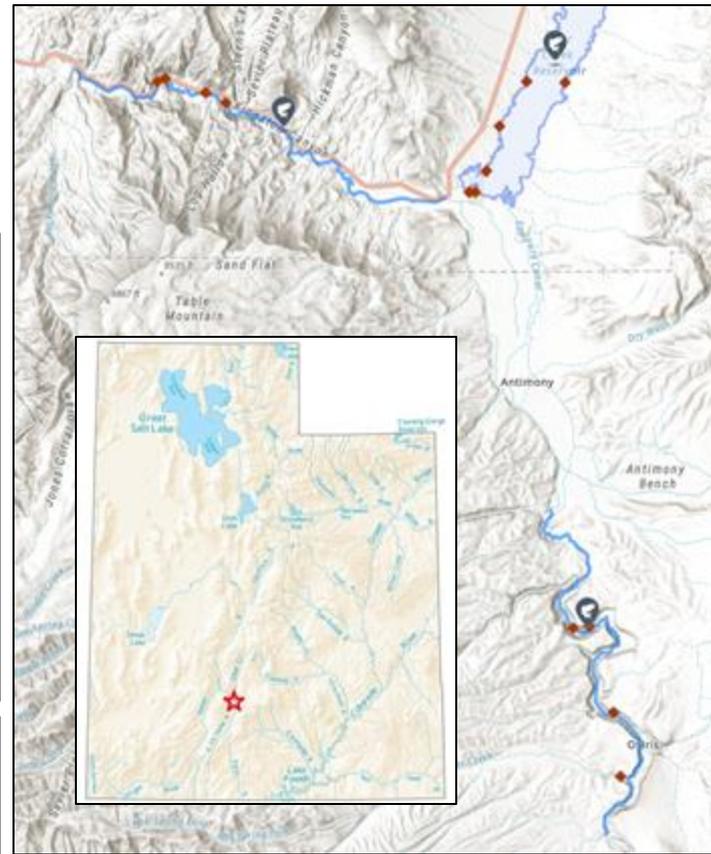
# KOLOB RESERVOIR

- Management Plan
  - Quality and trophy fish
  - Balance stocking, natural recruitment, harvest
  - Slot limit
  - Seasonal bait restriction
- Rainbow Trout
- Cutthroat Trout
- Hybrids
- Tiger Trout
- Brook Trout



# EAST FORK SEVIER RIVER

- Piute and Garfield Counties (3.5 hrs from Park City)
- Black Canyon
- Kingston Canyon
- State, BLM lands
- Private easement
- Blue Ribbon Fishery
- Brown Trout
- Rainbow Trout
- Cutthroat Trout



# UPPER SEVIER RIVER / ASAY CREEK

Garfield County (4 hrs from  
Park City)

Hatch (Sevier R)

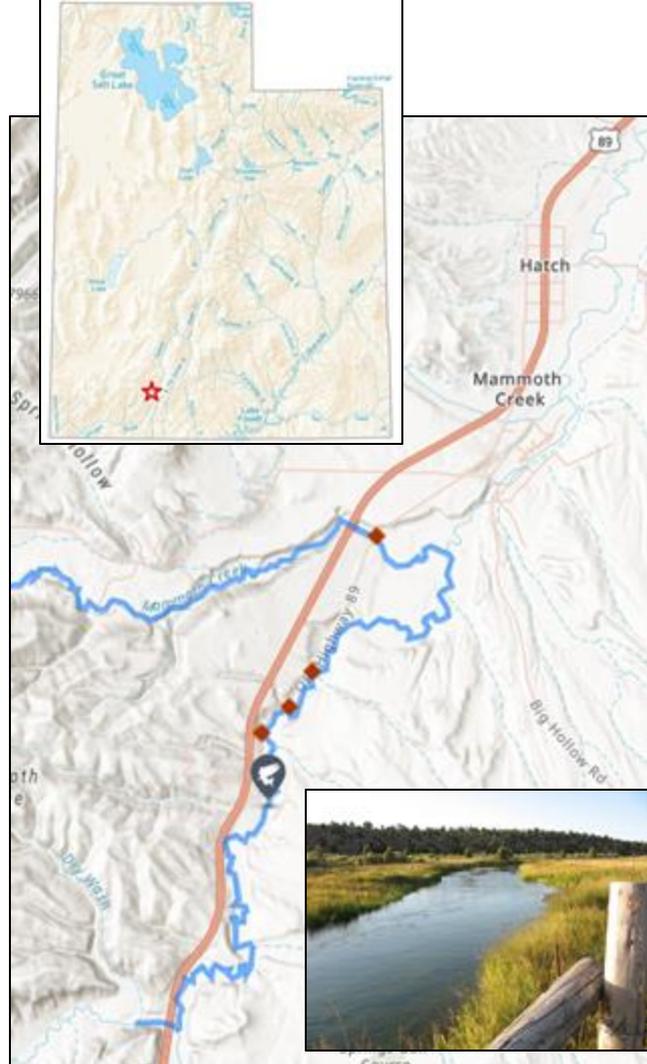
Above Mammoth (Asay Cr)

Private, State, BLM lands

Brown Trout

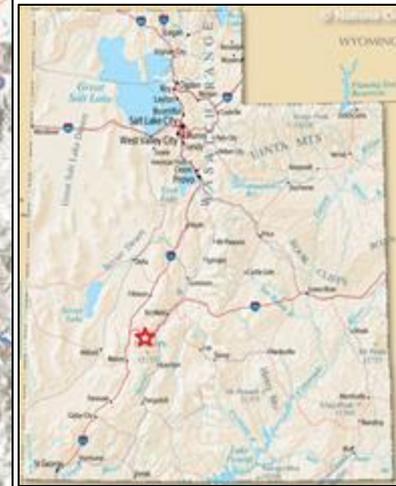
Rainbow Trout

Mountain Whitefish



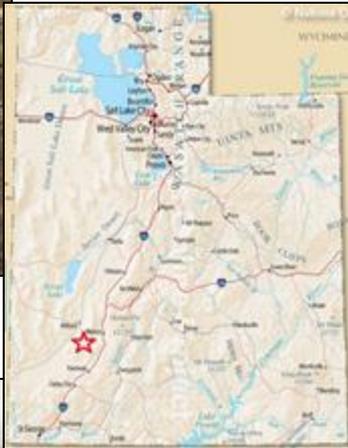
# CLEAR CREEK

- Sevier County (3 hrs from Park City)
- Bonneville Cutthroat Trout
- Fremont Indian State Park
- Fishlake National Forest
- Great access
- Four tributaries (total 65 miles)
- Blue Ribbon Fishery



# LOWER BEAVER RIVER

- Beaver County (3.5 hrs from Park City)
- Below Minersville Reservoir
- BLM and irrigation company
- Walk-in access
- Habitat work
- Brown Trout
- Rainbow Trout



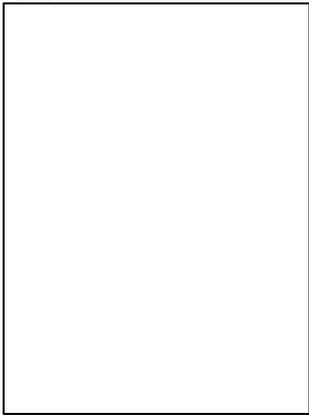
# FISH LAKE AREA

- Fish Lake: limited shore fishing
- Mill Meadow Reservoir
  - Competition w/ Utah Suckers
  - Brown, Rainbow, Tiger Muskie
- Forsyth Reservoir
  - Water Fluctuation
  - Tiger, Splake, Cutthroat
- UM Creek: Cutthroat, Tiger
  - Whirling disease
- Thousand Lake Mountain
- Gooseberry Lakes
- Salina Creek/Niotche Creek



# BOULDER MOUNTAIN

- 80 lakes, reservoirs, ponds
- Brook Trout
- Tiger Trout
- Colorado River Cutthroat Trout
- Splake
- Grayling
- Tiger Muskie
- Multiple management strategies
  - Opportunity
  - Quality
  - Trophy



# THANK YOU

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