

# FISHING AREAS ON THE NAVAJO NATION



## NORTHERN AREA

**Lake Powell:** Although the northern boundary of the Navajo Nation abuts Lake Powell, state of Utah or Arizona fishing permits are necessary for fishing. The Navajo Nation has no jurisdiction on the water. Boats cannot be launched during periods of low water levels.

**Colorado River:** The western boundary of the Navajo Nation parallels the Colorado River from Glen Canyon Dam to the Little Colorado River. The exact boundary varies from high water line to canyon rim, and is in dispute, so it is recommended that fishermen possess state fishing permits.

**1. White Mesa Reservoir:** In high water years, this is restocked with rainbow trout. This is a hidden lake that takes time to locate, but is 10 miles north of Tonalea, AZ. There are no facilities.

**2. Cow Springs:** This is a warm water reservoir about 240 acres, that supports catfish, bluegill, yellow perch and largemouth bass. It is located 30 miles northeast of Tuba City along U.S. Highway 160. The lake receives minimal fishing pressure due to its remoteness, so fishing tends to be good. No facilities are available at the lake. Tonalea is the nearest community with a store.

## CENTRAL AREA

**3. Antelope:** Antelope Lake is located approximately 16 miles southwest of Window Rock, AZ. The access road starts from the Summit Campgrounds 5 miles west of Window Rock, on Highway 264. This 3 acre lake is stocked with rainbow trout annually, depending on the water levels. There are no facilities.

**4. Ganado:** The dam on this 361 acre lake was recently rebuilt. The lake is stocked with channel catfish and largemouth bass. The lake receives limited fishing pressure and fishing should improve over the next few years as the fish grow.

**5. Many Farms:** Many Farms is a 1200 surface acre warm water lake stocked with channel catfish and largemouth bass. It also supports bluegill. This lake is located just northeast of Many Farms off of Route 191. There are no facilities and no boat ramps.

**6. Round Rock:** The dam on this lake was recently rebuilt. Channel catfish and rainbow trout are stocked into this lake annually. It is located southwest of the community of Round Rock, AZ.

**7. Tsaille:** This lake is one of the larger lakes on the reservation, which offers 260 acres of water when at full capacity. The water level has been lowered due to safety concerns on the condition of the dam. Dam construction will begin in 2005. The lake will still be stocked with limited trout and catfish numbers due to the water capacity at the lake. Fish species stocked, include rainbow trout, cutthroat trout, brown trout and channel catfish. There are no facilities.

**8. Wheatfields:** This lake has nearly 250 surface acres of water when at full capacity. The lake has been lowered due to dam hazardous conditions. Dam construction will begin in 2002. The lake will be stocked, but with limited numbers of trout. Fish species include rainbow, cutthroat and brown trout. Fishing and boating are a popular activity at this lake. There are picnic tables and fire rings. A store is also located at the northwestern shore between Route 12 and the lake. The lake is along Navajo Route 12, 45 minutes north of Window Rock, AZ. Limited facilities are available in summer and camp grounds areas are open year round.

**9. Red Lake:** This is a 800 acre lake just north of Navajo, New Mexico. It is a warm water lake that is stocked with channel catfish annually and largemouth bass biannually. The lake also supports northern pike and bluegill. The lake has been designated as a waterfowl refuge and no hunting is allowed.

**10. Asaayi:** This is a 39 acre lake with new facilities at the south shore. North shore facilities are currently being constructed. Asaayi Lake is located 7 miles south of Crystal, New Mexico on logging road 7110. It can also be accessed from Mexican Springs, New Mexico. Rainbow and cutthroat trout are stocked annually.

**11. Chuska:** Chuska Lake is located one mile east of Tohatchi, New Mexico. The lake has approximately 100 surface acres at maximum capacity. The dam has been recently renovated. The lake is stocked annually with channel catfish, rainbow and cutthroat trout. There are no facilities.

**12. Whiskey:** The 250 acre lake can produce healthy 20+ inch rainbow trout that can weigh over ten pounds. This lake is located approximately 15 miles south of Navajo Route 134, Narbona Pass. The lake can also be accessed from Mexican Springs and Navajo, New Mexico. There are no facilities. The lake often experiences winter kills some years, so call the main office for more details on conditions. This lake is open to fishing from May 1 through November 30. Fishing is not permitted from December 1 through April 30.

**13. Todacheene:** Todacheene Lake is 1/2 mile north of Route 134 off of Narbona Pass. Currently the lake is not being stocked due to summer kill.

**14. Aspen:** Aspen Lake is located between Todacheene and Berland Lake, 7 miles north of Narbona Pass. Rainbow trout are stocked during high water years. There are no facilities.

**15. Berland:** Berland Lake is another small lake north of Todacheene Lake on logging road 7170. It is great for rainbow trout and is best during early summers. There are no facilities.

## **NORTHEASTERN AREA**

**16. Morgan:** This 1200 surface acre lake provides cooling for the Arizona Public Service Company Power Plant. Temperatures can reach 100 degrees in the summer, so fishing is more popular during the winter months. The lake is stocked biannually with largemouth bass and annually with channel catfish. The lake is managed as a quality fishery and has special regulations for bass. No fish between 12 and 17 inches may be kept. Water skiing and wind surfing are also popular. There are no facilities.

**17. Cutter Dam Reservoir:** This reservoir is located approximately 8 miles southeast of Blanco, New Mexico. The lake serves as an irrigation pond for Navajo Agricultural Products Industry (NAPI). This lake is stocked with rainbow trout annually. Kokanee salmon are also present.

### **BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS ON NAVAJO NATION LAKES**

<u>SPECIES</u>	<u>BAG LIMIT</u>	<u>POSSESSION LIMIT</u>
All trout species	Eight (8)	Eight (8)
All trout species (Whiskey Lake)	Four (4)	Four (4)
Channel Catfish	Eight (8)	Eight (8)
Bass	Eight (8)	Eight (8)
Quality Bass (Morgan Lake)	Four (4)	Four (4)

## ASAAYI LAKE FEE INFORMATION

A camping fee of \$5.00 per site is required for Asaayi Lake. Groups of seven (7) or more people will be charged \$25.00 per campsite. A Group Shelter is available at \$50.00 per day to Navajo Nation Departments and other organizations. In accordance to Resources Committee Land Use Policies, all other recreation areas of the Navajo Nation require camping fees charged at \$5.00 per person per night. In addition a backcountry use permit is required for hiking at \$5.00 per person.

For more information about the Asaayi Lake campground and the area contact:  
NAVAJO NATION PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT  
P.O. BOX 9000  
WINDOW ROCK, AZ 86515  
(928) 871-6647

## THE NAVAJO NATION FISHING AND SMALL GAME PERMITS

<u>Class</u>	<u>Fees</u>
A. Season Navajo Fishing	\$18.00
B. Season Non-Navajo Fishing	\$35.00
C. Season Navajo Small Game	\$16.00
D. Season Non-Navajo Small Game	\$30.00
E. Season Navajo Fishing and Small Game	\$27.00
F. Season Non-Navajo Fishing and Small Game	\$50.00
G. One-Day Fishing (Navajo or Non-Navajo)	\$7.00
H. Three-Day Fishing (Navajo or Non-Navajo)	\$15.00
I. Second Rod Validation	\$5.00
J. Game Bird Validation	\$5.00
Watercraft Permit	\$18.00
Lifetime Fishing (Navajo Members 60 & over)	\$20.00
Commercial Water Dog Permit	\$300.00

(FEES SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

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