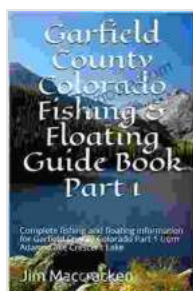


# The Ultimate Guide to Fishing and Floating in La Plata County, Colorado



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Nestled in the heart of Colorado's Rocky Mountains, La Plata County is a paradise for anglers and floaters alike. With its pristine rivers, serene lakes, and breathtaking scenery, it's no wonder that this county is a popular destination for outdoor enthusiasts. Whether you're a seasoned pro or a first-time visitor, our comprehensive guide has everything you need to plan your next fishing or floating adventure.

## Rivers

La Plata County is home to some of the most renowned trout fishing rivers in the state. Here are just a few of our top picks:

- **Animas River:** The Animas River is a world-class trout stream that offers a variety of fishing opportunities, from dry fly fishing to nymphing. The river is known for its large populations of brown and rainbow trout.
- **Florida River:** The Florida River is a smaller, more intimate stream that is perfect for fly fishing. The river is home to a variety of trout species, including brown, rainbow, and cutthroat.
- **Piedra River:** The Piedra River is a beautiful, high-mountain stream that is great for both fishing and floating. The river is home to a variety of trout species, as well as kokanee salmon.

## Lakes

In addition to its rivers, La Plata County is also home to a number of beautiful lakes. Here are just a few of our favorites:

- **Lake Nighthorse:** Lake Nighthorse is a large reservoir that is perfect for fishing, boating, and swimming. The lake is home to a variety of fish species, including walleye, bass, and crappie.
- **Vallecito Lake:** Vallecito Lake is a smaller, more secluded lake that is perfect for fly fishing. The lake is home to a variety of trout species, including brown, rainbow, and cutthroat.
- **Blue Mesa Reservoir:** Blue Mesa Reservoir is the largest lake in Colorado, and it offers a variety of fishing opportunities. The lake is home to a variety of fish species, including kokanee salmon, rainbow trout, and smallmouth bass.

## Float Trips

Float trips are a great way to experience the beauty of La Plata County from a different perspective. Here are a few of our recommended float trips:

- **Animas River Float:** The Animas River Float is a classic float trip that takes you through some of the most scenic sections of the river. The trip is suitable for all ages and experience levels.
- **Piedra River Float:** The Piedra River Float is a more challenging float trip that takes you through some of the most remote and beautiful sections of the river. The trip is recommended for experienced paddlers.

- **Vallecito Lake Float:** The Vallecito Lake Float is a relaxing float trip that takes you around the perimeter of the lake. The trip is perfect for families and those looking for a more leisurely experience.

## Maps and Resources

To help you plan your next fishing or floating adventure, we've compiled a list of resources, including maps, guide books, and websites:

- **La Plata County Fishing Guide:** This guide provides detailed information on all of the rivers and lakes in La Plata County, including fishing regulations, access points, and fish species.
- **Colorado Fishing Atlas:** This atlas provides maps of all of the major fishing spots in Colorado, including La Plata County.
- **American Whitewater:** This website provides information on all of the whitewater rafting and kayaking opportunities in Colorado, including La Plata County.

## Tips for Fishing and Floating in La Plata County

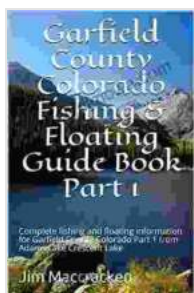
Here are a few tips to help you make the most of your fishing or floating adventure in La Plata County:

- **Check the weather forecast before you go:** The weather in the mountains can change quickly, so it's important to be prepared for all types of conditions.
- **Bring plenty of water and snacks:** You'll be spending a lot of time outdoors, so it's important to stay hydrated and energized.

- **Be aware of your surroundings:** The rivers and lakes in La Plata County can be dangerous, so it's important to be aware of your surroundings and take appropriate safety precautions.
- **Leave no trace:** Please pack out everything you pack in, and help keep La Plata County clean and beautiful.

Whether you're a seasoned pro or a first-time visitor, we hope that our guide has helped you plan your next fishing or floating adventure in La Plata County, Colorado. With its pristine rivers, serene lakes, and breathtaking scenery, this county is a paradise for outdoor enthusiasts.

So what are you waiting for? Start planning your next adventure today!



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