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Rocky Mountain National Park and Indian Peaks Wilderness



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Both are busy in the summer...

Timed entry reservations are required





Big mountains

...but only one Fourteener!



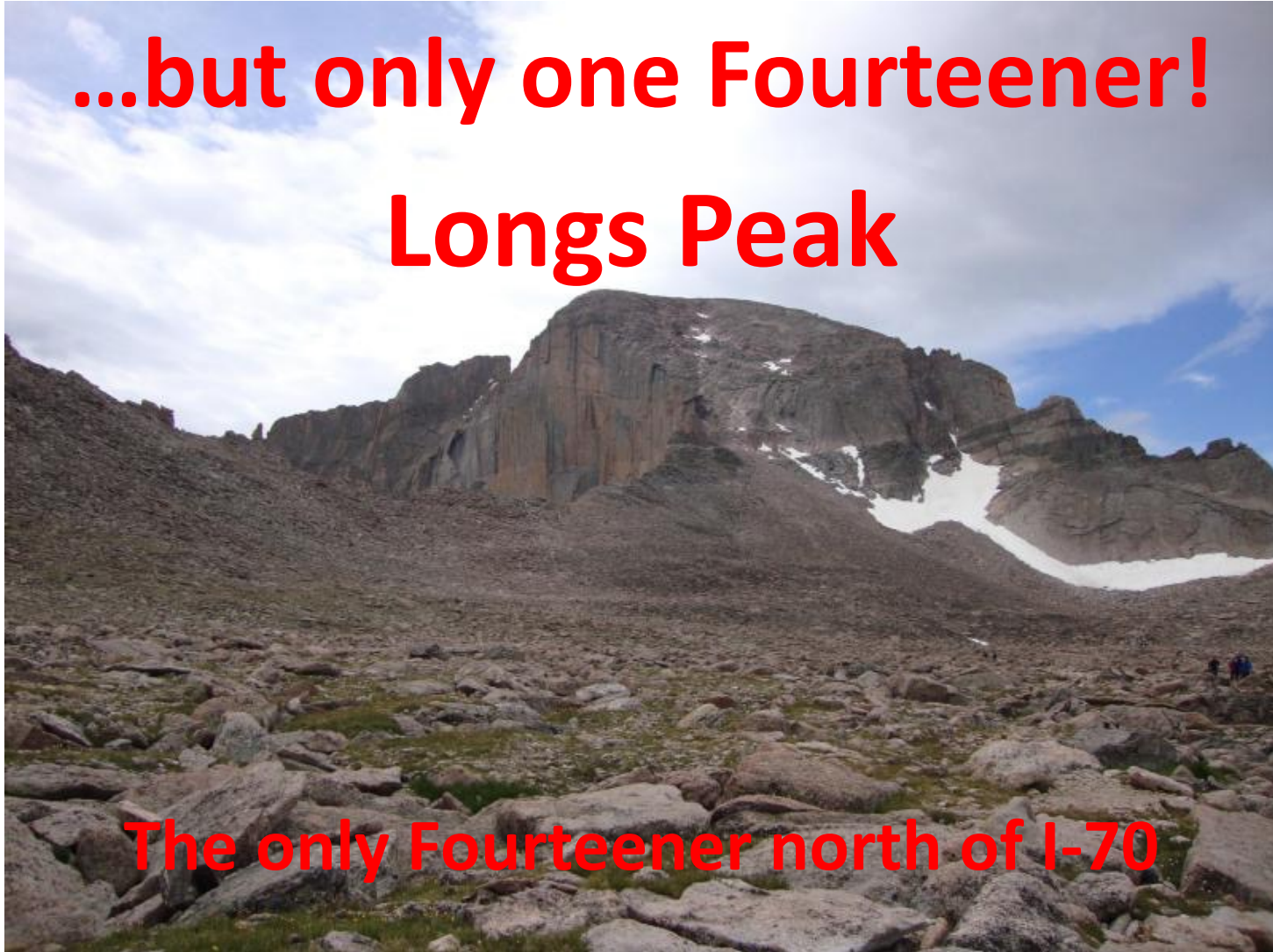


Big mountains

...but only one Fourteener!

Longs Peak

The only Fourteener north of I-70



The Fish

Brook Trout

- Distribution
 - Darn near every creek
 - Many lakes
 - Long Lake in IPWA!
- Wild but not native
 - Native to eastern North America



The Fish

Rainbow Trout

■ Distribution

- Primarily Glacier Creek (RMNP)
- Big T near The Pool (RMNP)
- Arapahoe Creek
- Cascade Creek
- Crater Lake
- Meadow Creek and Reservoir
- N and S Fork Middle Boulder Creek
- Red Rock Lake
- Moraine Lake
- Middle St Vrain Creek

■ Wild but not native

- Native to western North America and eastern Russia



The Fish

Brown Trout

- Distribution
 - Most creeks
 - Some lakes
 - Sprague Lake in RMNP!
- Wild but not native
 - Native to western Europe and British Isles



The Fish

Cutthroat Trout

- Distribution
 - Many streams⁺
 - Many high altitude lakes⁺
 - Greenback cutthroats on east side
 - Colorado River cutthroats on west side
 - Yellowstone cutthroats in Lake Haiyaha
- Greenback and Colorado River cutthroats are the only trout native to RMNP and IPWA
- But... Colorado River and Greenback cutthroats are probably hybrids
 - + See A Fly Fishing Guide to RMNP and A Fly Fishing Guide to IPWA



The Fish



Others

- Suckers
 - Native To Colorado
 - Don't kill them

Gear Basics

■ Rod

- 2 to 4 weight for streams
- 4 or 5 weight for lakes



■ Reel



- Single action/click and pawl fine for streams
- Drag useful but not necessary; handy for lakes



Gear Basics

- **Tools and Supplies**
- **Leaders**
 - 6 - 7-1/2 ft for streams: 4X - 5X, mono for dries/fluorocarbon for nymphing if desired
 - 9 - 12 ft for lakes: 3X-5X, mono for dries/fluorocarbon for nymphing and streamers
- **Tippet**
 - 4X-7X mono and fluorocarbon



Flies: Early Spring

Point flies

- Copper John- red, copper or chartreuse, 14-18
- Pheasant Tail, 14-18
- Gold Ribbed Hare's Ear, 14-18
- Prince Nymph, 14-18
- Double nymph rigs generally most effective

Dropper/Trailing flies

- San Juan Worm- purple or pink, 14-16
- Midge larvae and pupae, 20-28

Dry Flies

- BWOs or Adams dries and emergers, 16-24
- Griffith's Gnat/other midge dries, 20-28
- Foam hoppers, 10-14 for dry/dropper rigs





Flies: Early Spring

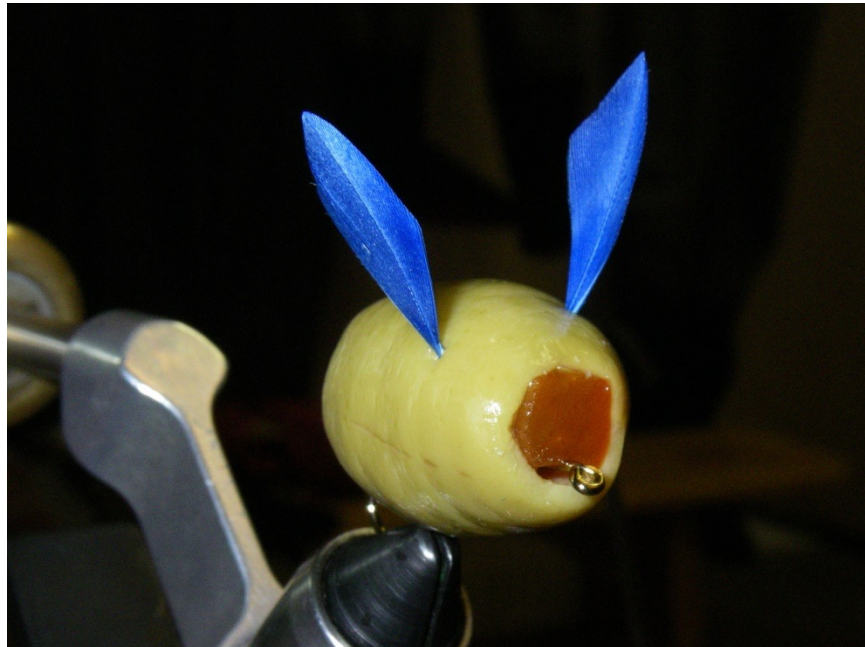
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Flies: Early Spring

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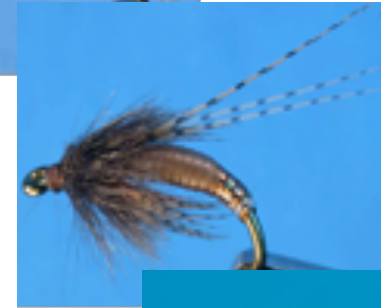
■ The Blue Winged Olive



Flies: Runoff

All of the above, plus

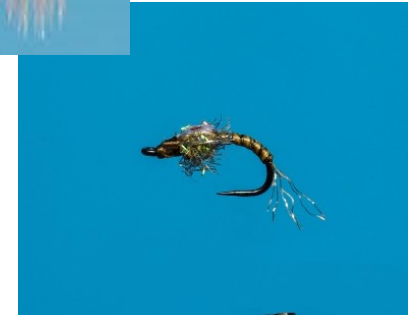
- Caddis larvae and pupae
 - Tabou Caddis Emerger
 - Barr's Graphic Caddis
 - Lafontaine's Deep Sparkle Pupa
 - Cased and uncased caddis larvae
- Caddis Adults
 - Elk Hair Caddis
 - E/C Caddis, etc
- Double nymph rigs most effective under most conditions



Flies: Summer/Fall

Mayflies

- Adams or Parachute Adams, 14-18
- Red Quill, 14-16
- PMD, 16-18
- Grey Drake, 12-14
- Green Drake, 10-14.
- Emergers
 - Barr Emerger, 18-20
 - Dick's Yoosta-B, 18-22
 - RS-II
- Nymphs, 14-18
 - Hare's Ear/Pheasant Tail/Copper John/Prince



Flies: Summer/Fall

Caddis

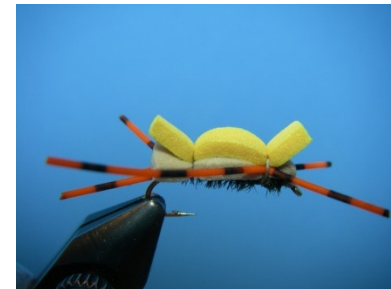
- Adults
 - Elk Hair Caddis, 14-16
 - E/C Caddis, 14-16
 - X-Caddis, 14-16
 - Lime Trude, 14-16
- Pupae/Emergers
 - Tabou Caddis Emerger
 - Fontaine's Sparkle Pupa
 - Barr's Graphic Caddis
 - Tarheel Caddis Larva
 - Soft Hackles



Flies: Summer/Fall

Terrestrials and Attractors

- Terrestrials, 10-18
 - Hoppers, ants and beetles
- Attractors, 12-18
 - Humpy
 - Royal Wulff
 - Stimulator
 - Lime Trude
- Lakes demand tiny (20-28) midge dries, larvae and emergers
 - Griffith's Gnat
 - Parachute Adams
 - Midge Larvae/Pupae





Recommended Places

RMNP

Big Thompson River

- Moraine Park
- "Cub Creek"
- Cub Lake TH to Fern Lake TH
- Along Fern Lake Trail to The Pool*
- Lower Forest Canyon*
- Upper Forest Canyon*

*Cutthroats



Recommended Places

RMNP

Glacier Creek

- Big T confluence to Tuxedo Picnic area
- Tuxedo Picnic area and upstream
- Glacier Basin Campground area
- Sprague Lake area
- Above Bierstadt Lake parking lot
- Above Alberta Falls to Mills Lake/The Loch





Recommended Places

RMNP

Fall River

- Horseshoe Park
- Above Lawn Lake TH to Endovalley Picnic Area

Roaring River[#]

- Alluvial Fan to Fall River^{*}
- Along Lawn Lake Trail^{*}

[#] Blown out by 9/13 floods; fish are coming back

^{*} Cutthroats





Recommended Places

RMNP

North St Vrain Creek in Wild Basin

- Copeland Lake to bridge
- Bridge to Ranger Station
- Ranger Station to Calypso Cascades and above
- Small streams feeding and draining high altitude lakes





Recommended Places

RMNP

West Side

- Colorado River
- North Inlet Creek
- Tonahutu Creek*
 - Big Meadow#
- La Poudre Pass Creek*
- Cache La Poudre River*
- Many others

*Cutthroats #Severely burned/closed



Recommended Places

RMNP Lakes

- Dream Lake
- Lawn Lake
- Fern Lake
- Lake Haiyaha
- Sprague Lake
- Pear Lake
- Cony Lake

- Lake Nanita
- Hutcheson Lakes
- Mills Lake
- The Loch
- Thunder Lake
- Haynach Lake
- Mirror Lake
- Spruce Lake





Recommended Places

IPWA

■ South St Vrain Creek

- Below Long Lake
- Between Long Lake and Lake Isabelle
- East of Brainard Lake

■ Middle St Vrain Creek

- Between Peaceful Valley CG and Camp Dick CG
- Above Camp Dick CG to Gibraltar Lake

■ Coney Creek*

■ South Fork Middle Boulder Creek

- Hessie TH to Betty Lake
- *Cutthroats





Recommended Places

IPWA

■ North Fork Middle Boulder Creek

- Along Fourth of July Road*

■ Meadow Creek

- Below Meadow Creek Reservoir*

■ Arapahoe Creek

- Between Lake Granby and Monarch Lake*

■ Cascade Creek*

*Cutthroats



Recommended Places

IPWA

- Betty, Bob and King Lakes
- Long Lake
- Crater Lake
- Mitchell Lakes
- Brainard Lake
- Gibraltar Lake
- Coney Lakes*
- Left Hand Reservoir
- Rainbow Lake
- Upper Lake*
- Stone Lake*

* Cutthroats





Finally...

Take a kid fishing!

