



**HARRIS PARK METROPOLITAN DISTRICT (HPMD)**  
**FISHING REGULATIONS 2026-2027 - RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS**

For HPMD Fishing information and badges, contact Harris Park @ 720-763-5527 or [info@harrisparkmetrodistrict.com](mailto:info@harrisparkmetrodistrict.com).

## **GENERAL NOTICE**

- HPMD assumes **no liability** for accidents occurring at fishing sites or open spaces.
- All fishing activities are **at your own risk**.
- Violations may result in **forfeiture of fishing privileges, civil penalties and referral for criminal prosecution**.
- Rules will be **strictly enforced**.

Fishing is permitted at: **Mt. Royal Lake (Lake #2), Regal Lake (Lake #1), and Flora Pond**

A **HPMD Fishing Badge** is required. A State of Colorado fishing license is **not valid** in HPMD waters.

We encourage eco-friendly **catch and release** when possible. (Catch and release does not apply when bait fishing.)

## **ELIGIBILITY & FEES**

### **Resident / Property Owner:**

Owns, resides full-time, or rents **full-time** property within HPMD and has an HPMD address.

**Vacation property owners:** contact [info@harrisparkmetrodistrict.com](mailto:info@harrisparkmetrodistrict.com).

Fishing badges will need to be purchased via online at [harrisparkmetrodistrict.com](http://harrisparkmetrodistrict.com) or mail an application to 2154 Shelton Dr. Bailey CO 80421.

Applications are located at the community center.

**Valid Dates:** May 1 – April 30

- Community Membership (required): **\$60/year**
- Fishing Badge: **\$35 per person/year** (adults & children)
- Lost Badge Replacement: **\$30 per incident**
- Guest Day Pass: **\$20 per guest** (request 3 days in advance)

Residents may purchase up to **6 badges per year**.

Guests may use resident badges but must follow all rules. The property owner is responsible for guests.

## **VIOLATIONS (Per Year)**

1st Violation – Printed warning

2nd Violation – \$100 fine + loss of fishing privileges for current year

3rd Violation – \$150 fine + permanent loss of privileges + reported to Park County Sheriff

Violators must appear at the next board meeting. Failure to appear is considered admission of guilt.

## **General Rules**

1. No loaning or selling badges.
2. One (1) fishing pole per badge holder.
3. Limit: two(2) fish per person per day, no matter the number of fishing badges the person holds.
4. Badges must be visible on outer clothing.
5. Upon property sale or move-out, badges must be returned.
6. Lakes stocked 3 times in summer. Closed Monday–Friday following stocking.
7. No night fishing (prohibited 1 hour after sunset until 1 hour before sunrise).
8. Fishing allowed **from shore only** — no wading, swimming, or boats.
9. No cleaning/dressing fish on HPMD property.
10. No camping, fires, barbeques, or fireworks.
11. Not valid in connecting waterways and streams, Elk Creek, private property, or horse pasture.
12. Waters contain wildlife bacteria — not safe for drinking.
13. Respect wildlife and habitat. No trash services provided.
14. Adults responsible for anyone under 18.
15. Pets must be leashed (6–8 ft max) and not allowed in the water.

For additional details, see **Appendix A – Fishing Regulations**.

These regulations may be modified by the Association Board based on biological monitoring, angler usage, and long-term fishery goals. Updated rules will be posted at all lake access points and distributed to members

# Fishing Regulations – Trout Management Program

Effective Date: \_\_\_\_\_

These regulations are designed to improve trout size and quality while reducing stocking to one annual event long-term and maintaining excellent fishing opportunities.

## 1. ACCESS & GENERAL RULES

- Fishing is limited to property owners, authorized guest, and persons with written permission from the Association
- All anglers must comply with posted signs and all HPMD rules and regulations
- Trespassing and unauthorized fishing are prohibited and may be prosecuted under state law.

## 2. FISHING METHODS

Flora Pond & Royal Lake (Lake #2)	Regal Lake (Lake #1)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Artificial lures, flies, and bait fishing allowed.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Artificial lures and flies only.</li> </ul> <p><b>The following are prohibited at Lake #1:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Natural bait of any kind (worms, salmon eggs, corn, minnows, crayfish, leeches, live/dead baitfish).</li> <li>• Scented soft baits designed to be swallowed.</li> <li>• Treble hooks on bait rigs meant to be swallowed.</li> </ul>

**Barbless hooks are strongly recommended. No ice fishing permitted at any HPMD water body.**

## 3. MANAGED SPECIES

- Primary species: Rainbow Trout (Additional species may be subject to separate posted rules.)

4. SIZE LIMIT – RAINBOW TROUT	5. DAILY BAG LIMIT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimum size: 16 inches total length</li> <li>• All trout under 16 inches must be released immediately.</li> <li>• Measure from tip of snout to end of tail (tail lobes compressed).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>2 fish per angler per day</b></li> <li>• On-site possession may not exceed the daily limit (no stockpiling in vehicles or coolers).</li> </ul>

## 6. HANDLING & RELEASE

- Land fish quickly and keep in water as much as possible.
- Wet hands before handling.
- Use rubber or knotless nets when available.
- Deeply hooked undersized fish: cut line close to hook and release gently.
- Intentional culling (releasing a legal fish to keep another) is prohibited.

## 7. STOCKING & MANAGEMENT PLAN

**2026–2028 (Three Stockings per Year: Spring, Summer, Fall)**

- **Lake #1:** ~200 lbs per stocking (600 lbs/year; ~200–300 fish/event)
- **Lake #2:** ~150 lbs per stocking (450 lbs/year; ~150–225 fish/event)
- **Flora Pond:** ~75 lbs per stocking (225 lbs/year; ~75–125 fish/event)

**Beginning 2029**

- Lakes stocked once annually (typically fall)
- Target total annual stocking: ~400–600 lbs
- Flora Pond stocked the Monday before Huck Finn with 75 lbs plus trophy fish

## 8. MINNOWS & BAITFISH

- No live or dead minnows or baitfish may be brought to or released into HPMD waters.
- Introduction of fish, crayfish, snails, or aquatic plants without written Association approval is strictly prohibited.

## 9. ENFORCEMENT

Violations will result in:

- Written warning
- Suspension or loss of fishing privileges
- Fines or assessment of damages for illegal harvest or unauthorized stocking
- Referral to Colorado wildlife authorities for poaching & Park County Sheriff's Office for trespassing

**Serious or repeated violations will be referred to law enforcement.**