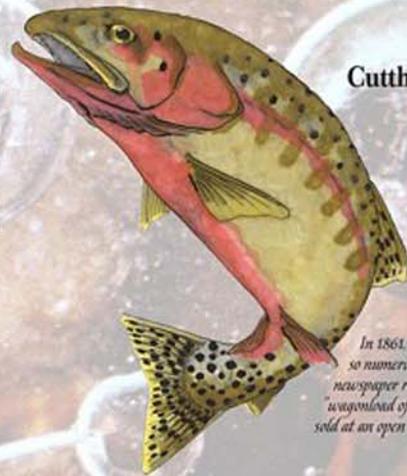


South Platte Waters

From its headwaters east of the Continental Divide, the South Platte River courses through South Park on its way to the eastern plains.



Cutthroat Trout

In 1861, cutthroat trout were so numerous that a Denver newspaper reported that a wagonload of fish would be sold at an open market.



Brown Trout

"Gold Medal Waters" are lakes or streams in Colorado offering the greatest potential for trophy trout fishing and the highest quality aquatic habitat.



Once this river teemed with Colorado's only native trout—the greenback cutthroat. But over fishing by early settlers and the introduction of non-native species nearly eliminated local populations.

Today, three tributaries of the upper South Platte River offer some of Colorado's premier fishing opportunities for brown, rainbow and brook trout, with several sections designated as "Gold Medal" water.

Reservoirs in South Park - Antero, Spinney, and Elevenmile offer fishing for rainbow, brown, brook and cutthroat trout, as well as northern pike, kokanee salmon and splake.



Rainbow Trout



Pike National Forest



Learn the regulations for these areas where you recreate, as some requirements differ.

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