



Golden Shiner *Notropis phoxinellus*
12" Native
Montana

Spottail Shiner *Notropis horrocksii* 3"
10" Native
Abundant along shorelines

River Carpsucker *Catostomus commersoni*
20" Native
Abundant throughout the reservoir

Common Carp *Cyprinus carpio*
16" Introduced
Abundant in backwater bays

Walleye *Stizostedion vitreum*
16" (31.5" - 16.6 lbs) *
Introduced
Found throughout the reservoir

Chinook Salmon *Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*
28" (38" - 11.13 lbs) *
Introduced
Occupies deep, cold water

Northern Pike *Esox lucius* 26" Introduced
Smaller individuals prefer bays, larger individuals occupy deeper water

Lake Trout *Salvelinus namaycush*
10" Introduced
Occupies deep, cold water

Burbot *Lota lota*
21" Native
Preters deep, cold water

Smallmouth Bass *Micropterus dolomieu*
12" (21" - 6.66 lbs) *
Introduced
Preters rocky shorelines

Freshwater Drum *Aplodinotus grunniens*
20" (28.5" - 21.50 lbs) *
Native
Abundant in the upper reservoir arm

Channel Catfish *Ictalurus punctatus*
16" Native
Preters warm, muddy water

Yellow Perch *Perca flavescens*
18" Introduced
Found mainly in shallow, weedy bays

Black/White Crappie *Micropogonias undulatus*
9" Introduced
Found in shallow habitat in the upper Big Dry and upper Missouri arms

Paddlefish *Polyodon spargani*
52" Native
Most abundant in the upper Missouri arm

Sauger *Sander canadensis*
13" (28.2" - 8.01 lbs) *
Native
Most abundant in the upper Missouri arm

Bismouth Buffalo *Ictalurus caryocottus*
23" Native
Found throughout the reservoir

Fort Peck Reservoir is home to more than half of Montana's 86 FISH SPECIES...

- Bismouth Buffalo
- Black Bullhead
- Black Crappie
- Blue Sucker
- Blunngill
- Brony Minnow
- Brock Stickleback
- Brown Trout
- Burbot
- Channel Catfish
- Chinook Salmon
- Cisco
- Common Carp

- Creek Chub
- Emerald Shiner
- Fathead Minnow
- Flathead Chub
- Freshwater Drum
- Goldeye
- Green Sunfish
- Iowa Darter

- Lake Chub
- Lake Trout
- Lake Whitefish
- Large-mouth Bass
- Longnose Dace
- Longnose Sucker
- Northern Pike
- Northern Redbelly Dace
- Paddlefish
- Pallid Sturgeon
- Rainbow Trout
- River Carpsucker
- Sand Shiner
- Sauger

- Shorthead Redhorse
- Shovelnose Sturgeon
- Sicklefin Chub
- Smallmouth Bass
- Smallmouth Buffalo
- Spottail Shiner
- Sturgeon Chub
- Walleye
- Western Silvery/Plains Minnow
- White Crappie
- White Sucker
- Yellow Perch
- Sauger X Walleye Hybrid

* Denotes State Record as of 2007

The Fish of Fort Peck Reservoir

Fort Peck Reservoir Facts
Largest body of water in Montana;
fifth-largest reservoir in the U.S.
Surface area at full pool: 247,000 acres
Maximum depth at full pool: 220 feet
134 miles long with 1,520 miles of shoreline at full pool
Years of dam construction: 1933-1940
Fort Peck Reservoir is one of the top 3 fishing destinations in Montana.



Fish illustrations by Joseph Formicola. Illustration not to scale, settings also varied by species.