

Colorado Parks and Wildlife

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Colorado Parks and Wildlife, Durango Service Center

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Fishing

Renowned as an outstanding fishery, the Animas River provides prime habitat for Brown and Rainbow Trout. The entire length of the river through Durango is accessible for fishing including a 2-mile stretch of Gold Medal Water fishing just south of downtown.

A Colorado fishing license is required for those 16 and older. Check fishing regulations for the local waters. Fishing and hunting licenses can be purchased at the Wildlife Office on the hatchery grounds, at local sports and grocery stores, or on-line at www.wildlife.state.co.us.

Help us protect the Animas River Greenway

- No open alcohol containers
- No glass containers
- Pack out all trash and dispose in proper receptacle
- Dogs must be on a leash on shore and please clean up waste
- Respect private property and do not trespass



Animas River

TRAIL MAP



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Animas River

The headwaters of the Animas River are northeast of Silverton and the river flows into the San Juan River, which eventually leads to the Colorado River. The name "Durango" translates to "water town" in Basque and draws its name from the river that runs through town: El Rio de las Animas Perdidas (River of Lost Souls) or simply the "Animas River". The Animas River offers the expert Class V rapids (Upper Animas) and a playful Class I-III through town. Durango's Whitewater Park (Class III-IV) is an Official Olympic Training Course and the site of competitive white water events.

Animas River Flow data:

<http://waterdata.usgs.gov/co/nwis/rt>

Further Information: www.durango.org, 800-463-8726

Tubing is recommended at lower water levels (under 800 cfs) in July and August. Put In at the Recreation Center and Take Out at 9th Street south of Schneider Park. Smelter Rapids is for experienced boaters only and not recommended for tubing.

Find a list of commercial outfitters at:

www.durango.org/outfitters

MAP KEY

- = Animas River
- = Animas River Trail
- = Parking
- = Public Art
- = Historical Marker
- = Accessible Access
- = Picnic Area
- = Streets & Highways
- = D&SNGRR tracks
- = Playground
- = Restaurant
- = Restrooms
- = Visitor's Center
- = Mile markers (.5 mile)



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