

FISHING



There are not many things that compare to the feeling of hooking a fish. Watching your line suddenly disappear beneath the surface of the water with a quick tug is always thrilling. Pair that thrill with being in the middle of stunning scenery and it is no wonder that fishing is a hugely popular way to enjoy the water in and around McCall.



PRO TIP:

MANY RECREATION AREAS ARE OUT OF CELL RANGE. DOWNLOAD MAPS, DIRECTIONS AND GUIDES BEFORE SETTING OUT ON YOUR ADVENTURE!

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Crystal clear streams. Stunning alpine lakes. Family friendly ponds. So many options, so little time! Fishing is a fabulous way to experience the great outdoors and there is very little to compare to the thrill of reeling in a catch! Whether you are an expert or just starting out, a fly or bait fisherman, McCall has a wide variety of options to fit any style.

HERE ARE 5 OF OUR FAVORITE FISHING SPOTS TO TRY

GOOSE LAKE

Perfect for those looking to cast from a float tube! Goose Lake is a no-wake lake 16 miles north of McCall up Goose Lake Road where you can fish for brook trout, cutthroat trout and rainbow trout. Make Grouse Campground at Goose Lake your home base and explore the network of alpine lakes if you are looking to extend your fishing trip!

PAYETTE LAKE COMPLEX

Comprised of three lakes including Payette Lake, Little Payette Lake and Upper Payette Lake. Payette Lake (5337 acres) is great fishing for cutthroat and rainbow trout. In addition, Fish and Game reports that old-growth lake trout planted in the 1950s can weigh more than 30 pounds. Little Payette Lake (1450 acres) has a good population of trophy small mouth bass. There is a 2-fish limit on bass and fish must be at least 20" long. No live bait may be used on this lake. Upper Payette Lake (400 acres) is stocked with rainbow trout. Brook trout can also be found in these waters.

LOUIE LAKE

Looking to bring home a fish tale? Louie Lake is where you can find trophy cutthroat trout that will make you the envy of your friends. A short, but uphill hike will take you to this pristine lake accessed from the same parking lot as the Boulder Lake trailhead. Pack in your float tube or fish from the bank – either way, we guarantee the effort is well worth it!

GRANITE LAKE

This small, scenic lake north of Brundage Mountain is stocked with rainbow trout. Grab your fishing tube, kayak or canoe and enjoy these smooth waters. To access Granite Lake, drive past Brundage Reservoir (also a great place to stop and fish on your way in or on your way out) to the fork at Sater Meadows. Take road 446 3 miles. Four-wheel drive is highly recommended!



CASCADE LAKE

The largest fishing lake on our list, Cascade Lake boasts 28,300 acres of prime fishing for perch, rainbow trout, kokanee, smallmouth bass, channel catfish, crappie, and tiger muskie. Find a prime spot along 50 miles of clean, sandy shores or take your boat out to explore. Stop at Tackle Tom's in Cascade to get the inside scoop on what's biting!

FAMILY FRIENDLY FISHING

NORTH FORK OF THE PAYETTE RIVER

We love to talk about this beautiful stretch of river with easy access spots at the Deinhard Bridge, Sheep Bridge, Hat Ranch and Smylie Bridge. Find rainbow trout, brook trout, mountain whitefish, and cutthroat trout.

BROWNS POND

This small pond offers easy access to fishing on the southern edge of the McCall airport, and is hidden from the road. Turn south on Mission and proceed 1.5 miles. Look for a large red barn and a roadside parking area on the left. Browns Pond is about a quarter-mile walk from the parking area.

NORTHWEST PASSAGE POND

This pond offers easy access and convenient facilities. Within the Northwest Passage Campground, the pond is situated along the river just north of Payette Lake.

FISCHER POND

Tucked into a city park, Fischer Pond provides good bank fishing in the early summer and fall. The pond is the cornerstone of this cooperative community effort, with a fish viewing aquarium, horseshoe pits, volleyball courts, and picnic tables adjacent to the river walking trail. Fischer Pond is located on the east side of State Hwy 55 in Cascade along Payette River.

ROWLAND POND

A small but pretty pond in the woods close to McCall, anglers will find good bank fishing in this peaceful setting. Turn north on Davis and just past the golf course turn right/east on Lick Creek Rd, bearing right and meandering alongside Little Payette Lake for 2.3 miles.

HORSETHIEF RESERVOIR

This reservoir has everything for a memorable fishing weekend - a beautiful lake in the trees, good fishing and camping. Camping is managed by the Treasure Valley YMCA. From State Hwy 55 north of Cascade, turn east on the Warm Lake Highway. In 6 miles turn south on Horsethief Reservoir Rd and go 3 miles to the reservoir.