Great Sand Dunes

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Fishing in and Near the Park and Preserve

Area	Directions	Fish Types	<i>Special Regulations or Comments</i>
Blanca Wetlands	7 miles south of Mosca on Hwy. 17, then 7 miles east on Road 2S	Rainbows, bluegill, bass	Car accessible. Closed Feb. 15 - July 15. 15" minimum bass restriction
Medano Creek	Medano Pass Road (high clearance 4- wheel drive required)	Rio Grande cutthroat throat	Catch and release, barbless hooks, no live bait
Medano Lake	Rough 4-wheel drive and moderate 3.7 mile hike	Rio Grande cutthroat trout	Catch and release, barbless hooks, no live bait
Mountain Home Reservoir	Go 2.5 miles east on Hwy. 160 from Ft. Garland to Trinchera Ranch Rd, 2 miles south to Icehouse Rd, 1 mile west to N. entrance or 1 mile S. to south entrance	Rainbows	
Rio Grande River	Various locations off Hwy. 160	Northern pike, trout	Car or walk-in
Sanchez Reservoir	South of San Luis	Perch, northern pike, walleye, rainbows, browns	
San Luis Lakes	12 miles southwest of the dunes		Currently unstocked
Sand Creek	West side of dunes (10.5 mile hike or 4- wheel drive 5 miles and hike 7.1 miles)	Brook, cutthroat, rainbow, brown trout	Catch and keep
Sand Creek Lakes	Music Pass on east side of Sangres (4-wheel drive, then strenuous hiking)	Hybrid Cutbow Trout	
Smith Reservoir	.5 mile west of Blanca on Hwy. 160 to Airport Road, then 4 miles south	Rainbows, occasional catfish	Restrictions posted; watch for rattlesnakes

For more information on state fishing regulations or licenses, contact:

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