Boulder Creek Watershed Map & Angling Guide

Featuring Middle and South Boulder Creeks from the Continental Divide through Boulder!

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Rogers Park area, 9.4 miles up Boulder Canyon

While much of the Boulder Watershed is available to anglers, some sections of stream are more inviting angling for wild trout!
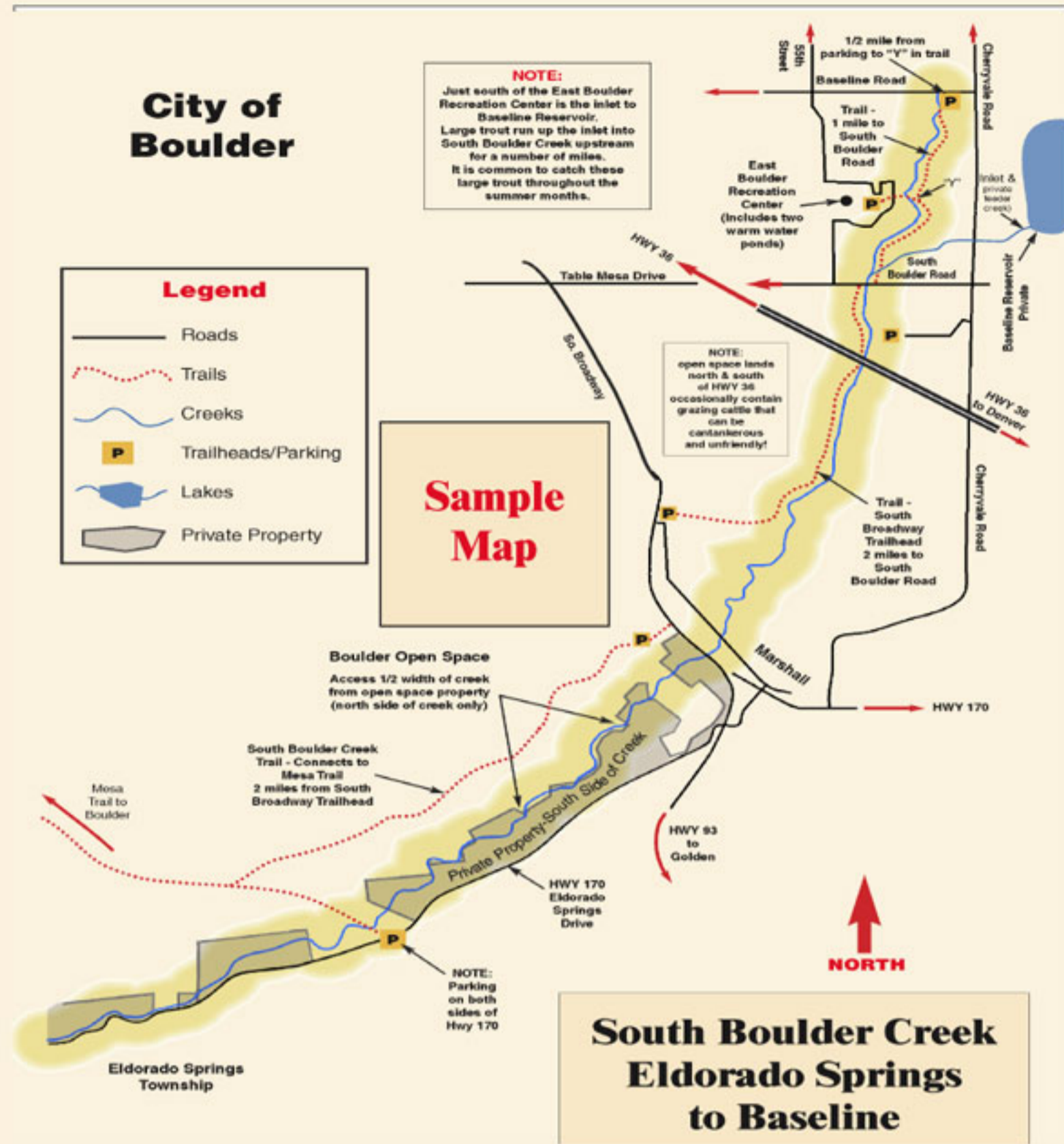
Insects & Imitations of Insects for Boulder Creek

From an altitude of over 13,000 feet, and flowing down to Boulder at 5400 feet, Boulder Creek gurgles and glides through steep canyons, pine forests and short stretches of open meadows. It exhibits a variety of river conditions typical of Rocky Mountain freestone granite creeks — pocket water, riffles, pools and runs — provides enjoyable fishing opportunities close to town with easy access by road to many of its parts.

The creek is home to aquatic insect life from tiny midges to mayflies and caddisflies and up to the very large stoneflies; also abundant are populations of terrestrial insects including ants, beetles and grasshoppers. They provide plenty of food for Trout.
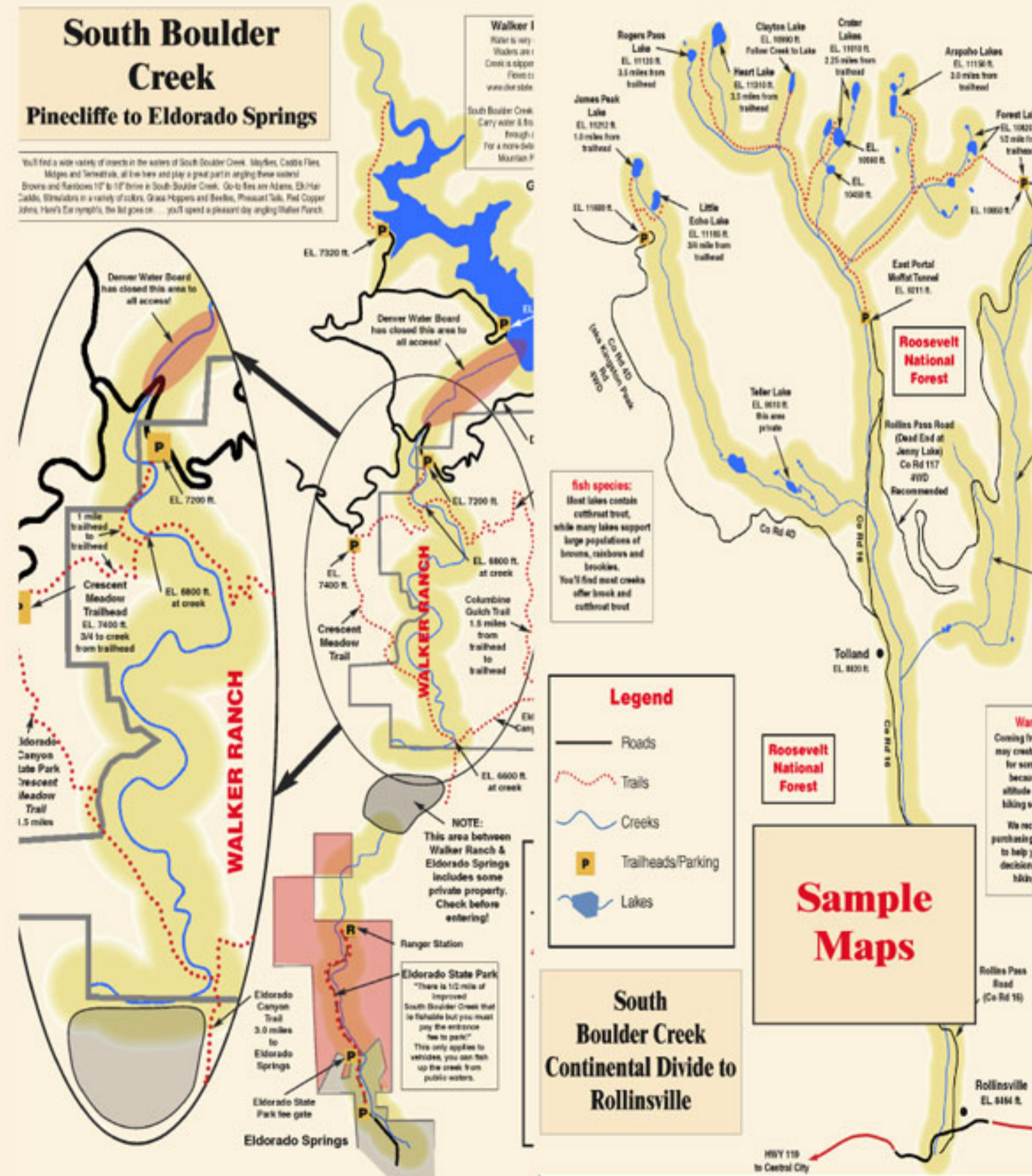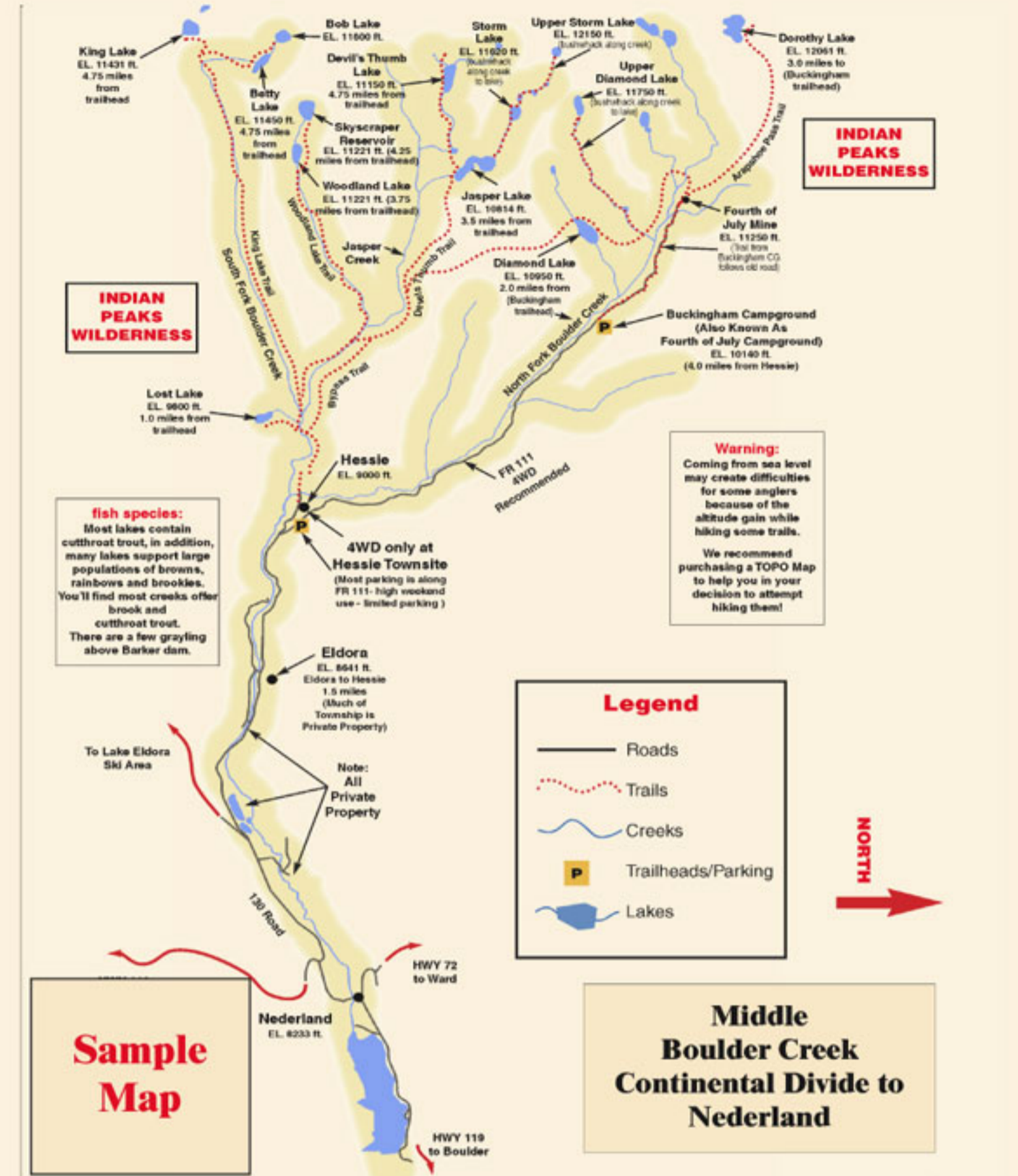
BOULDER CREEK HATCH CHART

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Midges 18-24												
Mayflies												
BWO 22-14												
PMD 18-14												
Red Quill 16-12												
Green Drake 14-10												
Caddis												
American Grannom 16-12												
Little Spotted Sedge 18-16												
Little Brown Sedge 18-16												
Green Sedge 18-10												
Long Horn Sedge 16-14												
Stoneflies												
Little Brown Stone 18-10												
Golden Stone 10-4												
Yellow Sally 18-12												
Terrestrials												
Ants 18-12												
Beetles 18-12												
Hoppers 12-8												

WOW!

There's something about our high lakes that make fishing for native cutthroat trout most appealing. Treks up to the Continental Divide may be somewhat strenuous, but the rewards in it's beauty make the effort worthwhile!

Each and every high lake within the Boulder Creek watershed offer a different angling experience and challenges not found in most other areas of the west!

City of Boulder

Legend
- Roads
- Trails
- Creeks
- Trailheads/Parking
- Lakes
- Private Property

Sample Map

NORTH

South Boulder Creek Eldorado Springs to Baseline

Sample Map

South Boulder Creek Pinecliffe to Eldorado Springs

Legend
- Roads
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South Boulder Creek Continental Divide to Rollinsville

WALKER RANCH

INDIAN PEAKS WILDERNESS

Legend
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- Lakes

NORTH

Sample Map

Middle Boulder Creek Continental Divide to Nederland

Sample Maps
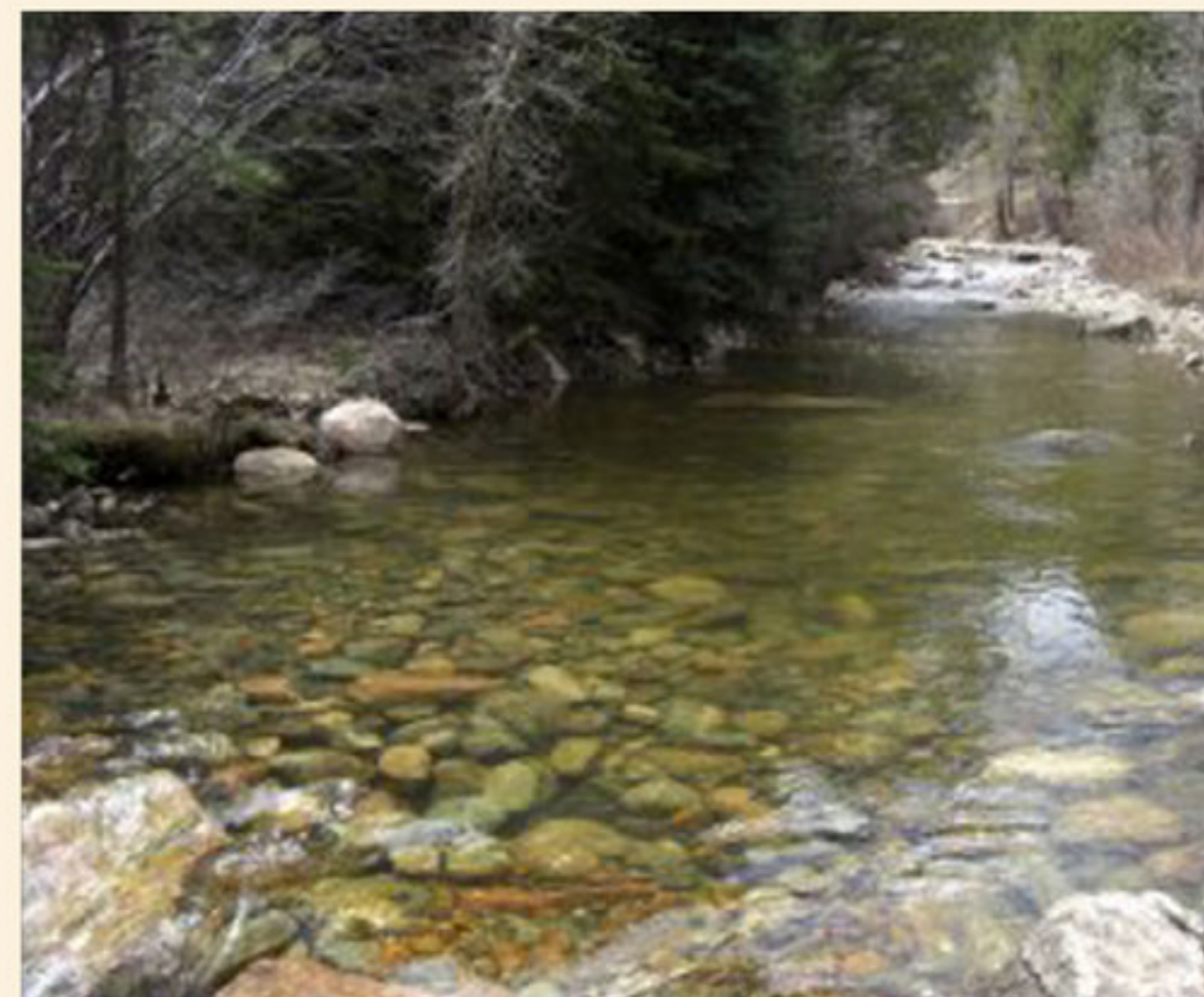
Practicing Catch & Release

Catch & Release Fishing is both a conservation ethic and technique which recognizes that returning fish unharmed to the water protects limited resources and preserves recreational opportunities for other anglers. Lee Wulff is generally credited with popularizing catch & release in the United States, beginning in Michigan in 1952. Today it is an essential component of worldwide recreational angling.
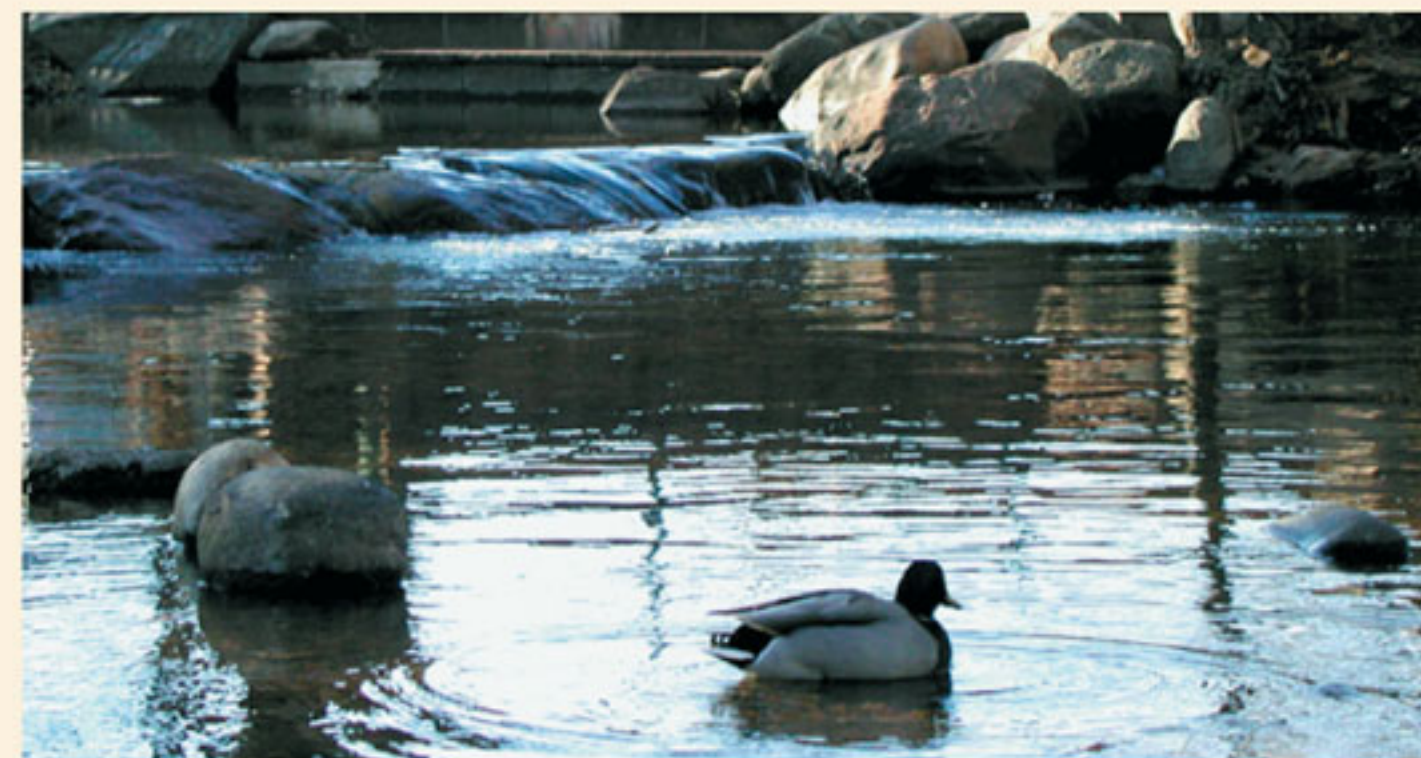
Boulder Creek Brookie

A nice Grayling caught in Middle Boulder Creek above Barker Dam

Middle Boulder Creek can be quite inviting for anglers looking to catch wild trout in beautiful Boulder Canyon.

Boulder Creek offers diversity as it flows through Boulder.

Here are just a few patterns the work in Boulder Creek.
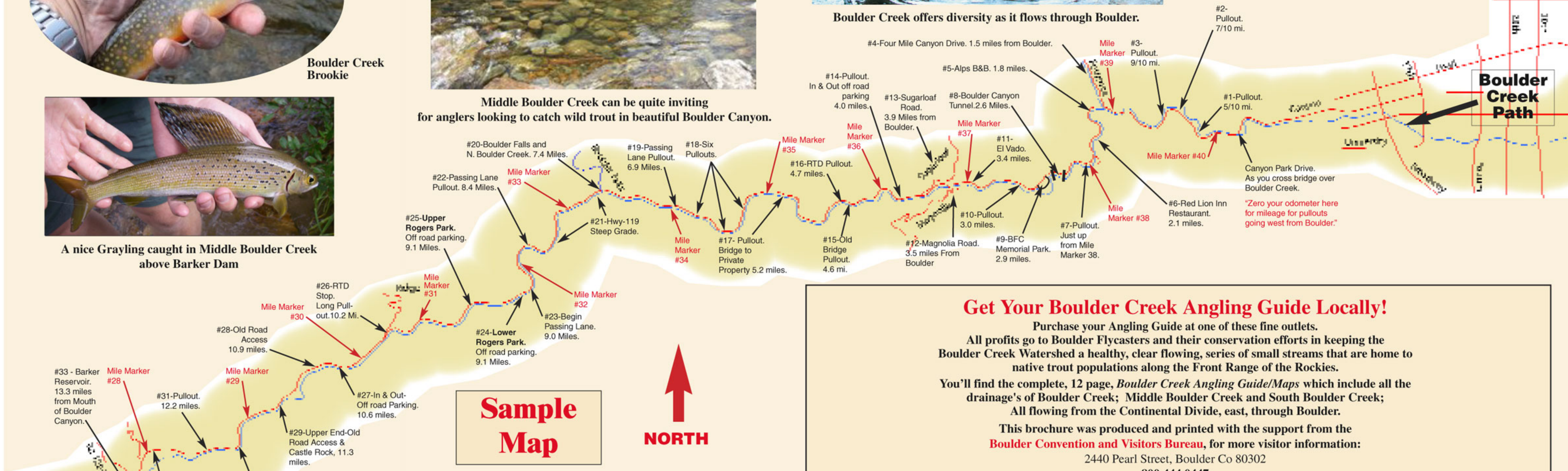
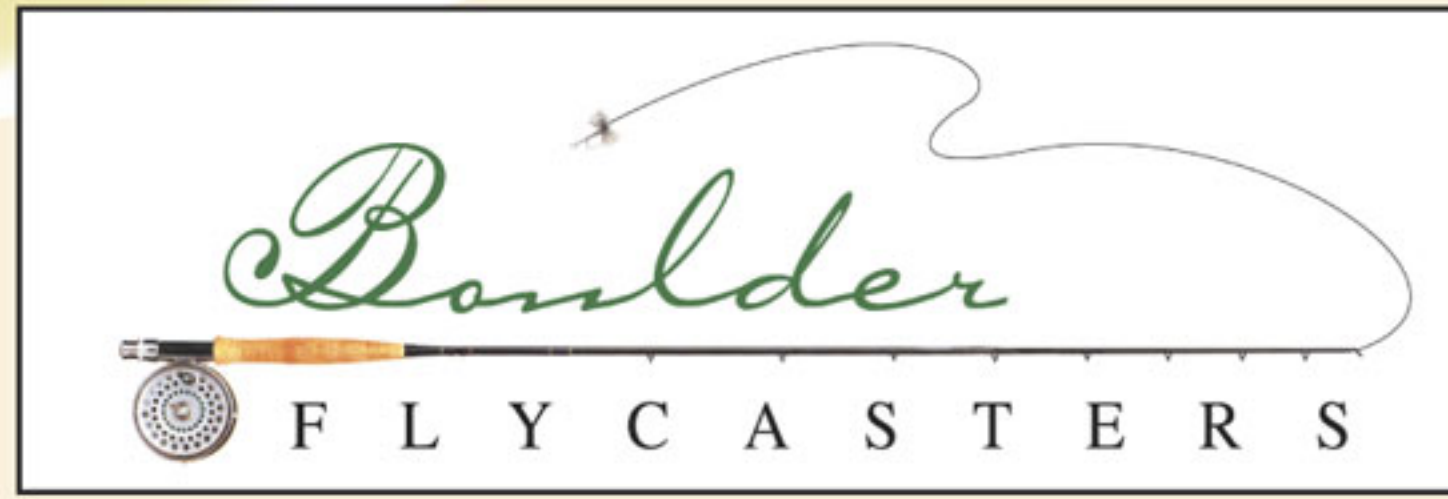Parachute Adams

Elkhair Caddis

Elkhair Hopper

See Hatch Chart on reverse side!

Boulder Creek Path

Sample Map

NORTH

Middle Boulder Creek — Nederland to Boulder

FLYCASTERS — Boulder

Map Labels

- #2-Pullout. 7/10 mi.
- #3-Pullout. 9/10 mi.
- #1-Pullout. 5/10 mi.
- Mile Marker #39
- #4-Four Mile Canyon Drive. 1.5 miles from Boulder.
- #5-Alps B&B. 1.8 miles.
- #8-Boulder Canyon Tunnel.2.6 Miles.
- #14-Pullout. In & Out off road parking 4.0 miles.
- #13-Sugarloaf Road. 3.9 Miles from Boulder.
- Mile Marker #37
- Mile Marker #40
- Canyon Park Drive. As you cross bridge over Boulder Creek.
- "Zero your odometer here for mileage for pullouts going west from Boulder."
- #20-Boulder Falls and N. Boulder Creek. 7.4 Miles.
- #19-Passing Lane Pullout. 6.9 Miles.
- #18-Six Pullouts.
- Mile Marker #35
- #16-RTD Pullout. 4.7 miles.
- Mile Marker #36
- #11-El Vado. 3.4 miles.
- #6-Red Lion Inn Restaurant. 2.1 miles.
- Mile Marker #38
- #22-Passing Lane Pullout. 8.4 Miles.
- Mile Marker #33
- #21-Hwy-119 Steep Grade.
- #17- Pullout. Bridge to Private Property 5.2 miles.
- #15-Old Bridge Pullout. 4.6 mi.
- #10-Pullout. 3.0 miles.
- #9-BFC Memorial Park. 2.9 miles.
- #7-Pullout. Just up from Mile Marker 38.
- #25-Upper Rogers Park. Off road parking. 9.1 Miles.
- Mile Marker #34
- Mile Marker #32
- #23-Begin Passing Lane. 9.0 Miles.
- #12-Magnolia Road. 3.5 miles From Boulder
- #26-RTD Stop. Long Pull-out.10.2 Mi.
- Mile Marker #31
- #24-Lower Rogers Park. Off road parking. 9.1 Miles.
- #28-Old Road Access 10.9 miles.
- Mile Marker #30
- #33 - Barker Reservoir. 13.3 miles from Mouth of Boulder Canyon.
- Mile Marker #28
- #31-Pullout. 12.2 miles.
- Mile Marker #29
- #27-In & Out-Off road Parking. 10.6 miles.
- #29-Upper End-Old Road Access & Castle Rock, 11.3 miles.
- #32-Private Property Up to Dam. 12.6 miles.
- #30-Pullout. 11.6 miles.

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You'll find the complete, 12 page, *Boulder Creek Angling Guide/Maps* which include all the drainage's of Boulder Creek; Middle Boulder Creek and South Boulder Creek; All flowing from the Continental Divide, east, through Boulder.

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