

Ironbridge Property Owners Association Fishing Policy

Ironbridge residents enjoy high-quality fishing along the Roaring Fork River. To ensure continued enjoyment of the exceptional fishing offered here, the Ironbridge POA support responsible fishing practices as part of our active, outdoors lifestyle.

The Ironbridge POA feels that the presence of numerous trophy fish in the Roaring Fork River is unique and that it is a privilege to fish for them. As such, it is important that all Ironbridge POA property owners, residents, and their guests demonstrate responsible stewardship of the river and its surrounding area. Your adherence to the following policies will ensure excellent fishing now and in the years ahead.

Fishing in the Roaring Fork River along the common property is limited to:

- IPOA property owners and their guests
- IPOA residents (tenants) and their guests
- Ironbridge Golf Club members and their guests

IPOA Fishing Guests:

- Each IPOA property owner or resident is allowed to obtain up to four (4) guest badges per year. These badges will be used for guests only and are valid for the calendar year they are issued.

Identification Badges:

To ensure that only authorized individuals are fishing the Roaring Fork River along the IPOA designated waters, all IPOA property owners and residents are required to obtain an identification badge. Badges are available from the management company and must be worn on the outside of clothing to facilitate easy identification. This badge shall be valid for the calendar year issued.

Fishing Licenses:

- All fisherman (sixteen years or older) fishing within the Ironbridge POA designated waters **must have a valid Colorado fishing license in their possession while fishing these waters.**
- It is the responsibility of the fisherman to annually review the rules and regulations the Colorado Division of Wildlife has established for fishing in the State of Colorado and, more specifically, the Roaring Fork River.
- All fishing within the Ironbridge POA designated waters shall be **CATCH AND RELEASE.**

Gold Medal Waters:

Streams and rivers designated as “Gold Medal” by the DOW are considered to provide outstanding angling opportunities for large trout. These designations are given out sparingly and represent the highest quality aquatic habitat in Colorado.

There are over 9,000 miles of trout streams in Colorado. Out of this total only 168 miles are currently designated as “Gold Medal” waters. We at the Ironbridge POA are fortunate that the

Roaring Fork River from the confluence with the Crystal River down to the confluence with the Colorado is currently designated as “Gold Medal”.

Special regulations are required to maintain quality fishing in “Gold Medal” waters:

- No bait fishing is allowed. Only artificial flies and lures may be used.
- It is strongly suggested that only flies and lures with barbless hooks be used with a single (not treble) hook.
- Fishing privileges in the Ironbridge POA designated waters is “Catch and Release” only regardless of size.

Access:

- **DO NOT CROSS PRIVATE PROPERTY!** Waterfront land occupied by homes is private property. When fishing along these banks, please use good judgment and respect the privacy of the occupants. At no time, should fishermen egress from the bank more than ten (10) feet above the high water mark. Only common land or fishing easements should be used to access the river.
- **Fishing is not permitted in the Heron Rookery Area between the dates of February 15th and July 15th.**
- Spawning areas are not marked, but fishermen are asked to stay out of any streambed where spawning is visually taking place.
- For safety reasons, fishing is not allowed at night and is restricted to one (1) hour before sunrise to one (1) hour after sunset.
- **Please note that the area behind lots 63 through 69 is private property owned by the landowners across the river.** Use of this area will be considered trespassing and may be severely punished under Colorado statute.

There are a number of professional guide companies and private raft owners in the Roaring Fork Valley that will float the river through the Ironbridge POA property. This is permitted as long as they do not anchor the boat or attempt to fish by wading in the private easement of the Ironbridge POA.

Violations:

Any and all violations of the Ironbridge POA Fishing Regulations will result in forfeiture of fishing privileges for a period of 90 days. Please report any violations to the Ironbridge POA’s management company. Your call will remain confidential.

Guest Passes:

All homeowners and residents shall be issued up to four (4) guest passes upon request.

Thank you for abiding by the above regulations.

Ironbridge Property Owners Association Board of Directors