



Ideal for fly fishing vacationers and accompanying family members, Sylvan Dale Ranch also hosts conferences, seminars, reunions and retreats. Groups hosting fly fishing clubs use the Ranch for outings, and business groups often schedule fly fishing lessons or guided excursions for participants. Business travelers enjoy a quiet fishing refuge within commuting distance to Denver.

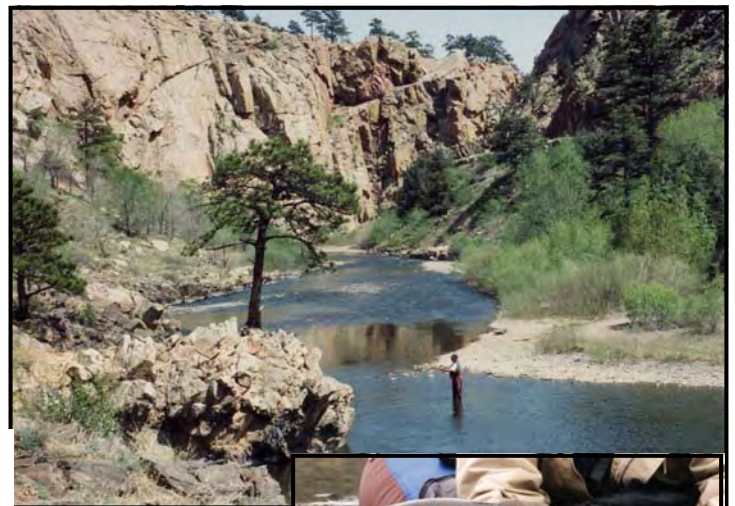
What they say...

Scott Roederer, writing for the *Angling Report*, rates the lake fishing in the Big Valley as "extraordinary." "In one day," he states, "I caught the two biggest brown trout of my life, hooked what surely would have been my biggest rainbow and enjoyed some of the best river fishing the area has to offer." Author John Gierach regularly fishes the Big Valley Lakes, the site for his video on Stillwater fishing. Mike and Christine Fong featured Sylvan Dale in one of their *Inside Angler* publications, and listed the Ranch as a destination for hexagenia hatches in *Fly Fisherman Magazine*. Authors Mel Krieger and Barry Reynolds use the Ranch for fly fishing classes.

Trophy Trout Fly Fishing... Colorado Dude Ranch Fun... One Hour from Denver...

The Magic of Sylvan Dale Waters...

- **Five Trophy Trout Lakes** in the Big Valley are home to rainbows, Donaldson steelhead, browns and brook trout from 15 to 30 inches (up to 12 pounds). These lakes are open to catch-and-release fly fishing only.
- **Four Bass Lakes** in the Big Valley contain panfish and largemouth bass up to 7 pounds. Open to fly fishing and spin casting.
- **The Big Thompson River** flows for two miles through the heart of the ranch, with rainbows and browns averaging 13 inches and occasionally reaching 25 inches. Open to catch-and-release fly fishing only. A Colorado state fishing license is required.
- **Four Main Ranch ponds** are stocked with rainbow trout in the 11 to 19-inch range. Available both for catch-and-keep fishing during supervised hours and for catch-and-release fishing by qualified anglers.



Fishing Adventures

For Summer Guests on six-night Guest Ranch Package

Fly-fishing. During our mid-June through August dude ranch season, guests begin the week with a complimentary fly-casting demonstration at 4 PM on Monday. Adults can become “**qualified**” for catch-and-release fishing by meeting with the instructor and obtaining a ranch **fishing permit**. Once qualified, guests are welcome to fly fish the *main ranch ponds and the river* at any time on a catch-and-release basis, *free of charge*. (A Colorado state fishing license is required for the river).

Note: *Children under 12 are not allowed to do catch-and-release fly fishing in ranch trout ponds unless accompanied by a qualified adult.*

Trophy Trout Fly Fishing. In addition, guests may make arrangements to fly fish our trophy trout lakes in the Big Valley, two miles from the main ranch. We provide a guide for the first half-day to help guests become qualified for follow-up visits. Access fees are as follows:

- Big Valley first visit (half-day guided): \$110 per person (up to 2 people); \$100 per person (3 or more)
- Big Valley follow-up visit, daily: \$50 per person per day
- Big Valley follow-up visits, weekly: \$150 per person per week
- Big Valley full-day guided visit: \$190 per person (up to 2 people); \$140 per person (3 or more)

Bait fishing and spin casting. Summer guests who aren't interested in fly fishing are invited to join us for supervised catch-and-keep fishing at our stocked trout ponds at the main ranch during certain hours (usually from 4-6 PM Tuesday – Thursday). We clean and prepare the trout for a tasty dinner entrée. In addition, spin casting is available on our Big Valley **bass lakes**, by special arrangement.

Note: *Bait and spin-fishing are not allowed in the river or the trophy trout ponds.*

Equipment and Supplies. For your convenience, rods, waders and boots, and float tubes are available for a small rental fee. The Ranch store contains a good selection of flies and other supplies. Equipment rentals: \$15 per day; \$40 per week.

Good Luck, and bring your fishing stories to the campfire!

Special Events. In addition to the Summer program, Sylvan Dale offers special fishing packages in the Spring and Fall which give anglers an introduction to Ranch waters at a reduced rate. We also host classes put on by local fly shops and fishing guides. Be sure to check our web site at www.sylvandale.com/fish.html for information on upcoming events and dates. Also, ask to be included on our e-mail notification list for special opportunities that become available on short notice.



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