

The lakes within Church Ranches currently hold Rainbow and Brown Trout as well as the invasive species Prussian Carp.

Rainbow Trout



Rainbow trout are olive-green in colour with heavy black spotting over the length of the body. The adult fish has a red-coloured stripe along the lateral line, from the gills to the tail.

Brown Trout



Brown trout are golden brown in colour with large black spots on the back, and red spots (some with pale halos) on the sides. They are the only trout with both red and black spotting.

Prussian carp



The Prussian carp is a species of wild goldfish that has been illegally released into various waterbodies in Alberta and is considered an **Invasive species**. This invasive fish species has established breeding populations across the province and presents a serious threat to local aquatic ecosystems and native fish habitats.

Fishing in Church Ranches

- Have fun and enjoy the fishing!
- Please ensure that you respect homeowner's property and fish from common areas unless you have permission.
- All trout species in Church Ranches lakes can be fished for on a "catch and release" basis.
- If you catch Prussian carp while angling, please kill it and either take it home to eat or properly dispose of it in the garbage.

Alberta fish and wildlife also provides the following advise to limit or prevent the spread of any invasive species.

- **Don't let it loose!** Never dispose of plants and fish from aquariums and ponds into an Alberta stream, lake or river system. Releasing them disrupts the natural balance of Alberta's ecosystems, and ultimately results in biodiversity loss.
- **Do not transfer live fish from one water body to another.** It is illegal to move live fish from one water body to another. Doing so disrupts the local ecosystem, threatens the existing fish population and, if a stocked fishery, jeopardizes the future of that fishery.
- **It is illegal to release live fish into Alberta's lakes or rivers.** Fines can be up to \$100,000.