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In Silverthorne, below the dam, the Blue is accessible and public. At least the part under Rt 70.

If you're fishing the Colorado, I assume you mean the headwaters in the RMNP? The fishing can be on and off. But in the same area, there is Timber Lake, about a 4 mile hike up. Fishing there was awesome, lots of 14-16 inchers, and I didn't think the hike/climb was too bad. You could do it as a day hike. Also, drive up to the top of the mountains, for the view.

To the west, the Frying Pan is nice and lots of it was open. Everyone congregates below the dam to get the bigguns, but there are fish all the way downstream. Awesome scenery. Nearby, in Carbondale, is the Roaring Fork. It's bigger water, but lots is accessible and public.

If you're going to the Frying Pan, I assume you'll head over Independence Pass to Aspen -- worth the trip! From Frisco to Leadville, it's kinda industrial. But if you go to Vail and head south on 24 to Leadville, the scenery is much better. There are meadow streams in the valleys between the mountains. Beaver dams and all. I've always wanted to stop and fish those. South of Leadville, there is a good stretch of the Arkansas headwaters, always lots of cars parked with guys fishing. On the other side of Independence Pass heading down to Aspen, there is the upper Roaring Fork, with smaller bookies.

As someone said, dries work fine. In rough water, you need to nymph, but on slower water, the dries will work. Ranging from big stimulators down to micro-midges.

Enjoy!