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EAGLE VALLEY RESERVOIR

History - Eagle Valley Dam was constructed on Eagle Valley Creek in 1965. The dam, constructed in a narrow canyon below several miles of meadow, created an impoundment of 61 surface acres. Eagle Valley Reservoir is located within Spring Valley State Park.

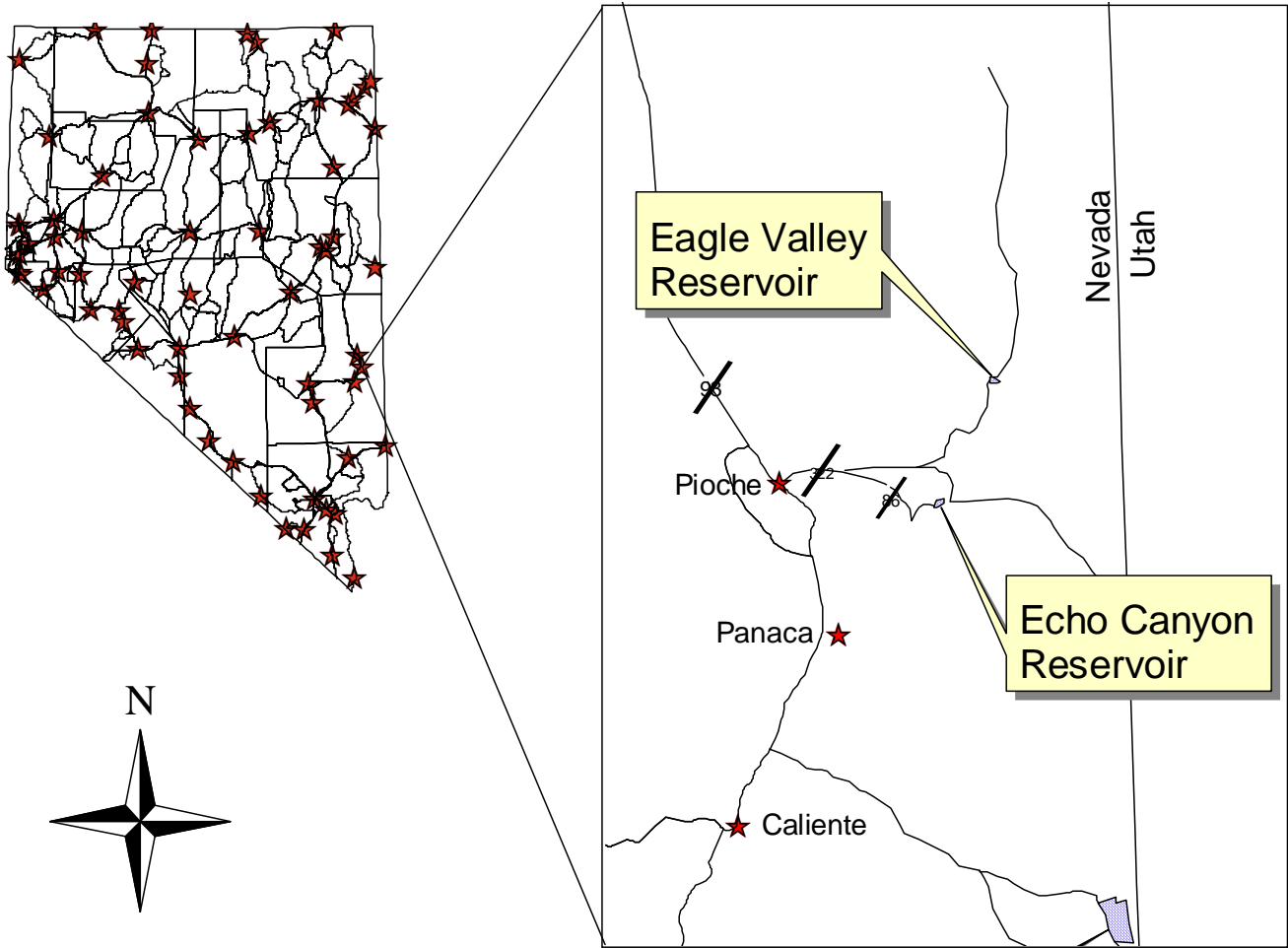
Pertinent Information - Eagle Valley Reservoir has a maximum depth of 43 feet. The fishery is made up of rainbow and brown trout, which are stocked annually. Other fish in the reservoir include desert suckers, speckled dace and golden shiners. Crayfish are also present. The reservoir is managed as a put-and-take fishery. Recent creel census found catch rates of 1.75 fish per angler day and 0.50 fish per hour. Rainbow trout averaged 9.96 inches, while the brown trout averaged 10.70 inches. Best fishing months are April through June and September through October. Ice fishing is popular during cold winters. Camping - There are two campgrounds, one with 36 sites that include tables, grills and shade ramadas. This same area has three restrooms, two with showers. The overflow campground has 6 sites with tables, grills and deep pit toilets. Both campgrounds have access to water. Camping and day use is allowed year around. There are picnic tables, grills, a launch ramp and a fish cleaning station for day use. Fees for both day use and extended camping are posted in the park. Things To Consider - Summer temperatures range between 85°F and 45°F, while winter temperatures can drop below zero.

Stocking - Approximately 5,000 tiger trout (brown x brook cross) and 15,000 rainbow are scheduled to be stocked between March and June. In the fall, 5,000 rainbow trout are scheduled for stocking.

Regulations - General regulations prevail. Limit is 5 trout daily and in possession. Season is open year around, any hour of the day or night.

Biologist Forecast for 2007 - The reservoir is full, but dry conditions suggest that elevations may decline by mid-summer. Fishing should be good in the spring and early summer, slowing in the late summer and picking up again in the fall. Aquatic vegetation can pose a problem during the summer. Fishermen have reported limited success for brown trout, but have had good luck catching tiger trout in the spring and late summer. Anglers fishing from a boat or float tube should do well.

Boating Regulations - General statewide regulations. However, vessels are prohibited in areas designated by signs or buoys at Eagle Valley Dam at Spring Valley State Park.



Access - From Las Vegas, travel 21 miles north on I-15, then turn north on Highway 93 to Pioche, then east on State Route 322 (18 miles) to Spring Valley State Park and Eagle Valley Reservoir.