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ADAMS-McGILL RESERVOIR

History – Adams-McGill Reservoir is a man-made reservoir located on the Kirch Wildlife Management area (formerly Sunnyside). The land was purchased by the state in April of 1959 from Ervin Hendrix who purchased it from the Adams-McGill Company in 1943. The area was mainly purchased for its wetland values for waterfowl.

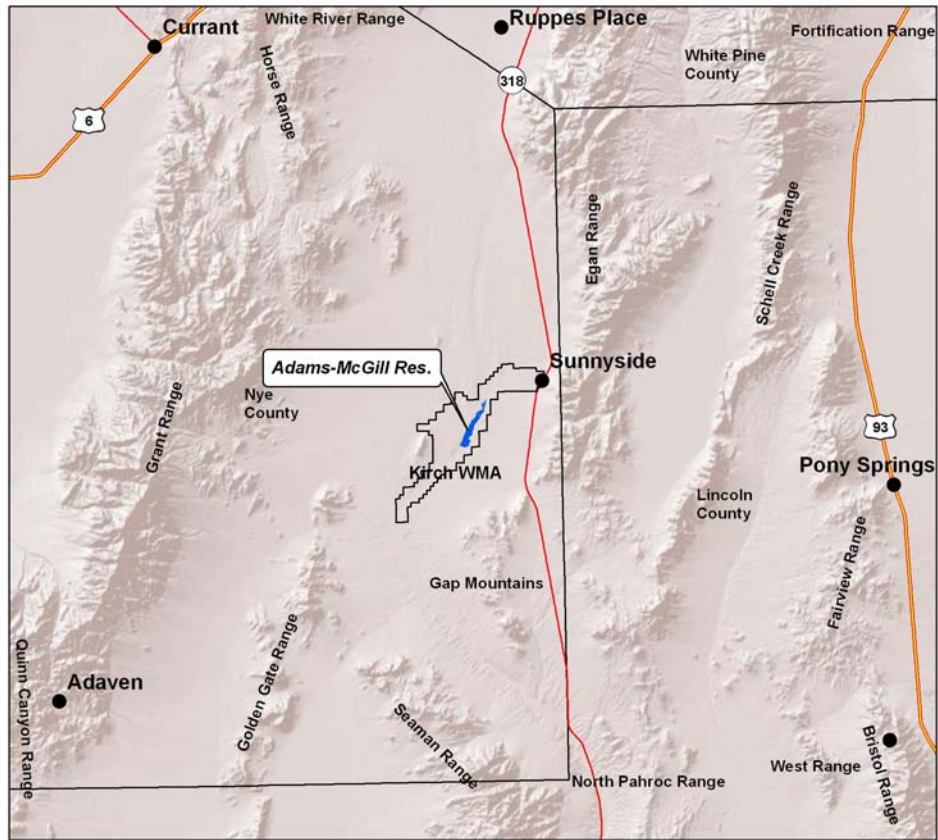
Pertinent Information - The reservoir is 785 surface acres at full capacity (elevation 5,154 ft.). Water manipulation to manage waterfowl can lower lake levels to 5,153 ft. Maximum depth is 10 feet. A self-sustaining largemouth bass fishery exists in the reservoir as well as a put-and-take rainbow trout fishery. Bass angling is slow until water temperatures reach 60° F, which occurs about mid-May and continues to be good through October, when angling success drops off due to cold water temperatures. Trout fishing starts in February and continues through June, slowing in the summer, and then picking up again in mid-September through November. Largemouth bass generally average 12 inches and rainbow trout 15.0 inches. Electrofishing produced an average length for largemouth bass of 7.79 inches with the largest fish measuring 14.25 inches. Artificial lures (artificial worms) are the most popular bait. Minnows and crayfish are not allowed. Camping - Camping is permitted at Dave Deacon Campground, located about two miles west of the reservoir. The campground has deep-pit toilets, potable water, an RV dumpsite, but minimal shade.

Stocking - The largemouth bass fishery is self-sustaining. Approximately 8,000, 9-inch rainbow trout will be stocked the fall.

Regulations – The limit is fifteen warmwater game fish of which not more than 10 may be black bass and 5 trout. The bass must be a minimum length of 10.0 inches (total length). The upper end (as posted) is closed to fishing between February 15 and August 15 due to waterfowl nesting.

Biologist Forecast for 2009 – The reservoir was drained for dam repair in 2002 and was re-filled in 2004. Anglers have reported great success for rainbow trout up to 20 inches in length. Largemouth bass populations have responded well, but large bass are rare. Using a float tube to access deeper water areas in the lower reservoir has often yielded the largest trout. Trout fishing success generally slow significantly by mid-summer as bass fishing picks up.

Boating Regulations - A vessel must be operated at a speed that leaves a flat wake, but in no case be operated at a speed in excess of 5 nautical miles per hour.



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Access - From Ely, travel 23 miles west on Highway 6 to the junction of Highway 318. Turn south and travel 44 miles until you arrive at Kirch Wildlife Management Area. Adams-McGill Reservoir is about 3 miles west of Highway 318. From Las Vegas, travel 21 miles north on I-15 until you come to the Highway 93 junction. Travel north on Highway 93 for 86 miles. At the junction of Highways 93 and 318, continue north on Highway 318 for 67 miles to the management area. The reservoir is 3 miles west of Highway 318.