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DACEY RESERVOIR

History – Dacey Reservoir is a man-made reservoir located on the Kirch Wildlife Management Area (formerly Sunnyside). The reservoir was constructed in the early 1960's primarily as a water storage area for regulating Dacey Marsh, downstream.

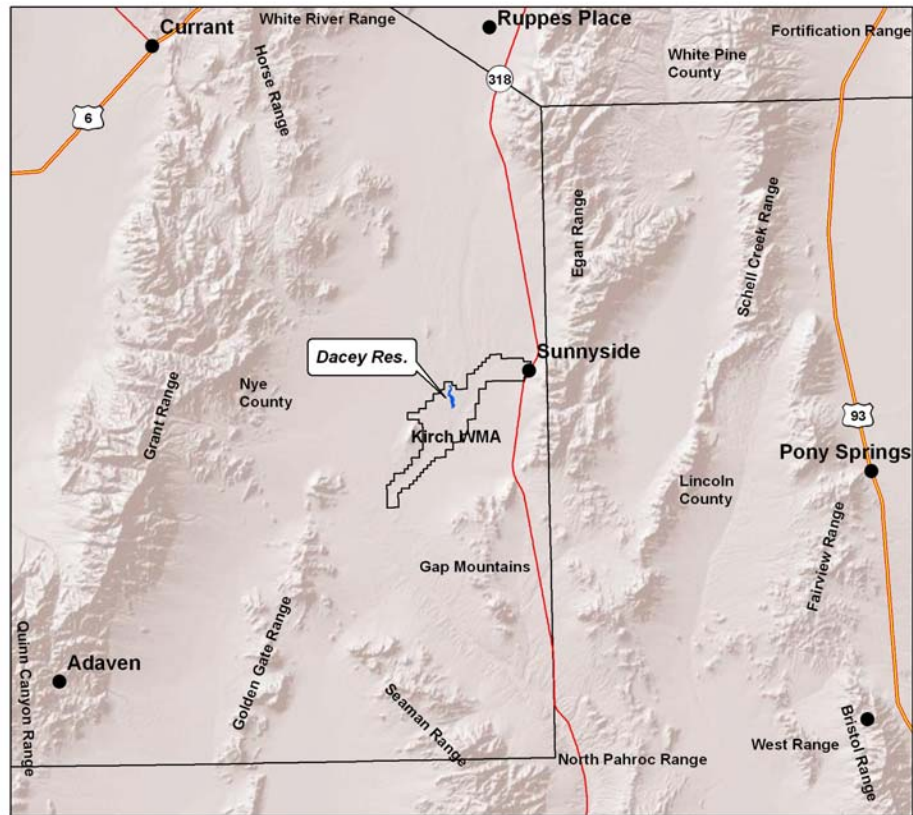
Pertinent Information - The reservoir is 185 surface acres at full capacity. This reservoir is managed at a high, stable level to maintain a natural bass fishery and waterfowl nesting area. The reservoir is closed to trespass from February 15 through August 15 of each year, which limits angler access to only the late summer/fall period. Trout were stocked into Dacey for the first time in any number in 2004 and they have been experiencing excellent growth rates. Angling for largemouth bass is good when the season opens in August and remains good through September. Artificial lures, spinner baits and rubber worms are the most commonly used methods for bass. Minnows and crayfish are not allowed. Water temperatures drop below 60°F in October and the bass fishing slows. The fishing for the stocked rainbow trout, on the other hand, picks up mid-September is good through November. If and when the ice becomes thick enough to support anglers, winter trout fishing can produce fish. Growth on the trout is good and fish over 12 inches in length are common. The water record for rainbow trout is a 5 pound 12 ounce fish captured in 1978. Favorite rainbow baits include Power Bait, spinner type lures and flies. Camping - Camping is allowed at Dave Deacon Campground located four miles northwest of the reservoir.

Stocking – Dacey Reservoir is managed primarily as a bass fishery and trout are typically stocked every other year. No trout will be stocked in 2009.

Regulations – Limit is 10 trout and 15 warmwater fish of which not more than 10 may be black bass. This reservoir is closed to fishing between February 15 and August 15.

Biologist Forecast for 2009 - Bass fishing should be good for fish in the 12 inch or greater size range. Trout fishing should be fair in the fall after water temperatures decrease. Because of the seasonal closure for fishing, stocked trout from 2008 have are expected to have had good survival and ample growth and 15 inch or larger fish should be present in the fall.

Boating Regulations - A vessel must be operated at a speed that leaves a flat wake, but in no case can 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 arriving at Kirch Wildlife Management Area. Dacey Reservoir is about 5 miles west of Highway 318 and 2 miles west of Adams-McGill Reservoir.

From Las Vegas, travel 21 miles north on I-15 until coming to the Highway 93 junction. Travel north on Highway 93 for 86 miles. At the junction of Highway 93 and 318, continue north on Highway 318 for 67 miles to Kirch Wildlife Management Area. The reservoir is 5 miles west of Highway 318 and 2 miles west of Adams-McGill Reservoir.

Dacey Reservoir has a rough, unimproved boat ramp which is not suitable for larger trailered boats.