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ECHO CANYON RESERVOIR

History - Echo Canyon Reservoir was constructed in 1969 in the Meadow Valley Wash, approximately 10 miles downstream from Eagle Valley Reservoir in Lincoln County. Echo Canyon Reservoir is located within Echo Canyon State Park.

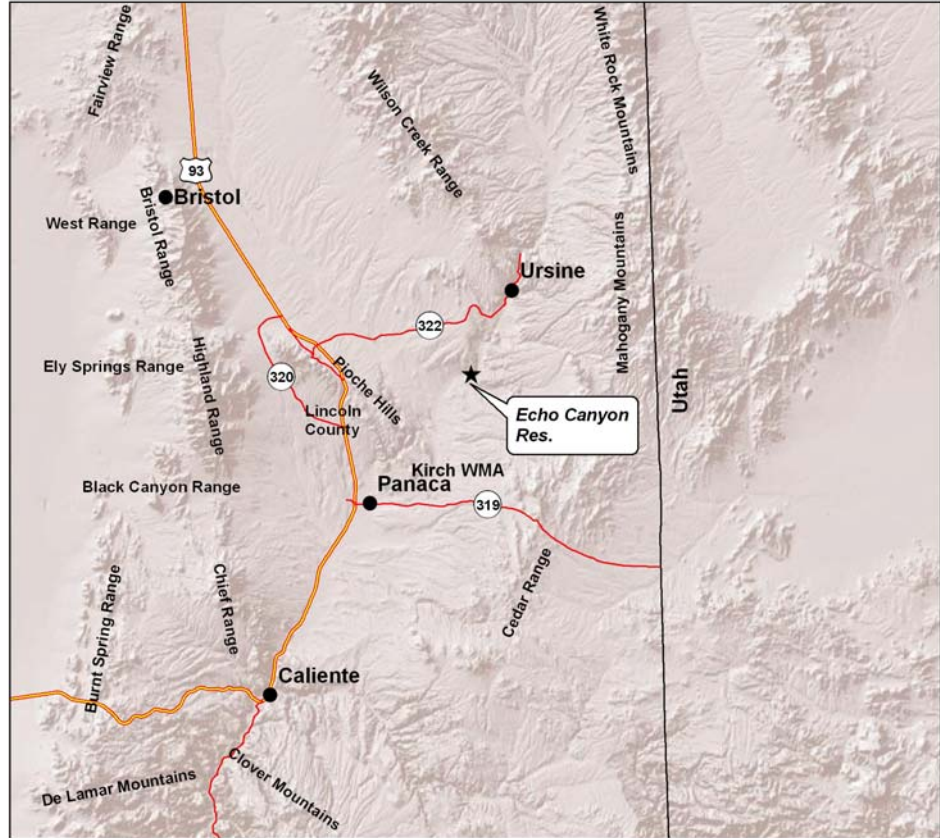
Pertinent History - The reservoir covers 70 surface acres to a maximum depth of 27 feet. The fishery is made up of rainbow and brown trout. The warmwater fish consist of white crappie, largemouth bass and a few black bullhead. Nongame fish include desert sucker, speckled dace and golden shiners. Angler questionnaire survey data in 2007 found an average catch rate 0.77 fish per angler 4.62 day. White crappie average about 7.7 inches and largemouth bass average about 8.0 inches. Unstable water conditions and a short growing season lead to small largemouth bass. Bass over 8 pounds are rare, but occasionally captured. A 2 pound 14 inch white crappie was captured in 1990. Anglers fish with Power Bait for trout, although lures and flies work equally well. The crappie take small worms, flies and crappie jigs. The largemouth can be captured with spinner baits, plugs, flies and worms (both artificial and live). Camping - Echo Canyon State Park has 33 campsites with water, shade ramadas, grills and tables. There is an RV dump station and flush toilet facilities. Group camping requires reservations. Things to Consider - Campsites are on a first come first served basis and may be full during heavy use summer periods. Summer temperatures may reach 90° F, while you might experience snow in the winter.

Stocking – A total of 13,000 9-inch rainbow trout are scheduled for spring and 4,000 rainbow are planned for stocking in the fall.

Regulations - Season is open year around, any hour of the day or night. Limit is 5 trout and 15 warmwater game fish of which not more than 10 may be largemouth bass. The daily and possession limit is the same. No live bait is allowed.

Biologist Prediction for 2009 – Water levels should be high in the spring, dropping in the late summer and fall. Fishing for trout should be good most of the year, slowing in the summer. The warmwater species present in the reservoir spawned successfully in the past. Fishing should be good for pan-sized crappie in May. Anglers can also expect to catch an occasional 7 to 9-inch largemouth bass.

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 Las Vegas, travel 21 miles on I-15 north, then north on Highway 93 to Pioche, then east 7 miles on State Route 322, turning south for 5 miles on State Route 323. The entrance road is paved.