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HAYMEADOW RESERVOIR

History - Haymeadow Reservoir is a man-made impoundment located on the Kirch Wildlife Management Area (formerly Sunnyside). The reservoir was filled in 1967 and is the fourth of five reservoirs found within the management area. The main objectives for construction were wetland expansion and the creation of a fishery.

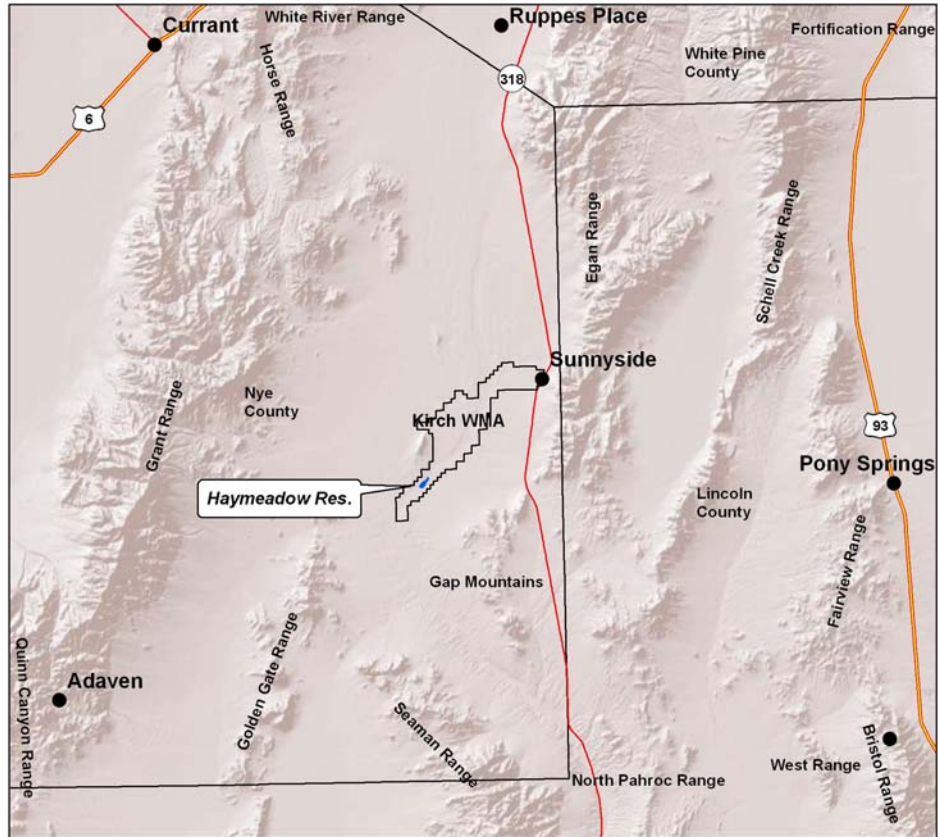
Pertinent Information - The reservoir is 190 surface acres with an average depth of 7 feet and a maximum depth of 12 feet. This reservoir is managed at a full, stable level to promote the natural bass fishery and stocked rainbow trout fishery. Angling for the largemouth bass is slow until water temperatures reach 60° F, usually around mid-May. Largemouth bass in recent creel checks averaged 12.65 inches. They were captured mostly on spinner baits and rubber worms. Minnows and crayfish are not allowed as bait. The best months for trout fishing are March through June and September through October. Ice fishing in winter can also be quite productive. Growth rates for the trout are excellent and fish up to 20 inches in length are periodically taken. The angler questionnaire survey data from 2007 showed an average catch rate of 8.37 fish per angler day. Trout are captured on lures, flies and with Power Bait. Water records for Haymeadow include a 10 pound 9 ounce largemouth bass captured in 2000 and a 6 pound 24 inch rainbow trout captured in 1981. There is also an under utilized population of black bullhead catfish in the reservoir. Camping - Camping is allowed at Dave Deacon Campground located 6 miles northwest of the reservoir. It has pit toilets, potable water and an RV dumpsite.

Stocking - The warmwater bass fishery is self-sustaining and requires no stocking. About 16,000, 9-inch rainbow trout will be stocked in the spring and 17,000 in the fall.

Regulations - The limit is ten largemouth bass daily and in possession with a minimum length of 10 inches. In addition to the bass, 15 other warmwater species are allowed. Trespass onto the upper end of the reservoir is prohibited between February 15 and August 15 due to waterfowl nesting. Five rainbow trout may be taken daily.

Biologist Forecast for 2008 - Bass recruitment has been excellent, therefore, anglers should do well catching larger fish. Trout fishing should be good in 2009 and there should also be carryover of approximately 30% from last year. With growth rates of up to 1-inch a month, rainbow in the 15- to 17-inch size range should be common. Average water levels should prevail.

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 for 44 miles to Kirch Wildlife Management Area. Haymeadow Reservoir is approximately west of Highway 318 and about 5 miles south of Adams-McGill Reservoir. From Las Vegas, travel 21 miles north on I-15 until reaching Highway 93-318, continue north (on Highway 318) for 67 miles to Kirch Wildlife Management Area. The reservoir is 3 miles west of Highway 318 and 5 miles south of Adams-McGill Reservoir.