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SUNSET PARK POND

History - Sunset Park Pond is located within Sunset Park in the southeastern Las Vegas Valley, near McCarran International Airport. The site is managed by the Clark County Parks and Recreation Department. The pond has provided urban fishing opportunities for over 20 years. In 2000, the pond was reconstructed by Clark County to stop leakage and improve shoreline access. At that time, a new liner and fish habitat structure were installed. Water for the reservoir is supplied from wells maintained by the park. The pond is also used as a storage reservoir for park irrigation.

Pertinent Information - Sunset Park Pond is approximately 14 acres in size and has a maximum depth of between 10 and 12 feet. The entire shoreline of the reservoir is accessible for angling, although parts of the southwest shoreline may be closed to fishing during model boat events. Water is supplied from wells, so water quality is good and clarity high, although minor algae blooms can occur seasonally. The pond is accessible for fishing during open park hours, but is closed during the times posted at the park entrances.

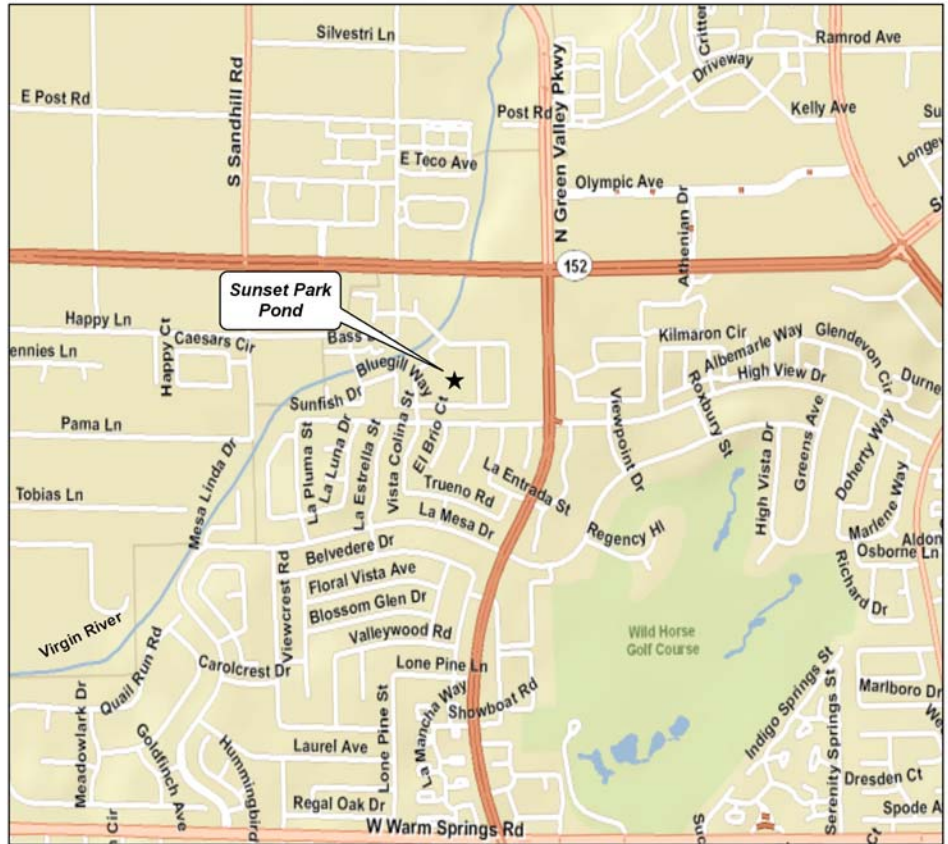
The primary game fish species in Sunset Park Pond are rainbow trout and channel catfish. Catchable-sized fish of both species are stocked seasonally. Other species present include bluegill, redear sunfish, black crappie and largemouth bass. These species are not regularly stocked, but fish habitat placed in the pond provides cover for reproduction and recruitment of the warmwater fish species. Trophy Fish recorded from Sunset Park Pond are a 22 pound 8 ounce carp caught in 1999, a 9 pound 14 ounce largemouth bass caught in 2002 and a 12 pound 10 ounce rainbow trout captured in 2003. Small spinners, still baits such as salmon eggs, and fly fishing can all be effective for rainbow trout; small jigs or earthworms are suggested for panfish such as bluegill and redear sunfish. Camping - No overnight camping is allowed at Sunset Park. Improved day use areas with picnic tables and barbecues are available on a first-come first-served basis. There is no fee for park access.

Stocking - Sunset Park Pond is stocked weekly with rainbow trout from November until March, and with channel catfish at least monthly from April through October. Water temperatures and other conditions can change this stocking schedule without notice. Stocking schedules, updated weekly, are available from the Lake Mead Hatchery hotline at (702) 486-6738.

Regulations - Season is open year round, during park open hours only. The limit daily and in possession is a total of 3 fish of any species in combination. The use of live bait is prohibited in Sunset Park Pond.

Biologist Forecast for 2009 - Angling for stocked trout and catfish will be good throughout the year, generally for at least a week after each stocking. Slow angling for all species is common in late spring and early fall (April and September).

Boating Regulations - Boats and other flotation devices, including float tubes, are prohibited on Sunset Park Pond.



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Access - Sunset Park is located at the corner of Eastern Avenue and Sunset Road in Las Vegas, adjacent to McCarran Airport and approximately 3 miles east of Highway I-15. Park entrance roads are located on both Sunset Road and Eastern Avenue and ample vehicle parking is available at the north and south ends of the pond.