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BOULDER RESERVOIR

History – Located 190 miles north of Reno, Boulder Reservoir was constructed in 1950 as a private reservoir for irrigation. In 1957, a verbal agreement between the private landowners and NDOW was established in which NDOW would keep the reservoir stocked as long as public access was permitted.

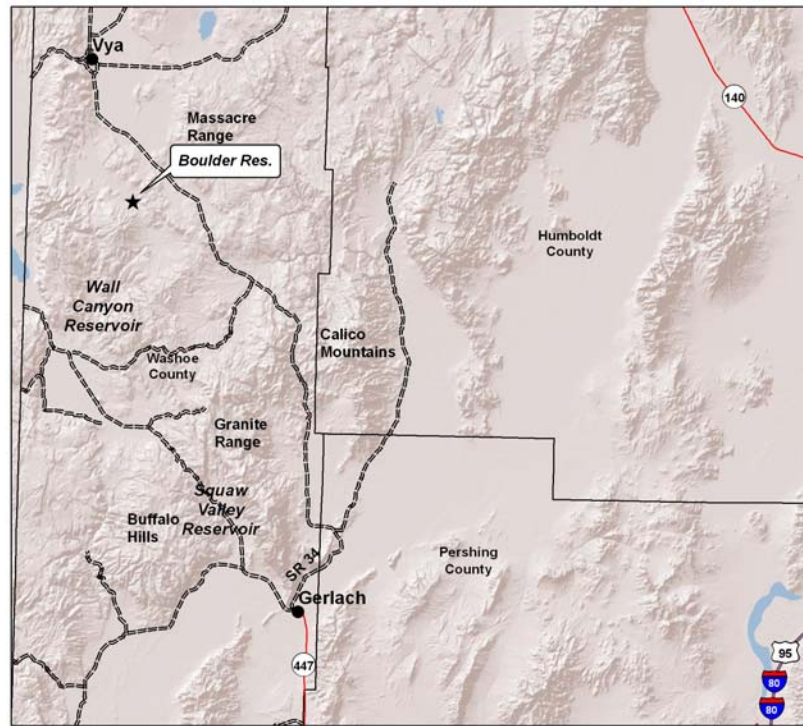
Pertinent Information – At maximum pool, the reservoir covers approximately two acres and is a little over 10 feet deep. Runoff and a perennial spring (southwest corner) feed the reservoir. The constant water flow provided by the spring keeps Boulder cool and oxygenated all year, allowing for good trout fishing even during the warmer summer months. Aquatic vegetation in the reservoir becomes thick by late summer and, while this makes for difficult angling, it also provides habitat for aquatic insects for trout resulting in big, healthy fish. Fishing from shore can be difficult when vegetation is thick ... float tubes or *small* boats are recommended. Rainbow and bowcutt (rainbow x cutthroat hybrid) trout are the only fish found in the reservoir. Angler Questionnaire data for 2007 found 240 anglers fishing 531 days with a catch rate of 5.0 fish per angler day. The rainbow trout in the creel averaged between 12 and 14 inches in length. Boulder Reservoir may look unimpressive at first, but it is a very productive lake and can offer some excellent fishing. Things to consider: Roads may be muddy in the spring or following wet weather. Check into the road conditions before traveling up there. Camping - Camping is unimproved.

Stocking – Boulder is scheduled to receive 1,200 rainbow trout in the spring and an additional 1,200 rainbows in the fall.

Regulations – General regulations apply: Open year around, any hour of the day or night. Limit is 5 trout.

Biologist Forecast for 2009 – Boulder has provided consistently good fishing for the past eight years. With an average winter, the reservoir should fill. Expect a heavy carpet of aquatic vegetation by late summer.

Boating Regulations – No special regulations apply.



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Access – From Reno, travel 30 miles east on Interstate 80. Turn north onto Highway 447 at Wadsworth. Drive through Gerlach and follow the road to the right when the highway splits (Secondary State Route 34). Drive approximately 80 miles where you'll find a dirt road that turns to the left (there should be a sign indicating Boulder Reservoir), follow that road for about 8 miles to the reservoir. Note: Don't confuse Boulder Lake with Boulder Reservoir. Boulder Lake is a lakebed that will occasionally dry up. It is located just north of Boulder Reservoir and holds no fish. There are many dirt roads running through that country, you should carry a good topo map with you to ensure you know where you are going.