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CHIMNEY DAM RESERVOIR

History - Chimney Reservoir was created in 1974 in a narrow gorge just downstream from the point where the Little Humboldt River branches into the North and South Forks. The dam crest is at an elevation of 4,650 feet and stores 35,000 acre feet covering 2,150 surface acres. When full, the reservoir averages 16 feet in depth with a maximum depth of 55 feet.

Pertinent Information - Fish species present include white crappie, walleye, largemouth bass, channel catfish, brown trout, carp and bluegill sunfish. Angler questionnaire data in 2007 showed 302 anglers fished 943 days and captured 368 fish for 0.39 fish per angler day. The Nevada Trophy Fish Program lists a 12 pound 10 ounce channel catfish being harvested from the lake. Best Time of Year to Fish - the months of March and April are the best times to fish for crappie, walleye and channel catfish. Productive Fishing Methods - standard crankbaits fished along the shoreline at depths of 3 to 8 feet work well for the bass and sunfish. Standard deepwater baits fished over structure have been most productive offshore. Approved live bait (minnows) works best for crappie. Channel catfish can be caught on worms, liver, shrimp and minnows fished on the bottom. Camping - Developed campsites can be accessed on the east shoreline. Boat launching facilities and vehicle parking are provided adjacent to the campsites. There is no charge for use of the facilities. Regular garbage service is not provided.

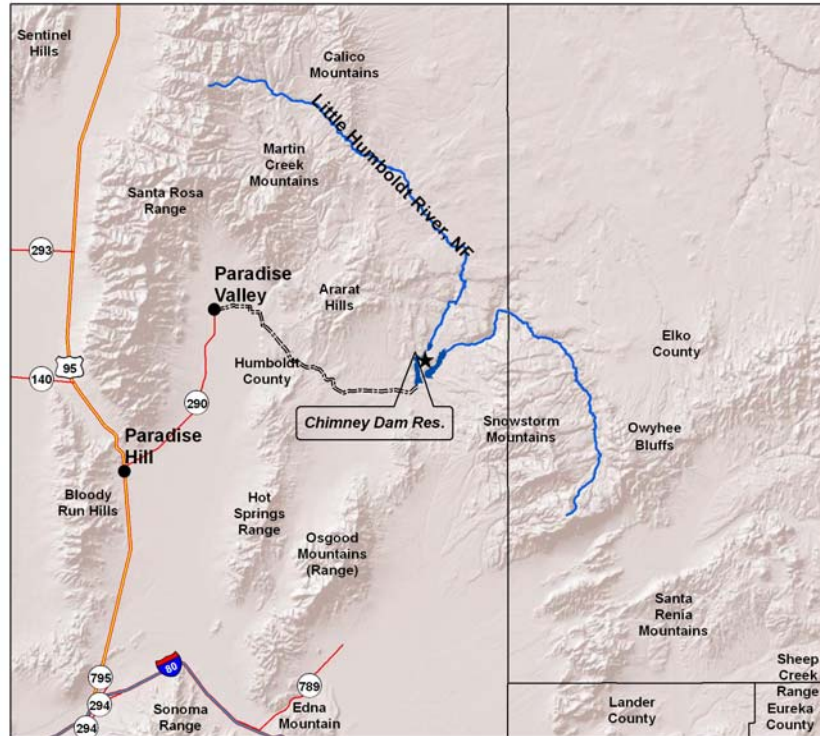
Stocking - Stocking of game fish into this water has been sporadic. Walleye have been planted between 1980 and 2006. Plants averaged 200,000 fry per year. Largemouth bass, brown trout and channel catfish have been stocked when available.

Regulations - Open year around any hour of the day or night with general limits of 10 trout and 15 warmwater game fish of which not more than 5 may be black bass.

Biologist Forecast for 2009 - Fishing should be similar to the average. Good angling is predicted for the spring and early summer. The reservoir should be low by fall. Walleye numbers are up with a few fish running to 10 pounds. The average size for crappie remains about 8 inches.

Boating Regulations - Vessels are prohibited in areas designated by signs or buoys at Chimney Reservoir Dam in Humboldt County.

Health Advisory - Due to elevated methylmercury levels, the Nevada State Health Division has issued a health advisory that recommends no consumption of walleye from Chimney Dam Reservoir. Please visit NDOW's web site (www.ndow.org) for more details.



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Access - Travel 21 miles north on U.S. 95 to the junction of SR 290, turning right and travel 22 miles to Paradise Valley. From Paradise Valley, drive 20 miles along the Chimney Reservoir county road to the park and camping area.