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**DAVIS CREEK PARK POND**

History – Davis Creek Park Pond is a natural shallow lake that has been enhanced over the years to achieve its present level. The pond was originally used by the Winter’s Ranch to harvest ice for summer use. Davis Creek Pond was first stocked by the Nevada Department of Wildlife in the early 1980s when, for two years in succession, several hundred 2-inch largemouth bass were released during the summer. The first trout were released into the pond in 1991 and spring trout stocking has continued since. In 1998, the Washoe County Parks and Recreation Department completed a dredging project to improve the fish habitat in the pond. The southern end of the pond was dredged to 15 feet and the once shallow northern end was also deepened.

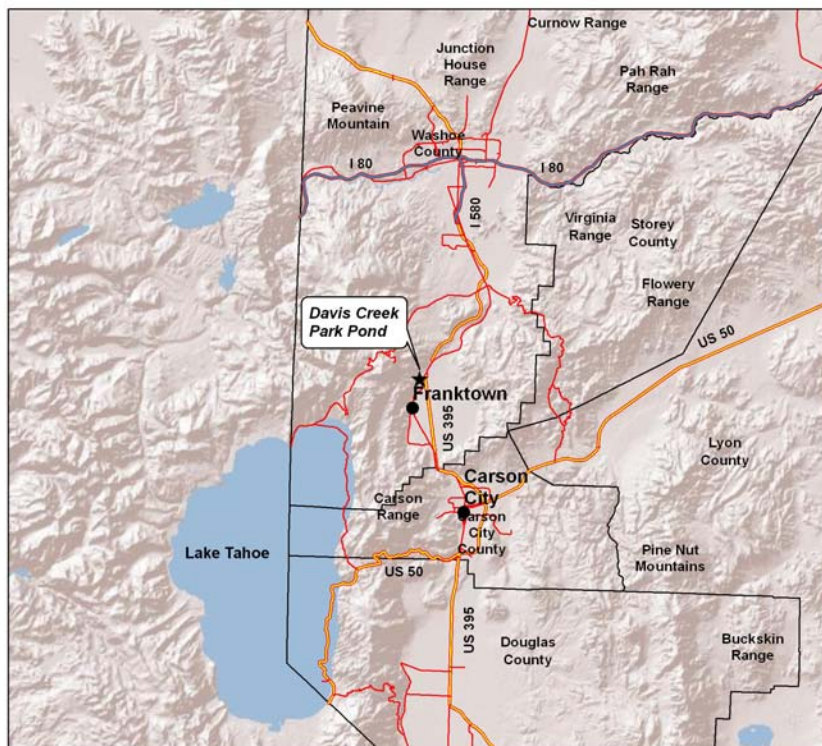
Pertinent Information – Davis Creek Park Pond covers approximately two and one-half acres when full, and is approximately 15 feet deep with an island in the middle. Fed by Davis Creek, which is intermittent, and a ditch system bringing water from Ophir Creek, Davis Creek Park Pond usually remains full, however, it did dry up three times during the drought of ‘87-’94. Davis Creek Park Pond is managed as a put-and-take fishery, which means that hatchery fish are planted and soon thereafter caught by anglers. Fish checked during creel surveys typically measure between 8 and 12.5 inches with the average fish measuring 10.11 inches. Camping - Davis Creek Park, managed by Washoe County Parks and Recreation Department, is a beautiful, wooded park located close to Reno and Carson City and offers day-use picnic areas around the lake and also a campground facility just north of the lake. Restroom facilities are available.

Stocking – The pond is scheduled to receive 4,000, 10-inch rainbow trout between March and June and 600, 10-inch rainbow trout in September.

Regulations – Open year around, during public park hours. Limit is 5 gamefish, of which not more than 2 may be black bass.

Biologist Forecast for 2009 – Fishing is best in the morning and evening when water temps are a bit cooler. Also, the more recently the pond has been stocked, the better the fishing will be. Davis Creek Park Pond should be low by late summer.

Boating Regulations – None apply.



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Access – Davis Creek Park is located in Washoe Valley between Reno and Carson City. From US 395, exit onto old 395, the park is approximately one mile north of Bower’s Mansion.