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HOBART RESERVOIR

History – Hobart Reservoir is located at an elevation of 7,650 feet in the Carson Range, within the Toiyabe National Forest. The reservoir is presently owned by the State of Nevada and used as a water source for the Carson City area. The initial dam was completed in 1877, and was rebuilt in 1956, following a washout in 1955.

Pertinent Information – The present reservoir covers approximately 10 surface acres, stores 110 acre-feet and has a maximum depth of 15 feet. Rainbow trout, brook trout, cutthroat trout and hybrids (rainbow x cutthroat) have been introduced into the lake. Brook trout are the only self-sustaining population. During the past several years, the population of brook trout in the lake has exploded, although attempts by NDOW to physically remove a portion of the brook trout population has proved positive. Results from the 2007 Angler Questionnaire revealed a catch rate of 9.13 fish per angler day. Fish being caught are fairly small with about 25% of the fish greater than 12 inches in length.

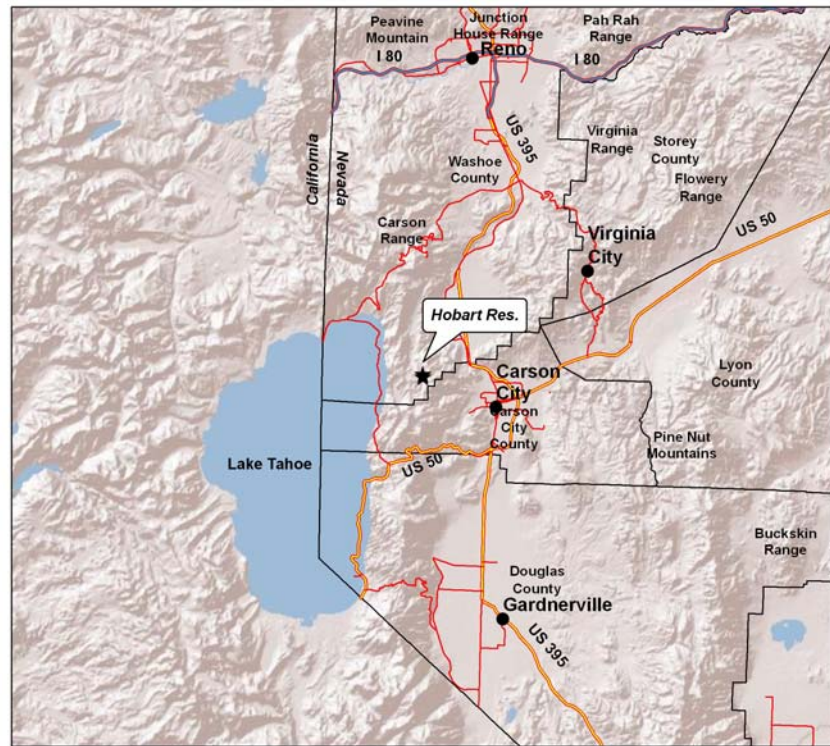
If catching big fish is what you are after, this probably isn't the place for you, but if you just want to spend the day in a beautiful location catching lots of fish, give Hobart Reservoir a try. Angler success is highest in the months of August and September. Things to Consider - due to its high elevation, much of the lake may still be covered with ice in early May depending on weather conditions. Hobart Reservoir is closed to vehicular access, so anglers will have to hike or bike in.

Stocking – Hobart will receive 1,000 rainbow trout and 500 tiger trout in the spring of 2009.

Regulations – Season is open May 1 through September 30, 1 hour before sunrise to 2 hours after sunset. Limit is 5 trout, only one of which may be longer than 14 inches. Only artificial lures with single barbless hooks may be used. This special regulation applies to Hobart Reservoir, its tributaries and Franktown Creek downstream from Hobart Reservoir to Red House.

Biologist Forecast for 2009 – Brook trout populations remain relatively high, so angler success will be high. If you're more interested in the quantity of the fish caught than the quality (size), this is the place for you. Tiger trout are showing up in the creel up to 14 inches in length.

Boating Regulations – No special regulations apply.



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Access –Hobart Reservoir can be accessed from the north and the south sides. From the south side, drive from Carson City west on Winnie Lane to the mouth of Ash Canyon. At the end of Winnie, turn right into a housing development then turn left onto the dirt road near the water tanks. From the tanks it is approximately 5 miles up the canyon to the locked gate. This is a very bad road which requires a short wheel base four-wheel drive vehicle. From the gate it is about ¼ mile to the lake. Accessing the lake from the north involves a much longer hike. Drive to Lakeview, which is north of Carson City, and follow Hobart Road to the locked gate, from that point, follow the road to the right, it is about a 5 mile hike to the reservoir. **Access Note:** The road up Ash Creek Canyon was closed for most of the summer of 2005 to vehicular traffic to allow removal of burned trees. The good news is the road is now open and improved. There is parking provided at the top of the hill (end of allowed traffic).