

PARADISE PARK PONDS

History – In 1958, the late Mr. Teglia purchased the gravel pit that was to become Paradise Park Ponds. The ponds were filled to a maximum depth of 12 feet. Draining is from the northeast corner. Rainbow trout were successfully reared then sold to fishermen. In 1964, Mr. Teglia sold the ponds and adjacent property to the City of Reno to be used as a park. The Nevada Department of Wildlife stocked the lake from 1965 to present, primarily with rainbow trout. Between 1997 and 1998, both the north and south ponds underwent construction to deepen and seal the ponds, enhance fish habitat and install aeration systems.

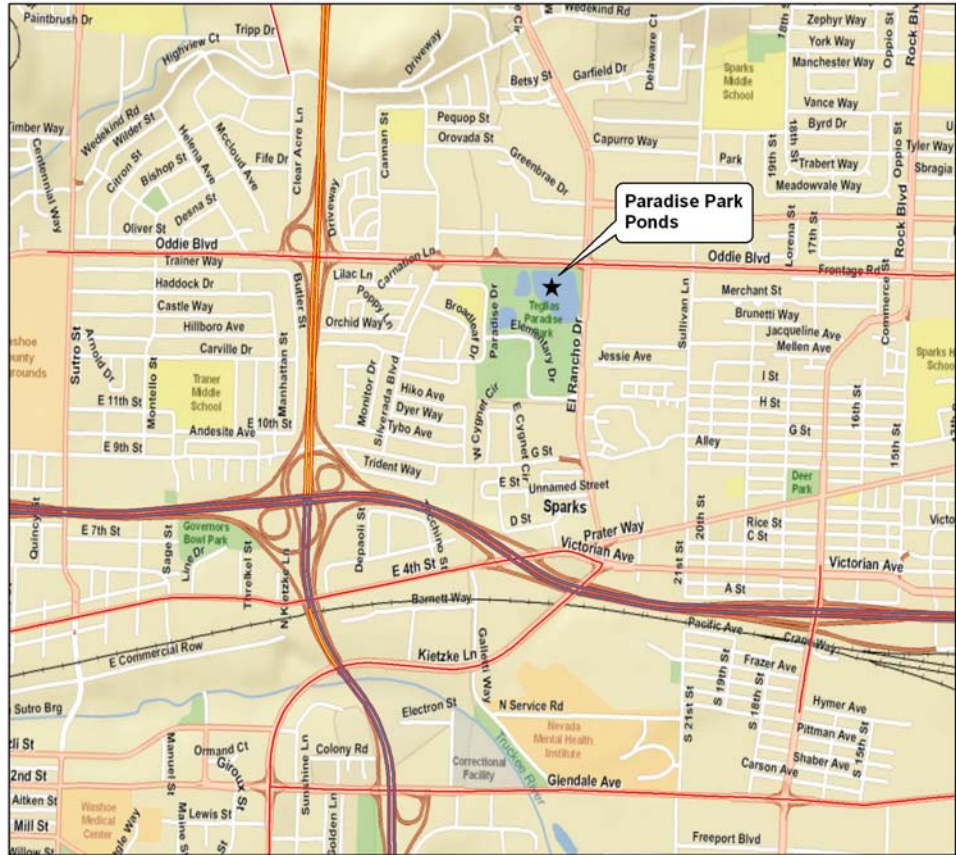
Pertinent Information – The Paradise Pond complex consists of two large ponds and two smaller ponds that cover a total of 24 acres. The large ponds are each approximately 18 feet deep and have numerous boulder structures, which were added to enhance fish habitat. Since 1998, when the ponds were reconstructed, they have been stocked with rainbow and brown trout, bluegill and channel catfish. Paradise Park is one of the few areas that has handicap accessible fishing areas. There are three fishing piers on the north pond and one pier on the south pond. Angler Questionnaire data from 2007 found 392 anglers fishing, with a catch rate of 0.72 fish per angler day. A 24 inch 7 pound channel catfish was taken in 2007.

Stocking – Paradise Park Ponds are stocked with 2,000 rainbow trout in the spring and 1,000 in the fall. Stocking dates are spread through March through June and in September. They are split between the two large ponds. Channel catfish should also be stocked in early summer.

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 spring and fall when water temperatures are cool. Usually from mid-June through August the temperatures are too high for good trout fishing. The more recently the pond has been stocked, the better the fishing will be. A few 3 to 4 pound channel catfish have been showing up in the angler's creel. With the opening of Sparks Marina, Paradise Park Ponds has gone underutilized the past several years.

Boating Regulations – No special regulations apply.



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Access – Paradise Park is located in the city of Sparks on the corner of Oddie Boulevard and Silverada. From US 395, take the Oddie Blvd. exit and travel east for approximately 1 mile, the ponds are on the south side of the road.