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WALL CANYON RESERVOIR

History – Wall Canyon Reservoir is a man-made reservoir constructed in 1960 by Lewis Cockrell. The reservoir covers both private land and BLM land. It is managed by NDOW as a public fishery.

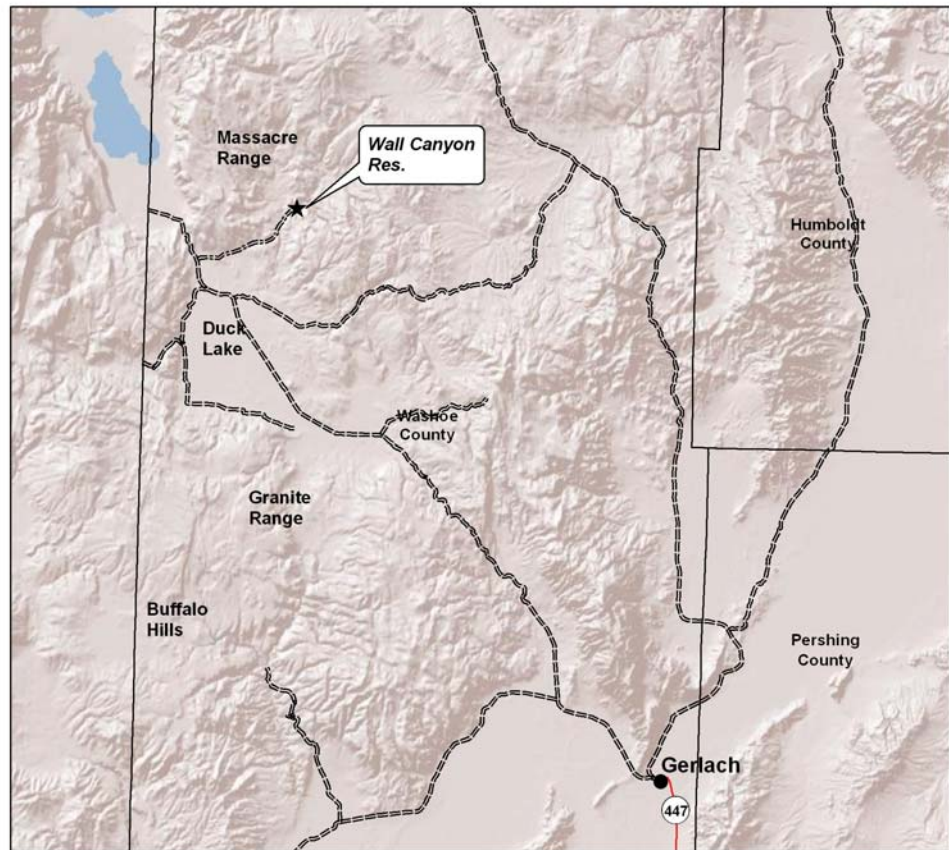
Pertinent Information – The reservoir covers 133 surface acres and has a maximum depth of 55 feet. Smallmouth bass, Wall Canyon suckers, bowcutt trout (rainbow x cutthroat hybrid), rainbow trout, brown trout and speckled dace are presently found in the reservoir. Results from 2007 Angler Questionnaire found anglers catching 7.42 fish per angler day. Spring, early summer (through June) and fall are the best times to fish. Bonus: the reservoir also contains an abundance of large crayfish. Many sportsmen drive to Wall Canyon just for the crayfish. They can be captured with crayfish traps, hook-and-line or minnow traps with the ends widened. Attach chicken parts or hot dogs to the traps as bait. Camping - Unimproved. Things to consider - roads may be muddy in spring or after rain. Reservoir is turbid (muddy). Lures and/or flies should be dark and/or make noise.

Stocking – Wall Canyon will receive 2,000 triploid rainbow trout (sterile) in each the spring and fall. About 2,000 bowcutt trout (rainbow x cutthroat trout hybrid) will be stocked in the fall.

Regulations – General Regulations. Open year around, any hour of the day or night. Limit is 5 trout and 15 warmwater game fish of which not more than 5 may be black bass.

Biologist Forecast for 2009 – In the past, large quantities of water was drawn from Wall Canyon Reservoir to provide for agricultural needs downstream. Consequently, the reservoir has been very low, which has prevented hatchery trucks from stocking trout. No fish were stocked in 2002 and 2003. Carryover trout from previous years' stockings should be available to anglers and are reaching 14-inches. A self-sustaining population of smallmouth bass should provide abundant catches in the 10-inch size class during spring and summer. Water levels will be low again in summer and fall, but fishing in the fall should be good when the temperature drops.

Boating Regulations – A vessel must be operated at a speed that leaves a flat wake, but in no case may be operated at a speed in excess of 5 nautical miles per hour.



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Access – From Reno, travel 30 miles east on Interstate 80. Turn north onto Highway 447 at Wadsworth. Travel 135 miles through Gerlach turning right onto a dirt road marked by a windmill just north of Duck Flat. Continue 8 miles along this dirt road to Wall Canyon Reservoir.