

WILSON COMMON POND

History – Wilson Common Pond is a relatively new park, which was constructed in 1994. The Nevada Department of Wildlife first started stocking the pond in 1995, at which time it was opened to the public for fishing. Rainbow trout and bowcutts (rainbow x cutthroat hybrid) have been introduced into the pond.

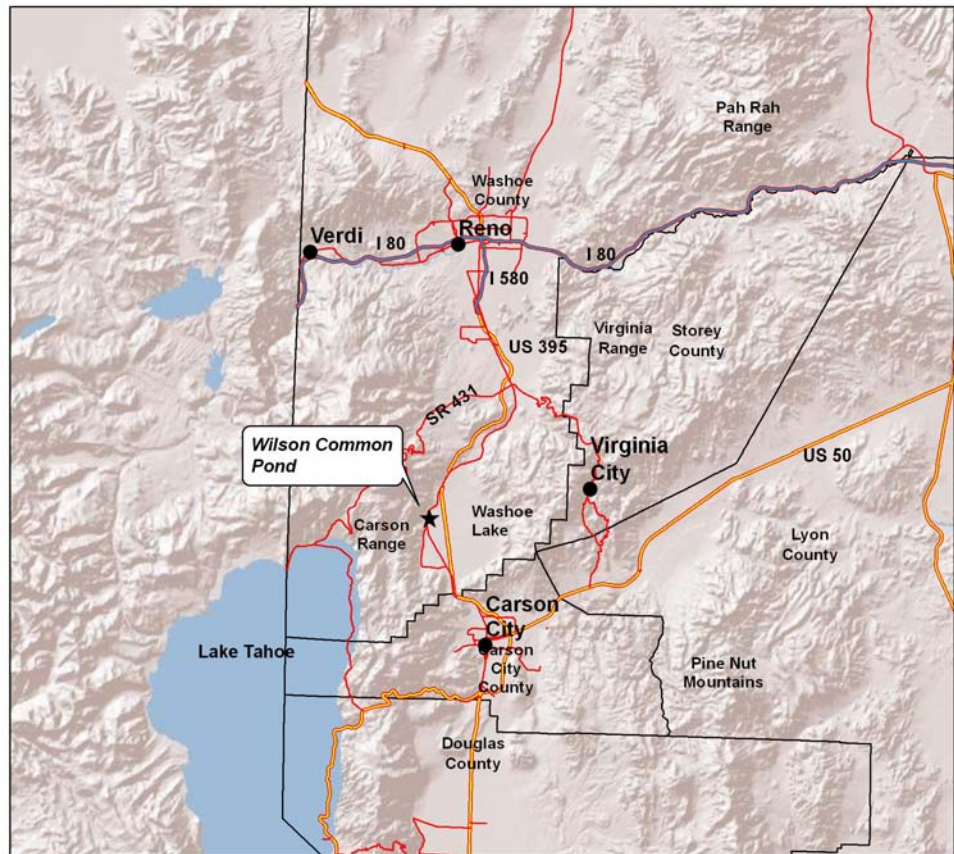
Pertinent Information – The pond covers approximately one surface acre and is 15 feet deep, receiving water from Franktown Creek. It is managed as a put-and-take fishery, which means that hatchery fish are stocked and soon thereafter caught by anglers. Fish checked during creel survey averaged 9 inches in length. The angler success average for the past 5 years is 0.4 fish per hour and 0.8 fish per angler with an average length of 10.2 inches. Crappie have recently been illegally introduced into the pond. The pond is surrounded by a large, well-maintained lawn with lots of room for kids to play. It also has tennis and volleyball courts and picnic areas. It's a great place for kids to fish since there are few trees in which to tangle lines.

Stocking – Wilson Common Pond is scheduled to receive 4,000 rainbow trout in the spring and 500 rainbow trout in the fall. The spring plantings are spread out over a four-month period starting in March.

Regulations – General regulations apply: Season is open year round, during public park hours. Limit is 5 trout.

Biologist Forecast for 2009 – Fishing is best in the mornings and evenings when water temps are cooler. Also, the more recently it was stocked, the better the fishing will be. The pond is expected to be weedy by late summer, making for difficult fishing.

Boating Regulations – No boats or float tubes are allowed.



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Access – Wilson Common Pond is located in Washoe Valley between Carson City and Reno. The park is approximately 1 mile south of Bower’s Mansion on old 395. Turn east on William Brent Drive. Keep your eyes open ... it’s easy to miss.