

18. TRAIL CANYON RESERVOIR

History - Trail Canyon Reservoir is located on Rock Creek in the White Mountains, Inyo National Forest of western Esmeralda County. The reservoir was originally constructed to water livestock and supply water for small mining operations. In the early 1990s, the dam's spillway was rebuilt by volunteers, which allowed the reservoir to maintain a deeper pool and to better support fish.

Pertinent Information - Trail Canyon is a small reservoir approximately 1.5 surface acres with a maximum depth of about 20 feet. The shoreline is lined with dense vegetation in places, but there is adequate access for shore angling. The pond is fed by spring flow and surface flows from Rock Creek, and water quality is usually very good. Rainbow trout are stocked, with the best fishing generally from May through October, although late July and August can be slow. Fly-fishing, throwing small spinners, or using baits such as salmon eggs or Power Bait can be effective. There are no improved campsites, but camping is allowed at primitive sites within the Inyo National Forest. Road access is best in late spring through fall, but may become inaccessible in the winter because of snowfall.

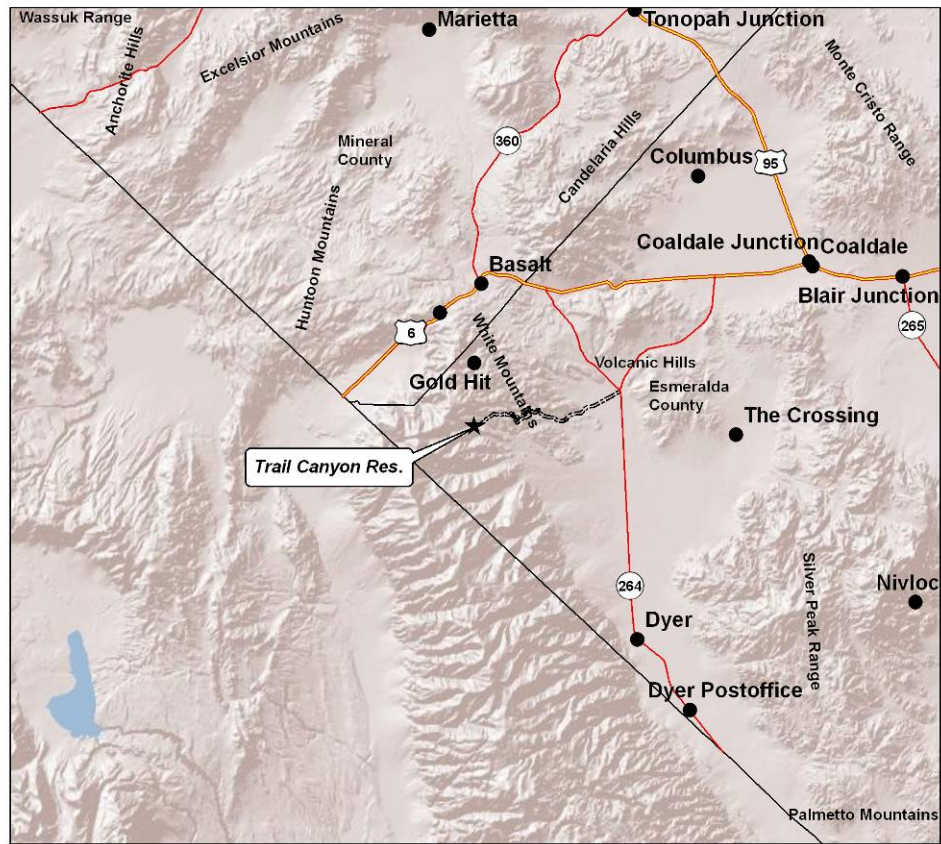
Stocking - Trail Canyon Reservoir is stocked with catchable-sized rainbow trout in the spring and early summer depending on spring runoff and road conditions.

Regulations - The limit is 10 trout. The capture, possession, or use of fish as bait, whether dead or alive or parts thereof, other than preserved salmon eggs, and commercially prepared and preserved baitfish is prohibited. Aquatic bait may be used only in the water from which it is taken.

Biologist Forecast For 2021 – Access should be good, with average water levels and good success for stocked trout through mid-summer.

Boating Regulations - There is no suitable facility to launch boats at Trail Canyon Reservoir. The use of other flotation devices, including float tubes, is allowed.

Access - From SR 264 at the junction with SR 773, 15 miles north of Dyer, drive west on the Rock Creek road approximately 8 miles to Trail Canyon Reservoir. NOTE: Rock Creek Road is unimproved and rarely maintained. It is advisable to check at the Dyer store for current road conditions. Access to this area via the Chiatovich Creek Road is no longer possible due to private land closures.



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DO YOUR PART – Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers

Clean – Remove all mud, plants, and animals from every part of your boat, trailer, and equipment (waders, boots, landing nets, gloves, etc.).

Drain – Before you leave the recreation area, eliminate all water from your equipment and boat including live-wells, ballast, hull, and engine-cooling water.

Dry – Allow time for your equipment (waders, boots, landing nets, gloves, etc.) and boat to dry completely before you enter or launch in any other waters.