

ADAMS-McGILL RESERVOIR

History - Adams-McGill Reservoir is located on the Kirch Wildlife Management area (formerly Sunnyside). The land was purchased by the state in April of 1959 from Ervin Hendrix who purchased it from the Adams-McGill Company in 1943. The area was mainly acquired for its wetland values for waterfowl.

Pertinent Information - The reservoir is 785 surface acres at full capacity, sits at an elevation of 5,154 feet, and has a maximum water depth of 10 feet. A self-sustaining largemouth bass fishery exists in the reservoir as well as a put-and-take rainbow trout fishery. Bass angling is slow until the water temperature reaches 60°F, which occurs around mid-May. Fishing continues to be good through October when the cooler water temperature influences angler success. Trout fishing picks up in February and is good through June, slows down in summer, and increases again in mid-September through November. Largemouth bass generally average 12" and rainbow trout 15". Artificial lures (rubber worms and spinner baits) are the most popular bass bait. Camping is permitted at Dave Deacon Campground located about two miles west of the reservoir. The campground has pit toilets, potable water, an RV dumpsite, but minimal shade.

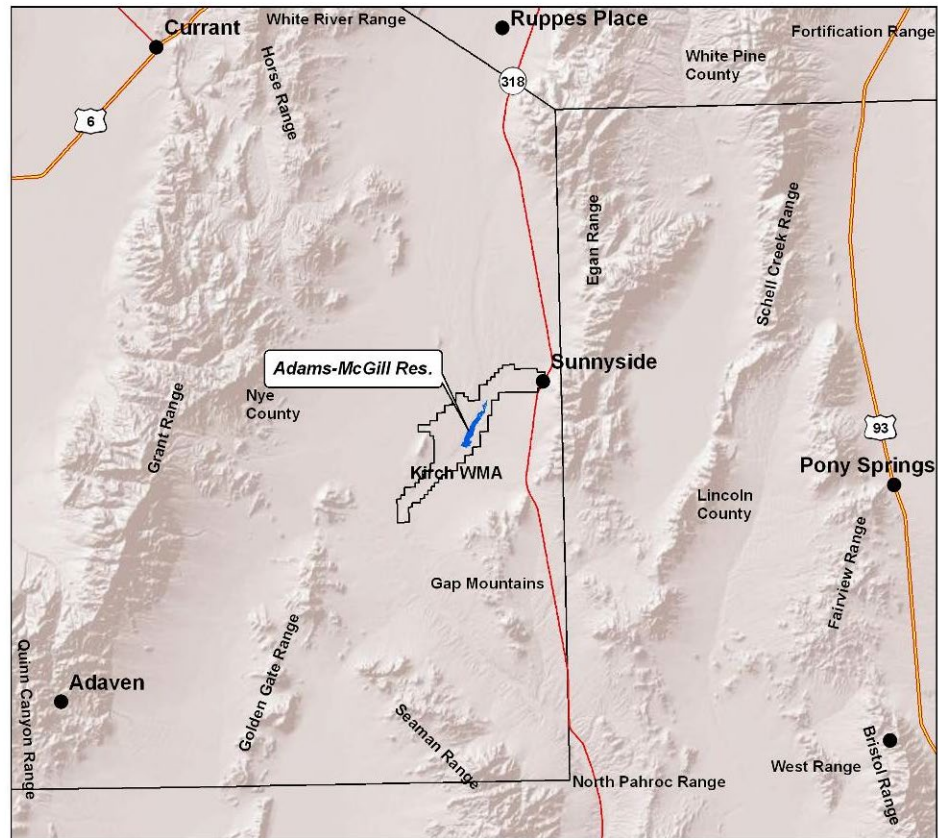
Stocking - The largemouth bass fishery is self-sustaining and none are stocked. Approximately 10,000 9" rainbow trout will be stocked the fall.

Regulations - The limit is 5 trout, 50 bullhead, and 15-warmwater game fish of which not more than 10 may be black bass. From April 1 through June 30, only 5-black bass are allowed. The upper end (as posted) is closed to fishing between February 15 and August 15 due to waterfowl nesting. A 100-yard area as posted around the inflow from Hot Creek to Adams-McGill Reservoir is closed to fishing January 1 through April 1. 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 2023 – Anglers have reported great success for rainbow trout up to 20 inches in length. Largemouth bass populations have responded well, but large bass are rare. Using a float tube to access deeper water areas in the lower reservoir has often yielded the largest trout. Trout fishing success slows significantly by mid-summer as bass fishing picks up. Water storage should be about average in 2023.

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

Access - From Ely, travel 23 miles west on Highway 6 to the junction of Highway 318. Turn south and travel 44 miles until you arrive at Kirch Wildlife Management Area. Adams-McGill Reservoir is about 3 miles west of Highway 318. From Las Vegas, travel 21 miles north on I-15 until you come to the Highway 93 junction. Travel north on Highway 93 for 86 miles. At the junction of Highways 93 and 318, continue driving north on Highway 318 for 67 miles to reach the management area. The reservoir is 3 miles west of Highway 318.



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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.