

ANGEL LAKE



ANGLER AND FISH SURVEY INFORMATION
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General information: Angel Lake is a natural, high elevation, alpine lake that has been modified to increase irrigation storage. It lies completely on public land managed by the U.S. Forest Service. Rainbow Trout and Tiger Trout are stocked annually, while a small population of self-reproducing Brook Trout are occasional caught. Due to the slow growing season, trout tend to grow very little after being stocked, with sizes typically ranging from 8-to-14-inches. Angler catch rates typically average one to two fish an hour, with limits of five fish not being uncommon. Due to its high elevation and snowpack, Angel Lake is usually not accessible until June during most years, but usually remains open until the first heavy snows in October or November. The entire perimeter of the lake is fishable.

Location: Elko County, 8.5 miles southwest of Wells, via Angel Lake Road, Hwy 231. From Interstate 80 exit 351 it is 12 miles to the parking lot. Use our FishNV tool at <https://fish.wildlifenv.com/>.

Size: 13 surface acres with a maximum depth 35 feet.

Management: Angel Lake is managed as a Put-and-Take Coldwater Fishery, which is directed towards providing fishing opportunity for hatchery stocked trout with limited carryover.

Fishing/Boating Regulations*

- Open year round, any time of day or night.
- Limit is 5 trout.
- Only vessels without motors are permitted.

Previous stocking

Species	2022	2021	2020
Rainbow Trout	4,865	2,655	4,716
Tiger Trout	1,550	1,480	1,560
Total	6,415	4,135	6,276

Amenities and General Info

- Vault toilet at parking lot.
- Day-use picnic sites around the lake.
- Forest Service operated campground, one at the lake and another down the mountain.
- Smith Lake trail head.

Fishing notes

- Common baits include nightcrawlers, salmon eggs, and power bait.
- Small spinners, spoons and flies, both wet and dry, are common.
- Utilizing a kayak or float tube will increase your success rate and provide for a relaxing float.



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2023 FISHING FORECAST

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Water level

Snowpack conditions in February 2023 were at 185% of average snow water equivalent for the Clover Valley and Franklin Basin. As is normal, water levels will continue to drop throughout the summer, but water conditions should be fair to good by August and have few impacts on angling.

Fishing Forecast

Expect good fishing for 8-to-10-inch Rainbow Trout, with similar success for Tiger Trout that can reach up to 14 inches. Water levels will continue to drop throughout the summer but should remain relatively high, due to the above average winter precipitation.

