

DACEY RESERVOIR

History - Dacey Reservoir is located on the Kirch Wildlife Management Area (formerly Sunnyside). The reservoir was constructed in the early 1960's primarily as a water storage area for regulating Dacey Marsh downstream.

Pertinent Information - The reservoir is 185 surface acres at full capacity and is managed at a high, stable level to maintain a natural bass fishery and waterfowl nesting area. Trout experience excellent growth with many over 12 inches. Largemouth bass fishing is slow until water temperatures reach 60°F, which occurs about mid-May and continues through October. Spinner baits and rubber worms are the most commonly used lures for bass. As the water temperature cools, bass fishing declines and rainbow trout fishing picks up. If ice becomes thick enough to support anglers, ice fishing can be good for catching trout. Favorite rainbow trout baits include Power Bait, spinners, and flies. Dacey Reservoir has a rough, unimproved boat ramp, which is not suitable for larger trailered boats. Camping is allowed at Dave Deacon Campground located four miles northwest of the reservoir.

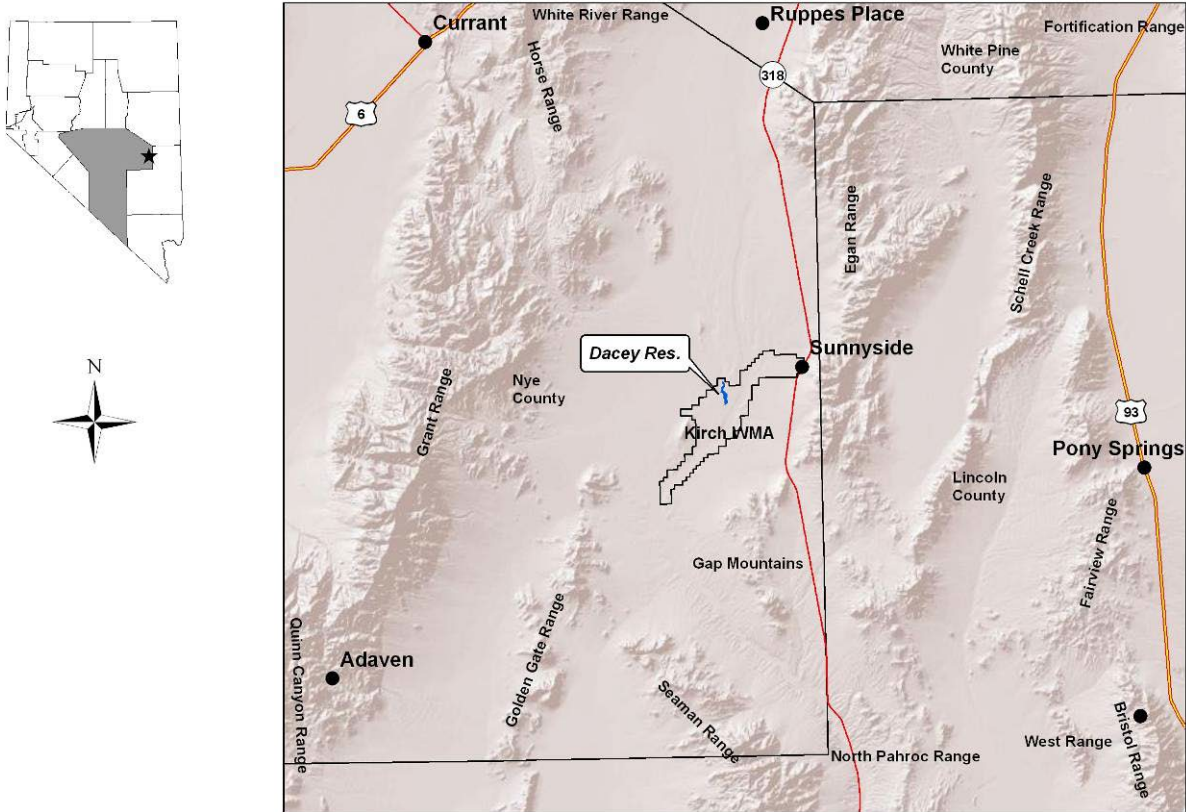
Stocking – Dacey Reservoir is managed primarily as a bass fishery and starting in 2010 as a trophy trout reservoir. Approximately 5000 Trout will be stocked every fall.

Regulations - Limit is 1 trout, 50 bullhead, and 15 other warmwater game fish of which not more than 10 may be black bass. Only artificial lures may be used. Zero black bass (catch and release only) from April 1 through June 30. Season is open year-round, any hour of day or night, except for the upper portion, which is closed to trespass from February 15 through August 15. A 100-yard area as posted around the inflow from Hot Creek to Dacey 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 - Bass fishing should be good for fish in the 12" or greater size range. Trout fishing should be good in the spring and fair in the fall after water temperatures decrease. Because of the seasonal closure for fishing, stocked trout from 2019 have are expected to have had good survival and ample growth and 15" or larger fish should be common. Water storage should be about average but could drop if current drought conditions persist.

Boating Regulations - Only vessels without motors may be used from February 15 through August 15. All other times, a vessel must be operated at a speed that leaves a flat wake, but in no case can 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 arriving at Kirch Wildlife Management Area. Dacey Reservoir is about 5 miles west of Highway 318 and 2 miles west of Adams-McGill Reservoir. From Las Vegas, travel 21 miles north on I-15 until coming to the Highway 93 junction. Travel north on Highway 93 for 86 miles. At the junction of Highway 93 and 318, continue north on Highway 318 for 67 miles to Kirch Wildlife Management Area. The reservoir is 5 miles west of Highway 318 and 2 miles west of Adams-McGill Reservoir.



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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.