

ECHO CANYON RESERVOIR

History - Echo Canyon Reservoir was constructed in 1969 in the Meadow Valley Wash, approximately 10 miles downstream from Eagle Valley Reservoir in Lincoln County. The reservoir is located within Echo Canyon State Park.

Pertinent Information - The reservoir covers 70 surface acres to a maximum depth of 27 feet. The sport fishery comprises rainbow and brown trout, white crappie, largemouth bass, and black bullhead. Anglers catch white crappie averaging about 8" and largemouth bass about 9". Unstable water levels and a short growing season lead to fish being small, but occasionally large fish are caught. Anglers generally use Power Bait for trout, although lures and flies work equally well. Crappies take small worms, flies, and jigs. Largemouth can be caught with spinner baits, crank baits, flies, and worms (both rubber and live). Echo Canyon State Park has campsites with water, ramadas, grills, tables, flush toilets, and an RV dump station. The boat ramp becomes available at a high-water level, but boats can be launched from shore when the water level drops. Summer temperatures may reach 90°F, while you might experience snow in the winter.

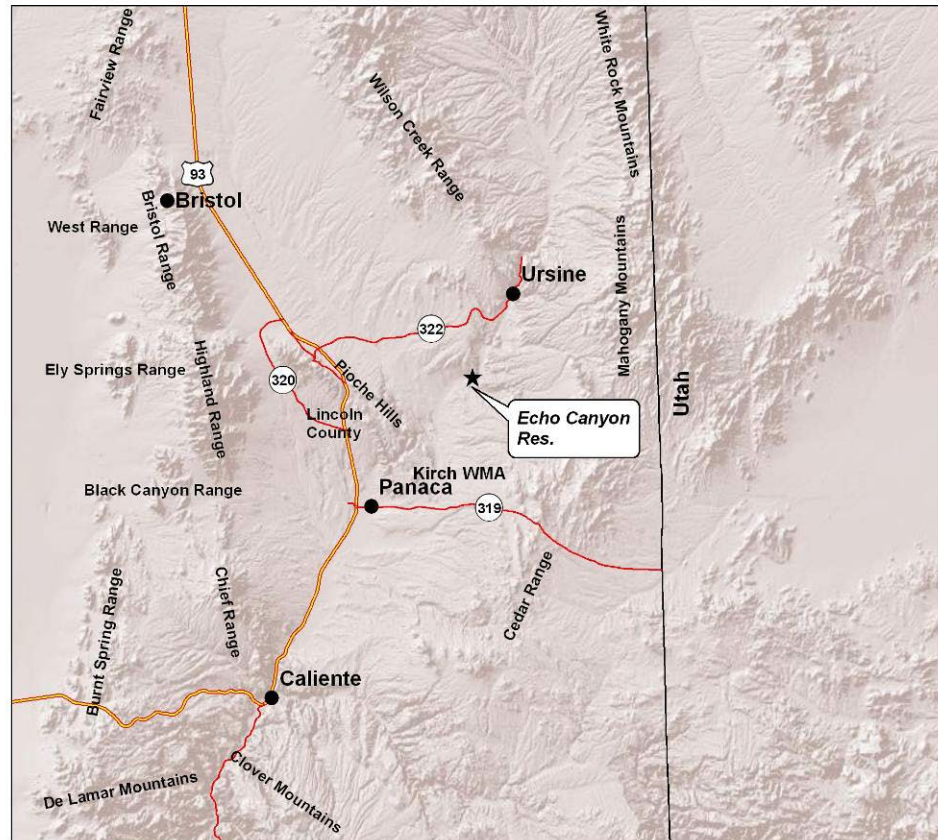
Stocking - A total of 8500, 9" rainbow trout are scheduled for spring and 8500 rainbow are planned for stocking in the fall.

Regulations - Season is open year around, any hour of the day or night. Limit is 5 trout and 15 warmwater game fish of which not more than 10 may be largemouth bass. 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 Prediction for 2023 – Water levels will be high in the spring, but due to a leaky dam, water levels will begin dropping in the early summer into fall. Fishing for trout should be good most of the year, slowing in the summer. The warm water species present in the reservoir spawned successfully in the past. Fishing should be good for pan-sized crappie in May. Anglers can also expect to catch an occasional 7 to 9-inch largemouth bass.

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 Las Vegas, travel 21 miles on I-15 north, then north on Highway 93 to Pioche, then east 7 miles on State Route 322, turning south for 5 miles on State Route 323. The entrance road is paved.



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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.