

## **GROVES LAKE/KINGSTON CREEK**

History - Groves Lake was constructed in 1969 specifically for recreational use and lies in a beautiful, narrow canyon above the town of Kingston. It is only one of very few fishing waters in the area and is a favorite with local anglers. The reservoir has been plagued with leaks and the dam had been sealed in 2000. Unfortunately, it continues to leak, not allowing the water level to reach full capacity.

Pertinent Information – When full, the lake covers 16 surface acres, stores 184 acre-feet of water, and has a maximum depth of 22 feet. There is a put-and-take fishery for Rainbow Trout, which average between 8 to 10 inches when stocked. It also supports a fair number of Brown Trout that inhabit and naturally reproduce in Kingston Creek upstream of the reservoir. Brown Trout are typically aggressive feeders and using small spinners or flies increases your chance of catching one. The creek below of the reservoir is also a great place to fish for smaller Brown Trout. The normal selection of nightcrawlers, Power Bait, spinners, and flies will catch both Browns and Rainbows. The Forest Service has a campground along Kingston Creek downstream of Groves Lake and the nearest services can be found in Kingston, a small town three miles below the reservoir.

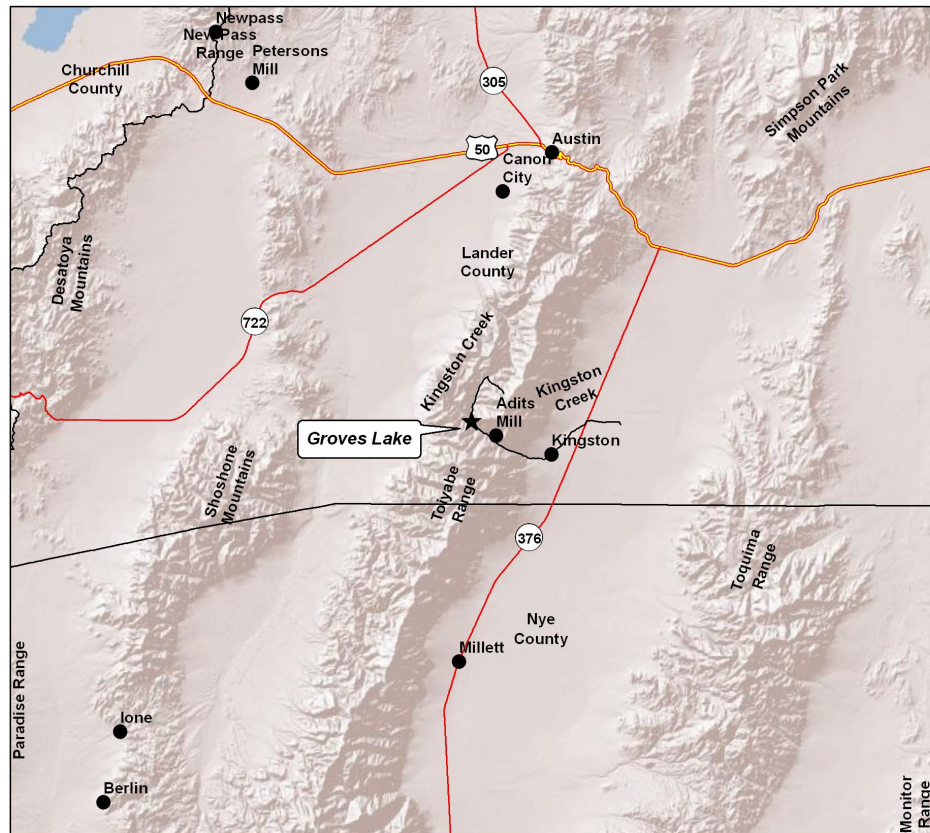
Stocking – Trout are usually stocked during mid-spring to early summer.

Regulations - Open year around, any time of the day or night. The limit is 5 trout. The capture, possession, or use of fish as bait, whether dead or alive or parts thereof, including commercially prepared and preserved baitfish is prohibited other than preserved salmon eggs. Aquatic bait may be used only in the water from which it is taken.

Biologist Forecast for 2023 – The water level generally fluctuates, and it will likely be low again this year as the reservoir continues to leak. Options to repair the leak are currently being assessed. Fishing for stocked Rainbow Trout should be fair. Brown Trout fishing is typically slow and the current water conditions may be hampering their ability to spawn naturally in Kingston Creek.

Boating Regulations - Only vessels without motors and vessels that are powered by electric motors are permitted.

Access - Travel US Route 50 to State Route 376, continue for 16 miles traveling south until turning west at the Kingston Road junction. A Forest Service Road runs 5-miles along the creek from Kingston to the lake. The road is usually open to travel by late April or early May.



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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.