

HAYMEADOW RESERVOIR

History - Haymeadow Reservoir was impounded in 1967 and is located on the Kirch Wildlife Management Area KWMA (formerly Sunnyside). Its main purpose is to increase the amount wetlands for waterfowl and to create a sport fishery.

Pertinent Information - The reservoir is 190 surface acres, with an average depth of 7 feet and a maximum depth of 12 feet. This reservoir is typically managed at full capacity to promote natural largemouth bass propagation and to help maintain the rainbow trout fishery. Angling for largemouth bass is generally slow until the water temperature reaches 60°F, usually around mid-May. They generally average between 12 and 13 inches and are caught mostly on spinner baits and rubber worms. The best times to catch trout are from March through June and September through October, and ice fishing in winter can be quite productive. Growth of trout is excellent and some up to 20" are caught. Trout are caught on spinners, small spoons, flies, and Power Bait. Although black bullhead are found in the reservoir, they is rarely sought after. Camping is allowed at Dave Deacon Campground located six miles northwest of the reservoir in the KWMA. It has pit toilets, potable water, and an RV dumpsite.

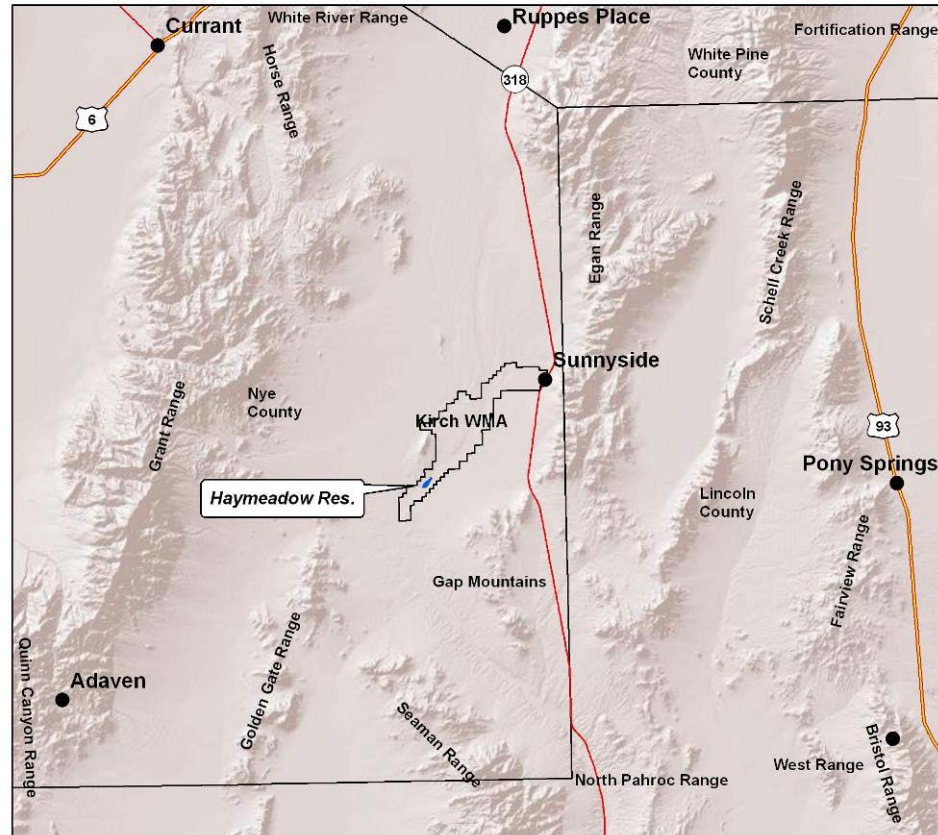
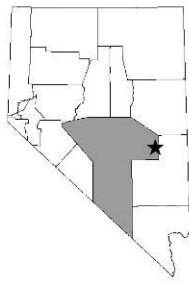
Stocking - The warm water bass fishery is self-sustaining and requires no stocking. About 15,000, 9-inch rainbow trout will be stocked in the spring and 15,000 in the fall.

Regulations – The limits are 5 trout, 50 bullhead, and 15 warmwater game fish of which not more than 10 may be black bass. Only five black bass are allowed from April 1 through June 30. Trespass onto the upper end of the reservoir is prohibited between February 15 and August 15 due to waterfowl nesting. 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 recruitment has been excellent; therefore, anglers should do well catching larger fish. Trout fishing should be good and there should also be carryover of approximately 30% from last year. With growth rates of up to 1-inch a month, rainbow in the 11 to 13-inch size range should be common. Water storage should be about average in 2023. Shore angling access is best off the lower dike south of the boat ramp.

Boating Regulations - Vessels 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 for 44 miles to Kirch Wildlife Management Area. Haymeadow Reservoir is approximately west of Highway 318 and about 5 miles south of Adams-McGill Reservoir. From Las Vegas, travel 21 miles north on I-15 until reaching Highway 93-318, continue north (on Highway 318) for 67 miles to Kirch Wildlife Management Area. The reservoir is 3 miles west of Highway 318 and 5



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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.