

# LAMOILLE CREEK



**ANGLER AND FISH SURVEY INFORMATION**  
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**General information:** Lamoille Creek is one of the largest and most recreated streams in the Eastern Region. This is a popular fishery for trout in the summer and fall. This stream holds several different species of trout including Lahontan Cutthroat Trout, Brook Trout, Rainbow Trout, and Tiger Trout. Typically, 4,000 to 5,000 trout are stocked annually after spring runoff. The majority of the stream has a naturally reproducing Rainbow and Brook Trout population. Trout range in size from 4 to 10 inches with an occasional fish larger than 12 inches.

**Location:** Elko County, 28 miles east of Elko off of state Highway 227. Use our FishNV tool (<https://fish.wildlifenv.com/>) to find waters near you, and buy your fishing license at [ndowlicensing.com](http://ndowlicensing.com).

**Size:** Lamoille Creek within the USFS boundary is approximately 10 miles long with an average baseflow of around 5 cfs. Peak flow is typically around 400 to 500 cfs.

**Management:** Nevada Department of Wildlife manages this fishery as a wild trout fishery with high use areas supplemented with hatchery stock. The USFS manages the facilities and campsites surrounding the creek.

## Amenities and General Info

- The majority of Lamoille Creek is within the USFS boundary.
- Campsites are available late spring through fall for a fee.
- RV camping is available; however, sites do not have utility hook-ups.
- A few picnic areas are available for a fee.
- Restrooms are available at several locations throughout the canyon.
- There are several trailheads within Lamoille Canyon that provide excellent hiking opportunity.

## Previous Stocking

	<u>2022</u>	
Cutthroat	4,128	7.1 inches
	<u>2021</u>	
Tiger	4,020	9.8 inches
	<u>2020</u>	
Tiger	5,172	8.9 inches

## Fishing Regulations

- Season is open all year, any hour of the day or night.
- Limit is 10 trout.

## Fishing Notes

- Midge and/or dry fly patterns are highly effective.
- Most bait such as nightcrawlers, salmon eggs, and Power Bait are commonly used.
- Larger fish and higher catch rates are typically found in the mid to lower portions of the stream away from the main roads and trails.
- The best time of day to fish is early in the morning or late afternoon when the stream is shaded by the canyon walls.

# **2023 Fishing Forecast**

## **Water level**

Snowpack conditions in late winter of 2023 were around 200% of average for the Ruby Mountains. With the higher-than-average snowpack, Lamoille Creek is expected to have persistent high flow into July/August.

## **Fishing Forecast**

It will most likely be difficult to fish Lamoille Creek before mid-July due to residual snow and high runoff. The beaver ponds in the upper portion of the stream are a very popular spot to fish and can provide good catch rates during the early summer. Anglers looking to catch bigger fish should focus on the less accessible portions of the stream downstream of Camp Lamoille. Fish seem to be the most active during the early morning and late afternoons. Lamoille Creek is scheduled to be stocked with Tiger Trout once the spring runoff subsides in mid to late July.

## **Water Records**

Rainbow Trout	1 lbs	2 oz
Tiger Trout	1 lbs	4 oz
Brook Trout	3 lbs	15 oz