LIBERTY POND

<u>History</u> - Fallon Naval Air Station Seabees and Churchill County Parks and Recreation Department constructed Liberty Pond in 1998. It is considered an urban fishery for those living in Fallon.

<u>Pertinent Information</u> - The pond covers 1.2 surface acres and has an average depth of 7 feet. Water is fed by an irrigation ditch, and, at times, it has gone dry after the irrigation season. An aeration system provides oxygen to increase fish survival during the summer months. There is a fishing pier having a large well area in the center to fish. Trout are managed for put-and-take and are stocked in the spring and sometimes during the fall. The best trout baits include Power Bait, nightcrawlers, corn, and salmon eggs. Warmwater fish may include bluegill, largemouth bass, and channel catfish since they have been stocked on occasion. Nightcrawlers, mealworms, small red worms, and small spoons or spinners are great for catching these species. The park has a restroom and picnic tables.

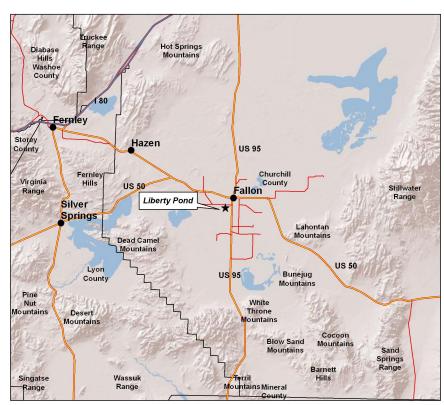
<u>Stocking</u> – Trout stocking will begin as the irrigation season starts, typically the first week in April when the water temperature is cool. Channel catfish, if available, are stocked annually during the warm summer months. Bluegill and Largemouth Bass stocking is rare and dependent on water conditions and current abundances.

<u>Regulations</u> - Fishing is allowed during park hours. Limit is 3 game fish. No boating, wading, or swimming is allowed. Live baitfish and aquatic bait may be used only from the Carson River Basin. Commercially prepared and preserved baitfish or their parts may be used as bait.

<u>Biologist Forecast for 2023</u> – "Spread water" due to flooding in the basin has allowed the pond to be filled earlier than typical. Fishing should be good during the spring and early summer following stocking events. Channel catfish will be planted during May and will provide additional angling opportunity throughout the warm summer months. A population of green sunfish and bluegill have become established and should provide some additional panfish opportunity this year. Trout fishing will pick up again in the fall following stocking.

Access - Liberty Pond is located 1/2 mile south of Fallon city limits on U.S. Hwy 95 (Schurz Highway), and directly east of the Churchill County Fairgrounds. Access to the pond is located on Wildes Road, just east of the Hwy 95 as well as an exit directly off Hwy 95 opposite the Fairgrounds. Follow the signs to parking. Water, restrooms, accessible walkways, a dogpark, and playground equipment are available. No camping is allowed. Churchill County Parks and Recreation rules and regulations apply.





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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.