

# Marilyn's Pond



**ANGLER AND FISH SURVEY INFORMATION**  
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**General information:** This 1-acre pond is approximately 10 feet deep and is a great pond to introduce youngsters to fishing. The shoreline provides easy access and kids are almost certain to catch small Rainbow Trout or even Brook Trout from 8 to 10 inches. Use Power Bait, corn, nightcrawlers, and spinners such as Mepps, Rooster Tails, and Panther Martins, and spoons such as Dardevles or Kastmasters. The best tied-flies include pheasant tails, hare's ears, prince nymphs, and Sheep Creek specials. Fishing is allowed during normal park hours, and there is an accessible fishing pier.

**Location and Access:** Turn right into Galena Park, which is located just after crossing Galena Creek on the Mt. Rose Highway at the base of the summit. Proceed several hundred yards to the parking lot and walk several hundred feet to the pond.

**Management:** Marilyn's Pond was opened to fishing in 2003 when the existing pond was enlarged and improved. It is located at the Galena Creek Regional Park and managed by Washoe County Regional Parks and Open Space. NDOW manages the reservoir as a put and take fishery for trout.

### General Info

- Marilyn's pond will be covered in ice from late November until May every season.
- Please clean, drain, and dry any gear you bring into Marilyn's Pond to stop aquatic hitchhikers and invasive species.
- Please be aware of Galena Creek Park hours and access as some of the parking areas and access are difficult when snow is present.

### Fishing Regulations

- Fishing is allowed year-round during park hours. Limit is 3 game fish.

### Previous Stocking

	<u>2022</u>	
Rainbows	4,008	8-12 Inches
	<u>2021</u>	
Rainbows	1,005	8-12 Inches
Tiger trout	1,500	8-12 Inches
	<u>2020</u>	
Rainbows	1,043	8-12 Inches
Tiger trout	742	8-12 Inches
	<u>2019</u>	
Rainbows	1,233	8-12 Inches
Tiger trout	7,398	8-12 Inches

### Fishing Notes

- Early season fishing in May can be excellent as ice off occurs pushes fish in close to the shoreline, fishing with either a bobber or floating indicator with suspended unscented plastic worms, jigs (mustad sinkits, and marabou jigs), or flies (balanced leeches, midges, or calibaetis flies) 3-6 feet down can be successful. Fishing small panther martins or kastmasters can catch more aggressive fish.
- Mid-late season fishing pushes fish towards deeper, cooler water. Fish heavier lures (castmasters) to get your line to where the fish are and suspend your jigs, bait or flies under a bobber or indicator.

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## 2023 Fishing Forecast

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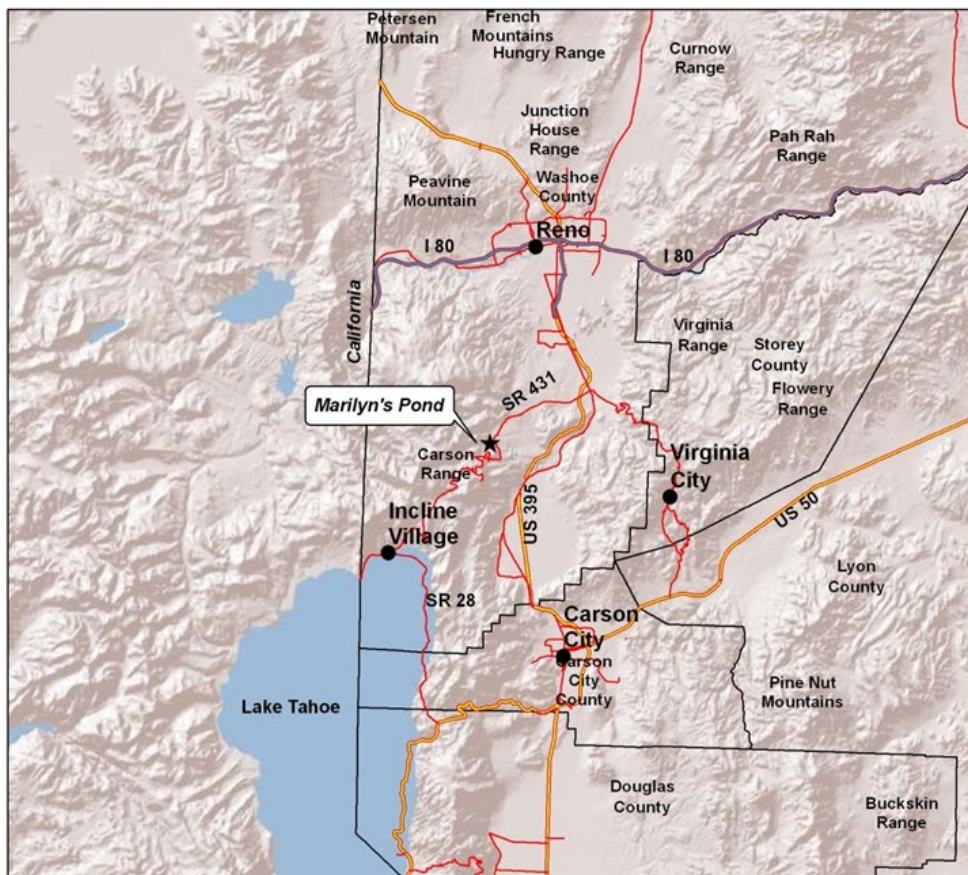
**Water levels-** Sierra snowpack conditions for the winter of 22/23 exceed 200% of average. Marilyn's Pond should have good water levels to allow for fishing throughout the 2023 season.

### Rainbow Trout

In 2023, 1,000 Rainbow Trout will be stocked in Marilyn's Pond. Holdover stocked fish in Marilyn's Pond allow fish to be caught regardless of when they are stocked. Rainbow Trout average 8"-12" but holdover fish can be caught up to 15"-16". Use powerbait, worms, small flies or lures such as panther martins or kastmasters for the best success while targeting these fish.

### Brook Trout

There is a small wild population of Brook Trout in Marilyn's Pond, and they are the only wild, self-sustaining fish population in the pond. Brook Trout are infrequently caught in Marilyn's Pond but when caught will typically average 8-11 inches. Don't let their size fool you, they are one of the most colorful and beautiful fish we have in Nevada. With Marilyn's Pond being iced over for a large portion of the year, Brook Trout will feed ravenously to bulk up for the winter after ice off until the lake ices back over. For the best success, use powerbait, small lures, or flies when targeting Brook Trout.



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