

PARADISE PARK PONDS



ANGLER AND FISH SURVEY INFORMATION
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General information: - The Paradise Pond complex consists of two large ponds and two small ponds that accumulate about 24 surface acres. The larger ponds are about 18 feet deep and have numerous boulder structures that enhance fish habitat. The ponds have been stocked with rainbow and brown trout, bluegill, and channel catfish. Bait fishing for trout with worms or Power Bait is best, but throwing small spinners or spoons can produce fish. On occasion, large channel catfish have been caught, with the largest in the Trophy Fish Program being 21 lbs. 4 oz. Accessible fishing piers are found at the north and south ponds.

Location and Access: Paradise Park is located in the City of Reno on the corner of Oddie Boulevard and El Rancho Drive. From North US 395, take the Oddie Blvd. exit and travel east for approximately 3/4 mile and turn right on El Rancho Dr., the park entrance is about a block on the right.

Management: The Paradise Park Ponds are managed by the City of Reno. The Nevada Department of Wildlife Stocks Paradise Park Ponds with Rainbow Trout and Channel Catfish and manages the ponds as a put and take urban fishery.

<u>General Info</u>	<u>Previous stocking</u>	<u>Fishing notes</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No boats or float tubes are allowed on the lake. • Numerous Park areas, benches, docks, and public facilities are available around Paradise Park Ponds. • The north and south ponds contain aerators to help with the low oxygen levels that can harm fish. <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Fishing Regulations</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open year round, during public park hours. Limit is 3 game fish. 	<p>2022</p> <p>Channel Catfish 500 8-12 Inches</p> <p>Rainbows 1,997 8-12 Inches</p> <p>2021</p> <p>Rainbows 1,996 8-12 Inches</p> <p>2020</p> <p>Rainbows 1,510 8-12 Inches</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Paradise Park Ponds are best to fish directly following stocking events for Rainbow Trout and Channel Catfish. These events occur generally in May for Channel Catfish and March/April for Rainbow Trout. • Fish blood bait and drip baits for Channel Catfish, they will typically be most active in the morning and evening during low light conditions. • Rainbow Trout fishing will be best during the spring when water temperatures are cool. Use powerbait or small nightcrawlers, Kastmasters and panther martin lures and midge/calibaetis flies suspended under an indicator if targeting with an artificial lure or fly.

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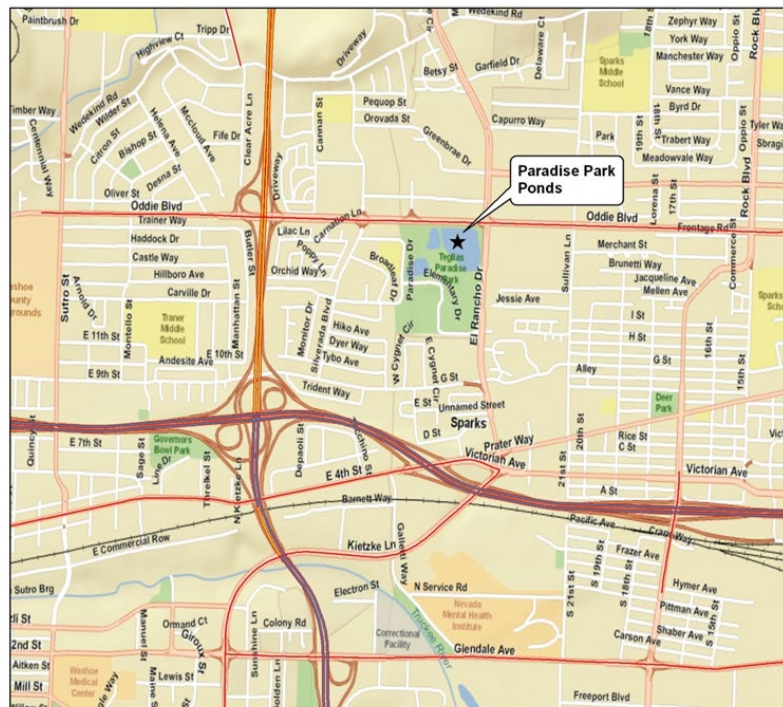
Water levels- Paradise Park Ponds will be maintained at reasonable levels throughout the 2023 season, Spring and Summer will see the highest water levels in the lake.

Rainbow Trout

In 2022, 1,997 Rainbow Trout were stocked in Virginia Lake with an additional 2,000 fish planned to be stocked in 2023. The occasional holdover stocked Rainbow Trout in Paradise Park Ponds allow for these fish to be caught throughout the fishing season and will congregate around the aerators in the ponds. Rainbow Trout in the lake average 8"-12". For the best chance at catching Rainbow Trout, use powerbait and/or small flies or lures (panther martins, midge or calibaetis flies) for the most success while targeting these fish.

Channel Catfish

In 2022, 500 Channel Catfish were stocked in Paradise Ponds with an additional 500 planned to be stocked in the spring of 2023. Catfish do well in Paradise Park Ponds due to the warm water temperatures reached in summer and fall and rely on sensory organs called barbels, which give them their cat like whiskers, to sense or "taste" their prey. Catfish will eat nearly anything that comes their way and can be caught on a wide assortment of bait and lures. Stocked and holdover catfish provide opportunities for the public to catch this excellent game fish year-round. Expect to catch Channel Catfish in the 2-5 lb. range and the record catfish from Paradise Park Ponds was 21 lbs., 4 oz.



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