

RYE PATCH RESERVOIR



ANGLER AND FISH SURVEY INFORMATION

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General information: Rye Patch Reservoir is managed two-tier warmwater fishery. Most species in the reservoir are managed under the Warmwater General Fishery. Walleye and wiper are managed as a Trophy Warmwater Fishery. Walleye, wiper, White Bass, Smallmouth Bass, Crappie, Channel Catfish, White Catfish, Bluegill, and Yellow Perch are the common species in the reservoir. The water records are as follows Walleye 14 lbs 14oz, Channel Catfish 30 lbs 4 oz, wiper 11 lbs 6 oz, White Crappie 3 lbs 1 oz, and Smallmouth Bass 3 lbs 4 oz.

Location: Pershing County, 23 miles east of Lovelock on I-80 and 48 mile west of Winnemucca on I-80. Use our FishNV tool (<https://fish.wildlifenv.com/>) to find waters near you, and buy your fishing license at ndowlicensing.com.

Size: At full capacity 10,280 surface acres and 196,000 acre/feet with a maximum depth of 61 feet when full.

Management: Nevada Department of Wildlife manages the fishery. Nevada State Parks and the Bureau of Land Management manage the surrounding lands. The Pershing County Water Conservation District manages the water for irrigation. There is no minimum pool of water for Rye Patch Reservoir

Amenities and General Info

- Developed State Parks camp sites
- <http://parks.nv.gov/parks/rye-patch>
- Showers
- Toilets
- Concrete 2-lane boat launch

Regulations

- Season is open year round
- Any hour of the day or night
- Limit is 25 gamefish
- Not more than 5 Trout
- Not more than 5 Walleye
- Not more than 5 Black Bass
- Not more than 2 White Bass or White Bass hybrid (wiper) over 15"
- White Bass or White Bass hybrid under 15" are included in the 25 fish limit

Previous stocking

<u>2022</u>		
Walleye fry	1,300,000	¼ inches
Rainbow	500	10.1 inches
Wiper	498	8.0 inches

<u>2021</u>		
Walleye fry	1,000,000	¼ inches
Rainbow	506	9.5 inches

<u>2019</u>		
Channel Catfish	4,500	6.0 inches
Walleye fry	850,000	¼ inches
Rainbow	1,003	10.2 inches
White Bass	126	6 inches
White Bass fry	500,000	¼ inches
Wiper	3,200	3.5 inches

<u>2018</u>		
Walleye	2,500	7.0 inches
Wiper	3,400	4.0 inches
Channel Catfish	1,500	6.0 inches
White Bass	438	6.0 inches

Fishing notes

- For Walleye, trolling worm harnesses, rapalas, and bait fish patterns are common techniques. Trolling slow can be key. 1.5 mph.
- Wipers can be caught on rapalas, soft plastics and other bait fish patterns.
- Spinner baits, rooster tails, and dropshot plastic worms and soft plastics are standard baits for Smallmouth Bass.
- Small rubber jigs or plastics tipped with a worm is effective for crappie and other panfish.
- Fishing usually turns on in April with warmer weather and last through the summer into early fall.

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Fish survey species composition 2018-2022 Rye Patch Reservoir

<i>Species</i>	<i>Composition (% of catch) 2022</i>	<i>Composition (% of catch) 2021</i>	<i>Composition (% of catch) 2020</i>	<i>Composition (% of catch) 2019</i>	<i>Composition (% of catch) 2018</i>	<i>Average 2018- 2022 (% catch)</i>
White Crappie	7.5	0	16.4	33.6	21.7	15.84
Yellow Perch	0	0	31.2	1.6	14.3	9.42
Smallmouth Bass	0	80.0	10.0	17.0	13.8	24.16
Wiper	8.4	0	1.6	6.3	6.4	4.54
Black Crappie	0	0	0	15.0	5.9	4.18
Brown Bullhead Catfish	0	0	1.2	3.2	4.4	1.76
Channel Catfish	47.7	0	22.8	8.3	3.9	16.54
Walleye	32.7	20.0	2.4	3.2	3.4	12.34
Sacramento Blackfish	0	0	0	9.9	3.4	2.66
White Bass	3.7	0	13.6	1.2	0	3.7
Bluegill	0	0	0.4	0.8	2.5	0.74
White Catfish	0	0	0.4	0	0	0.08

Biologist Forecast for 2023—Walleye, wipers, catfish, crappie, Bluegill, White Bass and Rainbow Trout have been aggressively stocked since 2015. Populations of White and Black Crappie, and Channel Catfish have rebounded due to natural reproduction, and populations of wiper and Walleye have rebounded due to stocking. Water levels in Rye Patch are expected to be fair this year. Fishing is expected to be fair to good in 2023 with mostly Walleye, Wiper, and Channel Catfish being caught.